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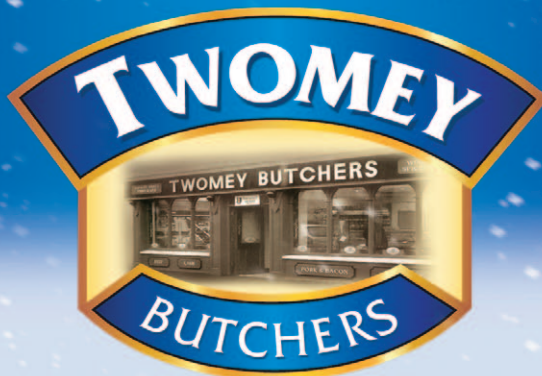
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01 JAN - 10AM-8PM
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NORMAL HOURS RESUME FROM 3RD JANUARY 2022

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The Lee Valley Outlook, we wish all our readers, contributors, advertisers a very happy and safe Christmas. The Lee Valley Outlook has always been a tangible & intangible community asset, but more so over the past year!

We've been overwhelmed by all the individuals, schools, groups, charities and sports clubs who came together to provide us with interesting tidbits, news & creative writing, even amid a global pandemic. Without your continuing contributions, we would cease to exist as we do now. So, from the very bottom of my heart, a massive thank you to everyone!

I want to say a particular thank you to all the schools you contribute. Children need to be recognized for their hard work, especially their volunteerism. To have that validated in print, it is massive achievement for small people, it shows the work that they do is justifiable & most importantly,

appreciated.

2021 paved the way new contributors and boy was my mind blown!

The vast array of talent within our locality is unquantifiable. These new contributors have paved the way for wonderful new ideologies and it's something I want to grow further in 2022.

I want to reiterate that this is a magazine for all.

We welcome all news (especially good news) & pictures no matter what your background! So please don't be afraid to reach out and submit things.

Overall, the success of the magazine has gone from strength to strength as our readership is up! And that my friends, is all down to you!

So, a big massive thank you to all and my humble apologies for the many typos and gaffs I have made throughout the year! Rest assured there will be plenty more of those next year.

*Happy Christmas
and a happy New Year.*

*Sarah Kate
Murphy*

EDITOR



MESSAGE FROM LEE VALLEY ENTERPRISE BOARD CHAIRMAN — PAT O'CONNELL.

2021 proved another difficult year for the Lee Valley Enterprise Board with some of our annual events not taking place due to COVID-19 restrictions. Our St Patrick's Week Festival was cancelled but instead with the help of a very dedicated sub-committee of Jerry Murphy, Deirdre O'Sullivan, Ann O'Connell, Eileen Lynch, and John O'Sullivan they produced an excellent "Macroom St. Patrick's Day Virtual Celebration 2021" paying tribute to our frontline workers and was viewed by over 65k people all over the world. We also organised a shop window display with Ted Cronin taking first place, Costcutters, Masseytown taking 2nd place and Vaughan's Café taking 3rd place.

In June, the Board erected forty flower baskets on premises belonging to our members and also maintained these baskets in conjunction with Macroom Tidy Towns.

In September the same production team involved in St Patrick's Day video came on board with us to create "A Virtual Food Tour of the Lee Valley" to showcase Food Producers and Food Creators in Macroom and Lee Valley. While this video was intended to support and promote the Food Festival it will function in the long term as a stand-alone promotional piece

for the area, its food and its producers. This video had 94k hits. We also organised a smaller real life outdoor Food Festival on Sunday 26th September which was very well supported and all traders were very pleased with the day.

In November the Board erected the Christmas Lighting and again this year added some lovely new features. The lights were switched on by Cllr. Michael Creed, Chairperson, Macroom Municipal District Council, and this coincided with a very successful Christmas Market. I would like to thank Martin Coughlan and his team for erecting the Christmas lights and to say it's a fabulous lighting display along with the piped Christmas music it really brings the feeling of Christmas to Macroom town.

I would like to thank all those involved with the Lee Valley Outlook, our editor Sarah-Kate Murphy, Brendan Kenneally, Con Kelleher, Peter Scanlon, our distributors and all those who submit news items and photographs for the amount of time and dedication you put into the production every two weeks.

Macroom is a town on the move with the bypass moving along at speed, work has commenced on the restoration of the Briery Gap Theatre and County library. Work has also started on

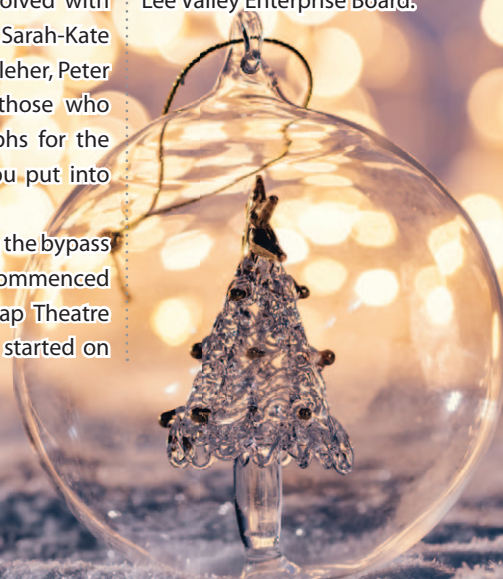
the new Fire Station and hopefully work on the New Garda Divisional Headquarters will commence shortly. It's also nice to see that Cork County Council has given a Part 8 notice for the refurbishment of the former Church of Ireland building in Castle Street, Macroom. I would like to thank Marie O'Leary, Municipal District Office and the Town Hall Staff along with members of the Macroom Municipal District Council for their help in moving along the above-mentioned projects.

On behalf of the Board I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Pat O'Connell.

Chairman,

Lee Valley Enterprise Board.





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Christmas Day Saturday 25th December

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No Vigil Mass on Christmas Day evening

Sunday 26th December 8.30 am 10.30 am and 12 noon

Cill na Martra Parish

Christmas Eve Friday 24th December

Cill na Martra 7.00pm and Reidh na nDoiri 9.00pm

Christmas Day Saturday 25th December

9.30 am Reidh na nDoiri and 11.30 am Cill na Martra

No Vigil Mass on Christmas Day evening

Sunday 26th December 9.30 am Reidh na nDoiri and 11.30 am Cill na Martra and 7 pm Cill na Martra

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No Vigil Mass Christmas Day evening

Sunday 26th December

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Inchigeela 9.00pm

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St Stephen's Day

Ballingearry 10.00 am. Inchigeela 11.30 am

New Years Day

10.00 am Inchigeela

7.00pm Ballingearry

2nd Jan

10.00 am Ballingearry

11.30 am Inchigeela

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Christmas Eve - 7.30 pm St Mark's Kilbonane, Aherla

11.00 pm St. Mark's, Kilbonane, Aherla

Christmas Day

9.45 am St. Martin's, Templemartin

11.30 am St. Andrew's, Kilmurry



Christmas Message

from Father Joseph O Mahoney

I want to begin by wishing you all, the blessings of this Christmas and every good wish for the New Year 2022. We find ourselves in the midst of this bleak mid-Winter awaiting the coming of Jesus the Light of the World into our hearts and into this world we live in. This Christmas we again find ourselves coping with Covid and the fears that are associated with the new Omicron variant. It's easy to lose the light of Hope and yet that is what we need to avoid, we are invited by the Lord himself to keep that light of Hope burning within our own hearts. Christmas is truly a season of Light for us all. Each of us in our daily lives are called to bring others the light of God's Love and also to keep that light burning within our hearts. That light needs to keep flickering not just for ourselves but for others. As the words of the song goes "This little light of mine I'm going to let it shine". If you ever read "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens we see the transformation of Ebenezer Scrooge from a dark self-centered uncaring individual to a person who allows the light of goodness deep within him to radiate thus making a selfish world a selfless world fully aglow with goodness and love. Christmas above all is about the conversion of our hearts. Looking all around us this Christmas season what do we see? shops and streets brightly

decorated with everybody exceptionally busy, large volumes of traffic bumper to bumper awaiting their turn to find a parking space. While all this goes on, we need to be aware that for many people this is a time of mixed emotions. Christmas focuses our minds on the joys and sorrows of human experience. For many Christmases is truly an enjoyable time- children and young people look forward to Christmas with joyful expectation. It is also a time for family reunions at our airports and ports when we see countless loved ones coming home to be with their family and loved ones. It's the time for friends to reconnect personally and not merely through texts to spend that quality personal time catching up on the latest and sharing precious memories. Christmas allows us the opportunity to exercise random acts of kindness through the exchange of presents, the sending of cards or the Christmas text. Christmas is certainly a time for hospitality to offer it or to receive it ourselves. It's a time to let our light shine through. Yet also for many this can be a difficult time- a time of memories fondly recalling Christmases' past which were shared with loved ones no longer with us, moments when the nostalgia of the past flood into our minds and hearts, this reinforces in many lives a sense of loneliness

and isolation.

Those who have been bereaved this year will find Christmas a poignant time for themselves and their families as they miss that loved one from their table on Christmas day.

We also know the reality that for many families at Christmas they struggle to cope financially with the varying demands of the season. Into the lives of so many we too are invited to share light, to let our little light shine. While we try to respond to those needs, we pray that the Light of God's Love may touch the hearts of all especially those in any need whatever.

Wherever we find ourselves and whatever our personal feelings maybe there is one thing that we can all celebrate at Christmas - the birth of Jesus Christ. In good and challenging times, he reassures us all that light will overcome darkness in our own lives and in the world too. Jesus is the message of Hope for our future- no matter how difficult life may seem he is with us- we are not alone. He is the reason for the season.

May the Blessings of Christmas be with you and all your loved ones at home or all those far away from their loved ones these days.



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CLINICS THROUGHOUT MUNSTER

I want to preface this by saying all past editions of the Lee Valley Outlook (LVO) are available online at <https://www.outlookmags.com/archives/lee-valley-outlook>. If you have family and friends abroad it's a great way for them to stay connected with what's happening at home! Please, please post copies to loved ones, make it an annual part of care packages and if that all fails, share the online link!

January



The Building of the Longest Bridge in Ireland. This 155 tonne, 49.9 metres, first concrete beam for the longest bridge in Ireland was moved into position, to span the Launey River near Bealick Mill on the Macroom Bypass © Peter Scanlan

January saw strict Covid restrictions, and locals trod a well-worn path within their 5km radius. The Macroom bypass reach new engineering feats which the Macroom Bridge is the longest prestressed concrete river span in the UK and

Ireland. Ballyvourney celebrated the opening of a new sensory garden. And January also saw the 100th anniversary of the tragedy of Dripsey!



Sunset in the Gearagh © Sarah Kate Photography

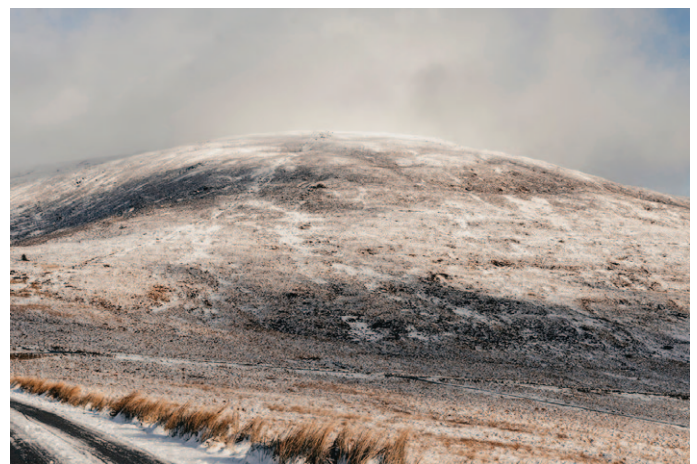
February



MCH residents Richard/Dick Curtis, Carrigadrohid and Macroom and Dan Keane, Coolea delighted to have received the Covid vaccine.

With the arrival of spring, also came heavy snowfall in Mushera, which brought families out from all over the area to make snowmen in a winter wonderland. Macroom's lion's club

organized a €2000 for local clubs! The rollout of the vaccine was well underway!



Snow covered Mushera © Sarah Kate Photography

March

March saw the cancellation of the St Patrick's Day festivities for the second year running due to COVID, but a virtual celebration was had instead. The video was a wonderful success with over 55 thousand views! The local shops partook with stunning window displays. Con Kelleher wrote a lovely article on the building boom in Macroom, not only from the bypass but with several housing estates being which are under construction.



Canovee Girls dress up for St Patricks Day 2007

Canovee NS St Patricks Day participants 2007. © Peter Scanlan





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April

April showers had us thinking of the importance of colour as a paint scheme was announced for the town (the results of which can now be seen). Local boys David Neville, Ruadhan McKenna (both Macroom), and James Cuddihy (Aghinagh) ran 200km for the Daniel Kingston Arc Fundraiser raising nearly a whopping 11k for the charity!

April also saw us discuss the Macroom Draft development plan and local artist Siobahn Duggan was selected to display her 12 month works on the Gearagh in The King House Gallery in Stratford-Upon-Avon, the birthplace of William Shakespeare, flying the flag internationally for our beloved nature reserve.



Siobahn_Duggan_Irish_Artist

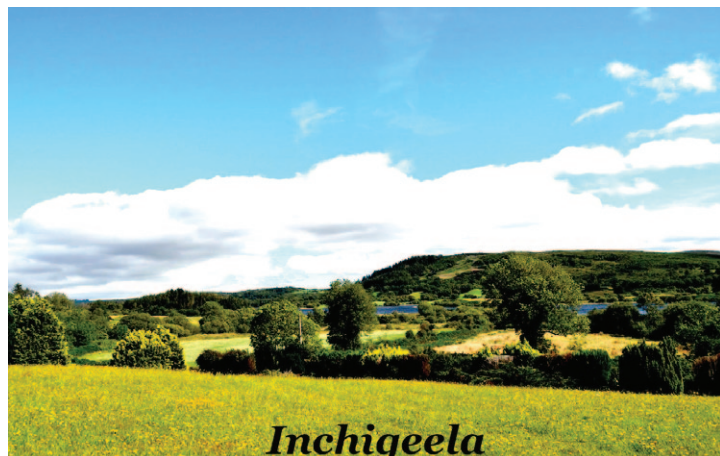


David Neville, Ruadhan McKenna and James Cuddihy

May

May saw restrictions eased, thankfully. Margaret Corkery retires deputy principal and Kevin Corcoran launches his book Saving Eden about the Gearagh. Community spirit was out in force, with a huge turnout was had for the tasks of painting the picnic tables, outdoor seating, flowerpots and planters in Inchigeela. CDYS and Ted Cook planted native trees in the Castle

grounds, which are still thriving thankfully, see if you can spot them? We had a wonderful article from Kevin Higgins about 18th-century emigrant Rochard Cotter and his gold mining and mountain adventures. Macroom District Environmental Group discussed the poor water quality in Macroom, which as we now know was a precursor for things to come.



A May day in Inchigeela



Ted Cook planting native trees © Sarah Kate Photography

June

A proposal for an outdoor dining tent in our historic market square was opposed by a small minority, so the tent was moved to the middle square. It was positively received and well used, as were the smaller canopies outside the town hall and Vodafone. The 'Slippery Mermaids'

raised almost €4000 for a dip a day in May for the Irish cancer society. Macroom Tidy Towns continued their publication of their development goals which subsequently won them points in this year's marking.



The 'Slippery Mermaids'



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Tuesday 28th	8.30am - 6.00pm
Wednesday 29th	8.30am - 6.00pm
Thursday 30th	8.30am - 6.00pm
New Years Eve	9.00am - 6.00pm
Saturday January 1st	Closed. Services from Railway View Pharmacy.
Sunday 2nd January	Closed. Services from Railway View Pharmacy.

We would like to thank all of our patients and customers for their support,patience and understanding this past time.

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July

Local girl Aisling McCarthy, aged 10, with the help of Muse Hairdressers donated an impressive 14 inches of beautiful hair to Rapunzel Foundation's ponytail campaign. Muse having only recently reopened due to an extended lockdown, were delighted to partake. After 39 years of teaching in St. Joseph's primary school, Kathleen O'Driscoll retires and Kilmurry principal Kathleen Creedon retired from Kilmurry Primary school. The residents and staff of St Colman's house replanted the front and side gardens with an array of flowers grown from seed in our Polytunnel! Local children enjoyed the fruits of the tidy town and men shed labour in the Fairy Garden.



St. Josephs primary school teacher, Kathleen O' Driscoll retires



Kathleen Creedon who retired from Kilmurry Primary school

As Olympic fever enveloped the country and Cork rowers took home gold, here in the Lee Valley we saw heritage week walks in the Double rank and Protestant Church. Macroom enjoyed some pop-up music performances courtesy of Cork County council. Kilmurry Museum got a stunning new

mural painted by Cork artist Peter Martin and Chapel Hill school of art had a wonderful open day with a huge turnout.

August



St Marys_ FOURTH YEARS DECORATING THE RECEPTION AREA FOR DARKNESS INTO LIGHT



Canovee_ 5th class pupil Alison who donated 14 inches of her hair to the Rapunzel Foundation

September

September saw the return of schools much to the delight of both students, parents and teachers alike! Macroom Tidy Towns erected triple swift nesting boxes in the Castle Demesne, in Gurteenroe, In the De la Salle school. Culture night was on the 18th of September with Macroom school of Art, Chapel hill school of Art,

the town hall and the Adult Education centre all part-taking! Bishop McEgan gets a new deputy principal, Mr Ignatius (Iggy) Dineen and Ballinagry get a planning application for a huge wind farm and Macroom Food festival has a mini artisan food festival in the heart of town, bringing back some semblance of normality!



Macroom school of Art at Chapel hill



Pictured at the unveiling of the Mural at Independence Museum Kilmurry recently; Deirdre Burke, Michael Looney, Gillian Coughlan, County Lord Mayor, Peter Martin Artist, Aodhan Rike Floyd, Aidan O'Sullivan, Cllr. Gobnait Moynihan and Andreas Moynihan TD. ©Peter Scanlan



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October

October saw Lisa Creedon run The Viking Quarter Marathon (Waterford) in June 2021 to say thanks for the care her mother Eilish Creedon received in Macroon Community Hospital. She raised €2,027 and she, together with family members, presented the cheque last Saturday, 9 October 2021 to the Hospital authorities. St Marys Macroon recorded a virtual open night! Potholes abounded the

local bridge and our water became undrinkable. Macroon girl guides win the highest award, the trailblazer award, Catherine Ross Murphy's 'Old Time Recipes' Cookbook raised a massive €12k for Air Ambulance, and local primary schools celebrate first communions in Autumn rather than Spring.



Catherine Murphy's Grandchild James recently handed over a cheque to Irish Community Air Ambulance from the proceeds of his grandmother's cookbook "Catherine's Old Time Recipes" to the amount of € 12,050 euro. This Cookbook has made just over €20k for Charities.



Children from Dripsey School who received their 1st Holy Communion recently in Berrings Church © Peter Scanlan Photography

November

Works started on a new playground in Macroon and the reparation works on the footpath and bridge surface is well underway!



Laochra Òg hurling and Camoige club held a very successful truck run in aid of Pieta House and club. Pic By Bill Harrington



Macroon Ploughing Association held their AGM

December

The shop local adage remains strong with shoppers choosing Macroon and Online ordering over trips to Cork amid rising numbers. The Lee Valley Enterprise Board decked Macroon out aplomb with festive lights making the town (I think) one of the prettiest in Cork. With restrictions

increasing and numbers rising, it's safe to say another quiet Christmas is on the cards. Spare a thought for all of those in the hospitality sector.



Macroon Town Hall all lit for Christmas



No Chimneys for Santa in the new housing estate in Macroon. Pic Con kelleher

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Caoineadh Airt Uí Laoghaire: Historic Mural at New Street, Macroom



Cormac Sheil and Denis O'Reardon are the latest in a long line of artists to be captivated by Caoineadh Airt Uí Laoghaire, or The Lament for Art O'Leary. They have depicted this story of love and loss in the form of a mural at 69, New Street, Cork ETB's Further Education and Training Centre.

The ballad was written by Art's wife, Eibhlín Dhubh Ní Chonaill (Daniel O'Connell's aunt). The poem is said to be the greatest 18th century poem in both the Irish and English language. It has inspired translations from such literary figures as Frank O'Connor, Seán Ó Tuama and Macroom's own esteemed writer, an tAthair Peadar. It has also been put to music by composer Peadar Ó Riada.

The mural is part of Cork ETB's commitment to the preservation of the Irish language, along with the delivery of Gaeilge Labhartha classes throughout the county.

The Caoineadh calls for both sensitivity to the nuances of love and an appreciation of the elegiac quality of the poetry. Aside from having to cope with the vagaries of weather and the unexpected appearance of Storm Barra, capturing the richness

and complexity of the Caoineadh must have been a challenging feat. After all, the opening lines have permeated the consciousness of Irish people for generations:

*Mo ghrá go daingean tú!
Lá dá bhfaca thu
Ag ceann tí an mhargaidh,
Thug mo shúil aire dhuit...*

Cormac and Denis, long-term friends and collaborators, are no strangers to the preservation of tradition. Their work can be seen around the town: Macroom Castle, The Hooded Cloak and the old Train Line. Their unique style combines photo-realism and the use of Trompe-l'oeil. (The latter gives the illusion of a 3D effect to objects on a flat surface.)

These artists have done justice to the story and concentrated on one over-arching image: that of Eibhlín's Dhubh's love for her husband and her grief at his untimely and fateful death.

The startled horse, returning barebacked to Rathleigh, is also central to the story; it not only foretells Art's death but also is instrumental in his

death.

Art O'Leary had been a captain in the Hungarian Hussars and was a proud and charismatic character. He disobeyed English rule by having a horse worth more than five pounds. He refused to sell the horse, was deemed an outlaw and subsequently shot at Carraiganima.

The verse chosen for the mural is written in old Irish, but the 3D effect suggests that this poetry doesn't just belong to the land of Musheragh and Macroom; it still permeates modern day life.

According to Cormac Sheil 'it's like a lightning rod for the various strands of Irish history.'

Eibhlín's cry rises like a series of leaves across the landscape, bearing testimony to the power of love, the universal importance of language and poetry in particular.

Both artists agree, 'the energy of the poem remains. It's not a distant story.'

Ultimately, Caoineadh Airt Uí Laoghaire – The Lament for Art O'Leary – is a legacy, and the mural which honours the poem is one that speaks to the heart and the soul. Lena Cronin



DE LA SALLE College Macroom

Last week was a very active and busy week in De La Salle College for Positive Mental Health Awareness and Wellbeing Week for Junior Cycle students. Teachers of CSPE, SPHE, Wellbeing, PE and other subject departments were involved in organising various activities including mindful walks, mindfulness, boot camps, advice on healthy eating and various games - including dodgeball (as gaelige). Competitions were also held and Mr Quinn presented selection boxes to the students who did the best time at "The Wall Squats Challenge": Darragh Donovan (1st Year) and Dylan Lynch and Sean O Leary (2nd Year). One student managed 10 mins 40 seconds! A poster competition was also held and the best poster was designed by William Kinsella.

