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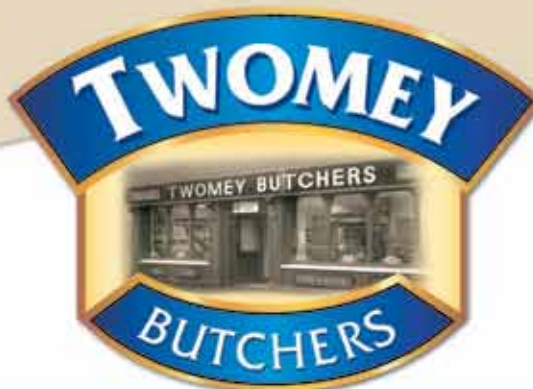
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What can we do as a community to protect our wildlife and native habitats

We are currently at the beginning of the 6th mass extinction, and if I'm honest I'm not surprised. I had a chat with a friend about it and they said "what's the point in worrying about it, sure we will be dead soon". I reminded them; I was worried for my kid's future. The speed at which this extinction will happen is exceedingly fast and will happen in centuries rather than millennia unlike previous extinctions and that is solely down to us humans. According to the Irish Wildlife Trust "A third of all species groups examined in Ireland, including plants, birds, butterflies, freshwater fish, dragonflies



and sharks are either threatened with extinction or "near threatened" "Ninety per cent of our highest-value habitats protected under the EU's Habitats Directive are in 'poor' or 'inadequate' status," one of the best examples of poorly managed sites is on our doorstep – The Gearagh. Coupled with this, we have one of the lowest native trees cover in Europe, the gravity of the destruction can easily be seen when the water is down in An Gaorthadh, revealing a desolate graveyard of ancient woodland, oil slick streams, dog poo and dead freshwater muscles.



Or closer to home in Double Rank, Macroom Castle Grounds, I think it's affectionally known as 'Pill hill' now. Where one can find human excrement, disposable face masks, broken glass bottles, beer cans, twisted and broken trees to make way for fires. It can also be seen in the concrete expanse of the ironically named Fair Green or undrinkable water from the Sullane. The burning of solid fuel and fumes from transport are the main polluters of our air, the misty haze evident on cold evenings, blanketing the town. The safe levels for air pollution were broken 4 times in January 2020 alone!



Pollution in the Gearagh a Special Area of conservation site. January 2021

Concrete Jungle in the Fair Gree, which would make a lovely spot for native flowers & trees. And why you are asking, is there so much doomsdayism in this week's editorial? The first draft and consultation process for the Cork County Council Development plan is open until April. It gives you a say in how you wish to see the development of the town? Would you like our town to be considered a green zone, particularly the Sullane river corridor? Would you like to see great protection measures put in place for our woodlands, bogs and river courses? We are listed as a designated growth town and it would be nice to see this married with native trees, plants and better pedestrian and cycling infrastructure. I would heavily suggest checking it out - <https://www.corkcoco.ie/sites/default/files/2021-04/volume-4-south-cork-web.pdf>

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Sarah Kate Murphy
EDITOR



St Mary's Goes Pink!

By Aoibhe Kelleher, Sinead Horgan and Mary O' Donovan - St. Mary's TY Journalism Club

On Thursday, November 30th, our transition year students held and curated a Breast Cancer Awareness Day, organised by the Breast Cancer Awareness Committee that was formed earlier in the year. The day's activities included a seminar on breast cancer held for both TY students and staff by Juliette O Connell of Breast Cancer Ireland. Hot chocolates were sold at lunchtime to all students and staff at St Mary's to raise funds for the charity. TY students also took part in wearing pink on the day to support the cause. A massive amount of money was raised on the day from the selling of hot chocolates and also from

generous donations. All the money raised will go to Breast Cancer Ireland to help fund research and talks such as the one TYs experienced as part of their academic year. This day was enjoyed by all students and really highlighted the importance of breast health. The seminar brought to light some of the symptoms of breast cancer which may not be commonly known, and was a real eye opener to the importance of getting checked for any health concerns regularly. It highlighted how imperative it is to watch out for any changes in our bodies and reiterated the phrase "if in doubt - check it out." A massive thank you to Juliette O'Connell from

Breast Cancer Ireland for giving the talk to all TY students! The feedback was so positive and everyone found it really informative and effective. Other thanks you to our Wonder Woman staff member, Trish, who offered her time to make the hot chocolate, and the Breast Cancer Awareness Committee for organising the day and selling the warm treats. Breast Cancer is a sensitive but important topic and by hosting days like this, St. Mary's is giving students the space to ask questions and keep informed. It is extremely important that we talk about these subjects more often and continue to spread awareness.



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Macroom Ploughing



Ploughing in progress at Macroom ploughing match. Pic. John Kelleher .



Niall O Driscoll competing in the u 28 class at Macroom Ploughing

The annual Macroom Ploughing match scheduled for Sunday Jan 2, was cancelled due to Covid restrictions, but took place 'behind closed doors' on Saturday Jan 15 on the lands of Angela Leonard Tergay, Kilbarry, by kind permission.

Up to 30 competitors took part. It was a very restricted event for Macroom ploughing committee, who always pride themselves in offering a great family day out, with refreshments etc., rounding off the day with a meal for competitors, and results in Coolcower House, but this year once again it was not to be.

Roll on 2023!!!!

The Club would like to thank the land owner and all involved in preparing the site. Thanks to all who travelled to compete, to the Judges and steward. Thanks to the hard-working committee, but a special 'Thank You' to our Sponsors, without whose constant support, this annual event could not be held.



JJ Delaney who competed in the Senior Horse at Macroom Ploughing Match held under strict Covid Rules on Saturday Jan 15th of Jan.



A job well done at Macroom Ploughing on Sat Jan 15



Ladies at Macroom ploughing match. Pic John Kelleher.

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WINNERS OF A TRIP TO BRUSSELS, AINE SHEEHAN, CIARA MANNING, NICOLA DROMEY AND EMMA CAHILL WITH TEACHER ARLENE O DONOGHUE



OUR SENIOR IRISH DEBATING TEAM WHO RECENTLY TOOK PART IN THE GAEL LINN IRISH DEBATING COMPETITION

BT YOUNG SCIENTIST

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

Kirsten Bonnar and Emer O'Connor investigated the efficiency of differently shaped ice cubes and ice cubes made of different materials. They carried out a number of experiments, strictly following a scientific method to ensure their test was fair. They found that the greater the surface area of the ice the more efficient it is.

Grace O Riordan and Ciara O Riordan looked into whether there is a link between the amount of sleep a person gets and their performance in sports. They used a number of their classmates as test subjects. These participants kept logs of their sleep times and quality of sleep. They also logged their performance in both training and matches. They found that there was an optimum amount of sleep and too much sleep hindered some participants performance.

Congratulations to all 27 of our students who took part in the BT Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition 2022. The 12 groups went through three rigorous rounds of judging via Microsoft Teams with professors and college lecturers from around the country. It was a wonderful learning experience for all of the girls with many new skills acquired throughout the process. We are very proud of all participants.

Huge congratulations to Emer O' Connor and Kirsten Bonnar for winning a Highly Commended Award for their project "What ice cube is the most energy efficient?". Thanks so much to our dedicated Science Teachers, Jennifer Butler and Shannen Foley for their continued support of the students during their participation in this competition. This year 27 students were selected to take part in this prestigious competition. It is such a fantastic opportunity for our girls and we really appreciate all of the hard work involved. Well done to all.

TRIP TO BRUSSELS

Massive congratulations to 5th year students Aine Sheehan, Nicola Drome, Emma Cahill and Ciara Manning for winning a trip to Brussels for their entry to a competition that was run by Billy Kelleher MEP. Ireland South MEP, Billy Kelleher, ran this 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 their project. Under the guidance of Business Teacher Arlene O Donoghue, four of our 5th year students, Emma Cahill, Nicola Drome, Ciara Manning and Aine Sheehan, came together to record a Podcast to enter this competition. The girls found out just before Christmas that they had won and that they would be heading off to Brussels for a tour of the European Parliament on the 29th of March. Well done to all involved.

LEAGUE TABLES

The Irish Times published their analysis of post-primary schools in Ireland on the 7th of January. We in St Marys are so proud that our girls' fantastic achievements are reflected in these league tables. We placed 3rd in Cork and 7th in Ireland. This is a fantastic achievement and we at St Mary's would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the whole school community on its continued success.

As always, we are extremely proud of the achievements of each and every one of our students. We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the unwavering support network afforded to our girls both at home and in the school setting. Well done to all students, teachers and parents.

MUSICAL VIGIL IN MEMORY OF ASHLING MURPHY

Thanks so much to 5th Year Student, Orla Lynch, Elaine and Ms Queally for organising a beautiful Trad music vigil in memory of Aisling Murphy last week. Thanks to all of our super talented trad musicians for performing for us at the vigil. RIP Ashling.

CAREER ADVICE

Your school needs you! We put an appeal out to our past pupils last year regarding their career paths & we got an amazing response. We would love to hear from more of you this year. If you would be willing to share your stories with our current leaving cert group we would be really grateful.

- 1 - What are you studying? / did you study in college?
2. Did you change courses / career paths along the way?
3. Have you any tips / advice for our LC's - what you would have loved to have known in LC. What would you have done differently?
4. Any tips / advice regarding accommodation - on campus accommodation - off campus accommodation - any recommendations, particularly for UL, Dublin, NUIG etc
5. Post graduate courses - did you decide to continue your studies?
6. Any advice on college life & the college experience?
7. Where are you now? Working, traveling, still studying etc

If you would be willing to answer any of these questions, could you please email your stories to caroline.mcsweeney@stmarysmacroom.ie Our students would be MOST grateful. Thanks so much.

THIRD YEAR RETREAT

Our religion department organised a retreat for third year students on Tuesday the 11th of January. The girls really enjoyed their day. The workshop was facilitated by Psychologist Mr. Declan Browne. Declan began the workshop by playing team building games where the students had to communicate with each other. He spoke to the students about resilience and what it means to be resilient. The girls really enjoyed the final activity of the day, for this activity the students sat in a circle and each student received a sheet and wrote their name on the sheet. Everyone in the class had the opportunity to write a kind message on everyone else's sheet. At the end of the activity everyone received their own sheet back and it was full of kind, positive messages. It was a really lovely activity to do. Thanks to Declan for facilitating this lovely day for our 3rd years.



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We would like to congratulate past pupil Colm O’Riordan (Kilmichael) who is to receive the Quercus Scholarship from UCC. This prestigious award is on the basis of academic excellence displayed in the College, where Colm is studying Agricultural Science. Colm did his Leaving Cert here in 2020 and received the maximum marks of 625 points, and 7 A’s. Colm excelled in every subject through the 6 years, having also received 10 A’s in his Junior Cert. Colm was bright, tenacious but the most modest young man. He was confident in his ability but was always happy to go under the radar. He was such a pleasure to have in the school and was a role model for every student in his class, who all had the utmost respect and time for Colm. We are so proud of you Colm, good luck with your future studies, we look forward to seeing what you’ll achieve.



Transition years in De La Salle College pictured with their Irish teacher Ms. Mary McSweeney and TD Aindrias Moynihan on receipt of their 'Fáinne Airgid'.

TRANSITION YEAR AWARD

4th year students in De La Salle were awarded their "Fáinne Airgid" today by local TD Aindrias Moynihan in recognition of their great achievements in speaking Irish. Two 5th year students, Finn Brady and Jack Devine were awarded the Fáinne Óir for their excellent achievements and dedication to speaking their native language and being great role models for their peers in school. "Beatha teanga í a labhairt" Well done to all involved!

Bhronn an Teachta Dála áitiúil Aindrias Ó Muineacháin An Fáinne Airgid ar mhuintir na hIdirbhliana i gColáiste de La Salle inniu. Bhronn sé an Fáinne Óir ar Fhinn Ó Bradaigh agus ar Sheán ó Daimhín - buachaillí a léirigh ardchumas ag labhairt an Ghaeilge. Mholl sé na daltaí go léir as ucht an gáisce iontach a bhí déanta acu agus an dea-shampla a thugann siad do na daltaí eile ar scoil. Maith sibh a bhuachaillí!



Transition years in De La Salle College pictured with their Irish teacher Mr. Cian Kiely and TD Aindrias Moynihan on receipt of their 'Fáinne Airgid'.

DONATION TO ASD CLASS

A big thank you to Youthreach Macroom for their recent donation to our ASD classes. Aisling Griffin of Youthreach Macroom called down to visit the classrooms and make the generous presentation. Thank you to all involved, it is greatly appreciated. New School Building

This week our second- and third-year students were very excited to move into their new building. The brand-new unit consists of four big classrooms with state-of-the-art technology equipment, bathrooms and a learning support classroom.



Youthreach donation to De La Salle College ASD Classes. Pictured: Mr. Conor O'Shea, Ms. Aisling Griffin, Ms. Aisling Hutchings and Mr. John Murphy.



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Significant Funding Awarded for Town Regeneration Projects in County Cork

Cork County Council has been granted almost €2 million in funding for rural regeneration projects in Fermoy and Macroom. The money will be used to rejuvenate the town centres, combat dereliction and drive economic growth.

The Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD, has announced €21.5 million for 27 projects across the country under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund (RRDF).

Mayor of the County of Cork, Cllr. Gillian Coughlan welcomed the funding, she said, "Many rural areas have faced significant social and economic fallout as a result of the global pandemic. The proposals for both Fermoy and Macroom are responsive to this. We want to make our town and village centres the most attractive places to live, work, run a business, socialise and visit."

More than €1.5 million has been awarded to Fermoy to deliver a town centre renewal project. It centres around adapting and reusing historic and vacant town centre buildings in a sustainable way

as well as developing plans for a Craft Makers Hub. It also includes enhanced recreational facilities and public realm improvements. The project will be led by Cork County Council in partnership with Avondhu Blackwater Partnership CLG.

In Macroom, the funding will be used to develop a future vision for the former Church of Ireland building on Castle Street, transforming it into a flexible community, heritage and commercial outlet, in partnership with Lee Valley Enterprise Board, Macroom E and Macroom Tidy Towns. Funding of €395,000 has been granted and will also be used to improve accessibility and footfall in Macroom, connecting the Mill Dam/Masseytown area with the derelict church building.

Chief Executive of Cork County Council Tim Lucey added, "This funding is most welcome and will bring both projects through the development stage and to the point where they are ready to begin work. The funding will help transform Fermoy, delivering large-scale regeneration through targeted interventions. It's about

revitalising Fermoy town centre and driving it forward. The total cost of the Fermoy project is €1,925,000 with €1,540,000 awarded under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund. Cork County Council will fund the remainder. Macroom is a key heritage town with a fascinating history that goes to the heart of its identity. The project is centred around repurposing the former Church of Ireland building, an important landmark that has huge potential. Cork County Council is committed to working with local organisations, businesses and residents to achieve the best possible results for our county towns."

The Rural Regeneration Development Fund provides investment to support suitable projects in towns and villages with a population of less than 10,000. To date, 191 projects across the country have been awarded funding of €277 million. Funding from the RRDF is provided to further the aims of Our Rural Future, the whole-of-government policy for rural Ireland for the period 2021-2025.

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Jonah Candy (9 years) Lissarda - winner of The Summer Stars Short Story Competition at Macroom Library

Exhibition: For the month of January, 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.

Macroom Library Knitters (Purlies) did a wonderful creative winter scene which is displayed on the library's front windows. This will be displayed until the end of January. Please come & view this and see their wonderful work.

Summer Stars Short Story Competition: Jonah Canty (9 years) from Lissarda was our winner in the Summer Stars National Short Story Competition. Congratulations Jonah & enjoy your voucher.

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First class pupils from Muinefiuch N.S. with their artwork



Pupils from the Junior room in Muinefiuch N.S. during Aistear on the topic of 'the cinema'

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Macroom Notes

by Con Kelleher

Donie Cotter, R.I.P., Bawnmore and Ballincollig.
Donie passed away recently after a brave fight against illness, and I express my deepest sympathy to Máire, his widow and his family, and his many friends. As well as being an egg-merchant, he was a fine footballer and a good club officer and County Board delegate. Macroom GAA Club fittingly provided a guard of honour at his burial. People present remarked on Donie's wholeheartedness and decency, and his commitment and service to Macroom football. He played with Macroom in the lean decades of the 1960s-1970s but that did not inhibit his infectious enthusiasm. He later chaired the club and he was a long-term club delegate to the Cork County GAA Board. Ar dheis Dé a anam dilís.

Cillian Donovan, Sleaveen.

Congratulations to Cillian on becoming the latest Macroom player to play senior inter-county football for Cork. He is part of a wide panel and he made his debut in this year's McGrath Cup when he played against Clare and Waterford, both games won by Cork. Cillian is a MUT (formerly CIT) student and his family is heavily involved in Macroom GAA Club. Apart from Fintan Goold, other Macroom players to play in the recent past for Cork seniors are David Goold, Seán Kiely and Eoin O'Mahony. Before that Noel Twomey, Seamas 'Domie' Coughlan, Gary McPolin and Alan O'Shea represented Cork at senior grade. Colman Corrigan, Barry Lynch, Michael 'Shan' Moloney and the late Tom Creedon played for Cork seniors in the 1980s/1970s. Hopefully Cillian will be joined by other Macroom players in the near future. Well Done Cillian and Good Luck.