As the year comes to a close, De La Salle College are ending it on a high. Our new temporary accommodation is set to open in January with four brand new classes available. But furthermore, 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 9.5 acre site adjoining the town park will provide

the perfect location for a 21st century educational establishment befitting Macroom town and its hinterland. The location on its south facing slope will accommodate a 500-pupil campus with 3 integrated ASD units, PE hall and all the modern facilities that 21st century education requires. The selected location has many additional benefits. The acquisition of a playing field in the town park allows for a seamless transition between both. The park pathways, exercise stations, ease of access to Tom Creedon Park and the close proximity of a bridge facilitates access to the Castle Grounds makes this an ideal location, while at all times avoiding the need to use the road network which enhances student safety. This development is the result of a long and difficult struggle over many years. This has necessitated the erection of additional accommodation over the past two years to facilitate the growth in student numbers. De La Salle College is indebted to many people who made this possible. In particular, we would like to thank Monsignor O'Donnell, Canon Donal Roberts and Cloyne diocese for donating this wonderful site to the College. We acknowledge the terrific support from former Minister Michael Creed T.D.

in acquiring peripheral properties essential to this development. We thank Andrias Moynihan T.D. for his support, Gerald McCarthy architect for all his great work, former Principal Noel Dunne for his relentless support for this building project from its inception and as a school community Principal John Murphy for all his time and effort in seeing this dream realised. This is fantastic news for De La Salle College, Macroom and all the surrounding area.

It has been a difficult few months, in the school in the shadow of a pandemic and a big thank is due to the secretary, school cleaners, caretaker, teachers, students, school management and parents for keeping the school safe while always striving to maintain our high standards of teaching and learning. We have come a long way from the first three months of this year where lockdown forced our learning online, but our students and teachers showed great resilience and determination to keep some bit of normality in difficult and extraordinary times. We are proud of the year we have put down and look forward to better and brighter days ahead. We wish all the school community a happy and healthy Christmas.



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Christmas Jumper Day... McEgan Students and Staff dressed in Christmas Jumpers to raise funds for Fr. John Keane Homeless Charity.

Second Year Gaelige Trip

Monday the 6th December second year had a great day out exploring places of interest in their local area. First up was a trip to Gougane Barra where the students were given a wonderful guided tour, learning from the expertise of local forester Padraig O' Tuama. The students learned all about the history of the wood and surrounds as well as the geography and geology of the area. Following this the group called to Toonsbridge and Johnny Lynch's Buffalo farm also known as Macroom Buffalo Cheese. For the second time that day, they were given another wonderful tour this time by Dorothy O' Tuama, Padraig's wife! The students learned a myriad of facts and information about the farm, Buffalo and the operation of a thriving agri-business. A great day out was capped off by getting to taste the produce of the farm. Students went home with full bellies and heads full of local knowledge!

6th Yr. LCA

In Social Education Course students are learning about the responsibilities and practical skills involved in caring for a small baby including costs involved and healthcare including how to change a nappy!! The class accompanied by Ms. Manning and Ms. Ní Laoire enjoyed a social day out on Monday 13th by calling to Lynch's bakery for breakfast followed by some bowling in the Colosseum on MacCurtain Street Cork and finally some shopping on Patricks Street. Plenty of Christmas shopping done by all including the staff!!!! 1st Years are to experience a fun day of celebrating Christmas which starts off with a breakfast prepared and served by the LCA 6th yr.

catering class which will be followed by games and a movie.

Cork Simon

Well done to our 6th yr. LCA class facilitated by Ms. Creedon who ran a successful cake sale in aid of Cork Simon. This charity needs round the clock support and the students decided this was a very worthy cause. The students baked some lovely cakes helped and supervised by Pat Relihan. A worthy sum of €300 was raised.

Transition Year Fundraising and Christmas Markets The class have been busy with preparing for the Macroom Christmas Market. Despite the interference of Storm Barra on Dec 7th they set up stall on 14th and did a roaring trade in Christmas Logs, Bonbon jars and Friendship Bracelets. A Christmas Jumper Day and raffle are being held in McEgan to raise much needed funds to help those less fortunate in our community. All funds raised from Christmas Jumper Day and Raffle are being donated to Fr. John Keane's local charity for those

homeless in Cork.

TY have also been involved in another annual fundraiser; CUH Cancer Research. Under the guidance of Ms. Bernie Angland they gathered a mountain of prizes donated by local businesses. It is a credit to all the businesses in town that despite the current economic climate gave so generously for this very worthy cause. Míle Buíochas gach duine. A final sum of €3,350 has been forwarded to CUH from the fundraiser.

Christmas exams

Storm Barra may have given the students a small respite from doing their Christmas exams on the 7th & 8th of December but all exams were resumed and completed on 13th & 14th. Congratulations to you all and continued success with your studies.

In School Digital Learning Day

On Thursday 16th teachers and students worked on devices and MS Teams. Students were asked to log onto their Teams account and to upload a piece of work for the teacher.



McEgan 2nd Years at Buffalo Farm

Dripsey NS

Dripsey NS was delighted to hear that Elaine Murphy, a teacher in Dripsey NS, was nominated for the Teachers Inspire Ireland award. From the hundreds of nominations, Elaine has made the final shortlist.

Many thanks to Mandy Gabriel for nominating Elaine as recognition of the work that she does in Dripsey NS.

"I will always be grateful to Miss Murphy for caring for my child, for holding her hand when I couldn't be there and making sure she never lost out or fell behind."

Elaine Murphy, Dripsey National School, Co Cork, is nominated by Mandy Gabriel. In 2018 Mandy Gabriel was diagnosed with breast cancer. The same year her oldest child Issy was due to start

Junior Infants in Dripsey National School in County Cork. "You can imagine the upheaval for her with Mom undergoing chemotherapy and starting school at the same time." Mandy said, "concentration was a problem and affected her ability to learn. In swept Ms. Murphy, the kindest, softest, most caring resource teacher." She said that every day Elaine Murphy gave Issy "one-to-one attention" which helped her confidence and "her ability to feel safe in school." "She supported my child, gave her confidence and stability at a time when home wasn't due to Chemotherapy, mastectomy, radiotherapy, lump node clearance." It is now 4 years later and "Issy has caught up with her class and I've recovered with a clean bill of health. "I will always be grateful to Miss Murphy for caring for my child, for holding her hand when I couldn't be there and making sure she never lost out or fell behind." "She is an

amazing teacher and so humble. To her, she's just doing her job but to my family, she's a star." Mandy said she has learnt "to trust you can let your community support you."





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MACROOM LIBRARY:



Cork County Council's Library and Arts Service has joined the JAM Card initiative, a system that allows people with learning difficulties and communication barriers to ask for a minute of patience when they need it. Pictured (L/R): Mayor of the County of Cork, Cllr. Gillian Coughlan, Ber Hickey (Cork County Council, Library and Arts Service), Emer O'Brien (County Librarian), Bernie Wallace (Cork County Council, Library and Arts Service) and Chief Executive of Cork County Council, Tim Lucey. Picture: Colm Lougheed (0877659178)

Firstly, we would like to wish all our patrons a very joyful and peaceful Christmas and a happy & safe New Year.

Christmas Opening Hours

Thursday 23rd December: 10:00 – 5:30pm

Friday 24th December: Closed

Saturday 25th December: Closed

Tuesday 28th December: Closed

Wednesday 29th December: Closed

Thursday 30th December: 10:00 - 5:30pm

Friday 31st December: 10:00 - 5:30pm

Saturday 1st January: Closed

Normal Hours Week Beginning 4th January

Cork County Council Library & Arts Service is now associated with the 'Just A Minute' (JAM) Card initiative, a discreet way of allowing people with any type of communication difficulty to ask for Just A Minute of patience as they go about their lives. All staff are trained & have received a Certificate of Accreditation from the NOW Group. The Library Service takes pride in providing excellent customer care to all patrons & this new initiative will encourage JAM card users to feel more confident when using the library.

Library Calendar 2022: We have copies of the '2022 Calendar My Library: A World of Stories'

available in the Library Free of Charge. You are more than welcome to take one. The calendar was designed by our young patrons where there was a competition held in October. There was one winner from Macroom Library – Jolie Lucey, age 7 years from Rylane National School. Well done to Jolie and everyone who submitted beautiful drawings.

To celebrate **Family Time** in your Library during the month of December we 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 before December 31st.

All pictures will be entered into our raffle & have a chance of 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.

If you are looking for something to do over the Christmas with the family we have several Craft

Videos that you can follow online on our Facebook page – **Cork County Library & Arts Service**.

Our Online **Weekly Quizzes** for Children and Adults continue every week. They are a great source of entertainment and fun for all the family.

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 has 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 has selected some very special photographs. 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.

Cork County Writer-in-Residence: The Writer in Residence programme has begun for 2021/2022.

We are delighted to be able to offer workshops to the writers' group in Macroom library, facilitated by our Writer in Residence Matthew Geden. Initially we will be operating online with the aim of returning to meeting in person when the situation allows. Each online session will be split in two 11 – 1 and 2 – 5 with the first meeting being a group workshop (up to 12 people) and the afternoon is when we will conduct pre-booked one to one workshop.

For further details please contact sinead.donnelly@corkcoco.ie

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Sarah from Bright Beginnings, Kilmichael collecting her Little Library bag of books at Macroom Library.



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St. Mary's News



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: Aoibhe Kelleher, Natalia Raba & Roisin Buckley

These girls investigated the impact of natural deodorant versus antiperspirant on feminine health. Antiperspirant contains aluminium and a build-up of this in the body has been linked with breast cancer. They carried out their research with ten volunteers who used antiperspirant under one arm and natural deodorant under the other. The participants logged their experiences throughout the day over a number of days. The results for both products yielded similar results, which showed the effectiveness of natural deodorant. The girls also surveyed a number of women about their awareness regarding natural deodorant. They are determined to spread awareness about this more health-conscious alternative to antiperspirant!

Grace O'Riordan & Ciara O'Riordan

These girls investigated the impact of sleep on performance in sports. They carried out their study with a number of volunteers who logged their sleeping routines over a number of weeks while also reflecting and rating their own performances in both training and matches. The results of this investigation found the optimum sleep time for participants to be happy with their sporting activities was 7 hours. However, they also noted that the results vary from person to person and sleep is not the only determining factor.

ST MARYS ON TIKTOK

This year we joined TikTok - a new social media platform where people upload dancing, lip sync and comedy videos. Our promo team have been hard at work developing our presence on the app and within a few weeks, our page has 300+ followers and 6600+ likes. Both students and teachers have been getting involved, and the videos are proving a huge success! Our most viewed video has just under 30,000 views and features Mr Galvin. If you have TikTok, follow us @st_marys_macroom to get an insight into life at St Mary's.

LCVP – GUEST SPEAKER

Mike Twomey, local entrepreneur and butcher gave an extremely informative talk to Ms Tobin's 5A1 LCVP class recently. The girls learned loads from him and he answered all of their questions in great detail. The girls thoroughly enjoyed it. Thank you so much Mike for coming in and giving up your time to talk to the girls we really appreciate it.

LCVP – VIRTUAL VISIT

Mr. Dan Griffin from Wright Medical/Stryker gave the 6A1 class such an informative virtual visit to his company recently. He gave a fantastic presentation and answered all of the girl's questions in great

detail. A very big thank you to Mr. Dan Griffin for giving up his time to facilitate this invaluable virtual visit for our Leaving Cert LCVP class. Thank you to Ms Tobin for organising this for the girls, they learned so much from it.

THE EU COMPETITION

Ireland South MEP, Billy Kelleher, is running a competition to find out what students want the EU to look like in 25 years from now. He says "I am acutely aware of the need to ensure that the voices and ideas of Secondary School students are heard by those making decisions about the future of Europe. To that end, I am launching a call for digital submissions for TY and Senior Cycle Politics students on what they want the European Union to look like in 2046 - 25 years now from". For the competition students were to look at topics including: Should the EU be bigger? What powers will it have? What will Ireland's role be? Should we move to directly elected governments? Students were free to be creative in terms of how they structured the project. Under the guidance of Business teacher Ms O Donoghue, four of our 5th year students, Emma Cahill, Nicola Dromey, Ciara Manning and Aine Sheehan, came together to record a Podcast to enter this competition. Best of luck girls and well done on creating a very well researched, informative and entertaining Podcast.

SCHOOL BANK

This year we are working with Rob Heffernan from the Bank of Ireland to run a School Bank. All TY Students were invited to apply for a position on the School Bank Team. Rob provided the girls with a very informative virtual presentation on CV preparation and interview skills. The girls who applied were interviewed by Rob and he had the very difficult job of choosing 5 students to run our School Bank. Congratulations to the successful candidates: Karina Falvey, Cara Moloney, Aoibhe Kelleher, Meave Bradley and Shauna Lyons. Well, done girls, we can't wait to see the exciting initiatives that you have planned to encourage the students of St Mary's to start saving! Thanks to Ms O Donoghue for organising this for the girls.

BREAST CANCER TALK

TY students held a Breast Cancer Awareness Day recently. This awareness day included an excellent seminar on breast cancer given by Juliette O'Connell from Breast Cancer Ireland. Hot chocolate was sold at lunch time to all in St Mary's to raise funds for the charity. TY students also wore pink on the day to support the cause and raise awareness.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Transition Year students organised an Eco Christmas Fayre last week. Eight groups were assigned an



eco-friendly topic to work with including Waste Disposal, Energy Efficiency, Circular Economy, Diet, Packaging, Technology, Transport and Biodiversity. Their task was to create a stall full of products or goodies using the theme. All First-Year students and Second Year Art students were invited to attend the Fayre where they bought Christmas decorations made from old keyboard letters, Christmas cards from pressed flowers, hot chocolate ingredients in decorated old jam jars, organic strawberries dipped in chocolate, organic cookies etc. We are very grateful to the Management of Chapel Hill School of Art for providing us with the former Prayer Room for the event, where the Transition Year students' nylon sculptures made earlier in the term were exhibited. Students were treated to hot chocolate and cookies by Trish, while staff were invited by Bernadette Tuite, Manager of the School of Art to the front parlour where they reminisced about former times with the nuns. Many thanks to Ms Gray and Ms O Connor who judged the stalls. The group which focussed on diet won first prize for their artistic creativity and comprehensive content on their topic. Well, done to all.

TK FIRST AID AND HYGIENE

We are so grateful to Ted Kelleher from TK First Aid and Hygiene for providing us with a top of the range defibrillator for our sports hall. Thank you so much Ted we really appreciate your generosity.

BASKETBALL

Our U16 Basketballers played St Aidan's in the Cork semi-final recently. The girls played fantastically against a very strong St Aidan's side but unfortunately it wasn't enough on the day to get them through. Well, done girls on an excellent season and thanks so much to Paul for his dedication to our basketball teams.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to 4th year student Clodagh O Keffe who is part of the Munster Rugby Development Squad, well done Clodagh. Congratulations also to Maisie Murphy, 2nd year, who captained the Cork U 13 soccer team in the Gaynor Cup Final recently. Well, done girls, we are so proud of your amazing achievements.

FOOD APPEAL FOR PENNY DINNERS

Thanks so much to all of our students, staff and local businesses for generously supporting our Food Appeal for Penny Dinners. We collected a huge amount of food for this really worthy cause. At Christmas it is really important to remember those less fortunate than ourselves. Catriona Twomey, the founder of Penny Dinners, attended our Carol Service and she collected all of the food afterwards. Catriona was so delighted to attend

Winter Sale Now On

Thank you to all our customers and people of the local community who visited and supported this establishment throughout the year. We would like to wish everyone a peaceful and prosperous Christmas and New Year.

Christmas Opening Hours

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our Carol Service, she was delighted to see that the true Christmas message was celebrated, she was blown away by the talented singers and musicians who performed at the Carol Service. She said that she rarely gets to attend Christmas events at this time of year as she is so busy. We were delighted to meet Catriona and she was so grateful for all of our donations. The Student Council presented Catriona with a Cheque for €750 from our Christmas Jumper fundraiser. Thanks so much to the Student Council, thanks also to the 5th year students for all of their help with this appeal and a massive thanks to Elaine for organising this appeal and for making it such a huge success.

CHRISTMAS DAY

It's that time of year again! On Wednesday the 15th of December we celebrated Christmas in St Mary's. Trish was unreal as usual; she prepared a full Christmas dinner for all of our Leaving Certs. Ms Donovan and our music students performed a beautiful Carol Service. Our Leaving Certs attended the Carol Service in the Church and it was live streamed to classrooms for the rest of the students and staff to enjoy, it was also live streamed to the local Nursing Homes. All students and staff paid to wear Christmas Jumpers; all money raised was donated to Penny Dinners. The Student Council put a lot of time and effort in to organising fun events

for their classes to enjoy during the day. Our girls had a great day, we were really happy to see them enjoy their day. Thanks to all of the very generous local business who donated prizes to the Student Council for our Christmas raffle. Thanks to Trendy Hair, Castle Hotel Leisure Centre, Mary's Toymaster, The Movement, Matt Murphy, TM Cronin, Haven Pharmacy, Enchanted Flowers, Connections, Patricia Lavender Hair, Shannon Lavender Hair, Deasy's Pharmacy, Lynch's Cafe, Fitzgerald's Bookshop, Pickled, The Bigger Picture

Happy Christmas to you all from all at St Mary's.

REELING IN THE YEAR FROM ST MARYS 2021

JANUARY

Ms Jennifer Butler won the award for Teacher of Excellence in the Social & Behavioural Science Category at the BTYSE. As we returned to online learning, we sincerely thanked all of our students and their parents for engaging so well with remote learning. Our girls were very engaged and attendance at Zoom classes was excellent across all year groups.

FEBRUARY

TY students and their Science teacher Ms Foley were working very hard preparing for the Irish Angus Beef Schools' Competition. TY students took part in a Life Skills Course provided by AWARE. St Mary's Music Amidst the Madness continued with performances from students shared on our Social Media platforms for all to enjoy. Aoife Lucey, Orla Lynch and Roisin O Donoghue were very busy working on Dúshlán 2021, their deadline was on Thursday the 11th of February. As part of this challenge the girls taught zoom classes through Irish, composed Irish songs, did some acting, cooking demonstrations and lots more!!

MARCH

On Thursday 4th of March St Marys TY students attended the I Wish 2021 Digital event. Thanks to Ms Kelleher for organising this very valuable opportunity for the girls. Our Oral exams and Music Practical Exams took place during the Easter holidays. It was great to see our Ciorcal Cainte up and running again. Go raibh míle maith agat Mrs Caulfield! Mrs O Donovan arrange a Birthday Celebration for all of our Leaving Certs, she felt that it was important for them to have a little party seeing as they hadn't had an opportunity to celebrate any of their 18th birthdays together. As part of 'Donate for Dementia' week we held a memory quiz to raise awareness of dementia and then we participated in the jumping Jack challenge where our girls did as many jumping jacks as they could for 30 seconds. We were delighted to raise €131.55 for the Alzheimer's society. Thanks to Mrs Kelleher for organising this very important fundraising activity. Anna O Mahony, Sadhb Bourke, Aoibhe Kelleher and Cara Moloney qualified for the Regional Final of the GaelLinn Public Speaking Competition. Maith Sibh!

APRIL

We were all so delighted to see all of our students back in school. A group of 17 4th Year students from our school were working on the POPE JOHN PAUL AWARDS over lockdown with the support of their teachers and Fr John Keane. Eight girls participated in the Bar of Ireland "Look into Law" Course specifically designed for Transition Year. Before the Easter Break our TY year group completed their second term with a HAIR CARE SEMINAR.

TY students took part in a Creative Engagement Workshop in conjunction with Macroom School of Art. TY students attended two online webinars as part of Eco Week 2021. After months of preparation and many zoom and in-person meetings, our Certified Irish Angus group the 'Convent Cowgirls' had their Semi- Final Interview. Kiera Moynihan and our TY group organised Mental Health Awareness Activities. Anna O Mahoney and Cara Moloney won the Regional Final and qualified for the All-Ireland Final in the GaelLinn Irish Public Speaking Competition. Emma Cahill in Transition Year won the first round of the Soroptimist Ireland Girls' Public Speaking Competition 2020/2021.

MAY

We were very grateful to Anaïs Jacquette, French Language Assistant at St Mary's this year, who gave a fascinating presentation to Third Year students on the D Day Landings in France. Our Student Council organised a non-uniform day on the theme of "Darkness into light", We raised €840 for Pieta House. Emma Cahill (TY) was awarded her Soroptimist Ireland Girls' Public Speaking Competition certificates and prizes. She won the Local District Heat and was chosen to represent the district at the Regional Final. All Ireland final for St Marys Irish debating - thug Tomás Ó Cadhla ó Ghael Linn i mBaile Átha Cliath cuairt orainn chun duaiseanna a bhronnadh ar na cailíní a bhí páirteach sa chomórtas óráide an Phiarasigh i mbliana.

Two students from Our Student Council, Gemma Munroe and Geraldine McCarthy, took part in a live zoom call with Professor Luke O'Neill. Transition Year students attended a symposium organised by IBEC. This a virtual event that gave students insights into future careers as well as motivational presentations from business leaders. Nora Twomey, 2nd Year, who won first prize in her category in the First Cut! Youth Film Festival Competition.

SEPTEMBER

We were delighted to welcome 77 new First Year students to St Mary's this year, we hope that the girls will be very happy with us. One of our 5th year students, Ava Ronan, was signed by Cork City FC. Liadh McMahon took part of the Cork UNDER 16 Football Team who beat Kerry in the Munster Final. Our Leaving Cert Class of 2021 received fantastic results; we wish the girls all the very best for the future. Laura O'Sullivan, 4th year won the Irish Intro-Intermediate Eventing Championships in Tattersalls. On the 10th of September all staff and students were encouraged to wear red and white in support of Cork Camogie. Our students Lily O' Shea, Annie O'Brien, Grace Kelleher, Ciara Kelleher, Lily Desmond and Lisa O'Donovan were all playing games with Cork Camogie Teams. 3rd Year student Holly Wenger qualified to represent Ireland at the

Acrobatic Gymnastics European Championships in Italy from the 21st - 27th of September. 6th year Biology students visited Fota Wildlife Park with Ms Butler and Ms Foley. They carried out their Ecology field studies in a Woodland Habitat.

Our LCVP classes along with their teacher Ms Tobin and PE Teachers Mrs Kelleher and Mr Hennessy organised a Sports Day for all Junior Students.

Lucia Duarte and Saorlaith Murphy competed in South Munster Track & Field Championships. We celebrated Mercy Day, sixth year students along with their teachers were able to attend mass in the church and the remainder of the student body watched the service which was live streamed to all classrooms. Our Basketball, Camogie and Football Training started back again. Transition Year students went hill walking on Musher Mountain. First Aid classes begun for the TY students. TY students organised a Suicide Awareness Day at the end of September.

OCTOBER

We had a camera crew on site to film our virtual open night for us. Our Student Council for 2021/2022 were elected. St Mary's Intermediate Camogie Team played a match against Coachford. Second year student Maisie Murphy was selected on to the Cork u13 Gaynor squad and captained the team that played Limerick on the 19th September they played against South Tipperary on Sunday the 3rd of October in Cork. Mr Quill and our Senior History students organised a Heritage Day in school on Friday 22nd October. Two of our Spanish Students, Leire Solano Basanez and Nuray Dones Vaamonde began teaching beginner's Spanish to their class mates in Transition Year. On the 19th of October our Transition Year students enjoyed a fun trip to Zip it at Farren Wood. The Second-Year students experienced a wonderful day of talks, activities and fun on Thursday the 14th of October as part of the Wellbeing Day. I mbliana, bhí dhá fhoireann díospóireachta ag Scoil Mhuire, Clochar na Trócaire, Maigh Chromtha - an fhoireann sóisir agus an fhoireann sinsir. Tar éis trialacha den scoth, beidh Ellie Jane Walsh, Tara Lane, Leah Bradley agus Saoirse Ni Thuama ina mball den fhoireann sóisir agus beidh Anna Ni Mhathúna, Cara Ni Mhaoldomhnaigh, Gemma Munro agus Sadhb de Búrca ina mball den fhoireann sinsir. Beidh an chéad bhabhta den chomórtas ar siúl i Mí na Samhna. Bunaíodh an chéad 'Coiste Gaeilge' i Scoil Mhuire, Clochar na Trócaire an tseachtain seo caite. Bhuail ceannaire ó gach rang le chéile agus am lóin ar an Luan agus chuireadar plean le chéile chun feabhas agus forbairt a dhéanamh ar an nGaeilge timpeall na scoile. Beidh an Ghaeilge fíor bheo i mbliana tríd na bpaistí. Tá go leor imeachta pleanáilte acu! Táimid ag tnúth go mór leis an mbliain amach romhainn! On Thursday the 21st of October our newly elected Student Council completed online

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training provided by the ISSU (Irish Second Level Student Union). On the Friday before the Mid Term Break, as a surprise for our girls, all of the staff got in to the spirit of Halloween by dressing up in Halloween Costumes.