Erika O'Shea, New Street.

Erika was selected as an All-Star Lady Footballer for 2021, a richly deserved accolade. As such, she was chosen by Macroom GAA Club to front its brochure of the Cork County GAA Draw. The club benefits greatly and keeps most of the money collected, and the buyer has many chances of winning great prizes – a win-win-win situation for all.

Other photos in the brochure are those of the 2021 winning Ladies Junior team, last year's Minors (boys) and the Castle Grounds.

Morgan McSweeney, Codrum and London.

With Boris Johnson's current political troubles and his possible/probable loss of being Prime Minister of Great Britain, the prospect of a Labour Government after the next British General Election has increased greatly. One of Labour's Leader Keir Starmer's key advisors is Morgan McSweeney. He is given much credit for reviving Labour's fortunes. If Labour wins the General Election, Morgan is likely to be at the heart of government; it would be a brilliant achievement for him.



His parents are Tim and Carmel McSweeney, Codrum, and he is a nephew of Evelyn, Mid Square.

Congrats to Morgan on his success to date, and hopefully things will work out for him in the future; and, dare I say, not only good for him, but good for Labour, Britain, Ireland and Europe.

Ann O'Mahony (Toonesbridge): Macroom Hospital Administrator Retires.

Macroom Community Hospital administrator Ann has retired after many years of great service to the hospital and to the community. She is also an active and essential member of the Friends of Macroom Hospital Group. Her pleasantness,

enthusiasm and efficiency will be greatly missed by all, but especially the patients. Hopefully she will have a long, active and happy retirement.

The Briery Gap: The Reconstruction Has Begun.

It was wonderful to see that work has begun on the Briery Gap Theatre and Library. The old building was burned in 2016. Due to various delays matters were not settled but now the plans are about to be fulfilled. It signifies a further development in Macroom. The town will have a new by-pass, new estates, a new De La Salle College, a newly-developed Protestant Church and a new Briery Gap. The town's future looks rosy.

Covid Restrictions: Lifted Too Soon?

While everyone is delighted with the removal of almost all restrictions, is it premature? Although the Omicron Covid variant happily proved less harmful than its antecedents, it still caused/causes serious illness and death, especially in the un-vaccinated. There is a 'new kid' on the block, the BA2 variant, and because it's new, nobody knows whether it will be harmless, mild or nasty. Restrictions also have costs, often high, and a balance must be struck between freedom and precautions.

My fear is that a variant will emerge that is very contagious, causes severe illness and is vaccine-resistant. The Covid mantra that 'nobody is safe until everyone is safe' cannot be forgotten. It is salutary to member that Covid has caused 6,087 deaths in Ireland (population of c. 5.01 million, 2021) and in Poland, 104,193 deaths (population of c. 38 million, 2021). Pro rata, Poland has twice as many deaths. 77% of the total population of the Republic of Ireland's is fully vaccinated compared to Poland where 57% of the population is fully vaccinated. The government has taken a big gamble; hopefully, it pays off. Time will answer the question.



Above: Donie Cotter is third from left, front row. (Macroom G.A.A. Club History).



Briery Gap, Macroom as planned. (Cork County Council website).(Macroom G.A.A. Club History).



Above: Erika O'Shea on the Cork/Macroom GAA Brochure. (C. Kelleher).



Briery Gap, Macroom in January 2022. (C. Kelleher).



Above Left: Con Kelleher's new book - the front and back covers. Macroom: Sport and Community A history of nine sports clubs in a small county Cork town 1900-1999 tells the history of Macroom in the twentieth century through the lens of football, camogie, rugby, hockey, golf, pitch and putt, soccer, basketball and greyhound sport

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CART: Weekly trips to Macroom every Tuesday, Departing Carriganima 10am via Clondrohid, returning back at 1pm. Contact 087 8794128 for more info.

CHURCH COLLECTORS: Collectors needed for Saturday night Masses in April and November and Sunday mornings in August and October. Anyone willing to give a hand to clean the church for any month of the year would also be most welcome.

SCHOOL RETREATS: The Youth Ministry at Knock

shrine are delighted to announce that retreats will return in 2022. For more info contact www.knockshrine.ie/news.

GAA NEWS: Together with the wider community, Clondrohid GAA Club remembers the late Teddy Kelleher. His love of set dancing and music and his passing on of this knowledge to future generations is widely known and acknowledged. Teddy also had a great interest in the provision of social and recreational facilities in Clondrohid Parish and was a regular spectator at games on the pitch.

Teddy and his family are neighbours of Clondrohid GAA Club and their co-operation and that of Clondrohid Community Recreational Facilities Limited and other organisations enabled the delivery of the Astro pitch and running track which are an immense asset of both the Parish and West Muskerry.

He was Chairman of Clondrohid Development Group which was the main local voluntary facilitator that enabled the recent addition of the set down area to the Community Facilities. Clondrohid GAA Club acknowledges the passing of a good and trusted neighbour and supporter, and our sincere condolences to all the Family. May he Rest in Peace

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Dromleigh N.S. Green Schools Committee are organising a used clothing collection. Clothes will

be accepted, on weekdays, from Wed 16th to Tue 22nd February between 9am and 4pm. Pillows, duvets and school uniforms cannot be donated. Contact 026-46212 or info@dromleighns.ie for further details. P12DY26

LEABHARLANN BHAILE BHÚIRNE

January – the first month of the year, the second month of winter and traditionally the coldest month of the year and quite often the wettest although climate wise things are not quite as predictable as they use to be. It has certainly been cold, but we have been lucky to have had dry, cold days. Days to bundle up in warm coats, hats and scarves if we are going out, and evenings to sit with a warm drink in front of the fire or stove, as is more common these days. One thing that I have been thinking about recently is all the new houses being built without chimneys because fossil fuel is being phased out, so solid fuel stoves and fireplaces are becoming obsolete. I totally support all efforts being made to protect our climate, but I do wonder what will become the focus in sitting rooms? I suppose since the early 1960s the television and fireside have been the mutual focus in many sitting rooms but in years to come will we be telling our children and grandchildren about how we remember when we deliberately had an actual fire in our homes? It will seem bizarre to them! But then again doesn't every generation look back in wonder of how life was for their ancestors.

We've had so many changes in the way we live over the past two years and now we are going through a phase of trying to get back to normal. Some people will be returning to the workplace for the first time in quite a while. We can go out to eat in a restaurant without worrying about having a Covid Cert with us or having to be finished by 8pm.

As part of this 'getting back to normal' I hope to see a lot more of you visiting the library. We have been keeping our book stocks up to date and Ballyvourney Library has been painted, shelving rearranged and new outside signage was put up recently. A variety of newspapers are available in the branch for you to come in and read, and we've upgraded all our online services too. However, masks are still necessary in the library until at least the 28th February at which time the matter will be reassessed. So please drop in for a visit to join or renew your membership.

Mar chuid de 'filleadh ar an ngnáth' tá súil agam go bhfeicfidh mé i bhfad níos mó agaibh ar cuairt ar an leabharlann. Táimid ag coinneáil ár stoic leabhar cothrom le dáta agus tá Leabharlann Bhaile Bhúirne tar éis bheith péinteáilte, atheagraíodh seilfeanna agus cuireadh suas comharthaí nua lasmuigh le déanaí. Tá nuachtáin éagsúla ar fáil sa bhrainte chugat a léamh, agus tá ár seirbhís ar líne uile uasghrádaithe againn freisin. Mar sin féin, tá maisc fós riachtanach sa leabharlann go dtí an 28ú Feabhra ar a laghad agus déanfar an cheist a athmheasúnú ag an am sin. Mar sin buail isteach le do thoil, le haghaidh cuairte chun do bhallraíocht a chlárú nó a athnuachan.

Last year Cork County Library Service introduced a new service for students of all ages – TTRS. TTRS stands for Touch-type, Read and Spell. Those who tried it out were very happy with the results. It's still available, free of charge, either through your schools or directly through the library.

TTRS (Touch-type, Read, Spell) is a multisensory,

online course which assists children to learn reading, typing and spelling at their own pace. The course has been introduced to our range of free online resources, as part of the NEWSTART literacy package. In addition to developing typing skills, TTRS is designed to benefit students of all ages who experience spelling, reading or writing difficulties. Learners with dyslexia or literacy issues have found it to be incredibly helpful to them.