NOVEMBER

On Wednesday the 3rd of November TY Students attended a Talk on alcohol and drugs. In early November we were notified that 12 projects from our school qualified for the BT Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition which will be held virtually again this year. Our under 16 Camogie Team had a very impressive win against Buttevant on Tuesday the 2nd of November. During November our students took part in a Camogie competition for 1st and 2nd year students in Bandon. Before Mid Term all Fourth-Year students were invited to apply to be a member of our new Student Promo Team. There was a lot of interest in this initiative and numerous student applied. Before Mid-Term one of our buddies, Emer O Connor, arranged a colouring competition for all first-year classes. Our

Green Schools Committee set up a not-for-profit "Green Store" in our school. The aim of this initiative is to promote the use of eco-friendly products. We took part in Science Week, with chemistry and physics experiments conducted in the labs by our TY's for the first and second years. TY buddies organised and curated a wonderful scavenger hunt for the first years. TY's had their Gaeilge 24 day to celebrate and promote the Irish language in school. Our Junior Football team won their 1st round Match V's Bantry Community School 4-12 to 2-4 last week. Huge thanks to Michael & Nora McCarthy of Glenview Motors for their continued support, they kindly sponsored a new set of Jerseys for our team. Our U16 Camogie team won their game against Clonakilty on Friday the 19th on November. The final score was 2.8 to 1.2. As part of The ShoeBox Appeal Seventy-six shoeboxes were lovingly filled to bring festive cheer to children around the world this Christmas. Our past pupil Erika O Shea won an All-Star! 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

DECEMBER

On Friday the 3rd of December we were absolutely delighted to welcome back our Past Pupil, football All Star winner, Erika O Shea. Our 1st year footballers were in Skibbereen on for a First Year Football Blitz. Our U16 Basketball Team got through to the County Semi Final. 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. Our students, Saoirse Twomey, Fern Mullane, Emily Cronin and Cara O'Brien 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.

The Macroom and District Environmental Group Think Globally, Act locally

Chris Barrett here and I am very happy to have had the opportunity to speak with Jenny-Rose from Toons Bridge Dairy for this issue.

This is my last article before Christmas and I am delighted to leave you with such positive environmental news to take into the Festive Season. I have enjoyed many meals outdoors at the café before Covid, but I was unaware of all the efforts that were being made to run the business in a sustainable environmental manner.

When I spoke with Jenny-Rose, she had just been working with GREEN FOR MICRO which is an initiative run by the LEO (Local Enterprise Office). This is an opportunity where small businesses get offered the services of a Sustainability Consultant or an Advisor.

They are given the option of choosing who they would like to work with and be mentored by, or they can be chosen to be matched with the most suitable consultant.

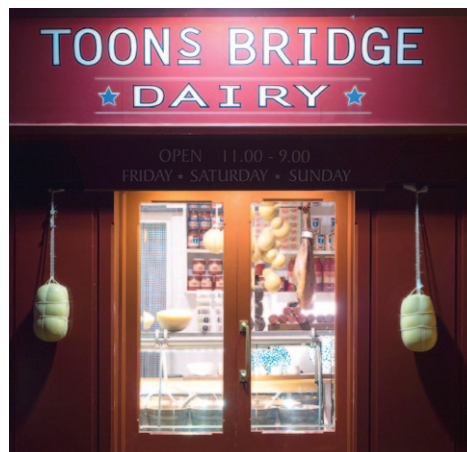
They are able to choose an area of their business to look at in detail or a more general overview can be taken.

Jenny-Rose chose to work with CHANGE BY DEGREES which is based in Kinsale.

Together they looked at reducing packaging, particularly for take-away food, that would be eaten 'on the go'.

It made most sense to look at their Sandwich stall in the English Market first. Jenny-Rose and Toby had already tried to cut down on their packaging. They did this by encouraging customers to bring their own lunch-boxes and coffee cups. This had worked really well. Unfortunately, when Covid19 hit, people got understandably nervous. Fortunately, this scheme is now getting back on track.

Since July, single use plastic cutlery is now longer permissible in Ireland and even 'composable cutlery' is now deemed to be single use. Jenny-Rose explained to me that 'compostable cutlery' is only able to be composted in industrial composters. As a result, as people are not aware, the 'compostable cutlery' tends to go to Land-Fill, where it doesn't



break down any faster than plastic.

There was another issue Jenny-Rose wanted to address in addition to the cutlery problem. She found that people buying sandwiches and salads to take away, tended to dispose of their packaging in street bins where they were not being separated. Jenny addressed this issue by selling customers little metal boxes containing a spoon and fork, which can of course be washed and reused. The price for these little boxes is a very reasonable €3. In addition to this, they supply cheap metal forks which can be borrowed. This seems to be working very well indeed.

To help avoid single use plastic water bottles, they have a filtered water tap on the outside of their stall in the English Market where anyone can refill their water bottles. This scheme is very popular with stall-holders and customers alike.

At Toons Bridge Café, the waste is carefully separated both in production and by customers who currently use take-away facilities.

Readers may be unaware that when Toons Bridge import their olives, they come in a 200 litre drum, which is about 4' tall. These drums are then sold on at a reasonable resale rate. Over the last 28 years they have used them, they have never had to send

them to landfill. People have been inventive in their re-use! They have been used variously for rain-water collection from down-pipes, making comfrey mixture for adding to compost, storing garden tools and using two as horse-jump supports among other things.

The waste whey from the Dairy is spread on the land.

For filtering the waste water from the Dairy, they have a natural filtration system designed by PHELM HARTY.

He specifically designed a wood-chip Deep Filtration System. This was because they had no room for a reed bed. This filtration system works really well. It is chemical-free and all completely natural.

At Christmas they make a huge number of hampers and endeavor to eliminate plastic wherever they can.

To this end they purchased a new machine from A P CONTROLS at the beginning of Covid19.

The machine is fed bales of recyclable craft paper, which it corrugates. This corrugated paper is used as protection instead of bubble-wrap, and is also used in place of foil bubble-wrap where it has been used very successfully to keep food chilled.

I was really encouraged to hear about such major reduction in plastic use, particularly when Jenny-Rose told me they had an 800% increase in Online shopping in the First Lockdown.

With so much going on, I feel grateful that Jenny-Rose took the time to share her Environmental learning with us, and wish all at Toons Bridge and all our readers a Very Inspired Happy Christmas.

Remember you can contact the Environmental Group by emailing macroomenv@gmail.com

You can 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



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CLONDROHID

Unfortunately, the new year commenced with curtailment of many events, the Active Retired, once again were unable to meet up, Masses, church ceremonies were back on line, people anxiously awaited their first vaccine, in the hope of gaining some freedom.

The advice ringing out to all was still the same, wash your hands, sanitize, keep your distance, wear your mask, limit your social contacts, work from home if possible.

Little did we know then that as we face into Christmas and a new year 2022, with a new variant racing through the world that the same instructions are nearly still applying. Let's hope we fight this new variant quickly with vaccination, and we all start having fun again.

On Feb 11 Clondrohid commemorated the 100th anniversary of 16-year-old Daniel O'Mahony, who was shot near the bridge on Feb 11 in the year 1921. Healy's Spar closed their doors for 100 seconds in memory of this young man's sad death. The Jerusalem Challenge: Clondrohid Line Dancers took the lead in this challenge originated by the Gardai, to show that it is still possible to have fun and exercise, and be safe at the same time.

Blood Donor Clinic: Clondrohid Community Hall has been chosen for this great service, and why not? facilities are excellent, all your needs catered for, ample car parking on the door step. Well, done to all in securing this service, and well done to all who donate. Blood is badly needed at all times. Clondrohid Graveyard Maintenance: Well, done to the Development Group for organising with Millstreet Co. Council the strimming of our Graveyards on a regular rota. It makes a great difference.

To Get Active for Pieta: Clondrohid G.A.A. organised a 50/50 event 'Darkness into Light' for Pieta House. They nominated the Community Hall as the beneficiary, a wonderful gesture in these hard times,

It was a 24/48 hour walk/jog/run The Junior A Panel organised themselves to run in every town land in the Parish, a total of €3,000 was raised.

Clondrohid Dev Group: This Group did the best they could within the restrictions. Hedges were cut, flowers were sat, hanging baskets put in place. Village kept clean and tidy with the help of Con our CE worker. Thanks to all outside the Group who each year see after different sections of the village and surrounds, without your help the Group could not function. The village increased its marks by 4 in the Tidy Towns

The Group received funding from the Village and Urban Renewal Scheme, great help was received from Clr. Michael Creed with this funding. Thanks to Maria O'Leary of Cork Co. Council as well. The monies are being well spent, including finishing the tarmac area up by the pitch to facilitate parking for drop off and pick up for the school children. New all-weather seats will be installed

there in the new year. Other seats to be installed as well. A new look will be given to the flower beds up by the pitch and at the Bridge. A Printer was donated to the Active Retired.

The village received its own Dog Poo Bag Containers. Thanks to Milstreet Co. Council. A must for any village with so many people out walking their dogs, especially during these Covid times.

As soon as it will be safe to have meetings again an AGM will be held. The Group are appealing to young people to get involved to continue the work this Group has undertaken for many years. New ideas and new drive are needed.

A Few Snippets from the 3 Schools in the Parish:

Carrigania NS celebrated Biodiversity Week, Active School Week, Earthday National Tree Week, Macroom and District Lions Club Big Community Give Back Campaign, Big Grow Comp, Local history Tour. They took part in the National Innocent Big Grow Champions and won a prize.

Clondrohid Nat School gave a young oak sampling to pupils to plant at home, thanks to S.W.S. Forestry. The books ordered for the Scholastic Book Fair arrived and the boys and girls had many happy days and nights reading. Congrats to 6th class who received an award for the entry 'From the Bulk Tank to our Bellies. Congrats to school for their 'In School with Let's Go Camp' Muinliuch Nat School was involved in Biodiversity, National Tree Week, and Big Grow.

6th class were involved in debating, each class was involved in the craft shop. Many pupils went on a local historical tour.

Aine bids Farewell: Aine Creed, who with her sister Gobnail founded Clondrohid Community Creche, Pre School, and After school, bid farewell to all her working friends and children after 23 years. Thank you Aine. Good luck in your next adventure.

Benemerenti Medal: This was presented to Bridget Connolly, sacristan for 35 years in Clondrohid, by Bishop William Crean. Thank you, Bridget, for all your years of hard work and dedication.

Clondrohid Active Retired: This Group was unable to meet up due to Covid for most of this year, but had got together again in Sept. Fr. Joe came to their first get together and gave them a blessing and wished them well in their endeavours. Slowly but surely, they met on a regular basis, singing, playing cards, chatting, helping with modern phones, and of course the cuppa, Unfortunately, with rising Covid numbers, they had to cancel their gatherings. Better days ahead!!!!

Congrats to Laochra Og u 16 Camogie team who won their first County title in u 16A. Well, Done.

Laochra Og / Pieta House Fundraiser: A great turn out of Trucks for this fundraiser took place in Oct.

Cart Fundraiser: A total of 104 tractors took part

in this fundraiser in October. A very successful and entertaining day was had by all. CART really appreciate this effort by Millstreet Vintage Club to raise funds for their Bus. Thank you. The amount raised was €2885.

Murray/Begley Concert: There was great excitement in the village, when this concert was arranged for Nov. Tickets were in great demand and everyone was looking forward to a night of song, craic, and refreshments in a safe environment, but unfortunately due to rising cases of Covid, it was decided to cancel in the interest of safety for all. It will be re-run in the New Year and the tickets purchased will be valid on that night

LINE DANCING: Continues on Thursday nights in Community Hall

BLOOD TRANSFUSION BORD: Mark it in your 2022 diary, they will be back again in Community Hall on Tuesday Feb 15, 16, and 17. Great to have this facility here in our community, and that it is so well supported, as giving blood is so important.

GAA NEWS: Clondrohid GAA Club members were sad to hear of the passing of Jerry Manning Moulnahorna, who was a great Club supporter. Jerry got involved in training club underage teams in the 1980's when his own sons started playing. He continued to attend many club games over the years and greatly enjoyed the titles won. GAA members formed a guard of honour at the graveside.

Sincere sympathy is extended to all the Manning Family. Ar dheis De go raibh an am

Well, done to all the under 9 footballers as our season finally came to an end last weekend after a great and promising campaign, plenty of go games and practice matches were had, each and every one of the kids have a great future in football ahead of them, a big thank you to all the parents for bringing their kids to training and to all the matches, we are all looking forward to start up again in March

Congratulations to our club chairman, Brian Kearns, who was honoured in Pairc Ui Chaoimh on Nov 28 as a county senior winner 1995 with Bantry Blues.

GAA LOTTO: Results for Nov 24

€70 Martin Mc Sweeney Carrigania,
€20 Jerry Masters Kilmichael, Ciara Keohane Inniscarra, Nelius Murphy cylindroids, Tara O'Riordan Rahalisk.

Results for Dec 1.

€70 Tony Kelleher Bridgemount
€20 Denny Dineen Curra Glen, Pat and Martina O'Connor Mullinroe, Mark Spillane Moulnahorna, Eileen O'Sullivan c/o MCP

Results for Dec 8 Jackpot €5,400

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Chapel Hill School of Art

On the winged heels of a successful Open Day in August, Chapel Hill School of Art flew through its first term of Art classes and Workshops.

The relaunched Art School also hosted a series of successful public events during the term with more events to come in 2022. The offering of Art classes and heritage craft workshops, housed in the spacious and bright rooms of the former Mercy convent on Chapel Hill in Macroom will resume in the New Year.

On September 8th the school was delighted to welcome ten of the former Sisters of Mercy residents back to the Art school for a day or reminiscing and chat about life in the Convent up to its closure in 2012. We are delighted to have the forged a new relationship with the retired Sisters and appreciate their support of our future endeavours at the Art School and beyond.

In the spirit of engaging with our community the Art School hosted Cork County Culture Night in September. Food and film from Macroom Food Festival, music from The Fresh Air Collective and Art experiences from 5 of the Art school staff provided a lovely cultural evening for all ages both indoors and out. Over 130 people attended and we are already looking forward to Culture Night 2022.

October brought the Traditional Lace Makers of Ireland to the Art School. Our first event in the newly restored Community Room. Twelve Lace Makers came from all over Ireland to share, demonstrate and amaze their audience that ranged in age from 7 to 85 years old.

We are honoured to have the Lace Makers return with Lace Makers of Northern Ireland, for a public event on April 27th 2022. All Welcome. The history of lace making extends back to 1906 in the former convent. We are delighted to be reforming this historic bond and support



this exceptional heritage craft.

November at the School saw Mosaic, Basket Weaving and Encaustic/Wax painting Workshops. These workshops along with clay portrait modelling, Decoupage Furniture upcycling, Circular Weaving and Painting Workshops will resume in the New Year.

The School has provided employment for nine Art teachers and workshop facilitators. We are proud to provide a infrastructure for the Arts in the area and to support the local economy. We are delighted to be working closely with our neighbours in St. Mary's secondary school and look forward to welcoming the community in 2022. The owners Joe Neeson, John Mc Cormack and programme coordinator Bernadette Tuite would like to extend their gratitude to everyone who supported and attended the Art school in 2021. Our events and classes could not have succeeded but for our wonderful students, team of Teachers, support staff, volunteers and helpers. Thank you everyone. We greatly appreciate the support of the Cork County Council Arts Office, Local Enterprise Office and the County Heritage Office.

We are excited to let you know that we are set

to expand both the offering of classes and the facilities for 2022. We have packed calendar with the Art classes reopening in early February and our events beginning with National Tree Week on March 26th, Lace Makers in April 27th. New Workshops for May, Kids Summer Camps will launch in June into July, a summer Film Festival.

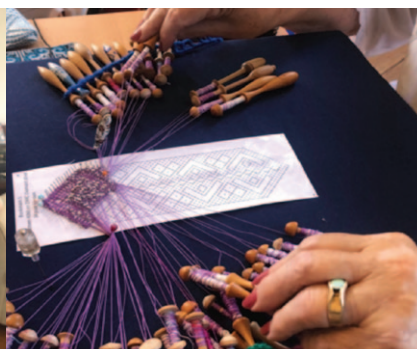
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Our warmest wishes to all for a healthy and peace filled Christmas Holiday and a very happy New Year.

Life Drawing Tutor
Muireann Kelleher
on Culture Night



From back Left: Collette O Connell, Ena O Donovan, Mary Hartnett, Bridgit O Connell, Eileen O Connell, Nuala O Gorman, Mary Fleming, Loyola O Donovan, Ann Lenihan, Consillio O Hae



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LEABHARLANN BHAILE BHÚIRNE

At the end of the library article in the last issue I used a quote from The Christmas Box by Richard Paul Evans "The smells of Christmas are the smells of childhood" and it made me think back to the Christmassy smells of my childhood. I suppose the first hints of the impending season was when the cake and pudding making started well before the big day. My Mum did a fair bit of baking. There was dark fruit cake, light fruit cake, cherry cake, madeira cake and Aunt Min's Pudding. We used what I refer to as family recipes, because the tins used were homemade and not always perfectly aligned. These days you'd say 'bespoke' tins but we weren't so fancy then! So, recipes had been tweaked and adjusted to suit the tins which I think had been made by my Grandad. The smell of the cakes baking crept up the stairs as I went to sleep and wrapped around me ensuring pleasant dreams and an extra bit of warmth percolating throughout the house from the oven. The gas meter would have been fed with a few shillings earlier to ensure a steady supply for the duration of the baking because the richer cakes took over five hours to bake.

The next Christmassy smell would have been when the marzipan was being made for decorating the cake a few weeks later. That was one I wasn't so fond of, the almond smell did nothing for me and to this day I don't like marzipan.

I think my favourite Christmas smell of all is when the spiced beef is cooking on Christmas Eve. It's such a rich smell full of the adventure, mystery and heat of the countries the spices come from – China, Vietnam, Egypt, India, Indonesia. A world tour for the senses.

On Christmas day itself there was so much going on in the kitchen it was hard to differentiate the smells but another favourite of mine was the Sherry Trifle after the dinner. Ours was a tea total house but when it came to the Sherry Trifle all caution was thrown to the winds and the joke was – do we drink it or eat it!

Well I inherited the Christmas Cake tins but they don't get as much use. I rarely use the big one and my Christmas cake baking has reduced drastically over the years and now I just do a medium sized light fruit cake for my uncle and one for ourselves and a small cherry cake – but the smells as they cook are just as rich, and still permeate the house, lingering as I go to sleep. Christmas Eve in my house is still full of the smell of spiced beef and although it has been a long time since I lived in Cork City I still have to get my Christmas Spiced Beef from The English Market – real proof that you can take the woman out of the city but you can't take the city out of the woman! As for the Sherry Trifle well it's as boozy and tasty as ever!

As the year draws to a close don't forget to pick up your Cork County Council Library Calendar. Copies are available at Ballyvourney Library, free of charge, while stock lasts so don't delay in collecting a copy. We are very proud to see that the drawings for September and December were done by Sam and Holly, two regular customers in Leabharlann Bhaile Bhúirne.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have supported and visited Ballyvourney Library over the past year. I look forward to welcoming you all again in 2022 and hope you all renew your membership for another

year. A very special thank you to all the junior members who took part in competitions etc throughout the year. I would also love to welcome new members in 2022.

Please note that Ballyvourney library will not open on Wednesday 22nd December until 11.30 am, I am sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. Ballyvourney Library will be CLOSED from Thursday 23rd December for the Christmas holidays and will reopen on Tuesday 4th January 2022 at 10.00 am.

Ba mhaith liom an seans seo a thógáil chun buíochas a ghabháil le gach duine a thug tacaíocht agus cuairt ar Leabharlann Bhaile Bhúirne le bliain anuas. Táim ag súil go mór le fáilte a chur romhat go léir arís i 2022 agus tá súil agam go ndéanfaidh tú go léir do bhallraíocht a athnuachan go ceann bliana eile. Buíochas an-speisialta leis na bail shóisearacha go léir a ghlac páirt i gcomórtais srl i rith na bliana. Ba bhreá liom fáilte a chur roimh bhaill nua freisin i 2022.

Tabhair faoi deara, le do thoil, nach n-osclóidh leabharlann Bhaile Bhúirne Dé Céadaoin 22ú Nollaig go dtí 11.30 rn, tá brón orm faoi aon mhíchaoithiúlacht leis seo. Beidh Leabharlann Bhaile Bhúirne DÚNTA ó Déardaoin 23ú Nollaig le haghaidh laethanta saoire na Nollag agus athosclóidh sé Dé Máirt 4ú Eanáir 2022 ag 10.00 rn.

*Nollaig Shona Daoibh Go Léir
"Happy Christmas to all, and to
all a good night!"*

*A Visit from St. Nicholas
By Clement Clarke Moore*

DROMLEIGH



Dromleigh Green School Biodiversity Flag. Habitat Mapping.



Dromleigh 'Cycle Right' Bicycle Safety Lessons

Students and staff of Dromleigh N.S. have had an extremely busy first term.

In September, we were pleased to welcome our new pre-school and school students, along with Mr Conor O'Laighin to the staff of Dromleigh and Ms Niamh O'Callaghan to the expanding staff of Bright Beginnings Pre-school.

October saw our student athletes represent the school proudly in the annual West Muskerry cross-country event. We continued to keep active throughout the month with our weekly 'Cycle Right' bicycle safety lessons. We enjoyed lots of fun, games and Halloween antics before our mid-

term break.

Students were delighted to hear the announcement in November that two of our talented students had received prizes in the Macroom Credit Union art competition. We also experienced a wide array of activities and experiments as part of Maths and Science weeks which children thoroughly enjoyed.

In December our sixth-class students celebrated their graduation from the Friends for Life wellbeing and resilience programme. Our Green Team have also been out and about working on our Biodiversity flag. We were thrilled to find out

that Irish Farm Films Producers Group (IFFPG) have chosen to sponsor the work of our committee.

Many thanks to the parents and friends of our school that supported our hugely successful 'Gold Rush' and Christmas Raffle fundraisers. Wishing you all a peaceful Christmas and New Year.

Keep up to date with all our pre-school and school activities by following us on Facebook, clicking on our website www.dromleighns.ie or contacting a member of staff on info@dromleighns.ie or 026-46212.

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KILMURRY HAA

INDEPENDENCE MUSEUM KILMURRY awarded €30,000 Eirgrid development grant

The members and supporters of Kilmurry Historical & Archaeological Association, (KHAA), were absolutely delighted with the recent offer from Eirgrid, Community Benefit Fund for Clashavoon-Dunmanway, of a €30,000 donation towards our Courtyard Development Project.

The Covid pandemic has highlighted the need to provide facilities that provide a suitable venue for outdoor activities and the promotion of positive mental health and general wellbeing. To meet this new demand KHAA will utilise this generous Eirgrid grant to refurbish and upgrade the INDEPENDENCE MUSEUM KILMURRY courtyard

area. This new development will facilitate wider use and provide easier user access to this outdoor space. This exciting development will enable us to further expand our activities, not alone for KHAA members, but for communities across the greater Lee Valley catchment area.