People who may find it beneficial would include learners with Dyspraxia or Dysgraphia, students studying English as a second language (ESL), those who simply wish to improve their literacy skills, or those having literacy difficulties.

If you are interested in learning more about TTRS there will be a TTRS online information session for parents and teachers on 3rd February at 7.30pm. If you wish to participate in this online event to learn more about how to access TTRS and help your child improve their reading and spelling skills go to <https://www.yourcouncil.ie/en> and click on the Library Events tab to register. Places are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment.

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Vintage ploughing at Macroom ploughing match. Pic: John Kelleher



Cattle grazing former woodland with evidence of drainage work. (Pic. Tom Jordan)



View from Silvergrove Bridge Jan 6 2019. (Pic. Tom Jordan)



Jan 6 2019 pile of logs at Silvergrove. (Pic. Tom Jordan)



Former riparian woodland, Silvergrove Oct 10 2018. (Pic. Tom Jordan)

Today I am talking with Tom Jordan of Macroom and District Environment Group.

The countryside around Macroom features some outstanding natural areas. Most famously, the Gearagh inland river delta is an extremely rare geographical feature, which was almost lost when the river Lee was dammed in the 1950s. About a third of it survived and is now known to contain some of Ireland's oldest primeval oak woodlands. For this and other reasons, it has the highest European designation, Special Area of Conservation.

The Gearagh extends in both directions from where the Toon River meets the Lee at Toons Bridge. Toon valley is less well-known, but therein lies another rare woodland, Toon Wood, which is rated by numerous ecological experts as one of Ireland's most important unprotected habitats. Comprising mixed woodland interspersed with sheet rock and bog, the wood covers about 150Ha, at the heart of which is the townland of Silvergrove.

Here, sessile oak emerges tall and strong from cracks in the sheer rock, overhanging downy birch, holly, rowan and hazel. This creates temperate rain forest conditions, with moist shade in which mosses, fungi, lichens and ferns grow with abundance. To walk in this wood is to feel like you've travelled in time to a distant age. The clamouring limbs of the trees are festooned with

polypodies and rare bryophytes, like the magically translucent filmy ferns whose fronds are only one cell thick. Red squirrels hop from tree to tree and in the glistening waters, ancient pearl mussels live on the river bed. It's not a common sight, and it's an indication of continuity going back many years. For this reason, Macroom and District Environment Group, which was instrumental in achieving protected status for the Gearagh, has been calling for a similar designation to be granted Toon Wood since the 1980s. This seemed to have been finally achieved in 2013, when the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) commissioned a survey of the woods to be undertaken with a view to designation. Blackthorn Ecology carried out the survey and found the wood to be "of national conservation value due to the diversity and naturalness of the woodlands and adjoining habitats present."

Shortly afterwards, outgoing NPWS chief scientist Professor John Cross began the designation process by making Toon Woods a candidate National Heritage Area but, following his retirement no further action was taken and the wood remained without legal protection. This created a state of limbo, leaving the wood without protection. So, when a portion of land at Silvergrove was later sold, there was no legal onus on NPWS or the Department of Agriculture to impose restrictions on the new owners.

A general forestry licence (GFL20650) for thinning was granted for Silvergrove in January 2017, subject to oversight from the district forestry inspector Eugene Curran. He stipulated that the objective was to enhance the wood by removing scrub like gorse and any non-native species, to "facilitate natural regeneration of native broadleaves." However, throughout 2017 and up until September 2018, mechanical excavators cleared large areas of woodland, which were reseeded for pasture. When these works moved within sight of the public road, concerned locals reported the damage and upon inspection, the forestry licence was suspended.

This should have been the end of the story at Silvergrove but, unbelievably, just a few weeks later in October 2018, the forestry licence was reinstated. Now the works moved across to the South side of the road, this time using two industrial tree harvesting machines that quickly cut down another vast swathe of woodland. In January 2019 this new clearance was reported, the works were stopped again and the licence was permanently revoked.

The Forest Service later wrote to the owners saying "these works have seriously damaged the forest area" and imposed a replanting order. This order was appealed, leading to a prolonged legal battle which concluded in the High Court before Christmas 2021, in which the replanting order was

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confirmed. In the course of these proceedings, it was found that although native woodland management guidelines advocate that 85% cover should be maintained, the latest round of works had removed 87% of the tree cover.

Due to a mistake by the Forest Service in reinstating the felling licence in October 2018, it could now be argued that areas of woodland destroyed prior to the first suspension had not been in breach of licencing conditions. This raised doubts about whether or not the most severely damaged portions of the wood, cleared using mechanical excavators and reseeded with grass, would be covered by the replanting order at all. A rare and beautiful habitat has been badly damaged and the authorities who were supposed to protect it seem powerless. Without designation, the land is not part of the NPWS remit, while the Forest Service, which is under the Department of

Agriculture Food and Marine, has failed in its duty firstly, by granting a forestry licence for an Annex 1 habitat (which comes under the European Habitats Directive) without consulting NPWS, and secondly, by not ensuring the terms of that licence were upheld.

Between legal battles and penalties under cross-compliance regulations, the cost of damaging Silvergrove for the owner has presumably been significant. Although this could be said to be a self-inflicted burden, mistakes by the authorities have compounded the situation. Luckily most of Toon Wood is still intact. As for Silvergrove, we have satellite images of it before and after, so it is possible to map the damaged areas. If these are fenced off to omit grazing animals and allowed to regenerate naturally, with missing species planted in using local stock, they will in time recover. Meanwhile, it is up to Minister for Heritage

Malcolm Noonan to step up the designations process. NPWS has stated that a new round of surveys is being undertaken nationwide on all candidate sites. But we already have a detailed record of what Toon Woods comprised in 2013. Damaged areas like Silvergrove will return lower biodiversity scores in any new survey. Toon Wood could be designated today, at the stroke of a pen. Macroom and District Environment Group continues to advocate for this special place. As George Smith of Blackthorn Ecology recently said, "Toon Valley is indeed an exceptional woodland. Having surveyed it in 2013, I agree with John Cross's evaluation of it as the finest undesignated woodland in Ireland. The story of this wood highlights the consequences of years of understaffing and questionable priorities at NPWS."

Kian to display at Lego Show Ireland

Kian Dineen Hallissey is 12 years old and lives in Ballymakeera and attends Clondrohid National School in 6th class. He started collecting Lego when he was 4 years old and has been a fanatic ever since.

Kian was asked to display some of his models and collection at the upcoming Lego Shows Ireland in the coming weeks. He is now very busy getting ready for the up coming shows. They are on March 13th in the Clonmel Park Hotel, April 2nd/3rd in the Cork International Hotel & 27th/28th of August in the City West Hotel Dublin.



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INCHIGEELA HALL

We welcome the return of Bingo and Cards to Inchigeela Hall. **Bingo** Starts at 8.30 on each Friday from now on. Cards begin at 8.30 on Sundays. So, if you have been missing meeting up with your friends and all the fun or you want to learn Bingo or Cards now is your opportunity. As well as holding fundraising for the hall, the committee will be holding specials for charities and good causes in due course.

GAA AGM

At the recent Annual General Meeting, the following were elected: Chairperson, Denis Cronin, Secretary Ciara O Riordan, Treasurer Daniel O Riordan, Good luck to all in 2022.

CALENDARS

The Inchigeela calendar can still be got from Creedons Hotel or from the Post office and the Ballingearry Calendar is available from Siopa Uí Dhuinnin.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The parish chapter are very grateful for the contributions at Christmas time collections and for private donations. Anybody wishing to donate contact (085)2490061 The monies will be used for local needs.

BATTLE REMEMBERED

Cath Chéim an Fhia or the battle of Keimaneigh was commemorated in the parish during the week. Particularly on the 21st of January, the exact 200th anniversary of the event, many people visited the site or stopped at the monument at the top of the Pass to pay their respects. On Friday also, Radio na Gaeltachta marked the anniversary with a full hour programme at mid-day in "An Saol Ó Dheas. It was a very well researched programme, with contributions from Donncha O Lúasa, Seamus O Laoire, Triona Ní Shíocháin UCC, and Sean Ó Suilleabháin, of Cumann Staire Uibh Laoire. It had material from research and folklore as well as eye witness accounts. Well worth listening to again to on the RnG player or on the Béal atha web site.

On Saturday Joe Creedon led an interesting walk through the Old Graveyard in Inchigeela. Here a number of figures related to the attack on English forces and Irish landlords are buried. Máire Bhúí Ní Laoire, who composed the rousing song about the fight, James Barry Esq, landlord and feared tax gatherer, other landlords and the unfortunate John Smith a humble soldier who was killed in the mountain side –all sleep now only a few yards from one another, and as the Elizabethan poet said "and in the dust are equal made." Máire Bhúí's grave is often visited as witnessed by the much-trodden pathway to her resting place while James Barry lies under in a neglected and overgrown tomb.