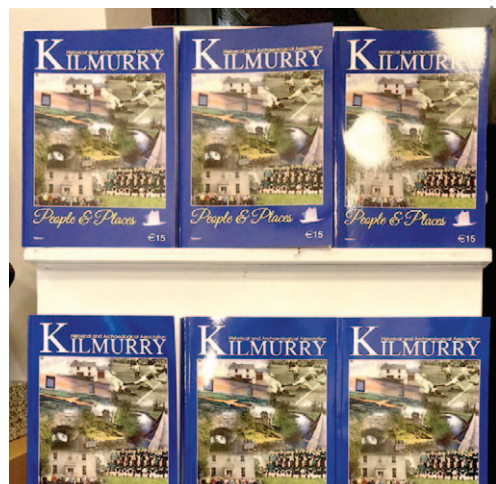
The re-developed courtyard space will feature all-weather protection, lighting and heating, and will provide an excellent venue for future lectures, seminars, classes, etc., etc., we plan to commence installation work early in the New Year.

A great Christmas gift. Kilmurry Historical and Archaeological Association have published a Journal People and Places.

This book covers over 30 articles on pastimes like

Canovee Pantomimes to sport, stories such as Henry Wall, Macroom Angling the beginning of St Val's, People such as Rosaleen Tonson Rye, Robert Forde Crookstown Antarctic Explorer and Joan Donovan, industries such Crookstown Fishyard & Bellmount Mills and articles on Warrenscourt, Sean O Hegarty the Cilin Sites for unbaptized children, Nettleville House, Kilbonane Graveyard the Beamishs and a whole lot more. There is something for everyone.

The journal is for sale in Crookstown Shop, Crookstown post office, Shiela's shop Kilmurry, OM2 Macroom (next to the post office), Styles Hair and Beauty Coachford, Lissarda Shop and Centra Shop Aherla. Price €15.00 or contact 0860593260



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1st Class pupils from Kilmurry School practicing their Christmas Carols at Kilmurry

Uibh Laoire

Still Celebrating

The recent County final victory is still being discussed and celebrated in Inchigeela and will be for a long time. Mid Cork Junior A Champions, County Junior A champions and Intermediate champions all in the space of such a short time. It takes a while to sink in - and all done by the same team and mentors. The photos and the match programmes will be cherished for many generations to come. Keep them safely. Santa Clause came early with the county cup. I think Santa clause is a secret supporter of Iveleary. Sure, isn't he wearing the red and white for as long as we know him!!!

Festive Decorations

Inchigeela village looks good following the efforts of the Tidy Town members and individual houses and businesses. Extra decorations and lights, this year, have helped to distract us from the constant news of Covid. Ballingearry is in festive mood as well with no less than six big Christmas trees with lights erected by volunteers. Táid go léir ag feachaint go hálainn. Well done to both villages and to Toonsbridge and to the individual rural houses and schools, who have made an extra effort this year. And a thumbs up for the volunteers and scheme men who have made our parish a pleasant place in which to live at Christmas and all year long.

Croi na Laoi Newsletter

The end of year news letter is out and available locally in shops and from members of Croi na Laoi.

It contain a mix of snippets of the year's news, some memories from other years, lines written by local schoolchildren, some interesting History pieces, contributions from victorious team captain and club Secretary, poem honouring the mid Cork winners of '58 and more. The booklet is free and this year the development committee are grateful for the sponsorship of local businesses, trades etc

Big Lotto Win

Congratulations to Brendan and Deirdre Murphy on their huge win in the Lotto. The news cheers us all up for Christmas. Best wishes to them both and to their family and may it bring them lots of happiness.

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve (Fri) Ballingearry 7pm ; Inchigeela 9pm

Christmas Day (Sat) Ballingearry 10am ; Inchigeela 11.30am

St Stephens' day(Sun) Ballingearry 10am ; Inchigeela 11.30am

Inchigeela Calendar

The annual Inchigeela Calendar is out shortly and has many lovely pictures of the area, making it an ideal present for all, but perhaps would be especially welcomed by those parishioners living away from home.

Fun Walk Cancelled.

The fun walk or "the wren walk" planned for Inchigeela on St Stephen's Day has been cancelled in the interest of public health. This Croi na Laoi fundraiser has been a popular event now for a few

years as it was a welcome break from the Christmas excesses. Watch out for announcement of a walk at a later date instead. And please support.

Seanchas

Rugadh Pádraig Ó Murchú i nGort Luachra i mBéal áthan Ghaorthaidh sa bhliain 1878. Fear le stór mór scéalta, eolas agus Gaeilge abea é. Fuair Seán Ó Cróinín ó Bhaile Mhúirne roinnt mhaith uaidh na blianta fada ó shoin. Tá Cumann Staire Uibh Laoire díreach tar éis an bailiúchan a fhoilsiú. Pádraig ó Ceilleachair a chur an leabhar in eagar. Tá an leabhar le fáil go háitiúil faoi láthair. Patsy Kit Murphy was born in Gort Lauchra nearly 140 years ago. A man of great intellect, with a vast knowledge of his parish and a store of stories. The local Historical Society have now published the interviews he gave to Seán Ó Cróinín from Ballyvourney a collector of Béaloideas. The book, newly printed, is available now in Dineens Shop.

Feilire/Calendar

Tá feilire 2022 amuigh anois agus tá sé le fáil i siopa Uí Dhuinnín i bBéal áthan Ghaorthaidh. The 2022 calendar produced by Coiste Forbartha, Beal Átha is on sale in Ó Duinnín's shop in Ballingearry. It has pictures of a very high standard, from the locality and all taken by local photographers. Nollaig Shona dos na léitheoirí go léir agus do foireann Lee Valley Outlook. A very Happy Christmas to all readers and to the staff of Lee Valley Outlook and may 2022 bring you everything you wish for.



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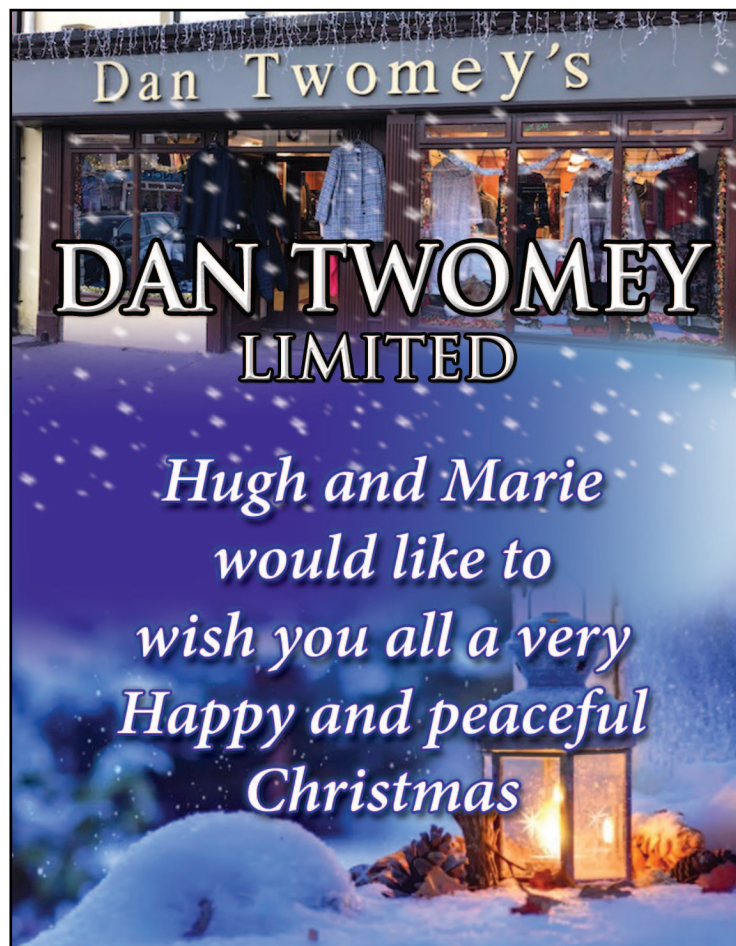
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A Word for You - Tree; crann, arbre, drzewo.

By Con Kelleher

Trees

I think that I shall never see

A poem lovely as a tree.

A tree whose hungry mouth is prest

Against the earth's sweet flowing breast;

A tree that looks at God all day,

And lifts her leafy arms to pray;

A tree that may in Summer wear

A nest of robins in her hair;

Upon whose bosom snow has lain;

Who intimately lives with rain.

Poems are made by fools like me,

But only God can make a tree.

Joyce Kilmer

Kilmer was an American poet who first published this poem in 1915. His respect of God and nature is abundantly clear. He expresses his views simply and passionately, and his reverence is apparent. The language he uses is every-day and his images are common-place. By comparison, his creation, a poem, pales against the perfection of a tree, made by God.

Last week Barra, the storm, caused much damage and widespread disruption. Many places closed, and included schools, most shops and supermarkets. Fortunately, very few lost their lives and everyone was sorry to see that Peggy Morrissey (91), mother of Marty, died in such sad circumstances. Trees falling were the mechanism of damage in many cases – even beautiful things have an uglier side. Locally, some trees were toppled, notably, one at the back of Macroom Golf Club's 4th green. It was probably there when the course first opened in 1924. What Ireland suffered was mild, vis-à-vis, the destruction of the hurricane/tornados in and around Kentucky.

The Christmas tree is now part of the essence of the season, and it appears in most Irish homes at this time of year. Trees represent life, and as Christians believe that Christ is the Light of the World, the Christmas tree is a perfect symbol. The historic birthday of Christ is not absolutely certain and it was calculated to be the 25th of December. In the Northern hemisphere, this falls neatly around the winter solstice, 21st of December.

Pre Christianity, the Christmas tree – forgive the anachronism – goes back 'to the symbolic use of evergreens in ancient Egypt and Rome (the festival of Saturnalia) and continued with the German tradition of candlelit trees (History.com). Some ancient peoples believed that the sun was ill in winter and the winter solstice signaled the beginning of its recovery and the triumph of life. The Druids, the ancient Celtic priests, decorated their temples with evergreen boughs as a symbol of everlasting life.

Germany, celebrating Yule, is credited as being the source of the Christmas tree tradition, as we know it. In the 16th century Germans decorated trees in their homes. It is believed that Martin Luther introduced the idea of adding lighted candles to the tree, to reflect twinkling stars. German immigrants brought the tradition to Pennsylvania, America, and had a community tree as early as 1747. However, in the U.S., as late as the 1840s Christmas trees were seen as pagan symbols and not accepted by most Americans.

In 1840, the German Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg

and Gotha married Queen Victoria. They had nine children and were happily married until Albert's early death in 1861. The Illustrated London News featured a sketch of the royal couple and their children around the Christmas tree in 1845. Because of Victoria's popularity, other nobles, gentry and the British upper and middle classes followed her example. Those on the eastern coast of America followed suit. Victoria was Queen of England and figurehead of the British Empire, perhaps the greatest empire the world ever had. Ireland was then part of the U.K. and the British fashion was quickly adopted here by the gentry, and the upper and middle classes.

Charles Dickens (1812-1870), the English novelist, had much to do with the revival of celebrating Christmas. He wrote of times and people during the Industrial Revolution, depicting its poverty and the degradation and exploitation of the masses, especially women and children; he contrasted their lot with the ease, comfort and indifference of the well-off - Plus ça change... His works include Oliver Twist, Great Expectations, David Copperfield, Bleak House, A Tale of Two Cities, The Pickwick Papers, The Old Curiosity Shop, Hard Times and many more. However, it was his A Christmas Carol that perhaps rescued Christmas. The author wanted 'to strike a sledge hammer blow' for the poor. As well as telling a fine story, he created brilliant characters, and for this book, he added the redemptive affect of Christmas, epitomized by the immortal figure of Scrooge. He wrote of the Christmas holiday as 'a good time: a kind, forgiving, charitable time'. 'It was the only time I know of in the long calendar of the year, when men and women seem, by one consent, to open their shut-up hearts freely'. Dickens' book was a sensational success and at one stroke created his reputation and popularized Christmas.

The long history of trees and forestry in Ireland is interesting. The following is largely sourced from the Teagasc website. About 20,000 years ago, most of Ireland was covered by ice and Ireland, Britain were connected directly to mainland Europe. About 12,000 ago temperatures increased, the ice gradually melted and the sea rose, eventually making Ireland and Britain islands. As these changes occurred, Ireland's current landscape was formed. It took many years for conditions suitable for plant growth to prevail. Among Ireland's first trees were juniper and willow, birch and hazel. Later elm, hazel and ash predominated in the east while oak and hazel woodland were found in the west. Scots pine and birch forests were found on higher ground. About 80% of the land surface was covered by trees. Settlers first came to Ireland about 9,000 years ago and forests provided for most of their needs with regards to food, clothing, housing etc. The presence of people had little effect on the country's natural vegetation. About 3,000 years later again, Neolithic farmers arrived, and they began to clear the land of trees and forests. At the same time, the climate became much wetter; the absence of trees led to a leaching of nutrients from the soil and the eventual formation of extensive peaty blanket bogs. Over the next 3,500 years, most of the trees were removed and the country became poorly wooded. The population grew and farming expanded with the result that by 1600, only 20% of the country was forested.

Population of Ireland since 1600 (1841's figure is the

first reliable figure. Before that, estimates only are available).

Year	Pop. (ml.)
1600	1.4
1718	2.9
1806	5.57
1841	8.2
1871	6.5
1901	4.46
1951	4.43
1961	4.25
1981	5.0
2001	5.6
2011	6.39
2016	6.66

Forest coverage diminished further over the next three hundred years; forests were seen as an engine to drive agricultural expansion. The rapid growth of towns and the population increased demand for timber to build houses and other uses. Other industries too needed timber or timber products: tanning, coopering and ship-building were some. By the end of the nineteenth century only about 1% of the country was under forest. Fortunately, Irish governments from 1922 reversed the trend and now, about 11% of the country is covered with trees, with firm plans to increase the percentage.

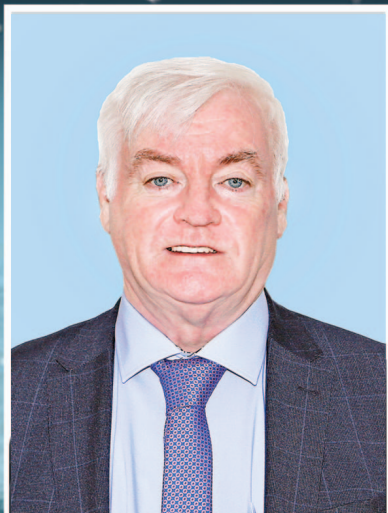
Climate change is the outstanding issue of the day; forests and trees can play a critical role. Despite the denials and actions of deniers like Trump in the U.S. and Bolsonaro, Brazil, more people, especially the young, and more governments are aware and prepared to act. According to Coillte, trees can store carbon dioxide (CO₂), the main gas damaging the ozone layer and driving climate change. In Ireland trees grow quickly and the harvesting of trees before they die 'locks-in' the carbon. Coillte is 'committed... (to) managing our existing forests on a fully sustainable basis'. Wood and wood-products are climate-smart. In Science News, ecologist Joe Fargione is quoted as saying "(T)hat everybody likes trees... Not only do they store carbon, they help to provide clean air, prevent soil erosion, shade and shelter homes to reduce energy costs and give people a sense of well-being". However, planting massive amounts of trees has scientific, political, social and economic issues to address. COP26 reflected the difficulties. Further, poorly designed projects could do more harm than good. Trees are seen as 'the first line of defence' but will not provide the entire solution. Researchers are trying to devise ways – it is called 'negative emissions technology' – to extract CO₂ from the atmosphere. Some cut-down Amazonian and Southeast Asian Forest are now net emitters of CO₂.

Crann – Trees for Ireland is very active in promoting trees. On its informative website, it discloses the following: native trees cover just 2% of the country; most native Irish woodlands are tiny; most of Ireland's plantations are conifers and planted since 1922; In Europe, trees cover about 35% of the land mass; and woodlands are home to thousands of species – our biodiversity.

Macroom, especially the Castle Demesne, and the surrounding areas, with places such as Warrenscourt Wood, are blessed with many beautiful trees, shrubs and plants, and they contribute enormously to the area's charm and the well-being of our citizens.

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prayers are with
the people that
are not doing
so well this
Christmas time



Cllr Ted Lucey

*I would like to
wish everyone a very
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Best Wishes for 2022*

*If I can be of help or
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Ted

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and added immeasurably to the quality of our lives. Kilmer, the poet, sees and expresses the beauty and perfection of trees. Further, trees can continue to provide work in environmentally industries and perhaps most of all to help save our planet. And yes, we can make a difference. When next walking around, you might ponder on

some of these thoughts?

Enjoy trees, your Christmas Tree and Happy Christmas.

Tree: a tree is defined as a 'perennial plant with a single woody self-supporting stem or trunk usually un-branched for some distance above the ground'. Other words such as tree-creeper, tree-hopper, tree-

fern, tree-sparrow, tree-line, tree-ring etc. exist. 'Tree' also forms part of phrases and expressions such as family tree, the tree of life (arbor vitae), the tree of liberty, the tree of knowledge and so on. The word has Gothic, Old Norse, Germanic and Old Saxon roots.

Kilmurry Active Retirement Association

"Do you remember the songs we used to sing as gaeilge years ago when we were at school".

This question could be expected to illicit some memories and a brief conversation about bygone days, and then we could expect the conversation would move back to some topical inconsequence of the day. But not so. Not when the question was posed among friends who are members of Kilmurry Active Retirement association. We know, because the Association has published a book entitled 'MUCH LOVED SONGS FROM THE PAST AS GAELIGE'.

The booklet consists of twenty much loved songs, the first of which is 'Cnocainin Aerach Chill Mhuire', and it was prepared by members of the association

and published with financial support from Cork County Council and Cork Education and Training Board.

Kilmurry Active Retirement Association are active indeed. Having ventured back after the lockdowns they have organised activities including garden walks and talks, computer training, staying fit exercises, Tai Chi, talks on energy conservation and age friendly homes, and all with appropriate social distancing. They are now busily preparing for the next season for its close on fifty members. They say they love activities that are healthy for either mind or body and are also fun. But when they can't do those, they just settle for having fun



New members are welcome. There are no age restrictions. Contact their secretary at 0894057676.

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Cúm a' Ghadhair, Réidh na bPobal, Na hUláin - nach álainn ceolmhar mistéireach iad ainmneacha na mBailte Fearainn (townlands) atá againn? Cad as a dtáinig siad? Cé a bhailigh iad? Cén stádas oifigiúil atá acu?

Is aonaid tíreolaíochta nua talún iad na Bailte Fearainn agus tá thart ar 5500 acu le fáil i gCo Chorcaí gan trácht ar an gcuid eile don dtír. Tá c.141 Baile Fearann i Múscraí. Níl aon achar faoi leith ins na Bailte Fearainn - cuid acu beag bídeach ar nós Na Cúlacha, agus cuid eile i bhfad níos fairsinge ar nós Gort Uí Rathaille. Níl dabhat ná gur nasc iad ainmneacha na mBailte Fearainn leis na daoine a mhair anseo romhainn. Laistigh des na Bailte Fearainn tá go leor logainmneacha le fáil, a thugann breis eolais dúinn ar shaol ár sinsear - ainmneacha na bpáirceanna, na carraigreacha, cnocáin, srutháin isrl atá i gceist le logainmneacha.

Tá aonaid talún eile tíreolaíochta agus polaitiúil ann leis - mar shampla, Barúntachtaí (Baronies) Paróistí Eaglasta agus Paróistí Síbhialta (Civil, and Ecclesiastical Parishes) agus Toghcheantair (electoral districts nu DEDs) - ach is iad na Bailte Fearainn an bun aonad ar a bhfuil na h-aonaid eile bunaithe. 'Sé sin, is liostaí éagsúla de chuid des na Bailte Fearainn agus iad curtha le chéile, atá le fáil ins na h-aonaid talún eile thuas luaite.

Tá breis eolais le fáil ar Logainmneacha, Bailte Fearainn agus léarscáileanna ar an na suíomhanna idirlíon: www.logainm.ie, www.townlands.ie agus <https://osi.ie> (Ordnance Survey Ireland)

Tá trí chinn de tháirgí iontacha, a bhaineann le Bailte Fearainn, Logainmneacha agus Dinnseanachas Mhúscraí, tagtha ar an margadh, le bliain nu dhó anuas.

D'fhoillsigh Pádraig Ó Céleachair agus Cumann Staire Bhéal Átha an Ghaorthaidh "Cuimhne na nDaoine - Logainmneacha agus Dinnseanachas Bhéal Átha an Ghaorthaidh" i 2020, agus tá leabhar gleoite eile follsithe ag an gCumann Staire agus Pádraig arís i mbliana. Tá an seanchas a bhailigh an bailitheoir béaloideasa Séan Ó Cróinín ó Bhaile Mhuirne, ó Phatsy Chit Ó Murchú ó Bhéal Átha an Ghaorthaidh i lár an chéid seo caite, le fáil anois sa leabhar "Seanchas Phatsy Chit. Eolas faoi na foillsiúcháin sin le fáil ar www.ballingearyhs.com

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Caption for pic ..Baill de Choiste Litríochta Mhúscraí (Rachel Ní Riada agus Máirín Uí Lionáird) i dteannta an dearthóir Séamus Ó Súilleabháin, agus iad ag bronnadh an léarscáil ar phríomhoide Scoil Chúil Aodha, Aindrias O Conceannainn, in éineacht le daltaí agus an muinteoir, Siobhán Ní Mhuimhneacháin.



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Christmas tales from a Gearagh fireside

During the long winter nights before the arrival of electricity, hemmed in by darkness and waiting forever for Christmas to come, as children we regularly gathered around the open fireside of my grandmother's cottage that hugged the edge of the Gearagh at Annahala.

Mischievously turning the bellows, the sparks would explode up the cavernous chimney into the blackness of the night, there to greet the shrill call of the curlew as it flew over-head, its lonesome, piercing cry resonating down the chimney shaft as if some patrolling banshee searching for our wayward souls. Eerie sights and sounds to innocent young minds, but they created the perfect back-drop for another one of her riveting tales; magical worlds full of excitement, terror, bravado and celebration that kept us glued to every word she uttered. When prompted with the childlike request "Gran, tell us where we came from", did she rise to the challenge.

Mythical origins of the Gearagh Forest Dwellers

"In a time now long forgotten, there once existed a desert island lost amidst the waves of an endless ocean called Atlantica, one on which direct rain never fell. It was, however, a magical island, as although it's coastal expanse was indeed a barren and dry desert of sand, its inner core of enormous volcanic peaks were shrouded in an ever-present mist that hid a wondrous secret. Within the veil of lofty, cool and moist clouds lay an enchanted, luxuriant forest. Mighty veteran trees crowned the forest canopy, towering upwards like gigantic pillars in some colossal Egyptian palace and upon which enormous stems of ivy, as thick as a human thigh, twisted and coiled around the trees bulging torsos as if in ornate raised motif. Due to the permanently enveloping mists, the interior of the forest was perpetually mild and damp, causing every tree and every rock to be completely smothered in a luxuriant, shimmering green blanket of mosses, liverworts, lichens and ferns, a condition which revealed the reason for the forest's magical existence.

Along with the leaves of the trees, these simple plants held the key to the survival of the entire forest that in turn allowed an infinite amount of life to survive within it. Intriguingly, the island had another way of getting fresh water, a situation that depended entirely on the forest and its plants for its acquisition! Due to the island's burning hot, semi-tropical location, infinite quantities of water constantly evaporated from the surrounding ocean to form a mass of low 'sea clouds'. Perpetually blown westwards by strong Trade Winds, these clouds of moisture, on hitting the sides of the island's high volcanic peaks were forced abruptly upwards, causing them to instantly cool and condense into dense mists and fogs. In a bizarre adaptation of nature, the leaves of the trees and attached plants had evolved to literally suck the water from this 'horizontal rain', just like a sponge. So great was the water absorbing power of the forest that a constant drizzle of water droplets fell from the canopy trees to keep the ground perpetually wet, so much so that the water eventually seeped deep into the earth to form immense, underground reservoirs. These in turn acted as the source from which a great number of streams continuously flowed, initially pouring down the sides of the mountains within deep, volcanic gorges, but then tunnelling their way beneath the desert sands of the coast

before finally seeping unseen into the ocean waves.