Seán Ó Súilleabháin from Cumann Staire gave a talk on Saturday at a point not far from the action of 200 years ago. In this he gave the background to the incident and the terrible consequences for many people who either took part or were associated with the attack, the courts, the evictions, the gallows. He painted a clear picture of the times, the high rents and other injustices and the strong feelings by Catholics against the ruling classes. A lesser-known fact is that the famous "Liberator, Daniel O Connell was hired by Máire Bhui to fight in court for the freedom of her son who took part. The talk was all the more poignant since it was close to the battle area. Samhlófa go gloisfa "an cath ag teacht aniar, is glor na neach ag teacht le sian. Le fuaim an arm do crith an sliabh is nár bheinn liom a nglór."



Joe Creedon speaking at the Grave of Máire Bhui

Dónal Ó Céilleachair piping at Máire Bhui's grave

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Saint Gobnait

by Kathy O'Sullivan

The saying 's/he has the patience of a saint' conjures up an image of someone who is always calm and never allows anything to upset them. Saint Gobnait (the English translation is Abigail, meaning 'cause of joy', or Deborah, which means 'bee'), whose feast day is February 11th, was certainly calm, but woe betide any lawbreaker or anyone who threatened her community. For Gobnait, a remarkable woman capable of standing up to any foe, could combat a team of enemies singlehandedly, with the aid of her beloved bees. She was what one could call a woman of substance.

Believed to have born in County Clare in the 5th or 6th century, Gobnait fled her home, possibly from a family feud, and took refuge on the Aran Islands. The ruins of an 11th century oratory dedicated to her, Cill Ghobnait, said to contain the remains of her beehive, can still be seen today, on Inis Oírr. While on Inis Oírr, an angel appeared to her and told her that the 'place of her resurrection' was not to be there but in the place where she would find nine white deer grazing.

Gobnait's various stops in her search for the nine deer include Kilgobnet (near Dungarvan, Co. Waterford), as well as Dún Chaoin and Kilgobnet, near Killorglin, Co. Kerry. According to a 1962 book by Máire Mac Neill, *The Festival of Lughnasa: a study of the survival of the Celtic festival of the beginning of harvest* (Oxford University Press), Kilgobnet, in Kerry, is also said to have been the original site of the Lughnasa festival now held in Killorglin - Puck Fair.

Twice on her journey, Gobnait met white deer, three at Clondrohid and six at Baile Mhic Íre (Ballymakeera), but it was only when she reached Baile Bhúirne that she found the nine deer, as prophesied. There, in Ballyvourney, she founded her monastery, on land donated by the O'Herlihy family. She did this with the help of St. Abban, said in many accounts to be her brother.

Given that Celtic folklore believed the soul left the body as a bee or a butterfly, it is not surprising that Gobnait embraced beekeeping, developing an affinity with bees which has resulted in her being regarded as the patron saint of bees and beekeepers (St. Valentine is also the patron saint of beekeepers). She worked extensively to heal the sick, and honey was probably used in healing, given that it has been used in many cultures for millennia as a remedy to help heal wounds and burns, fight infections, and, especially, to alleviate cold and flu symptoms. Honey is also one of the most versatile of all foods. Fermented honey water, or mead, residue was found in pottery vessels in northern China dating to 7000BC. The Great Banqueting Hall on the Hill of Tara was known as Tech Mid Chuarda (Mead Circling House). Mead was also the favourite drink of the Greek philosopher, Aristotle. There were only three phenomena which remained a mystery to Aristotle, namely: a woman's mind, the coming and going of the tide, and the work of the bees. Albert Einstein believed that if bees were to disappear off the face of the earth, humans would only have four years left to live, due to no more pollination or plants etc.

One story of bees tells of how a hive of Gobnait's in Ballyvourney changed into a bronze helmet, while



Harry Clarke's design drawing for the stained-glass window depiction of St. Gobnait, 1914 & the completed 1916 work at the Honan Chapel, University College Cork

her bees transformed into soldiers, to successfully chase off cattle thieves. Another version has the beehive turning into a bell, which then became Gobnait's bell. A single bee can often be ignored, but when millions come together and unite, watch how others can backtrack and run.

It is this legend that inspired Harry Clarke's 1916 stained-glass window in the Honan Chapel at University College Cork. Harry Clarke (1889-1931), long considered to be Ireland's finest stained-glass artist, was commissioned in 1914 to design nine stained-glass windows in the Celtic Revival Style for the Royal University in Cork's Honan Chapel. The Celtic Revival was a literary and artistic movement that began in the 1880s, that sought to shape a modern Irish national identity through reviving the Irish language and old traditions. As it was during World War One, when supplies were scarce in Ireland, Clarke had specialised materials smuggled in from England (apparently concealed in a small leather case).

There are many stories involving St. Gobnait and bees, often involving setting her bees upon thieves. She certainly appears to have been a courageous lady! However, as well as being formidable, what comes across in the stories is someone who was kind and protective of her community. Those who deal with bees are generally calm and sociable.

Her affinity with animals and her intolerance for those who circumvent the law can be seen when her oratory in Ballyvourney was being built. She had a horse for transport. One evening the tradesmen left their tools next to the building.



The bulla, a spherical agate stone and Wooden statue of St Gobnait & 'tomhas Ghobnatan'

That night, a thief took the tools, mounted the horse, and rode away at full speed, thinking he had made his getaway. The next morning, to his astonishment, he was caught by the tradesmen riding around the same building. As a warning to others, they cut his effigy in stone, a stone which can be seen to this day. This stone is called Gadaige Gobnatan, or 'St. Gobnait's thief.'

Set in the wall in the ruins of St. Gobnait's church at Ballyvourney, there is a spherical agate stone, called the bulla, which she is said to have used to prevent the building of a castle by a tyrant on the other side of the valley from her monastery. Every time he began building, she sent the stone across and knocked down the walls, as fast as he could build, until he gave up in despair. The stone somehow returned to her hand each time she threw it. After this, the stone was often borrowed by people seeking to cure themselves or their animals. Once, it is said that a woman from Macroom borrowed it to cure her cattle, but instead of returning it immediately, she kept it for three nights. However, after loud noises were heard coming from the room where she had placed it, making her afraid, she returned it on the fourth day. After that, the bulla became lodged in its present position.

Another story, which illustrates Gobnait's protective nature, is one that tells of how she saved the people of Ballyvourney from the plague, by drawing a line along the eastern borders of the parish with her stick, thus marking the parish as consecrated ground. Beyond this line the plague never came. Yet another story tells of how she cured one of her nuns, who was gravely ill, with honey.

St. Gobnait was once prayed to as a protection against smallpox: 'A Gubinet, tabhairslan aon Mbliathan shin, agus sábháil shin o gach geine agus sórdEgruas, go speisialta on Bholgach' - O

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Gobnait was a woman of many talents and associations, being also originally a patron of ironworkers. This is indicated by her pet's name, Gobba, from gabha, 'smith'. An area known as 'St. Gobnait's House' at Cill Gobnatan was excavated in 1951 by M. J. O'Kelly (see the Journal of the Cork Archaeological and Historical Society, Jan-June 1952), yielding considerable evidence of ironworking (smithing and smelting) in the early medieval period on the site. Artefacts uncovered include the remains of furnaces dating from the Bronze and Iron Ages under what became commonly known as St. Gobnait's house. The site's link to fire has led to speculation that there may be a connection with the Celtic god of fire, Goibniu. A short distance from St. Gobnait's house, a well was discovered during the excavation. When conservation work was subsequently being undertaken on the site, the well was enlarged, and has since been venerated as a holy well. In Ireland, there are over 3,000 recorded holy wells across the island, with more than 350 sites in Cork County alone. They are a vital part of the Irish spiritual and cultural landscape. St. Gobnait's Grave, Reilig Ghobnatan, is located in the graveyard. It is a grass-covered mound of loosely packed stones, on top of which are two flat slabs and a piece of a bullaun stone (the depression in a stone which is often water filled). The traditional site of Gobnait's nunnery is the old graveyard and medieval parish church known as Teampall Ghobhatan (the church of Gobnait).

Pilgrimage appears to have been associated with St. Gobnait for centuries, though the earliest written reference only dates to the 1600s. In 1602, O'Sullivan Beara and his 1000+ entourage stopped at Ballyvourney to pray at Gobnait's shrine, one of many stops on their epic march from the Beara peninsula to Leitrim (only 35 reached their final destination).