Each spring, an explosive range of colourful flowers erupted from the forest's moist, mossy floor, spilling in cascades of water-colour tones across the cool, shaded interior. Sustained by this lush forest growth, great herds of deer roamed from open glade to glade, while lordly Eagles soared over head as they winged their way down from towering mountain pinnacles that poked from the blanketing forest shroud like gigantic, defensive turrets. Out from within the canopy layers, an ever-ending symphony of bird song rang through the forest's boundless halls, that in turn drifted out across the ocean surf to sound like enchanted mermaids calling from the invisible watery depths. A magical race occupied this land, a spirit folk, part of and connected to the forest, watching over, guarding and protecting the very essence of life itself. These were the disciples of Annu, the spirit of Light and Life that allows all life to exist. She had the power to see with her ears and hear with her eyes, a gift she bestowed on all those that equally respected life and nature, which in turn brought great wisdom to the bearer. One day a flotilla of small boats appeared, drawn as the occupants were by the music of the birds that had drifted over the waves towards the edge of a great continent called Africana. The first humans had arrived. Tall and athletic in stature, with deep, dark-brown eyes and red hair, these were a proud, intelligent race that appreciated and respected the life-giving bounty of nature and so honoured all of life. Alas, they were a very sad people, fleeing as they were from an evil tyrant called Dorcha. His sword-wielding band of marauders had recently brought death, darkness and despair to their homeland when they invaded it in order to subjugate and enslave the people. On disembarking, these first visitors were completely dismayed to discover that the island appeared to be nothing more than just a barren, dry wasteland that offered no life, the apparent bird song just the wind playing tricks with their ears. Completely exhausted and dehydrated, and with nowhere else left to flee, they felt all hope had abandoned them, so they lay down on the hot burning sands of the shore, ready to die.

As the sun beat down on their prostrate bodies one young girl thought she heard the sound of gurgling water coming from beneath her. Feverish from the heat and thirst, she at first believed that she was imagining it but the sound persisted and so in an act of instinctive desperation she began to dig into the dusty, hot sand with feeble hands. Presently, to her utter amazement, fresh water began to bubble up into the little pith she had created, it issuing from one of the hidden streams that coursed their way towards the sea beneath the sands. Over-joyed at the discovery she began to drink and then quickly alerted all the others, who on having taken a few draughts of the cool, fresh water, were equally restored to life. Although mystified at first by the fresh water seeping from the apparent desert, they were further puzzled to realise that they could still here the wondrous music of the birds. It was not their imagination after-all, but issuing from the cloud-smothered mountain tops and so they began to make their way across the desert and ultimately up towards the source of the singing.

Eventually, on discovering the life-giving forest

within the enveloping mists, they were so astonished by its beauty and bountiful nature, they sank to their knees and thanked the forest for receiving them. Paying homage to the trees, they hugged them and tenderly touched the moist, moss-covered trunks, where upon the spirit of Annu bestowed upon them the gift of being able to see with their ears and hear with their eyes. Immediately, they understood the power of the forest and how in the absence of direct rain, life could still prosper by the trees and plant's ability to absorb water from the enshrouding mists.

Over-joyed with the prospect of a new life, they gradually began to establish themselves, using the many cascading streams that issued from the mountainous cloud-forest to create a complex, irrigation system of water channels. These they further fed into an elaborate series of terraced fields which they constructed on the lower, steep slopes of the sun-kissed foothills, where upon the dry, volcanic earth was restored to life and allowed them to grow a diverse and bountiful amount of food. Although they worked hard every day to keep them-selves fed and sheltered, they were also an honourable race and so they regularly returned to the centre of the forest, where rose a lofty, flat-topped volcanic cone, its sides sculptured into gigantic vertical cliffs. Here they established their temple to the forest spirit Annu, unfailingly displaying reverence and thanks towards her for the gift of life. As a consequence, all trees were treated with an enduring respect and they never damaged or cut down even a single one.

Some years later, a fleet of ships sporting black flags atop their masts appeared off the coast. On board were a small band of crusading prowlers, all servants of the evil tyrant Dorcha. Surprised on spotting the bountiful harvest of the terraced fields as they passed, they immediately set ashore and discovered the inhabitants. Thinking they would be easily subdued they first tried to impress them with promises of friendship and by proffering many gifts that included a fractured, golden cup, even though it was their intention to enslave them all and use them to maintain this now bountiful island. But the forest dwellers could see with their ears and hear with their eyes and on examining the gold cup realised that it was cracked and so flawed, just as much as their false promises of friendship must be. Standing their ground, they handed back the deceiving gifts and instead directed the bearers to quit the island and leave them in peace. Angered at the refusal and by their obvious shrewdness, the intruders showed their true intentions by immediately attacking and killing some of them, but being taller and stronger, as well as larger in numbers they managed to drive the invaders back to their ships. Watching them leave they feared the worst and so quickly retreated to their sanctuary on the flat-topped mountain within the forest.

Several days later the marauders returned with greater strength and weaponry, where upon, on eventually locating the inhabitants atop their inaccessible fortress sanctuary, they made an immediate attack. Well, prepared for this the defenders managed to keep their assailants at bay for several days, hurtling down spears and rocks on them. Sadly, this was to no avail as when they eventually ran out of missiles, the enemy managed to scale the cliffs and make their way towards



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them, whom they intended to brutally punish and enchain. Rather than be so enslaved and wishing to protect the secret of the forest's life-giving ability, they instead decided to return their life to Annu. Claspings each other close together in pairs, brother-to-sister, partner-to-partner and friend-to-friend they collectively threw themselves from the mighty cliffs, taking the answer to the island's life-sustaining riddle with them.

Dorcha's raiders were greatly enraged at the loss of a slave population to operate the terraced fields for them and reluctantly began to do it themselves. The hard work involved was not to their liking and they quickly tired of it, so they instead brought in foreign slaves to do it for them. They also thought that the forest was easier to exploit and began to cut down all its trees, using the timber to make more slave ships, build defensive fortresses and burn as fuel. Menacingly, as the forest trees became depleted, the simple but undetectable absorbing power of the leaves and the attached mosses and lichens they carried, also vanished. Ultimately, as the source of the life-giving water began to disappear, the mountain streams and water channels of the entire irrigation system ran dry, causing the terraced fields of crops to rapidly wither and die.

To make matters worse, the annual, blistering hot-and-dry summer winds swept in from the deserts of the adjacent continent of Africana and the inevitable happened. The enormous piles of shrivelled, dead vegetation in the terraced

fields and within the forest suddenly ignited. Very quickly, everything on the mountains was ablaze, while the showers of burning sparks that fell on the coast caused the pirates fleet of ships to also become consumed in the inferno, thereby trapping them on the island. Soon after, as the entire island became a hot, dry, barren wasteland, the intense heat and thirst consumed the ensnared invaders and they all died in misery, at a complete loss to understand what had happened or comprehend the crucial role that the forests played in maintaining water and so life, on the island.

As smoke and ash enveloped the island, a small flotilla of boats carrying a group of young red-haired warriors and maidens was already drifting northwards on the Ocean currents, guided as they were by Annu the Life Spirit of the Forest. Well, stocked with water and provisions the contained refugees drifted before the wind for many weeks until one day a green and lush forested island appeared from out the mists. Stepping ashore onto the golden sands of its western coast, these first settlers immediately fell to their knees and gave homage to the land for accepting them, a land they called Ivernía (Eireann - Ireland). Not wanting to linger and fearing that they may have been followed, the new arrivals quietly moved towards and became absorbed by the forest, there to seek a safe sanctuary from the possible future predations of Dorcha. Eventually Annu led them to the Gearagh Forest, then an enormous,

inaccessible labyrinth of intertwining streams and forested islands that stretched endlessly in all directions and at the very centre of which rose an invisible island crowned with ancient yew trees. Here they re-established their sanctuary to Annu, which place still bears her name. Anahalla or 'Annahallai' The Halls of Annu. These were the first of our people and over the following ages we have lived within the forest, feeding off its rich bounty but always respecting its life-giving properties. Here we remained in peace and harmony until one day Dorcha the Lord of Tyranny, again found us and the fall of our beloved Eden began. But that's for another night my young charges as now it is time for your beds".

This usually resulted in pleas for another, but she always appeased us with a simple bed-time riddle, who-so-ever could answer it in the morning could choose the story for the next night. Such innocent brain-teasers as "what has a belly no big, it needs three legs to stand but can't walk a ste., insured instant sleep as we became wholly distracted by the possible answer amid the images of a magical island.

Deleted form Saving Eden. The Gearagh and Irish Nature.

The fable is based on a true story of the original, native

inhabitants of La Gomera island in the Canaries.

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Macroon and Photography FF

Continued...

After a trawl of the Irish Newspaper Archives, the first Macroon photo I encountered was one of the great Macroon Gaelic football team which won four senior football county championships in 1910, '11, '13 and '14. The photo was taken in Macroon, was first published in the Cork Weekly Examiner and subsequently in the Butte Independent, Montana, U.S. in 1912. Among the few photos available in newspapers before that was one in an advertisement, another of a pig with two heads - used because of its freakishness, and another of the Earl and Countess of Donoughmore (1912). A picture of Lord Massey appears in the Irish Independent, 14 April 1915.

As time passed, photos of Macroon and locals gradually appeared more frequently in newspapers: many were un-ascribed and some were done by Lafayette, presumably a pen-name. Lafayette had a portrait picture of the late Canon Burdon (Buttevant P.P. but a native of Macroon) published in the Irish Independent 7 February 1924.

The first Macroon photographer of note was Paddy O'Keeffe, and he used the signature of 'O'Keeffe, Macroon or O'Keefe, Macroon' when publishing. O'Keeffe was born in 1880 and died in 1951 and is buried in St. Colman's Cemetery, Macroon. He lived in Lower New Street in the house later occupied by Mary and Paddy O'Brien and their family. Mary O'Brien's aunt, née Margaret Buckley, was married to Paddy. He was also the Macroon correspondent for the Cork Examiner and the Southern Star and wrote under the moniker of 'Macroon Correspondent'. Although he was also a Justice of the Peace, he had no other job and was

a full-time photographer and journalist. Another brother lived next door, and he had a milling and flour business and yet another brother, John Michael became a journalist, immersed himself in Irish and later used the name Shán Ó Cuív when he went to live and work in Dublin. The Irish spelling of his name contains a historical tale. This is related to John's/Shán's efforts to introduce 'leitríú símplí' (simple spelling or spelling as words sounded i.e. phonetically) to Irish spelling. His son Brian became a Professor of Celtic Studies and married Emer De Valera, daughter of Taoiseach/President Éamon and Sinéad. Professor Ó Cuív had published many articles and books, and was involved in the founding of Coláiste Na Mumhan in Ballingearry in 1903. Éamon Ó Cuív, the Fianna Fáil politician, is a son of Brian, grandson of Dev and Macroon Shán Ó Cuív, and a grand nephew of Paddy.

The first O'Keeffe photo I discovered was published in the Irish Independent 14 December 1922 and is of an armoured car, 'Slievenamon', recovered from the anti-Treaty side and featuring Free State soldiers. Another of his picture was published in May 1923 in the same paper and has an upturned lorry that had been in a road traffic accident near Macroon in which the driver was killed. O'Keeffe took mostly portraits and about 130 plates survive. His photos also include landscapes, events with groups or individual groups. Many of the locations are readily recognisable and hopefully some people featured may be identified. The plates are of undoubted historical interest.

One man when photographed by O'Keeffe in the late 1940s remembers him going under a cowl,

old style, to take his pictures. Photography was a professional photographer and many children had photos taken for their First Communions and Confirmations. His wife, Margaret, was an aunt of Johnny Ring, builder, Macroon and Carrigadrohid and Mrs Mary O'Brien, music teacher, Lower New Street, Macroon.

Dennis Dinneen was a wonderful photographer. There is uncertainty how he first became interested in photography and there is no evidence, to my knowledge, of a connection with Paddy O'Keeffe. Dennis was friendly with Tommy Tobin, Main Street, who was the local correspondent for the Cork Examiner, The Kerryman and Southern Star and he was also a photographer. Claire Dinneen, widow of Dennis, remembers them co-operating in developing films. Despite being largely self-taught and having modest equipment, he won a British national competition. From the 1950s to the 1980s he produced brilliant work that is recorded in newspapers, in people's homes and in Seán Mac Suibhne's Muskerry Through the Lens of Dennis Dinneen. In December 2020 another book of his photographs Small Town Portraits was released and it showcases the art and genius of Dennis. More follow-on books of his work may follow.

Other photographers who made contributions to Macroon's stock of public photographs are John O'Sullivan, Jim Cooney, Seán Mac Suibhne and Barry O'Brien. All were teachers and this afforded them some time flexibility but for all, photography was a hobby and part-time. As time passed, technology improved and better cameras became more readily available. Seán's and Máire's daughter, Neans McSweeney, was a very successful local



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reporter and published many articles, augmented by photos. Micheál, her brother, is a very accomplished all round photographer and works as a professional cameraman in RTÉ. Catherine Ketch worked for many years as a journalist/photographer and edited the Lee Valley News in the 1990s; the newspaper was a precursor to the Lee Valley Outlook. In more recent years, Peter Scanlan and Jimmy O'Driscoll have also produced some lovely images and work professionally. Con Kelleher (not the writer of this piece), originally from New Street, gave us magnificent photos, especially, of nature and material recovered from bogs. His work bridges photography and art, and he has held several exhibitions of his work. Tadhg Ó Mathúna, Francis Horgan, Gerard Quinn, Leo Goold and John Mathers are other, very good local photographers, and Nora Lucey, Ballyvourney, and Connie Cronin, Inchigeela, took some stunning photos. Sarah Kate Murphy has lovely portrait and landscape photographs, and they are different.

John O'Sullivan and his brother Michael first got a camera in the early fifties and began taking pictures. John, under the nom-de-plume Colman Cusack reported on matches and other local events. After a while he brought his camera and began shooting. This also meant that he had to develop his own films and had dark-rooms first in Railway View, and later in Sleaveen.

One of John O'Sullivan's most memorable photos was that of the founding committee of Macroom Athletic Soccer club, formed in 1964. Of seventeen in the photo, seven have passed to their eternal reward. The photo is an important part of the town's sporting historical record. Another memorable photo features Denis O'Shea/Donncha Ó Shé, first manager of Macroom Livestock Sales Yard (Macroom Mart's precursor) in 1962, which compliments a Kerryman article on its opening. Two of O'Sullivan's photos featured in the same newspaper in 1963 and depicted winners of the 440 yards race at Kilmurry Sports (confined to GAA players) and Macrooms's 1963 minor football team. Sports events, communions, confirmations, processions etc. were the staple diet of local photographers. Many photographic developments took place in his time and John was one of the first to digitize. Among other accomplishments, John has an honours

Mathematics degree from the London School of Economics. He had a huge love of photography and many Sundays were spent taking snaps. His daughter Fidelma once described his occupation, tongue-in-cheek, as 'photographer and part-time teacher'. He continued taking photos until the early 2000s.

Jim Cooney wrote Macroom People & Places A Brief Historical Sketch and he uses many older photos and some taken by himself. He continues to contribute old photos to Facebook's Macroom Notice Board and particularly interesting were those of the (Dr) Kelleher and Grainger (solicitor) families, both from South Square. The two families were Unionists and the Graingers were Protestant. The photos provide evidence of the old Irish pre-Independence Anglo-Irish lifestyle and its fading glory in the 'new' Ireland after 1921. He credits E.O.R. (Eugene O'Riordan) for several other photos. Eugene was involved in the Macroom Historical Society and under that influence, and a growing interest in photography, Jim took many photographs of the town in the early 1980s. When the museum closed, the photographs were sent for storage to Kilnamartyra; that property now belongs to Kilnamartyra Parish. Hopefully their contents will become available sometime.

When eight years, Jim had a photo taken in school and was hugely excited when he brought it home. He strongly subscribes to the view that pictures are 'worth a thousand words'. Always interested in photographs, he enjoyed looking even at people and places he did not know. He bought an instamatic in 1968 for £5, a good portion of his weekly wage, and at that time a roll of film of twenty-four exposures cost about £6. In 1978 he progressed to a 35 mm camera which allowed him to create colour slides. His next step was to develop his own photos and he found that was very enjoyable. Photography was a hobby but he did some weddings and other important occasions. His 1980s town photographs are probably of most interest and importance. He re-photographed the town two years ago and the contrast would be fascinating.

Seán Mac Suibhne is the late twentieth and early twenty first century doyen of Macroom photographers. He began photographing in the early 1980s, and his motivation was to have

photos of his family to complement those of his father and grandfather. He has been taking photos since. He was always an admirer of Dennis Dinneen's work. Seán and Máire's recent book Muskerry Through the Lens of Seán Mac Suibhne 1983 – 1989 (2020) beautifully captures the people and events of that period. He previously compiled and published many of Dennis Dinneen's photos. His photographic contribution to the Lee Valley Outlook magazine over sixteen years is outstanding. Together with his wife Máire, recently deceased, they produced a popular and high-quality local magazine – Máire was editor and Seán managed the photographs. As well as an advertisement vehicle, LVO gave/gives a forum for other photographers and writers, particularly of local history. Seán has had photos published in local and regional newspapers and in some national ones. As well as Neans's involvement in her media company, Seán's son, Micheál, is an outstanding photographer, videographer and a cameraman in RTÉ.

Barry O'Brien has authored the Macroom A Chronicle series, 1 to 21. As well as recoding local matters over a wide range of topics, he complements many articles with fine photos, many taken by him.

Peter Scanlan, Carrigadrohid, is currently photography editor of the Lee Valley Outlook. He attended classes given by Seán and he works professionally under the guise of Peter Scanlan Photography. He specializes in weddings, retirement occasions and other functions. In recent LVO editions he has featured some pictures he has taken over the last thirty years and their subjects are mainly church, sporting and farming events as well as weddings, communions etc.

Catherine Ketch captured many fine images when she worked as a journalist. Another journalist/photographer, she supplemented much of her good work with good photographs. More recently Jimmy O'Driscoll has proved himself an excellent photographer and the images of Sarah Kate Murphy have a distinctive and artistic quality. A debt of gratitude is due to all those who take pictures; they are invaluable records of times past and form an important part of our heritage.



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TOY SAFETY DIRECTIVE MUST BE REVIEWED TO ENHANCE SAFETY FOR CHILDREN

- Non-compliant toys from outside EU must be dealt with properly -

Ireland South MEP, Billy Kelleher has said that the future revision of the Toy Safety Directive is essential to ensure the safety of children and that it should include further efforts to apply EU safety standards to products bought online from websites outside the EU.

Kelleher was commenting as the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection approved a new report this week.

"We must see effective enforcement of rules at a national level to make sure toys sold in the EU do not put children at risk.

"Enhanced cooperation between online marketplaces and market surveillance authorities is also needed to ensure the speedy removal of

products deemed to be a risk to children.

"As the world gets smaller due to globalisation and digitalisation, we also need to address the problem of consumers buying products on websites that appear to be based in the EU, and supposedly selling products that comply with EU standards, but are in fact outside of the EU.

"This is a major concern for me and for many parents across Ireland. They want to buy products that are safe for their children but it is clear to me that the EU and national authorities have very limited mechanisms for dealing with them as they come in from outside the EU.

"Of course, buying on the high street is the safest way and easiest way of ensuring toys comply with

EU rules but in many cases, it can be cheaper to buy online, or there may be greater choice available to consumers online.

"Our sole priority must be the protection of children and of their welfare. The review and revision of the Toy Safety Directive is an ideal way of catching up with the digitalisation of toy sales in recent times," concluded Kelleher.



A Christmas Home Coming

When I left Macroom for London to work I had no problem getting work because I had secondary school education at St Mary's Secondary School here in Macroom. Thanks to a wonderful Minister of Education Donagh O' Malley who introduced free secondary school educations to everyone, because of Minister O' Malley's decision students

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When I was in London I often met with the older Irish Immigrants some who came to London with little education and no skill and as a result had to take what work they could get. When the years had passed and they were unable to work anymore they found the going very hard. They

were always missing Ireland and talking about home. A very sad poem that I heard when I was in London was called 'Moriarty's Christmas Home Coming'. When you read this poem spare a thought and say a prayer as we are coming up to Christmas 2021 for the Irish that never came home.

Moriarty's Christmas Homecoming

*In a little pub in London Moriarty drank his beer
Recited wondrous stories of his exploits far and near
Sing an Irish song said Kelly,
Best of order one an all
Then Moriarty sang for them 'The Hills of Donegal'
There was cheering at the finish and a call encore
encore
Moriarty said listen lads
I can't sing any more*

*So he stood there sad and silent
And gazed into his beer
Than his eyes a glistened
Started a tear
Are you going home for Christmas?
The kindly barmaid said
Moriarty fixed his gaze on her
And slowly shook his head
Sure I haven't been to Ireland
Now for twenty years or more
My mother would hardly know me
If I walked up to the door*

*I was born said Moriarty
On an Island of the West
The last place God created
But the first place that he blessed
We were poor but we were happy
In our simple little way
My god I wish I was a boy again
To live my youthful days*

*My Father God be good to him
Was drowned one woeful night
And my Mother left all lonesome
And myself to work and fight
So with Donal Ruadh McCarthy*

*And young Michael Óg
I came across to England to earn an honest pay*

*I told my dear old Mother
I'd soon be home again
But the curse of drink came over me
And enslaved me in its chain
So I haven't been to Ireland now
For twenty years or more
But I know she's still there waiting for my footsteps
at the door*

*Then someone started singing
Amid the winter snow
It was like an old bell ringing
Faraway and long ago
Moriarty stood and listened
Then pushed his glass away
And he made a solemn promise
He'd go home for Christmas Day*

*So he scraped up every penny
He could get into his hands
And coming up to Christmas he sailed for Ireland
His heart was filled with gladness and he felt content
at last
As the train rolled through the midlands
That brought him to the West*

*In the village of Kinsheelagh
That night upon the shore
Far across the deep blue waters
He saw his island once more
The stars were shining brightly
Sure they glistened like a dome
On that little white washed cottage
Was Moriarty's home*

*Tis a great night for the sailing said the boat man
Thomas Bawn
Moriarty didn't know him; he'd been away so long
So they climbed into the currach
And the boatman heard him say
Thank God thank God in heaven
I'll be home for Christmas Day*

*In a little room in London
Moriarty's poor abode
On a table in a hallway
A message lay unread
The message said Dear Danny
Your poor Mother has passed away
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CLONDROHID G.A.A. NEWS:

G.A.A. : 2021 again proved to be another most demanding year with Covid-19 pandemic lockdown continuing until early May when GAA activities could resume.

Clondrohid club teams had a very active summer/autumn with a lot of matches being played resulting in two most welcome championship titles being won.

In the delayed 2020 under 21 football, Clondrohid defeated Ballingeary in a semifinal to qualify for final versus Iveleary where a devastating last quarter display achieved the championship title for Clondrohid in a dramatic game.

Clondrohid under 15 team played 4 championship matches to reach the final versus Owen Gaels. After an exciting game Clondrohid ran out convincing winners to achieve the club's first West Cork championship title.

Clondrohid Junior A football team defeated Donoughmore in championship first round after a dominant second half display.

In a thrilling quarter final versus Ballincollig the

teams finished level at full time which required extra time to be played. Clondrohid eventually lost out by 0-2 at the end of a dramatic game.