Until 1843, a 13th century oak statue of the saint was in the hereditary keeping of the O'Herlihy family. Then the statue was given into the care of the parish priest, remaining in the care of the church of Ballyvourney to this day. On the



St Gobnait's House, Ballyvourney and St. Gobnait's well, Ballyvourney

saint's feast day, the statue is displayed within the church. Pilgrims with ribbons perform the ritual called St Gobnait's measure, or tomhas Ghobnatan. This is a practice where pilgrims use the ribbons to 'measure' the statue. In many cases the ribbons are then brought home and used to ward off and to cure illness. Farmers often placed the ribbons in outhouses, to protect livestock. Annual 'rounds' dedicated to Gobnait, called 'Turas Ghobnatan' or the 'deiseal', devotions where pilgrims walk in a clockwise circuit, can be traced back to early medieval times. Pilgrimage was heavily suppressed in Ireland in the 18th and 19th centuries, yet faith and hope could not be extinguished. The human spirit is stronger than anything that can happen to it. The two annual pilgrimage ('pattern') days at Ballyvourney are the 11th February (also known as World Day of the Sick) and Whitsunday (Pentecost).

A statue to St. Gobnait was commissioned by a local committee, chaired by the parish priest Fr. Tom O'Brien, and unveiled on 13th May (Whit Sunday) 1951. Séamus Murphy, the sculptor and stone carver, regarded the life-size, limestone representation of St. Gobnait as one of his favourite sculptures. She is dressed in a shawl and perched on a beehive, around which are figures of the bees with which she is associated.

That Murphy was asked to commemorate St. Gobnait was brave of the local community and its clergy, according to his son. By 1951, Murphy had fallen foul of the powers-that-be in the

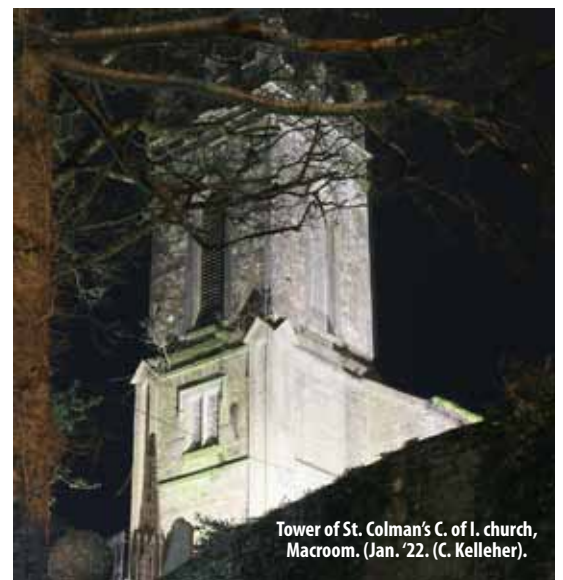
Catholic Church, and he was passed over for many important commissions in the next few decades. Apparently, this was because of a bust of John Charles McQuaid, Archbishop of Dublin, in the early 1940s that McQuaid didn't like, telling the Bishop of Cork, Con Lucey, not to commission any more work from the sculptor. Thereafter, any priest in Co. Cork who commissioned work from Murphy did so on his own initiative. Murphy's son, Colm, said: "They would have been flying in the face of the bishop's instructions. And I'm sure they suffered for it."

Much of what we know about Gobnait comes from folklore. Unlike many other Irish saints, her life story was not written down during the medieval period. That makes it all the more fascinating that traditions associated with her survive. Gobnait also inspired poetry, with the following excerpt from the poem St. Gobnait and the Place of Her Resurrection, by Christine Valters Paintner, being among the most beautiful:

*Is there a place for each of us,
where we no longer yearn to be elsewhere?
Where our work is to simply soften,
wait, and pay close attention?
She smiles as bees gather eagerly
around her too, wings humming softly
as they collect essence of wildflowers,
transmuting labor into gold.*



Macroom's St. Colman's Church of Ireland church, Jan. '22. (C. Kelleher).



Tower of St. Colman's C. of I. church, Macroom. (Jan. '22. (C. Kelleher).



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Ruth has completed extensive post-graduate training in a number of areas. She is a qualified Rehabilitative Pilates Instructor, having completed comprehensive training with Polestar International UK. In early 2021 she also graduated from Reformation Yoga in Dublin as a qualified yoga instructor.

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Macroom Square and Main Street, 1 Jan., 2022. {C. Kelleher}.



Pharmacy open (with Seamas Burke), 1 Jan., 2022. {C. Kelleher}.



Macroom Bridge, Jan. '22. (C. Kelleher).



Left: A discarded face mask on the ground {C. Kelleher}.
Right: Happy couple enjoying New Year's Day, 2022. {C. Kelleher}.



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VIEWS SOUGHT ON COUNTY CORK DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Mayor of the County of Cork, Cllr Gillian Coughlan is encouraging individuals and groups to have their say on the future development of the county with the publication of the Proposed Amendments to the Draft County Development Plan. This is the last opportunity for the people of County Cork to make submissions on the plan which comes into effect in June.

The Cork County Development Plan sets out Cork County Council's overall strategy for the proper planning and sustainable development of the county between 2022 and 2028. It takes national and regional level plans, Government policy and statutory guidelines into account to create one single planned approach for the future development of the county.

More than 1,100 submissions were received during the public consultation stage of the Draft Plan in 2021. There were also 18 detailed meetings with Elected Members building on the previous 46 meetings

to prepare the Draft Plan itself. More than 1,600 Proposed Amendments have now been prepared.

Submissions on the Proposed Amendments can be made from Tuesday 18th January 2022 up to and including midnight on Tuesday 15th February 2022

Mayor Coughlan in welcoming the publication of the Proposed Amendments highlighted how "The Proposed Amendments to the Draft Plan have been prepared following an intensive process of meetings between the Elected Members of Cork County Council and Council staff together with input from the 1,100 public submissions we received. The publication of the Proposed Amendments to the Draft Plan is the final opportunity for individuals and groups across Cork County to have their say in the final Cork County Development Plan, 2022-2028. I would strongly encourage people to get involved and have their say in forming the future development of County Cork."

Chief Executive of Cork County Council, Tim Lucey added, "The Proposed Amendments along with the Draft Plan itself provides an ambitious and balanced vision for the future of the County up to 2028. It plans for population growth of 59,000 people and enables the orderly delivery of 22,600 housing units, as well as supporting commercial and social services. The population growth and necessary housing units will be delivered across the whole of County Cork, at appropriate locations in County Metropolitan Cork, the Ring and County Towns, Key Villages, Villages and Rural Areas so as to deliver sustainable growth in our rural and urban communities."

The County Cork Development Plan is due to be finalised in April 2022 and will be the first of three County Development Plans, that when taken together will set a clear pathway for County Cork to achieve its ambitious Project Ireland 2040 targets as set out in the National Planning Framework and the Southern Region Regional

Spatial and Economic Strategy.

It will be the first consolidated plan for the entire functional area of Cork County Council and relates to the new administrative boundary of the county which is in place since May 2019. The new plan will replace the current County Development Plan, 2014 along with the current Clonakilty, Cobh, Fermoy, Kinsale, Macroom, Mallow, Middleton, Skibbreen and Youghal Town Development Plans and the eight Municipal District Local Area Plans made in 2017.

Full details of the Proposed Amendments to the Draft County Development Plan will be available at <https://www.corkcoco.ie/en/cork-county-development-plan-2022-2028> from Tuesday 18th January 2022.

Cork County Council Announces €1.8 million Fund for Community and Voluntary Groups

Following another challenging year for the community and voluntary sector, Cork County Council has announced support of over €1.8million to support local communities in 2022. The Council's annual Community Fund Scheme benefits hundreds of groups across the county and is now open for applications.

The scheme is administered locally by the eight Municipal Districts and each year provides financial assistance to a range of different community, sporting and voluntary organisations under three distinctive fund types: The Capital Fund, Community Contract and Amenity Fund.

Mayor of the County of Cork, Cllr Gillian Coughlan, welcomed the announcement of the 2022 scheme, "Our community groups and voluntary organisations have shown remarkable resilience over the past two years. Despite the many challenges and restrictions, their determination to improve their areas and support their wider community is inspiring. Each year, this scheme supports a range of projects and initiatives, including the work of Tidy Towns groups and community associations, infrastructural works, and sports and leisure facilities. I encourage groups to consider making

an application to this year's fund and look forward to seeing many more worthwhile projects progressed for 2022."