Clondrohid under 18 team won the Plate League final versus Dromtariffe after a convincing display.

New sets of jerseys for underage teams were sponsored by Mid Cork Pallets and Christy Ring Tractors.

Club player Brian Corcoran won a county intermediate hurling medal with Eire Og.

Brian Kearns, who was honoured in Pairc Ui Chaoimh as a county senior winner 1995 with Bantry Blues. Fergal Kelleher played with the Cork Masters inter county team.

Former club underage players, local girls Grace Murphy & Lydia McDonagh won Munster medals with Cork minor ladies football team. These 2 girls with Emma and Lauren were also part of the victorious Naomh Aban Minor County team defeating Valley Rovers, under their coach Noel McDonagh.

A Pieta House 50/50 fundraiser was held over June weekend with €3,000 raised. This was shared equally between Pieta House and Clondrohid Community Hall.

An area adjacent to Clondrohid National School was upgraded with kerbing, drainage and tarmac laying which will serve as a school drop off/ pick up area. Clondrohid GAA greatly appreciates the local Development Group's marvellous gesture of allocating funding to this project. This funding was granted to Dev Group under the Village and Urban Renewal Scheme.

The death of club president Dan Kelleher during the year was an occasion of sadness for club members. Dan a lifelong club supporter was heavily involved in promoting the club lotto draw since its inception.

Jerry Manning another great club supporter also recently passed to his eternal reward.

Sympathy is extended to all the families.

MACROOM SOCCER

The year 2021 began as the previous one had ended, with Covid 19 wreaking havoc on all sections of Irish and indeed international society. Football across the country was paused yet again and much fear and uncertainty among the general population persisted as we all endured the third wave of the pandemic. As well as the on-field games and training being stopped, all general Macroom FC club activities were on hold. No club committee meetings, lotto draw etc were permitted. It appeared at that stage that a return to normal grassroots football was a while away. However, there were also generally positive signs as Annie Lynch, a 79 year old Dubliner was the first person in the Republic of Ireland to receive a Covid 19 vaccine. As the vaccine rollout gathered pace, January, February and March continued with lockdown measures in operation and it would be the month of April when football and sport in Ireland emerged from the longest winter. April 26th was the date when training was

allowed to resume across the country. There were strict controls in place including a maximum of 15 people in each training pod, covid 19 checklists, compliance officers and risk assessments of all training venues. Macroom FC players and coaches were delighted to get back on the field as a small semblance of normality slowly returned.

Training continued throughout May and the following month another milestone was reached as games between different clubs were allowed to resume on June 7th. Schoolboy, schoolgirl, youth and adult football was back and was great for all involved. Macroom FC weekly lotto also resumed on Jun 14th in another boost to the club. The delayed 2020 European Football Championship also kicked off in Rome and this was also a welcome addition to what was fast becoming a busy summer soccer season. U14 player Cian O'Sullivan was deservedly selected to play with the Cork Schoolboys League Kennedy Cup team. Also, U17 player Ryan Leahy joined Cobh Ramblers for the Airtricity U17 League of

Ireland season. Another popular U14 player, Maks Hadjuk, bid farewell to Macroom as he and his family returned to Poland. In lotto news the first jackpot winner since the resumption was Hannah McSweeney who scooped €4,400.

In July, Macroom FC hosted the first of 2 FAI Summer Soccer Camps at Murrayfield and as usual was a great success with 115 girls and boys taking part in the week-long event. To accommodate the expected new season beginning in Aug, all summer football ceased on July 18th. Our adult MSL teams continued however, as their 2021/22 season had already begun and would continue as normal until mid 2022. Italy won Euro 2020 after a penalty shoot-out win over England in the Wembley showpiece.

The club lost a great stalwart when Bob Renninger sadly passed away. Bob gave great service to Macroom FC as a club treasurer and committee member during the 1970s, 80s and 90s and was held in the highest regard by all Macroom FC members. Club members turned out



in great numbers and were humbled to have the opportunity to hold a guard of honour for Bob's final journey.

Owing to huge demand, August saw a second FAI camp for the first time ever--another indication of the growing popularity of soccer in the Macroom area. Local lads Peter Murphy and Cormac Buckley made a major coaching contribution to the camps. A former schoolgirl player for Macroom FC and current coach with our U12 and U13 teams, Ava Ronan, joined Cork City Women's U19s, after a successful stint playing with Wilton Utd.

September saw the 2021/22 schoolboys/girls season kick into gear. All 24 Macroom FC teams were now seeing plenty of action. Maisie Murphy from the U13 girls had the honour of captaining the CWSSL inter league U13 side v Limerick Desmond League in the Gaynor Cup.

Throughout October and November, the weather was kind with very few games being lost due to unplayable pitches. Our club grounds at Murrayfield and the Town Park have been kept in great condition and many thanks to those who look after our pitches. The girls club headed for Tallaght Stadium in Dublin to see Republic of Ireland v Slovakia in a 1-1 World Cup Women's qualifier. In domestic football, Sherbourne won the Women's League of Ireland title while Wexford Youths captured the Women's FAI Cup. The Men's League winners were Shamrock Rovers while the FAI Cup went the way of St. Patrick's Athletic. In December, Maisie Murphy and the Cork U13 Gaynor team lost out in the Bowl Final, following a great campaign. After the early summer start, the MSL paused early in the month and will

restart in the New Year. The weekly club lotto is heading for €6,000. Thanks to all for the ongoing support. We would also like to complement our many volunteers who give their free time to run our 24 teams along with the many more behind the scenes who keep the club ticking over. The Macroom FC story is one to be very proud of. As we head towards 2022, the club have big plans to secure the game of soccer for the longer term in Macroom and the surrounding area. Many thanks to all our club sponsors who continually back the club, please support them. Finally, Happy Christmas to all, stay safe and enjoy a sporting New Year.

Macroom GAA Year in Review 2021

Macroom GAA had a very successful 2021 throughout all our age groups ranging from juvenile to intermediate to ladies with greatly improved performance on the playing field which gives great hope for the future of Macroom GAA. The highlights of the club involved contesting 3 County Finals at U13, U14 and U15 level and successfully winning 2 of these finals which was a great boost to our players and the town. Our Minor team also had a great year and won the Shield competition and also secured a place in another final. Macroom GAA also saw the introduction of a new U5 Academy which proved to be a great success in attracting new and energetic players to the club from a young age. Our premier intermediate team successfully retained their status with being unlucky in their championship group with minimal margins between the teams. Macroom GAA also had 2 very competitive junior teams, Junior B and Junior C, who performed well in their respective league and championship matches throughout the year.

The annual Tom Creedon Cup was also held again this year which again was a great success. The club continues to hold this competition as a fitting tribute to Tom who passed away in 1983. Tom graced the field at every level for Macroom and Cork until his untimely passing and it is an honour to host this competition for teams and clubs across the county to participate and enjoy. Macroom Ladies also had an extremely successful



Macroom GAA U14 Team

year with the U16 team winning the Mid-Cork Final and the Junior Ladies winning their first ever County Final after extra time in a thrilling performance. Macroom Ladies Minor team are also contesting a County Final in the month of December and the Junior Ladies contesting a League Final.

Macroom GAA also ran a Club Day which proved very popular in the start of September with crowds gathering in the Castle Grounds to enjoy a day of fun involving obstacle courses, bouncing castles and ice-cream vans. A huge well done to all involved in the successful running of this day which we hope to make an annual event for the town and people of Macroom.

A final note to add is in relation to our club Lotto which now stands at a huge €17,000 and is waiting to be won! A €2 Lotto ticket would be a great Christmas present for someone this year given the large jackpot. Tickets can be purchased in the following local outlets: Betsys in Castle Street, Mary Lynch in Castle Street, Vaughans Café, Twomeys Hardware, Evelyn McSweeney's, Twomeys Butcher, Murrays Bar.

Macroom GAA would like to wish all its members and players and people of Macroom a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and a heartfelt thanks for all the support throughout the year. Here's to another successful year for Macroom GAA in 2022.



Macroom GAA Minors



Macroom GAA U14 team



GAA Highlights of the Year

The playing season opened with the completion of competitions left unfinished in 2020 due to Covid. Éire Óg won county titles in hurling and in football, Iveleary and Dripsey won county football crowns.

Iveleary went on to take the 2021 County Intermediate A football championship and Dripsey qualified for the 2021 County B football final.

2020 Senior A football championship final

Éire Óg 2-13 Mallow 1-7

The rise and rise of football continues in Éire Óg as the Ovens based club added the 2020 Cork County Senior A football championship title to the Premier Intermediate title won in 2019. The club has been producing young players of quality for years and now look to be very well placed to make a mark in the premier senior football ranks in the years ahead. Their performance in this county final was outstanding from start to finish and Mallow were simply not able to cope with the athleticism, speed and football ability of the Éire Óg side who had to line out with Ciarán Sheehan and John Mullins, both injured, and lost inter county man Colm O'Callaghan to injury in the first half, but never faltered in their quest to play Premier Senior football later this summer. Éire Óg simply dominated this game in a way few would have expected. Jack Murphy had an early point, with Éire Óg's opening goal arriving on two and a half minutes, Cooper the scorer. Mallow responded with a goal 30 seconds later but would not add to their tally for another 12 minutes, as Éire Óg reeled off four unanswered points and kicked some wides. Éire Óg had led 1-7 to 1-1 but three late points for Mallow left only three points in it at the break, 1-7 to 1-4, a very flattering scoreline for the North Cork men. From the beginning of the second half, Éire Óg simply ran Mallow ragged and delighted their supporters with the quality of their play – a tribute to Manager Harry O'Reilly and his coaching team. The Ovens men were in blistering form, added 1-5 without reply in the next 22 minutes and their movement was a joy to watch. Young Dylan Foley had the goal after a shot from Joe Cooper, the scorer of the opening goal after only two minutes, hit the upright and Foley held his head as he collected the rebound and buried the ball in the net to wrap up the title in the 53rd minute.

Points either side of this second goal from Cooper (0-2), Diarmuid Dineen, and Daniel Goulding (two frees) pushed the 2019 premier intermediate champions into an 11-point advantage. Scorers for Éire Óg: Joe Cooper, D Foley (1-2 each); D Goulding (0-4, 0-4 frees); B Hurley (0-2); J Murphy, E O'Shea, D Dineen (0-1 each). Scorers for Mallow: M O'Rourke (1-0); J Loughrey (0-2); S Merritt (free), E Stanton, C O'Riordan (free), K Sheehan, S Hayes (0-1 each). Éire Óg: Chris Kelly; D O'Herlihy, Michael Corkery, C McGoldrick; D McCarthy, John Cooper, D Dineen; Jack Murphy, Ronan O'Toole; Eoin O'Shea, Colm O'Callaghan, Joe Cooper; Dylan Foley, Daniel Goulding, Brian Hurley. Subs: Kevin Hallissey for O'Callaghan (29 mins, inj); Jerome Kelleher for Hurley (52); Liam Sheehan for Cooper (60); John Kelleher for Dineen (62).

2020 Cork County Intermediate Hurling Final

Éire Óg 2-16 Aghabullogue 1-17

Éire Óg are 2020 Co-op Superstores County Intermediate Hurling champions after a thrilling victory over neighbours Aghabullogue at Páirc Uí Chaoimh. This win completed a memorable double for Éire Óg as they had been crowned 2020 County Senior A Football Champions a few weeks previously.

The outcome of this marvellous contest was in doubt until the final whistle blew. The teams were level 1-13 to 0-16 after 50 minutes. Kevin Hallissey then pointed a '65' to inch Éire Óg in front before Aghabullogue's Ian Barry-Murphy rattled the net with a superb individual goal. Back came Éire Óg instantly as Dylan Desmond's puck-out found its way to Brian Corcoran who blasted to the net in a frantic finale. Colm O'Callaghan hit over a point, Kevin Hallissey landed his seventh point of the evening to give his side a three-point cushion but Aghabullogue kept on battling to the end and Shane Tarrant pointed another huge free which reduced the gap to two points as the game entered injury time. The men from Ovens held on to complete an extraordinary double and gain promotion to Premier Intermediate hurling for the 2021 campaign.

Aghabullogue's Ian Barry-Murphy got the opening score as his side played with a strong wind for the opening period. Joe Cooper equalised with an excellent score from out on the sideline. Shane Tarrant edged Aghabullogue in front from a free before Daniel Goulding levelled for the Ovens outfit. Aghabullogue seized the initiative with three points in a row from Daniel Dineen, Ian Barry-Murphy and Mathew Bradley. John Cooper landed a massive effort from play, matched by one from Daniel Dineen for Aghabullogue. Cork All Ireland footballer Ciarán Sheehan, reduced the margin to two, 0-6 to 0-4 after 10 minutes. Aghabullogue powered forward with points from Shane Tarrant (free), Dineen and the impressive Bradley to lead by 0-9 to 0-6 at the water break after a frenetic opening quarter.

On resuming, Daniel Goulding was hauled down for a penalty but Kevin Hallissey's well-struck effort was brilliantly stopped by the outstanding Aghabullogue goalkeeper Finbarr Foley and the Aghabullogue men tacked on points through Paudie Twomey and Mathew Bradley to ensure they led by 0-12 to 0-7 at the break.

In the third quarter, Éire Óg took control and points from Cork senior footballer Colm Callaghan and Hallissey (free) reduced the gap to three points, an inspirational score from Sheehan was followed by a Hallissey free which reduced the gap to a single point, 0-13 to 0-12 after 44 minutes. The Ovens side then went ahead with a brilliantly finished goal from Daniel Goulding after great work from Hallissey and then came the dramatic final ten minutes which left the spectators breathless and drained.

Scorers: Éire Óg: K Hallissey 0-7 (0-5 f, 65), D Goulding 1-1, C Sheehan 0-3, B Corcoran 1-0, C O'Callaghan, J Cooper 0-2 each, J Cooper 0-1. Aghabullogue: I Barry-Murphy 1-3, D Dineen (f), S Tarrant 0-4 each, M Bradley 0-3, L Casey, P Twomey, S Feury 0-1 each.

Éire Óg: Dylan Desmond; Conor McGoldrick, Dermot O'Herlihy, John Mullins; Fionn O'Rourke,

John Cooper, Diarmuid Dineen; Ronan O'Toole, Daire McCarthy, Colm O'Callaghan, Kevin Hallissey, Joe Cooper; Daniel Goulding, Ciarán Sheehan, Lar Considine. Subs: Brian Corcoran 27, Brian Hurley 32.

Aghabullogue: Finbarr Foley; Denis Quinlan, Aidan Barry-Murphy, Jerome Corkery; Paul Ring, Niall Barry-Murphy, Seán O'Connell; Michael Dennehy, Seán Feury; Daniel Dineen, Darren Rooney, Shane Tarrant; Mathew Bradley, Paudie Twomey, Ian Barry Murphy.

Subs: Luke Casey 37, Seán O'Sullivan 45, John Buckley 51.

2020 County Junior Football Championship final

Iveleary 3-11 Boherbue 1-6

The memories of bitter disappointments of recent years were finally banished as Iveleary took the Bon Secours County Junior Football Championship title in majestic style at Mallow. The Muskerry champions were by far the better team, and in Chris Óg Jones had an exceptional finisher, the full-forward leaving an indelible mark on this decider contributing no less than 3-8 of his side's tally.

Iveleary dominated this game from start to finish, continuing with the outstanding form they had displayed a week earlier in the semi final against Kilmacabea. They led by 0-4 to 0-1 at the water break and by six points at half time on a 1-7 to 0-4 scoreline. Chris Óg Jones' contribution had been added to by two points from Cathal Vaughan frees.

The Muskerry champions held a grip, the defence inspirational, midfield on top and the attack simply buzzing!

Iveleary began the second half in encouraging fashion, Chris Óg posted a smashing point, a free added to Boherbue's tally only for Iveleary to steadily raise their performance levels and Chris Óg Jones collected a long ball in from Sean O'Leary, advanced and drove a ground shot past the Boherbue 'keeper. With 43 minutes gone, the score at 2-9 to 0-5, Iveleary simply oozing confidence, the outcome was clearly decided already.

Boherbue attempted to stay with the daunting task but they found the Iveleary defence resolute to the end and in the 54th minute Chris Óg Jones struck again, taking a high ball in from Kevin Manning to again shake the Boherbue net. Boherbue had a very late consolation goal which made the scoreboard look slightly better for them but this was Iveleary's day, memorable for ever for them and particularly for Chris Óg Jones. Scorers for Iveleary: C Óg Jones 3-8 (0-2 f), C Vaughan 0-2 f, C Galvin 0-1.

Iveleary: Joe Creedon; Daniel O'Riordan, Finbarr McSweeney Jnr, Barry Murphy; Kevin Manning, Seán O'Leary, Ciarán Galvin; Declan Kelly, Ciarán O'Riordan; Brian Cronin, Cathal Vaughan, Barry O'Leary; Conor O'Leary, Chris Óg Jones, Ian Jones. Subs: Seán Lehane 44, Shane Galvin 54, Seán O'Riordan 54, Liam Kearney 54, Donal Cotter 58. Management: John McNulty, John F O'Callaghan, Dan Kelleher, Don Murphy. What a proud day for them and a reward for their years of dedication to the Iveleary cause.

2020 County Junior B Football final

Dripsey 3-14 Kilbrin 1-9



DRIPSEY produced a magnificent display to win the 2020 Bon Secours Junior B Football County championship final (for clubs graded B teams as their top team) at Páirc Uí Rinn. olme

Kilbrin were strongly fancied after the respective semi final displays but on the day that mattered Dripsey were superb, many of their old warriors turning back the clock and producing performances that made a mockery of their outsiders rating.

Dripsey scored first, Gary Murphy getting them off to a great start with a super point but Kilbrin countered immediately with a goal and Dripsey lost full back John O'Riordan to injury, forcing the re-arranging of defence and the introduction of young Tom Griffin who proceeded to have an outstanding hour at wing back.

Kilbrin followed up with point but Dripsey refused to panic and points in the sixth minute from Eoghan Maher and Dave O'Sullivan reduced the deficit to the minimum.

Dripsey captain Eoghan Maher levelled the game two minutes later and shortly after the water-break Gary Murphy pounced on a defensive error and taped the ball into the empty net. Eight minutes from the interval Mark O'Sullivan, superb at midfield, gave a perfect pass to Eoghan Maher who advanced and shot to the Kilbrin net. Kilbrin had a point from a free but Gary Murphy pointed twice to give Dripsey an eight-point lead and in added time Tom Griffin kicked a massive point that helped them to a nine-point interval lead 2-9 to 1-3 with Kilbrin in a state of shock at the turn of events.

On the restart both teams failed to score in the opening 10 minutes and then after an off the ball incident the Kilbrin keeper receiving a straight red card and from the resultant penalty Eoghan Maher sent over the bar, both sides adding only 0-2 to the half time scores in the third quarter. In the closing minutes Dripsey 'man of the match' Gary Murphy producing a magnificent solo run before setting up James Cotter with the pleasant task of steering the ball to the net.

A wonderful team display from Dripsey with outstanding performances from John Carey, Mark O'Sullivan, Gary Murphy, Eoghan Maher and Tom Griffin.

Scorers for Dripsey: G Murphy 1-4, E Maher 1-3 (0-1f), J Cotter 1-1, M O'Sullivan 0-3, D O'Sullivan, M O'Riordan, Tom Griffin 0-1 each.

Dripsey: John Hogan; Dean O'Sullivan, John O'Riordan, John Carey; John Buckley, Eoin O'Connell, Aidan Murray; Mark O'Sullivan, Mark O'Connell; David O'Sullivan, Gary Murphy, Michael O'Riordan; Eoghan Maher, Diarmuid O'Riordan, Killian Kelleher.

Subs: Tom Griffin 2, Jack Casey 36, James Cotter 55, Aaron O'Riordan 55, Adam Casey 58.

2021 County Intermediate A Football Final

Iveleary 0-20 Mitchelstown 0-7

Iveleary footballers will remember 2021. They

started the year as a junior team and 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 the another title and gain further promotion, all in the space of less than six months. Iveleary defeated Midleton on June 19th last in the 2020 JFC, then Kilmacabea 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, Seánie Lehan 56, Shane Galvin 59, Mick Lucey

2021 Co-Op Superstores County Hurling 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: Courcey 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: Lisgould 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

Oriel House Hotel Mid Cork Champions:

Éire Óg (Inniscarra)

County J B HC QF: Freemount 1-14 Éire Óg 1-10

County Final: Belgooly 3-16 Randal Óg 1-15

Farho Heating Mid Cork Under 21 Hurling:

A Championship Final: Éire Óg 1-16 Blarney 2-9

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: Ilen Rovers relegated

Senior A Football

Final: Mallow 2-12 St Michaels 0-15

Relegation: Bantry Blues - relegated

Premier Intermediate FC

Final: Newmarket 0-12 Kanturk 0-11

Relegation: St Nicholas- relegated

Intermediate 'A' FC

Final: Iveleary 0-20 Mitchelstown 0-7

Relegation: Kinsale relegated

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 Final: Dripsey v Randal Óg

Rochestown Park Hotel Mid Cork Junior C Football Championship

Final: Éire Óg 0-10 Aghinagh 0-6

Macroon Motor Services U21 A Football Championship Final:

Éire Óg 2-12 Ballincollig 2-8

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Review OF Year 2021 in Mid Cork

Mid Cork GAA 2021

In all the board completed the three championships unfinished in 2020 and ran 15 competitions and 240 games in both Hurling & Football for the 2021 season.

2020 U21BFC semi finals; Kilmurry 1-12 Canovee 1-11; Naomh Aban 2-13 Ballinora 1-13 Final: Naomh Abán 2-15 Kilmurry 2-9

2020 U21 C FC semi final: Clondrohid 2-15 Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh 4-7

Final: Clondrohid 1-18 Iveleary 1-10

2020 JBHC final: Blarney 1-12 Inniscarra 0-12

2021 Mid Cork Championship

Highlight of the year was undoubtedly the victory of Aghinagh in the Junior Football championship, their first ever A title. The strong fancies at the start of the year would have been Kilmurry, Canovee, Inniscarra and Ballincollig and all four made it beyond Round Two. In the quarter finals, Clondrohid were desperately unlucky to go under to Ballincollig at Rusheen and Aghinagh won an epic encounter with Kilmurry at Macroom, a penalty shoot out needed to produce a winner after extra time failed to separate the teams. Canovee and Éire Óg also advanced.

In the semi finals, Aghinagh displayed composure to overcome the strong Éire Óg challenge at Coachford, while in another dramatic encounter at Cloughduv, Ballincollig surprised Canovee with another penalty shoot-out deciding who would advance to the final.

Ross Oil Junior A Football Championship

Final: Aghinagh 1-12 Ballincollig 0-9

History was made under lights at the Castle Grounds Macroom when Aghinagh won their first ever Ross Oil Mid Cork Junior Football title after a smashing game of football to which Ballincollig making a significant contribution. Aghinagh were appearing in their fifth ever final and all that agony of the past was forgotten as the new champions got off to a fine start, led by four points at the half way mark, survived a severe onslaught in the third quarter and put in a great last ten minutes to romp home in style with their huge and vocal support driving them on to victory.

Whenever this victory will be recalled then the name of Liam Twohig will be foremost in the minds of anyone present. The centre forward scored no less than 1-11 of his sides tally, 1-4 from play, and his goal was a gem. It came after six minutes, Twohig and Gearóid O'Sullivan combining in the right corner to release Twohig for a clear shot at goal but at a tight angle, and the ball hit the far corner of the Ballincollig net before anyone could move. It gave Aghinagh a four point lead, and kept their noses in front at many stages subsequently when Ballincollig threatened to get on top. Another star performer for Aghinagh was wing back Declan Ambrose who has been a constant leading light for the past decade and other experienced players like Dave Barry, Donal Corkery, Michael O'Brien, Gearóid O'Sullivan, Seán Kelleher all stepped up to

the mark on this occasion.

There was a very large crowd present for this final with a novel pairing. Liam Twohig put Aghinagh into the lead with a point from play in the 2nd minute and fired in the only goal of the match four minutes later to settle any nerves Aghinagh might have had. Stephen Wills immediately opened the Ballincollig account and after a scoreless period Twohig punished a foul on Richard O'Sullivan with a point from a free to which Wills replied, also from a free to leave Aghinagh leading by 1-2 to 0-2 at the water break on 17.

The two teams continued to defend well and probe for openings going forward and Liam Twohig pointed a free from over 40metres after he was fouled. Liam O'Connell, a dangerous midfielder for Ballincollig, came forward to kick a fine point, Twohig pointed another free from long range, Stephen Wills pointed another Ballincollig free after O'Connell was fouled as he again came forward. A foul on Richard O'Sullivan yielded another point from an Aghinagh free and they led by 1-5 to 0-4 at the half way mark, all their scores coming from Twohig.

The third quarter saw Ballincollig begin to gradually gain control. In the opening minute Liam O'Connell set up Seán O'Donoghue for a close range blast but Jason McCarthy was equal to his effort and two minutes later Dylan Ebili's fierce shot from close range went screaming just over the Aghinagh bar. Twohig relieved the pressure for Aghinagh but Ballincollig answered with a superb point from Jordan O'Connor in the 36th minute to again leave only a goal between the teams. Stephen Wills cut the gap to two points from a free in the 41st minute and Ballincollig had Aghinagh under pressure but the winner's defence was very solid under pressure. Micheál Horgan became the only other Aghinagh scorer apart from Twohig in the 46th minute but Wills pointed a Ballincollig free just before the water break in reply, to leave Aghinagh only two points in front, 1-7 to 0-8 and by no means in a secure position.

Aghinagh finished this game in the style befitting champions. Liam Twohig was fouled in the 51st minute and pointed the resultant free and the teams went at it hammer and thongs to the delight of the spectators. Aghinagh showed great composure in this period and worked very hard to keep possession and Twohig pointed a free in the 57th minute to open up a four point gap at last. It was a vital score, Aghinagh continued to defend magnificently and finished out the game with Twohig scoring from play, then from a free and when Stephen Wills scored a Ballincollig point from a close range free, Twohig kicked over his 11th point to a rapturous reception from the excited Aghinagh supporters who gave full vent to their joyous feelings when the final whistle sounded.

Scorers: Aghinagh L Twohig 1-11 (0-7f), M Horgan 0-1. Ballincollig: S Wills 0-6 (0-5f), L O'Connell, D Ebili and J O'Connor 0-1 each.

Aghinagh: Jason McCarthy: Donagh O'Riordan, Dave Barry, John Lynch: Donal Corkery, Luke O'Leary, Declan Ambrose: Gearóid O'Sullivan,

Michael O'Brien: Mathew McCarthy, Liam Twohig, Richard O'Sullivan: Seán Kelleher, Micheál Horgan, T J Buckley. Subs: Aodh Twomey 38, Tadgh Sheehan (blood 55-59).

Ballincollig: Shane Hogan: Pádraig Harrington, Shane Buckley, Chris Twomey: Jason O'Connor, Fenton Denny, Mattie O'Sullivan: Seán Dore, Liam O'Connell: Seán O'Donoghue, Jason O'Connor, Henry Ahearne: Stephen Wills, Dylan Ebili, Callum Sheehan. Subs: Robbie Bourke 35, Olan Dorgan 48, Eoin O'Reilly 53, Adam Wills 58.

Referee: Dave Murnane, Macroom

Ross Oil Man of the Match Award: Liam Twohig (Aghinagh)

Ross Oil Junior A Football Championship

1st Round: Grenagh 0-6 Aghinagh 1-13, Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh 0-10 Ballincollig 0-12, Kilmurry 2-18 Kilmichael 0-9, Éire Óg 3-15 Cill na Martra 1-8, Inniscarra 2-11 Canovee 4-10, Clondrohid 1-15 Donoughmore 0-11

Round Two: Kilmichael 2-10 Donoughmore 0-11, Inniscarra 1-10 Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh 1-7, Grenagh 1-9 Cill na Martra 0-11

Quarter Finals: Ballincollig 1-19 Clondrohid 1-17 aet, Canovee 3-15 Kilmichael 0-7, Aghinagh 0-15 Kilmurry 2-9, Aghinagh win 4-2 on penalties, Éire Óg 1-10 Grenagh 0-6

Semi Finals: Aghinagh 0-12 Éire Óg 0-7: Ballincollig 0-17 Canovee 2-11 BC win 4-1 on penalties

Final: Aghinagh 1-12 Ballincollig 0-9

Ballincollig Credit Union Junior B Football Championship

1st Round (Knock out)

Ballincollig 0-12 Kilmurry 2-4, Dripsey 0-11 Naomh Aban 1-4, Canovee 1-10 Blarney 2-5, Iveleary 1-14 Macroom 1-6, Gleann na Laoi V Inniscarra, Ballinora 1-9 Aghabullogue 1-12

Quarter Finals: Ballincollig beat Aghabullogue, Dripsey beat Inniscarra.

Semi Finals: Canovee 2-8 Ballincollig 1-9, Dripsey 2-14 Iveleary 1-9

Final: Dripsey 3-13 Canovee 2-5

Rochestown Park Hotel Junior C Football Championship

1st Round (Knock out)

Éire Óg (Grenagh), Ballincollig (Clondrohid), Aghinagh (Dripsey), Naomh Aban (Macroom), Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh (Kilmichael), Cill na Martra bye Quarter Finals: N Aban (Cill na Martra), Éire Óg (Béal Átha)

Semi Finals: Aghinagh beat N Abán, Éire Óg beat Ballincollig

Final: Éire Óg 0-10 Aghinagh 0-6



Macroom Motor Services U21 A

Football Championship Final:

Éire Óg 2 – 12 Ballincollig 2 – 8

Éire Óg completed the Mid Cork U21 A double when their footballers won the Macroom Motor Services championship final in front of a big attendance at Ballinora after a fine game of football with the outcome in doubt until late in the game. Éire Óg had outstanding performers in Jack Murphy, Joe Cooper and Dylan Foley but a young Ballincollig side made their neighbour battle all the way for victory.

Ballincollig had the opening score, a point from Stephen Wills, Joe Cooper quickly equalised and Jack Murphy put Éire Óg in front from a free. Steve Wills equalised for Ballincollig and points from Harry Ahearne and Adam Wills had The Village in front but Éire Óg drew level by the water break at 0-4 each with points from Dylan Foley and Graham Moynihan. The second quarter was equally

tight. Steve Wills had a point to put Ballincollig in front, Éire Óg responded with a goal from Keelan McCarthy. Back came Ballincollig with a Harry Ahearne goal and Adam Wills added a point to open up a two point gap but again, Éire Óg drew level by half time with a point apiece from Hugh Murphy and Dylan Foley. It was 1-6 apiece at half time and anybody's game.

Éire Óg had a great start to the second half with four unanswered points in a row, Joe Cooper, Jack Murphy, Dylan Foley and Cooper again the scorers. Evan Cooke had a point for Ballincollig and then a long range Steve Wills free finished in the Éire Óg net to level matters at 1-10 to 2-7 at the last water break. In the 51st minute a Graham Moynihan goal for Éire Óg broke the stalemate, Mark Oldham had a Ballincollig point in reply. Éire Óg finished strongly with a Jack Murphy point, followed by a penalty which was saved by 'Collig keeper Chris Walsh, before Éire Óg captain Dylan Foley made

victory assured with a late point from a free.

Scorers: Éire Óg: G Moynihan 1-1, K McCarthy 1-0, D Foley 0-4 (0-2f), J Cooper 0-3, J Murphy 0-3 (0-1f), H Murphy 0-1. Ballincollig: S Wills 1-3 (frees), H Ahearne 1-1, A Wills 0-2 (0-1f), E Cooke and M Oldham 0-1 each.

Éire Óg: Ben McCarthy: Kevin Cooper, Matt Brady, Jerome Kelleher: Hugh Murphy, Conor McGoldrick, David Twomey: Jack Murphy, Rian O'Flynn: Jack Sheehan, Joe Cooper, David Kirwin: Graham Moynihan, Dylan Foley, Keelan McCarthy. Subs: Brian Thompson 45, Sam O'Driscoll 50, Seamus London 55, Conor Walls 59.

Ballincollig: Chris Walsh: Chris Twomey, Seán O'Donoghue, Jason O'Connor: Fenton Denny, Liam O'Connell, Harry Ahearne: Evan Cooke, Seán Dore: Paul Cooney, Steve Wills, Mark Oldham: Adam Wills, Dara Dorgan, Dara O'Mahony. Subs: Cian O'Driscoll, Conor O'Leary, Olan Dorgan, Dylan Ebili. Referee: Mr Pat O'Leary, Kilmurry

Macroom Motors U21 A Football Championship

Ballincollig and Éire Óg each defeated Inniscarra and so met in the final.

Final: Éire Óg 2-12 Ballincollig 2-8

Macroom Motors U21 B Football Championship

Round 1

Naomh Aban defeated Grenagh, Aghabullogue defeated Kilmurry, Ballinora defeated Canovee, Aghinagh defeated Blarney

Round Two: Canovee defeated Grenagh, Blarney and Kilmurry both withdrew

Quarter Finals: Canovee defeated Aghinagh

Semi Finals: Aghabullogue (Canovee): Ballinora (Naomh Abán)

Final: Ballinora 1-10 Aghabullogue 0-10

Macroom Motors U21 C Football Championship

Round 1: Clondrohid (Ballincollig), Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh, Cill na Martra, Donoughmore (Kilmichael), Macroom advanced. Round Two winners: Macroom (Ballincollig B)

Quarter Finals: Clondrohid (Kilmichael), Beal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh (Macroom)

Semi Finals: Donoughmore defeated Clondrohid: Béal Átha beat Cill na Martra

Final: Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh 3-14 Donoughmore 1-13

MJK Oils Junior A Hurling Championship

In the Junior A Hurling championship, Éire Óg defeated Ballincollig in the opening round and Donoughmore had a fine win over Blarney. Ballinora, Inniscarra and Cloughduv also advanced and were later joined by Ballincollig and Kilmichael. The four quarter finals were all good competitive games and produced the four best teams to compete in the semi finals. Here reigning champions Inniscarra were much too good for Cloughduv, while Ballinora turned in a super performance to dispatch the Donoughmore challenge.

The final was a fine contest with Ballinora regaining

the title with a promising young team.

MJK Mid Cork Final:

Ballinora 0 – 17 Inniscarra 1 – 10

Ballinora deservedly won their 7th MJK Oils Mid Cork Junior Hurling championship title, and their first since 2016, when they reversed last year's final result and inflicted a four point defeat on the defending champions who made them battle hard for their victory. A goal from Colin O'Leary just after the first water break had given Inniscarra a five point advantage but significantly Ballinora had reduced this lead to a single point by half time when Inniscarra led by 1-4 to 0-6. Ballinora were in a good position at this stage, having broken the early dominance of their opponents with strong defending by Shane Kingston and Patrick Cronin, only a point in arrears and with the wind to assist them in the second half.

Three points in succession on the resumption gave Ballinora the lead for the first time but in fairness to Inniscarra they dug deep, made Ballinora earn every score they got and with sharpshooter Ardal O'Connell in immaculate form from frees Inniscarra stayed in close touch until after the final water break. In a purple two minute spell starting in the 50th minute Ballinora finally managed to leave more daylight between themselves and the former champions when Liam Lyons pointed his second '65, Alan O'Shea pointed after the persistence of Conor Quirke and Js Keohane had won him the chance, and sub Tommy Burns sent over gloriously from the right wing to make it now 0-15 to 1-7.

Scorers: Ballinora: L Lyons 0-6 (0-4f, 0-2 '65'), A O'Shea 0-5, J Keohane and C Quirke 0-2 each, D Holmes and T Burns 0-1 each. Inniscarra: C O'Leary 1-12, A O'Connell 0-9 (frees)

Ballinora: Barry Crowley: Kevin O'Regan, Patrick Cronin, James Lordan: Mike Lordan, Shane Kingston, Colin O'Flynn: Brian Murphy, Neil Lordan: Conor Quirke, Darragh Holmes, Liam Lyons: James Keohane, Alan O'Shea, Kevin Murphy. Sub: Tommy Burns for B Murphy 40.

Inniscarra: Dave Óg Coleman: Brian Gould, Kevin Burke, James Buckley: John O'Callaghan, David O'Connell, Donal O'Callaghan: Liam Buckley, Sean Quinlivan: Marl Linehan, Mark Nagle, Colin O'Leary:

Ardal O'Connell, Dan O'Connell, John Casey. Subs: Jerry Roche for M Linehan 37, Aidan O'Mahony for S Quinlivan 44.

Referee: Liam Barry, Ballincollig

MJK Oils Man of the Match: Darragh Holmes, Ballinora

MJK Oils Junior A Hurling Championship

1st Round: Kilmichael 0-13 Ballinora 1-21 Iveleary 0-7 Inniscarra 0-14

Eire Og 1-23 Ballincollig 1-20 Cloughduv 0-17 Aghabullogue 0-12

Donoughmore 1-17 Blarney 1-16

Round Two: Ballincollig (Blarney), Kilmichael (Aghabullogue)

Quarter Finals: Ballinora 2-12 Éire Óg 1-10, Donoughmore 2-14 Ballincollig 1-13, Inniscarra 0-11 Kilmichael 0-9, Cloughduv 1-11 Iveleary 0-8

Semi Finals: Ballinora 0-23 Donoughmore 1-9: Inniscarra 1-14 Cloughduv 3-3

Final: Ballinora 0-17 Inniscarra 1-10

Oriel House Hotel Junior B Hurling Championship

Preliminary Round (winners advance)

Ballincollig beat Ballinora

1st Round (knock out)

Inniscarra beat Ballincollig, Gleann na Laoi beat Donoughmore, Éire Óg beat Laochra Óg,

Blarney beat Grenagh

Semi Finals: Éire Óg beat Gleann na Laoi, Inniscarra beat Blarney.

Final: Éire Óg 0-17 Inniscarra 0-14

U21 Hurling commenced after the other adult grade games were completed

Farho Heating U21 A Hurling Championship.

Éire Óg defeated Ballincollig aet: Semi Finals: Éire Óg beat Aghabullogue, Blarney beat Inniscarra

Final: Éire Óg 1-16 Blarney 2-9

Farho Heating U21 B Championship

Ballinora defeated Cloughduv, Grenagh beat Donoughmore

Final: Ballinora 3-18 Grenagh 1-6



Éire Óg - Farho Heating Mid Cork U21A Hurling champions



Éire Óg - Rochestown Park Hotel Mid Cork Junior C Football champions



Ballinora - Rebel Og P2 County Football champions



Éire Óg - Macroom Motors Mid Cork U21 A Football champions 2021, defeating Ballincollig in the final at Ballinora



Aghinagh who completed the 2021 Mid Cork double by winning the Quish SuperValu Ballincollig Mid Cork Junior A Football league, defeating Canovee in the final



John Feeney Cathaoirleach Ronn Mhuscraí presents the Junior A Football League trophy to Mathew McCarthy, captain of the Aghinagh team



Pat Barrett, Macroom Motor Services (sponsors), presents the Mid Cork U21A football championship trophy to Dylan Foley, Captain of the winning Éire Óg team.



Cúnamh is the local Day-Care centre. The local St. Vincent De Paul chapter arranges daytrips which are enjoyed greatly. Carriganime Rural Area Transport (CART) provides the bus, and drivers - in this case, Dan Kiely, volunteer their services.



Macroom Lions Club collecting for Christmas at Dunnes, Macroom on 5 Dec., 2021. Included are Martin Lucey, Declan Sheehan, Siobhan O'Dowd and her daughters, Shauna and Saoirse. (C. Kelleher).

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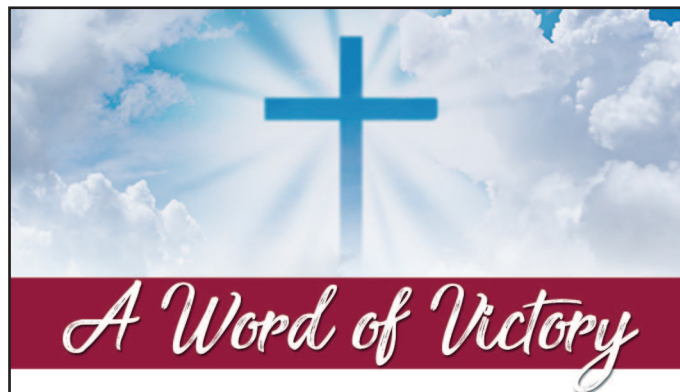
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Uibh Laoire/Iveleary - Cork County Junior A Football Champions 2020 and Cork County Intermediate A Football Champions 2021



The fiftieth anniversary of Seán Ó Riada's death in October was marked by several events



Welcome back dear friend and Happy Christmas. I pray that you would know the Shalom of God that Jesus the Prince of Peace, came to bring to all those who believe in Him (Isaiah 9:6-7). Shalom means complete peace and soundness in every area. God revealed Himself as Yahweh Shalom – The-Lord-Is-Peace, to Gideon who was living in great fear (Judges Chapters 6-8). God turned Gideon from a trembling man into a great warrior and leader through a face to face encounter. God proclaimed His Word over Gideon referring to him as a mighty man of valour, even though that was not the reality. God demonstrated the power in His Word to change circumstances simply by speaking His Truth, which always overrides what the facts may be.

In the natural Gideon felt weak and overwhelmed, but God knew his potential, so He 'called those things that are not as though they already were' (Romans 4:17). God called Gideon into his destiny as an anointed deliverer. It is no different for you and me because "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8). Gideon was terrified because He had a face to face encounter with the Lord, but the Lord reassured Him that it was for peace that He had visited Gideon, not for disaster. Jesus said "you did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit" (John 15:16). God always looks for fruit in our lives. Much of what people are dealing with in the problems they face is fruit from bad decisions they have made in the past, or wounds from the past that they never recovered from. But that's why Jesus came (Isaiah 61:1-3).

We celebrate the birth of Jesus this week, but we cannot celebrate just His birth. The baby grew up! (Read Luke chapter 2) Jesus knew He was anointed to carry out God's plan of Salvation and defeat the works of darkness and curse (1st John 3:8). So you could say that Jesus was born to die, but the Good News is - He didn't remain dead. God raised Him from the dead after Jesus had paid the ransom for our sin with His sinless blood. He took back the authority and dominion that Satan had deceived Adam and Eve into giving him. After he had tricked them into disobeying God, the devil had a free run upon this earth to bring destruction - appointing himself as 'god of this world' (2nd Corinthians 4:4; John 10:10). But God sent His Only Begotten Son to come and save mankind out of His great love for us, because we were hopeless and needed a Saviour (John 3:16).

This Salvation through God's Son Jesus is so easy to receive. And everything in life will change when you receive His love and forgiveness. God longs for you to get to know Him, and to walk with Him through life to fulfil your destiny (Jeremiah 29:11-14). You are not alone. God promises never to leave you or forsake you. He desires to have a face to face relationship with you (Numbers 6:24; Psalm 34:4-9). I pray this Christmas that you feel God's face shining upon you and His peace filling you, in Jesus name, amen.

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AGHINAGH GAA:

Aghinagh G.A.A. Lotto Results 6th December, 2021
The jackpot was €4,300.00. The numbers drawn were 3, 4 and 21. There was no jackpot winner. Consolation prizes: €50.00 to Martina O'Shea, Coolacareen (Online Winner). €20 each to Cathy Callaghan, Ballinagree; James & Mary Ambrose, Caherbaroule; Rose O'Connor, Lyroe; John O'Connell, Knockrour.

Christmas Draw Results:

Luxury Hamper: Kieran Deasy, Rusheen.

Michael Twomey Butcher Voucher: Ted Driscoll, Bawnmore.

Bottle of Jameson: Tom & Niamh Cuddihy, Drombeg.

Aghinagh G.A.A. Lotto Results 13th December, 2021

The jackpot was €4,450.00. The numbers drawn were 2, 13 and 29. There was no jackpot winner. Consolation prizes: €50.00 to Norma & Seanie, C/O Láine. €20 each to Mairéad Corkery, Drombeg (Online Winner); Paddy & Eileen McSweeney, Kilbarry; 90 & Siobhan, C/O Ploughman; Sheila Fitzsimmon, Carrigagulla.

Christmas Draw Results:

Luxury Hamper: Michelle Duggan, Ballymakeera.

Michael Twomey Butcher Voucher: Mary Cotter, Leades.

Bottle of Jameson: Derry Desmond, Rylane.

COACHFORD AFC:

Lotto Results 13/12/2021. Jackpot: €1,200. Numbers Drawn: 3 - 15 - 33. No Winner. €40 Senan Noonan. €20 Declan Kiely (Yearly Ticket). Geraldine Hunt (Online Ticket). John Long (Yearly Ticket). David O'Mahony.

Lotto Results 6/12/2021. Jackpot: €1,000. Numbers Drawn: 9 - 12 - 18. No Winner. €40 Tim Hallisey (Yearly Ticket). €20 Linda O'Sullivan (Online Ticket). Willie Barrett. Louise, Snotty & Ger Carey. Eileen Buckley.

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LOTTO RESULTS:

Monday December 6th 2021 Lotto results:

Winning numbers: 4, 11 & 18 Jackpot - €6,800

Winner: Denny Lyons (Donoughmore)

Seller of winning ticket (€100) Jamsie Kelleher

Lucky Dip winners who received €20 each: Mary O'Sullivan (The Ploughman Bar, Ballinagree); Damien O'Callaghan (c/o O'Riordan's Bar, Coachford); Willie Dennehy (Rylane - yearly); Michael M Kelleher (Online). Seller's prize: Joan Crowley
Next week's Jackpot will be €1,000.

CANOVEE

Lotto numbers drawn on 19th December 3,5,7,26 no winner of 8,850 Euro. Hamper Joesph Scanlan Carrigadrohid. 30 Euro Noel & Nuala Crowley, Carrigadrohid. 30 Euro Margaret Ahern Aherla. 30 Euro Deirdre Browne. 30 Euro Paul Twomey

Next lotto draws will take place on Monday 27th December for a jackpot of 9,000 Euro
Lotto numbers drawn on December 12th 4,5,15,22 no winner of 8,700 Euro. Hamper Denis Hickey Aherla. 30 Euro Robert Cullihane carrigadrohid. 30 Euro Darragh Mc Carthy Farnanes. 30 Euro online Daniel o Sullivan, 30 Euro Aidan Drummond.

AGM

Canovee Adult AGM was held on December 14th in canovee school hall before a good attendance, Mark Healys secretary report covered all aspects of club activity while Patrick Lyons financial showed the club accounts in a healthy position There was plenty of interaction from the floor on a range of topics, there was no change in officers. President John Dunlea. Vice President John Barry Murphy, John o' Sullivan, Matt Leahane, Seanie Twomey. Chairman Paddy Murphy. Secretary Mark Healy. Treasurer Patrick Lyons. Registrar Niall Lucey. PRO Paddy Murphy. Mid Cork Board Rep Jerry Moynihan. County board rep Ger o Sullivan

Lotto chairman Ger Deasy. Golf classic chairman Dave Healy

CLONDROHID LOTTO G.A.A.:

GAA LOTTO: Results for Nov 24

€70 Martin Mc Sweeney Carriganima,

€20 Jerry Masters Kilmichael, Ciara Keohane Inniscarra, Nelius Murphy cylindroids, Tara O'Riordan Rahalisk.