Chief Executive of Cork County Council, Tim Lucey, noted, "In 2022 we are making over €1.8million available to communities through our General Municipal Allocation. This is Cork County Council's eighth year providing the Community Fund Scheme and it has assisted in delivering a host of valuable community initiatives across Cork County year after year. Given the challenges of Covid-19 and the relentless work undertaken by our community and voluntary sector, this financial support has never been more important. This annual scheme demonstrates our commitment to supporting these groups and working together to continually improve our towns and villages."

Guidelines for the scheme and application details are available online at www.yourcouncil.ie from Wednesday, 12th January 2022 and will close at 4pm on Tuesday, 15th February 2022.

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On field Activities

U13 player Michael Dunne, has in recent weeks been training with the Cork Schoolboys League Inter League group. After a number of eye-catching performances, he has now officially made the CSL U13 squad. This is an unbelievable achievement from Michael and is proof that as well as his undoubted talent, the hard work he has put in means he has been deservedly included in this squad. Speaking to his coaches, the over-riding theme is one of a brilliant attitude, along with hard work and commitment. There was further good news as Michael has also been called in to the FAI emerging talent programme, taking place over the coming weeks in Cork. Well done and good luck from all at the club.

The U12B schoolboys played a league game away to Riverstown and won a closely contested affair on a 2-1 scoreline. Macroom will feel they could have been more comfortable in this game as a good number of chances were created and not converted. Scoreless at half time, the visitors were on target twice in the second period with Frankie Kiernan on the scoresheet. Ajay Cronin then scored his first goal for Macroom FC and although the hosts had a goal of their own, Macroom held on for another morale boosting victory. There were top displays from Will Buckley, Ciaran McSweeney and Tristan Mullane. The U12 boys were also away to Riverstown in a National Cup 4th round tie. After a great run in this competition, Macroom were defeated on a 2-0 scoreline against a very strong Premier league side. Having said that, the visitors had their chances particularly in the first half when Matthew Kelleher went on a great left-wing run. His narrow-angled shot beat the keeper but came off the far post and was cleared to safety. Kelleher then lifted a great lob just over the crossbar with the keeper well beaten. Jamie McCarthy was then in on goal but the home keeper was off his line quickly to avert the danger. Riverstown had a couple of fine attempts but Macroom keeper Calum O'Driscoll made a number of outstanding saves. Riverstown went ahead from close range shortly before half time. In fairness the hosts controlled the second half but Macroom hung in with some fine defending from Ciaran Coleman, Micheal Deasy and Ryan Brophy. The home side doubled their lead with 10 minutes remaining when a corner was volleyed home. The Macroom lads were still determined not to concede further and continued to give their all until the final whistle sounded. It was a spirited and gutsy performance against a team playing 3 divisions above them. Micheal O'Connor, David Bradley, Daniel Harte and Matthew Kelleher impressed for Macroom who can take much encouragement from this outing.

Youths Win

The Youths team, sponsored by Matty O' Leary Electrical, travelled to Buttevant last week and had a fantastic 2-0 win over the home side in the Murphy Youth Cup. Goals in either half by Ronan Morey set Macroom on course for victory and the whole squad contributed to a fine result.



Macroom U12 boys who played Riverstown in the National Cup



Macroom U12B side after 2-1 win v Riverstown

U13 Schoolboys.

Both U13 teams were victorious last weekend. The division 3 side currently reside at the top of the league and a tremendous 7-1 win away to Riverstown further strengthened their position. Goals from Jacob Barry, Eoin Holland and an outstanding solo effort from Jack Murphy. Another great result and many thanks to Haven Pharmacy for the sponsorship.

U13 Division 7, sponsored by Delforno Tiles & Timber.

Macroom A 5 - Watergrasshill A 0

Macroom hosted Watergrasshill at the Town Park for their first outing of 2022. From the start Macroom dominated this tie, but squandered a flurry of chances early on. The breakthrough came on 20 minutes. Senan Lynch & Diego Moros Suarez combined for Jayden Leahy to score. Into the second half, Macroom continued to dominate and were rewarded with a fantastic finish from Daniel Lucey to double the lead. Soon after it was 3-0 when Suarez hammered the ball to the roof of the net. Robert Duggan grabbed the fourth with ten minutes remaining & Senan Lynch rounded off the scoring after finishing neatly in the final minute.

An outstanding performance which lifts Macroom up into third in the league.

TEAM, Bradan Morey, Michael Kelleher, Daniel Lucey, Oskar Bardszczewski, Tamer Alloush, Jayden Leahy, Diego Moros Suarez, Brendan O'



Macroom's Michael Dunne who has been selected on the Cork Schoolboys League U13 side. He will also take part in the FAI Emerging Talent programme in Cork
Leary, Senan Lynch, Robbie Magee, Ronan O'Sullivan, Robert Duggan, William Healy & Eoin O'Reilly.

Well done to the U13 schoolgirls who were away to Middleton. In a tough game, the home side proved too strong, but a great display of teamwork from the Macroom girls was pleasing to see. Claire Hughes was on target with a fine Macroom goal, with the assist coming from Mai Fitzgerald. Well done to all the girls and thanks to parents for travelling.

GAA – Cork County Senior and Intermediate League Formats 2022 & 2023

It is anticipated that the 2022 county leagues will start in March.

A restructuring of the County Leagues was planned at the end of 2020 to align the league programme more appropriately with the new championship programme. With all teams now guaranteed at least three championship games, it was felt that a lesser number of league games would be appropriate.

A target of ten teams per division and nine games per team was established. In order to restructure the leagues on a fair basis, the Divisions will be split into Groups 1A & 1B, 2A & 2B, 3A & 3B (and 3C football) for 2022. Teams are allocated based primarily on their finishing league position in 2019 and secondly on their championship status for 2022. Groups 1A and 1B are of the same standard, for example, and are evenly graded.

Red FM County Senior & Intermediate Hurling League Groupings 2022

Division 1

Group 1A		Group 1B			
No. Team	League '19	Cship '22	No. Team	League '19	Cship '22
1	Midleton Div 1	PS	1	Glen Rovers Div 1	PS
2	Blackrock Div 1	PS	2	Sarsfields Div 1	PS
3	Douglas Div 1	PS	3	Erins Own Div 1	PS
4	Newtownshandrum Div 1	PS	4	St. Finbarr's Div 1	PS
5	Bishopstown Div 1	PS	5	Charleville Div 1	PS
6	Na Piarasaigh Div 1	PS	6	Kanturk Div 1	PS
7	Fr. O'Neill's Div 2	SA	7	Bride Rovers Div 1	SA
8	Newcestown Div 1	SA	8	Ballymartle Div 1	SA
9	Killeagh Div 1	SA	9	Mallow Div 2	SA
10	Fermoy Div 2	SA	10	Carrigtwohill Div 2	SA

Division 2

Group 2A		Group 2B			
No. Team	League '19	Cship '22	No. Team	League '19	Cship '22
1	Ballyhea Div 2	SA	1	Cloyne Div 2	SA
2	Courcey Rovers Div 2	SA	2	Bandon Div 2	PI
3	Ballinhassig Div 2	PI	3	Castlelyons Div 2	PI
4	Kilworth Div 2	PI	4	Valley Rovers Div 2	PI
5	BLARNEY Div 3	SA	5	BALLINCOLLIG Div 3	PI
6	Carrigaline Div 3	PI	6	INNISCARRA Div 3	PI
7	Watergrasshill Div 3	PI	7	Youghal Div 3	PI
8	Kildorrery Div 3	IA	8	Mayfield Div 3	IA
9	Blackrock Div 3	IA	9	Milford Div 3	LI
10	Tracton Div 3	LI	10	ÉIRE ÓG Div 4	PI

Division 3

Group 3A		Group 3B		Group 3C	
No. Team	League '19	Cship '22	No. Team	League '19	Cship '22
1	AGHABULLOGUE Div 4	IA	1	Aghada Div 4	IA
2	Dungourney Div 4	IA	2	Meelin Div 4	IA
3	Midleton Div 4	IA	3	Argideen Rngs Div 4	LI
			4	CLOUGHUV	Div 4 IA
			5	Sarsfields	Div 4 IA
			6	Ballygarvan	Div 4 LI

League Play-offs 2022

In each Division, the top team will play the second placed team in the corresponding group. The top team in Group 1A for example will have home advantage and will play the second placed team in Group 1B and vice versa, with the exception of Division 3 in football where the best 2nd placed team will join the three group winners at the semi-final stage with repeat pairings to be avoided, the top two ranked teams having home advantage. All league finals will be played at neutral venues.