Results for Dec 1.

€70 Tony Kelleher Bridgemount

€20 Denny Dineen Curra Glen, Pat and Martina O'Connor Mullinroe, Mark Spillane Moulnahorna, Eileen O'Sullivan c/o MCP

Results for Dec 8 Jackpot €5,400

€70 Gary, Rebecca, Saoirse, Callum O'Brien

€20 Maura O'Brien Currareigh, Christy Ring Carriganima, Maria Spillane Moulnahorna, Joan O'Brien c/o Evelyn

Macroom GAA Lotto Results:

14 December 2021: No Winner - €70. Linda Bradley, Ard na Croishe, Clondrohid. €20. Rebeca O'Brien, Coolnadane, Macroom. €20. Denis Mc Sweeney, Railway View, Macroom. €20. Ted Kelleher, Gorteenroe, Macroom. €20. Jennifer Buckley, 8 An Gleann, Macroom. €20. Catherine Kelleher, Gurteenroe, Macroom. Next Week's Jackpot €16,800.

08 December 2021: No Winner - €70. Paddy Murphy, Dromree, Macroom. €20. Julien Kingston, Coolyhane, Macroom. €20. Helena Healy, Ard na Graine, Kilnagurteen. €20. Paddy Horgan, Kilmichael, Macroom. €20. Elnor Healy, Bun na Sraide, Macroom. €20. Flor O'Driscoll, Killberriher, Macroom. Next Week's Jackpot €16,600.

KILMURRY G.A.A.:

The Lotto wasn't won this week.

Next week it goes to €2,200 it will take place in the 20.12.21. 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/>

Congratulations to all winners



The Christmas Tree, Macroom Square, December 2021. (C. Kelleher).



Coachford AFC Lotto winners; Lorraine O'Halloran Cotter collecting her cheque from Chairman, Liam Casey



Tadhg Bradley collecting his lotto cheque from Chairman, Liam Casey of Coachford AFC



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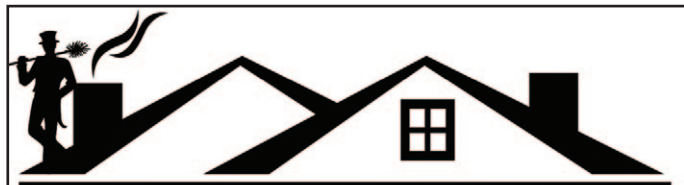
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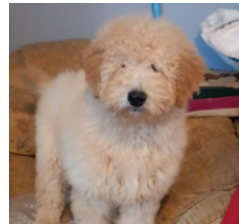
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FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

**CATHERINE
(INA) MURPHY**

**Pound Cross, Crookstown, Co. Cork
December 24 2020**

As we lovingly remember Ina on her first anniversary, we her family wish to thank all those who offered their kindness and support over the past year. To all who sympathised with us, called to the house, sent mass cards and letters, floral tributes and sent contributions to Marymount Hospice in Ina's memory, to the many warm online condolences which meant so much during a pandemic. As Ina was buried on St. Stephen's Day, we are particularly grateful to the following people who gave of their time so generously. Cannon O'Donovan for officiating at her funeral mass. Soloist Martina Moynihan and organist Norma Galvin and sacristan Tessie Buckley. John O' Sullivan for his excellent work live-streaming Ina's funeral mass so many people could be with us in spirit. To Fitzgerald's Undertakers for their professionalism throughout particularly calling on Christmas Day to check on us.

We wish to thank all the medical professionals who looked after Ina in the time leading up to her passing and her excellent home helps. We also wish to express our sincere thanks to all the wonderful staff at Marymount Hospice who took such excellent care of Ina and who could not have done more to make her time there more comfortable.

Since it is impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our appreciation. The holy sacrifice of mass has been offered for your intentions.



Ina's first anniversary Mass will be celebrated in St. Joseph's Church Cloughduv on Sunday December 26th at 11.30am.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

JOE KELLEHER
**Dangansillagh, Ballymakeera,
Midleton**

who died on 26th December 2020

The Family of the late Joe Kelleher whose First Anniversary occurs at this time, would like to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with us on our sad loss. We would like to thank all our relatives, neighbours and friends who sent us messages of sympathy and Mass Cards. We would like to thank the late Fr. Donal o'Brien, the Ballyvourney Choir, the Sacristans - Paddy and Nora o'Riordan for celebrating Joe's Requiem Mass.

We would like to thank Pat o'Connell and staff at Sullane Haven for their care to Joe over the last few years.

We would like to thank Dr John o'Riordan and Macroom Primary Care Centre for their care of Joe. We would like to thank Dr Jackson and Staff at the Mercy Hospital Cork who took such good care of Joe in his final days. Thank you to the Grave Diggers for their help.

A special word of thanks to Martin O'Farrell and Sons Funeral Directors Midleton whose unwavering assistance was greatly appreciated as they helped and guided us through Joe's last journey from Midleton to Ballyvourney- their assistance and friendship to Joe through out the years will always be appreciated. As it is impossible to thank everyone individually for their kindness, please accept this acknowledgment as a token of our appreciation and gratitude. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.



NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT



O Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can attain my goal. You gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me and that in all instances of my life you are with me. I want in this short prayer to thank you for all things you have given me as you confirm once again that I never wanted to be separated from you in spite of all material illusions. I wish to be with you in Eternal Glory. Thank you for mercy towards me and mine. This prayer must be said for three days, after three days the favour will be granted.

DEATH NOTICE



In loving memory of

**AIDAN
STAFFORD**

November 27, 2021

Aidan Stafford, age 66 of North Dighton, passed away on November 27, 2021 at Morton Hospital.

He was the beloved husband of Julie (Boyle) Stafford.

Aidan was born in Wexford, Ireland, of the late John and Bridget (Cooper) Stafford.

Aidan was proud of his Irish heritage and went on to become a successful businessman in America. Mr. Stafford was the owner and operator of ETM Fire Protection.

In his spare time Aidan enjoyed barbecuing with his family and friends in the back yard. He loved the family summers at lake George and travelling back to Ireland visiting family and friends. As an avid football fan he looked forward to watching the Patriots games on Sundays.

Aidan was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather Besides his beloved wife Julie of over 34 years, he is survived by his two loving sons; Aidan Stafford of ME and Sean Stafford of North Dighton. He was the grandfather of Abigail and Sunny. Mr. Stafford was also the brother of Sean, Jim, George, Eileen, Betty, Kay, Marie and Ann and brother of the late Nicky, Tom, Josephine and Breda. Aidan will be greatly missed by all of his loved ones.

Visiting hours will be held on Wednesday, December 8, 2021 beginning at 4pm followed by a service at 8pm in the chapel of the Silva Funeral Home 80 Broadway (at Saint Mary's Square) Taunton. Burial will be held privately. (Additional parking with handicap access is located on the North side of the Funeral Home.)

For expressions of sympathy, to sign an online guestbook or to light a memorial candle, visit www.silvafuneralhome.com



PRECIOUS MOTHER OF JESUS

Mother of Divine Grace you can find a way, where there is no way. Please hear my prayer and grant me my request.

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH



St. Joseph and brother Andre I turn to you now for my well being. You never abandoned those who turned to you in prayer. Whatever the pain and suffering I am going through right now can be alleviated by your intercession for me with Jesus. Please ask him for me. I know a request from you St. Joseph is treated by Jesus as a command, just like on earth. Brother Andre who has the ear of St. Joseph ask him to ask Our Lord for me. I promise that I will publish my testimony so others may have faith in you also. Please hear my prayers. (mention your petitions.) St. Joseph and Brother Andre pray for me. Amen.

MK

4TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**CAROLINE
SWEENEY
O'DONOGHUE**

**Who passed away on the 30th
December 2017**

*My whole life through
I'll treasure the happy times we shared
All the guidance that you gave
And the way you always cared.
Mum you were so gentle,
So supportive and so kind
And how I cherish the memories
That so softly lie behind.
Amongst those treasured memories
Are all the lovely things you've done
And every day my heart still aches
For my one in a million Mum*



*Lovingly remembered and missed every day
by her loving husband Anthony and their
two beautiful daughters Jamie and Zara.*

We also remember Caroline's mother-in-law Kitty. May they both rest in peace.

45TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**SEAN
ROCHE**

Coolnacahera, Ballymakerra
who died on 14th October 1976

*There is always a face before us, a voice we would love to hear,
a smile we will always remember, of a Mam and Dad we loved so dear.
Deep in our hearts lies a picture, more precious than silver or gold,
It's a picture of our Mam and Dad, whose memory will never grow old.*



Sadly missed by your sons Patrick, Gerard and Diarmuid, grand daughters Melaine and Shauna, great grandson Tyler John.

St. Gobnait, St. Aban, St. Colman, St. Jude, St. Anthony, St. Pio, St. Peregrine
Pray for them.

3RD ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**MARGARET
(PEGGY) ROCHE**

who died on
28th December 2018

29TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**BESSIE
FREER**

Leicester and late of Coolnacahera
who died on the 23rd December
1992

*No matter how life changes,
No matter what we do,
A special place within our hearts,
Is always kept for you.*



Sadly missed by your nephews
Patrick, Gerard and Diarmuid

27TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of her Husband

**ALLEN JOHN
FREER**

Leicester
who died on the
2nd June 1994

4TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**CAROLINE
SWEENEY
O'DONOGHUE**

30/12/2017

*We're missing you a little more,
each time we hear your name,
we've cried so many tears,
yet our hearts broken just the same.
We miss our times together,
things in common we could share,
but nothing fills the emptiness
now you're no longer there.
We've so many precious memories
to last our whole life through.
Each one of them is a reminder
of how much we're missing you.*



Missing your smiling face and thinking
about you always and in our hearts all
the time.

Sadly missed by Jamie, Zara, Anthony,
Mam, Michelle, David, Liz, Jer, Garry,
Danny, Katie, Uncles, Aunties, Nephews,
Nieces, goddaughters Tara & Katelynn

4TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**CAROLINE
SWEENEY
O'DONOGHUE**

30/12/2017

*I love you Mam,
I wish you were here for Christmas.
I miss you and wish you were here.
It will be hard without you this year
going into secondary school.*



Love Jamie and Zara

8TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**PAUL
MURPHY**

Barrett's place Macroom

*Softly in the morning
You heard a gentle call
You took the hand God offered you
and quietly left us all.*



Always remembered
By his wife Mary
Children Angela and Noel
Grandchildren Lauren Scarlett and
Alexander

23RD ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**MAURA
TWOMEY**

Leicester
(late of Coolnacahera, Ballymakeera)
whose anniversary occurs on
3rd December 1998

*No matter how life changes,
No matter what we do,
A special place within our hearts,
Is always kept for you.*



Sadly missed by your nephews Patrick,
Gerard and Diarmuid

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FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

**PATRICK (PACKIE)
FLEMING**

Who died on 24th December 2020

We would like to thank all our family and friends for their condolences. Thank you to the staff of Carechoice and Rochestown Nursing Homes, Fitzgeralds Funeral Home for all of their help. Father Roberts for his kind words and prayers.

It would be impossible to thank everyone individually so please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our appreciation.



Always remembered by his family.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

JEROME O'LEARY

Gurrane, Clondrohid, Macroom
Co. Cork

Who died on the 1st January 2021

*We miss your smile, your joking ways
We miss the things you used to say
And when old times we do recall
That's when we miss you most of all*



Sadly missed and fondly remembered by
Breda, Micheal, Christopher, Nancy and
Caoimhe.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

JEROME O'LEARY

Gurrane, Clondrohid, Macroom
Co. Cork

Who passed away peacefully at
home surrounded by his family on
the 1st January 2021

On the first anniversary of Jeromes death, we wish to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our family, neighbours and friends. We would like to sincerely thank everyone who sent Mass Cards, wrote messages of condolence, and who took the time to ring or text. Those who attended the funeral both in person, online and stood for a guard of honor as the funeral cortege passed on Jeromes final journey, your presence was greatly appreciated. The final days were made so much more comfortable for Jerome due to the professionalism and care by the following.

Dr Faul Ballyvourney Health Centre Home Helps Anne-Marie, Gobnait, Anne & Joan, Nightcare Cathy and Maura, Daffodil Night Nurse Rebecca. Public Health Nurses Lynette, Catriona and Siobhán, Margaret Palliative Nurse, Staff of Railway View Pharmacy Macroom. We would like to thank Fr. Joe Rohan for Jeromes funeral Mass and for his advice and comfort in those difficult days.

We wish to sincerely thank Casey's Funeral Undertakers Cyril, Shane, Dan & team for their professionalism.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone, please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our gratitude & appreciation.

The holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

Jerome's 1st Anniversary Mass will be on Saturday 22nd January 2022 at 7.30 pm in St. Abina Church, Clondrohid.

*Goodbyes are not forever
Goodbyes are not the end
They simply mean I'll miss you
Until we meet again*



Fondly remembered by Jerome's family.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

**JEROME
MURPHY**

Model Village, Dripsey, Co. Cork
Who died 8th Dec 2020

As we lovingly remember Jerome on his first anniversary, we, his family would like to sincerely thank our friends, neighbours and all those who sympathized with us and provided us with such comfort on the days following Jerome's passing.

Due to Covid restrictions, many people were unable to sympathize in person but the kind messages imparted on RIP.ie were a great comfort to us at that time. We were so touched by the many Mass cards received and the procession along the roadside for Jerome's final journey to the church and graveyard.

Thanks to Fr. Peadar for all his help with the funeral and for the Mass offered.

Thank you to Fitzgerald's Funeral Undertakers for their professional service and for making Jerome's funeral special in difficult times.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this as a token of our sincere appreciation.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for all your intentions.



ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**KATHLEEN
HORGAN**

Who died on 14th January 2004



In loving memory of

**JOHN
HORGAN**

Who died on 11th December 2011

6 St. Gobnait's Terrace, Ballymakeera, Macroom

*When nights are cold
and stars are few,
I close my eyes and
think of u.
A silent hope,
a silent tear, a silent
wish that you were here.*



Always remembered & sadly missed,
by your loving family.

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. **MSSBL**

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. **CM**

PRAYER TO ST. ANTHONY



Oh gentle and loving St. Anthony in whose arms the infant Jesus love to linger, one word from you and my prayer will be answered oh speak that word and the gratitude of my heart will be yours.

CM

18TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**JOHN
KELLEHER**

Clondrohid, Macroom,
Who died on
22nd December 2003.

*May the wind blow gently, and
whisper for you to hear,
How much we love and miss you
and wish you were still here.*



Always remembered with love by
your late mother Kate, brother Gene,
sisters Breda and Marie,
brothers in law, sister in law,
nieces, nephews, relatives,
neighbours and friends.

5TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**MICHAEL A.
COAKLEY**

late of Mountmassey, Macroom,
Co. Cork
who died on December 27th 2016.

*Softly the leaves of memory fall,
Greatly we gather and treasure them all,
Unseen, unheard you are always near.
So loved, so missed, so very dear.*

*Will those who think of Michael today a
little prayer to Jesus say.*



Lovingly remembered by his wife Bridget
and family.

9TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**MEGAN
MALONE**

Candroma, Kilnamartyra, Macroom,
Co. Cork.
18/12/12

*"Missing you Megan every minute of
everyday always.
Time keeps passing but the pain of losing
you lingers on, our sweet, brave princess!"*



Love from
Dad, Mom, Chloe, Dylan, Tristan, Robyn,
Nanny Connell & Granda, Nanna Kay &
Granda Mike.

Ar dheis De go raibh a hAnam!

13TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**JERRY
DENNEHY**

Shandangan, Carrigadrohid, Co. Cork
whose anniversary occurs on the
2nd January

*No matter how life changes
No matter what we do
A special place within our hearts
Is always kept for you.*



Lovingly remembered by his wife
Teresa, son Sean, daughters Bernadette,
Cathleen, Breda, Carmel, Aileen, Colette,
Noreen, Daughter in Law, Sons in Law and
Grandchildren.

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE



In loving memory of

**DANIEL
O'REGAN**

**MARY
O'REGAN**

**PATRICK
O'REGAN**

whose 20th Anniversary
occurs on St Stephens Day

Codrum, Macroom

*Just a prayer from the ones who loved you
Just a memory fond and true
In our hearts you will live forever
Because we thought the world of you.*



Lovingly remembered by Brendan, Mairin, Liadan, Odhran and Fionn

xxx

14TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**AUSTIN
COONEY**

Carrigaphooka, Macroom
Who died on the 29th Dec 2007

*They say that time will heal the pain,
But Austin that's just not true.
No matter how much time goes by,
our hearts still ache for you.
At first we counted days and weeks,
Today we're counting years.
We cannot count the memories, Nor
can we count the tears.
If wishes could be granted, And all our dreams
came true.
What we would wish for more than anything,
is to have more time with you.*



*We will never forget you, missed always by
your mother, heartbroken brothers & sisters-
Roger, Ann-Marie, Mary Frances, Mossy, Kay &
Edwina, aunts & uncles.*

2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**SINÉAD
PLUNKETT**

Poulanargid, Lissarda, Co. Cork
Who died 28th December 2019.

*Today is full of memories,
Of a special girl laid to rest,
and every single one of them
Is filled with Happiness.
For you were someone special,
Always such a joy to know,
And there was so much pain
When it was time to let you go.
That's why this special message
Is sent to heaven above
For all the angels to take care of you
And give you all our love.*



Loved and cherished by Mam, Dad, Aoife,
Niamh and Ciara xx

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Christmas Remembrance 20th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**PATRICK (PAT)
O'REGAN**

**Codrum, Macroom
Whose 20th Anniversary occurs on
St Stephen's Day**

*I thought of you today
But that is nothing new
I thought about you yesterday
And the days before that too.
I think of you in silence
I often speak your name
All I have are memories
And a picture in a frame.
Your memory is a keepsake
From which I never part
God has you in his arms
I have you in my heart.*



ALSO REMEMBERING MOM and DAD at
CHRISTMAS TIME
Treasured memories - Never Forgotten
From Breda, Jonathan, Jason and Emily Jane

30th BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE



In loving memory of our dear
son & brother

**MARK
DUGGAN**

**Moulnahorna, Macroom.
Whose 30th birthday occurs on
18th of December**

*Just a prayer from the family
Who loved you,
Just a memory fond and true.
In our hearts you will live forever,
Because we thought the world of you.
No matter how life changes,
No matter what we do,
A special place within our hearts,
Is always kept for you.
May the wind blow gently, and
whisper for you to hear,
How much we love and miss you
and wish you were still here.*



Lovingly and Fondly remembered by
parents Eddie & Margaret, brothers Denis,
Alan, Eddie, Luke & Owen, sisters Tracey
& Niamh
Happy 30th Birthday Mark xxx

2ND & 28TH ANNIVERSARIES



In loving memory of

**NORMA MCSWEENEY
(NÉE HARTNETT)
&
MAE HARTNETT**

Ballinlough and (late of Kilmurray)

*No longer in our lives to share,
But in our hearts you are always there.
Each of us in our own way
Have special thoughts of you today.*



Miss you both so much
Anna, Noel and Joseph

2ND & 28TH ANNIVERSARIES



In loving memory of

**NORMA MCSWEENEY
(NÉE HARTNETT)
&
MAE HARTNETT**

Ballinlough and (late of Kilmurray)

*Never Forgotten
Forever Loved.*



Tim, Katherine & Jed

10TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

EDDIE COLLINS

Massytown, Macroom

Who passed away on 31st Dec 2011

*Everyday in some small way
Memories of you come our way.
Though absent, you are always near
Still missed, loved and always dear.*



Loved and remembered every day

by Mary, Elaine Marie and Billy

5TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**JEREMIAH
O'DRISCOLL**

**Whose Anniversary occurs at
this time.**

*As each day Dawns we think of you,
As each Night falls we Pray for you,
And throughout our lives no matter where,
In our hearts you are Always there.*



Sadly missed by his Wife Ann,
Daughters Noreen, Patricia, Annette,
Cathy, Pamella, son Flor and sister Mary.

ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**MICHAEL
TWOHIG**

**19th Anniversary
Who passed away on 6th January
2003**



In loving memory of

**JOAN
TWOHIG**

**5th Anniversary
Who passed away on 7th January
2017**

Pullerick, Crookstown

**In loving memory of our dear Mom and Dad whose anniversaries
occur around this time.**

Our Lady of Knock pray for ye both

*No length of time can take away
Our thoughts of ye from day to day
Time slips by and life goes on
But from our hearts ye are never gone.*



**Sadly missed but fondly and lovingly remembered
xx**

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL



O Most Beautiful Flower of Mt. Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendour of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist us in our necessity. O Star of the Sea, help us and show us the way. Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who turn to you. Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads, so that we can attain our goal. You who gave us the diving gift to forgive and forget all evil against us, and who are with us in all instances in our lives, thank you for all things, as you confirm once again that we are never to be separated from you in eternal glory. Amen **CM**

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

2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**PEGGIE
BUCKLEY
(NEE HEALY)**

**Woodview, Farnanes, Co. Cork.
Who died on 12th December 2019**

*Look around your garden Lord,
And when she turns and smiles,
Put your arms around her,
And hold her for a while.*



Rest in Peace Peggie.
Sadly missed by her nephews Denis, Noel
and extended family.

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE



**PADDY
MC CARTHY**

*If tears could wash away our pain,
We would not feel such hurt again,
The heartbreak felt since you've been gone,
We wouldn't wish on anyone,
But today is your birthday,
So we'll have to be brave
And accept God's taken what first He gave.*



Thinking of you and always missed by
your loving wife Eileen, sons Noel and
Brendan, grandchildren, relatives and
friends.

5TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

JIM FLEMING

**8 Belmont Place, Co. Cork.
Who died on 20th of December 2016**

*Wonderful memories woven in gold,
This is a picture I tenderly hold,
Deep in my heart, a memory is kept,
To love and to treasure and
Never to forget.*



From his loving wife Sheila.
Sons, Paul, Brian, James
and daughter Tina and grandchildren.

Anniversary Mass in Kilmurry Church on
Sunday the 19th December at 10am

2ND ANNIVERSARY



Treasured memories of

**CHRISTY
BOYLE**

**Coolnasoon, Carrigadrohid Co Cork
Who passed away on December 25th
2019**

*Christy's beautiful life came to an end,
He died as he lived everyone's friend
Grief is the price we pay for love
RIP*



Fondly remembered by his wife Mary
& family.

5TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**FINBARR
CORKERY**

**Ballyvoigue, Kilnamartyra
Who died on 29th December 2016**

*No matter how life changes,
No matter what we do,
A special place within our hearts
Is always kept for you.*



Lovingly remembered by Ann-Marie,
John, Noelle and Conor

Christmas Remembrance 11th & 5th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of a wonderful
father and Mother

**MICHAEL &
MARY
MC SWEENEY**

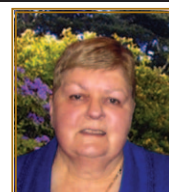
**Dooniskey, Lissarda,
Michael died on December 29th 2010
Mary died on the 14th October 2016**

Please Pray For the repose of their Souls



Sadly missed by their loving family

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE



In loving memory of

**DANIEL
O'REGAN**

**MARY
O'REGAN**

**PATRICK
O'REGAN**

**whose 20th Anniversary
occurs on St Stephens Day**

Codrum, Macroom

*I've asked an angel in heaven
In a special Christmas prayer
To protect ye as ye are sleeping
And to tend ye with great care.*

*And although our tears are falling
Peace and solace will be found
When we find a pure white feather
That has drifted to the ground.*

*For we felt such pain and heartache
When ye left us far behind
And throughout the celebrations
You'll be very much in mind.*

*Because then we'll know for certain
By this sign from up above
That an angel's wings surround ye
With their everlasting love*



Always Remembered by Michael, Gobnait and Owen.

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