In each case the promoted and relegated teams will replace their relevant counterpart. Both league finalists in Group 2 will be promoted in place of the bottom team in both Division 1A and 1B. Both league finalists in Group 3 will be promoted in place of the bottom teams in Groups 2A and 2B.

In 2023, six Divisions of ten teams each will be in place, based on finishing positions at end 2022.

Hurling 2023

Division 1 Top 5 Teams from 1A and Top 5 Teams from 1B

4	St.Catherine's Div 4	LI	Kilbrittain Div 4	LI	Castlemartyr Div 5	PI
5	Douglas Div 5	IA	Lisgoold Div 5	IA	Glen Rovers Div 5	LI
6	St. Finbarr's Div 5	LI	Russell Rovers Div 5	LI	Ballygiblin Div 5	LI
7	Barryroe Div 5	LI	DRIPSEY Div 5	LI	GRENAGH Div 5	JA
8	Na Piarasaigh Div 5	JA	Ballinhassig Div 5	JA	Ballymartle? Div 5	JA

Cork Credit Unions County Senior & Intermediate Football League Groupings 2022

Division 1

Group 1A		Group 1B			
No. Team	League '19	Cship '21	No. Team	League '19	Cship '21
1	St Finbarr's Div 1	PS	1	Clonakilty Div 1	PS
2	Castlehaven Div 1	PS	2	Nemo Rangers Div 1	PS
3	BALLINCOLLIG Div 1	PS	3	Carbery Rangers Div 1	PS
4	Mallow Div 1	PS	4	CILL Na MARTRA Div 1	PI
5	Kiskeam Div 1	SA	5	O'Donovan Rossa Div 1	SA
6	St Michaels Div 1	SA	6	Douglas Div 2	PS
7	ÉIRE ÓG Div 2	PS	7	Valley Rovers Div 2	PS
8	Newcestown Div 2	PS	8	Carrigaline Div 2	PS
9	BÉAL ÁTHA'n GHAORTHAIDH Div 2	SA	9	Clyda Rovers Div 2	SA
10	Fermoy Div 2	SA	10	Ilen Rovers Div 2	SA

Division 2

Group 2A		Group 2B			
No. Team	League '19	Cship '21	No. Team	League '19	Cship '21
1	Newmarket Div 2	SA	1	Kanturk Div 2	PI
2	Dohenys Div 3	SA	2	Knocknagree Div 3	SA
3	Bandon Div 3	SA	3	NAOMH ABÁN Div 3	PI
4	Nemo Rangers Div 3	PI	4	Aghada Div 3	PI
5	Rockchapel Div 3	PI	5	Castletownbere Div 3	PI
6	MACROOM Div 3	PI	6	Bishopstown Div 3	SA
7	Bantry Blues Div 3	PI	7	Na Piarasaigh Div 3	PI
8	St Vincent's Div 3	PI	8	AGHABULLOGUE Div 3	IA
9	Glanworth Div 3	IA	9	Mitchelstown Div 4	IA
10	Ballydesmond Div 4	IA	10	Dromtarriffe Div 4	IA

Division 3

Group 3A		Group 3B			
No. Team	League '19	Cship '21	No. Team	League '19	Cship '21
1	Gabriel Rangers Div 4	IA	1	Glenville Div 4	IA
2	Kinsale Div 4	JA	2	Mayfield Div 4	JA
3	UIBH LAOIRE Div 5	PI	3	St. Nick's Div 5	IA
4	Kilshannig Div 5	IA	4	Millstreet Div 5	IA
5	Glanmire Div 5	IA	5	St. Finbarr's Div 5	IA
6	Adrigole Div 5	IA	6	BALLINORA Div 5	IA
7	Kildorrery Div 5	IA	7	Boherbue Div 5	IA
8	GRENAGH Div 5	JA	8		

Division 2 Bottom 5 Teams from 1A and Bottom 5 Teams from 1B

Division 3 Top 5 Teams from 2A and Top 5 Teams from 2B

Division 4 Bottom 5 Teams from 2A and Bottom 5 Teams from 2B

Division 5 Top 3 Teams from 2A, Top 3 Teams from 2B, Top 3 Teams from 3C and best 4th placed team across the three Groups

Division 6 The remaining two 4th placed teams, the 5th and 6th teams from each of the three Groups, the best 7th placed teams and the Junior A league winners (TBC)

Football 2023

Division 1 Top 5 Teams from 1A and Top 5 Teams from 1B

Division 2 Bottom 5 Teams from 1A and Bottom 5 Teams from 1B

Division 3 Top 5 Teams from 2A and Top 5 Teams from 2B

Division 4 Bottom 5 Teams from 2A and Bottom 5 Teams from 2B

Division 5 Top 5 Teams from 3A and Top 5 Teams from 3B

Division 6 The remaining teams in 3A and 3B, with the required no. of Junior A teams (TBC)



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Allianz National Football League 2022

Division Two (8 teams) – Cork, Derry, Down, Clare, Offaly, Galway, Meath and Roscommon

Cork Fixtures:

Sunday January 30th; Roscommon v Cork, Dr Hyde Park 2pm

Saturday February 5th: Cork v Clare at Páirc Uí Chaoimh 7pm (Hurlers play Clare at 5pm)

Sunday February 20th: Derry v Cork, Owenbeg 2pm

Saturday February 26th: Cork v Galway at P Uí Chaoimh 5pm

Sunday March 13th: Meath v Cork, Pairc Tailteann 2pm

Sunday March 20th: Cork v Down at P Uí Chaoimh, 1pm

Sunday March 20th: Offaly v Cork at Tullamore 2pm.

April 2/3: NFL Div 2 Final: Top two teams with both promoted

Munster Football Championship:

Cork have drawn Kerry, with home advantage; the other Munster semi-final is Tipp or Waterford v Clare or Limerick.

May 7: Munster football semi-final: Cork v Kerry, Páirc Uí Rinn

May 28: Munster final.

2022 McGrath Cup Final

Kerry 2-17 Cork 0-11

Kerry are McGrath Cup champions for the first time since 2017 after this 12-point win over a Cork team which had an unusually large number of Mid Cork footballers- 5 starting and 2 introduced as substitutes.

First half goals from Dingle club mates Tom O'Sullivan and Paul Geaney laid the platform for Kerry, who were much the more cohesive and sharper looking team all through. Cork's team was much more inexperienced than Kerry's, with Keith Ricken philosophical afterwards about the work he and his players have ahead of them.

O'Sullivan's goal came after just four minutes after Geaney cleverly played in his Dingle club mate, and at the first water break Kerry led 1-4 to 0-2, with Geaney and Paudie Clifford scoring the pick of the points.

Brian Hurley was very lively at full forward for Cork and a fine point from him, and one from wing-back Rory Maguire had Cork back in the contest at 1-5 to 0-4 after 22 minutes. However, the loss of Kevin O'Donovan to a black card put huge pressure on the visitors against a Kerry team – even with David Clifford on the bench – that was quickly finding its rhythm and spark.

Cork had almost weathered that 10-minute spell with 14 players when Geaney gathered Micheal Burns' pass across the goal and the Dingle man, looking impressively sharp through this competition, beat Micheal Martin for the second time to give Kerry that 10-point lead at half time. Thereafter it was damage limitation for Cork, and losing the second half 0-8 to 0-6 will be a small source of consolation for the Rebels. By the second water break Kerry were 2-15 to 0-9 ahead, David Clifford on the field and scoring two points. Cork carved out late scores from Mark Cronin, Hurley and Daniel Dineen, but it was Kerry's day. - From Kerry GAA

EchoLive Sport:

As expected Kerry had too much for Cork in a one-sided McGrath Cup final in Killarney on Saturday. The game started five minutes late due to turnstile congestion on the first day back after Covid restrictions were lifted.

A strong Jack O'Connor selection showed all their class and experience against a youthful Cork side which learned a valuable lesson in the importance of minding the football in such exalted company. Their limitations were exposed in having just three scorers, and one of those was wing-back Rory Maguire with a couple until, substitute Dan O Duinnin added his name to list near the end. Once again Brian Hurley was their main threat up top giving Kerry full-back Jason Foley an uncomfortable afternoon.

Kerry's winning margin would have been even greater but for a combination of outstanding goalkeeping by Micheal Aodh Martin and the frame of the goals at either end of Fitzgerald Stadium.

Kerry led by 1-4 to 0-2 at the first water break.

Cork had lost Kevin O'Donovan to a black card and it was 2-9 to 0-5 at the interval and Cork's cause wasn't helped by an injury to substitute Damien Gore, who had only just been introduced, when he landed awkwardly.

It was 2-15 to 0-9 at the second water break and a brilliant one-handed save by Martin to deny the impressive Geaney was the highlight of the closing quarter.

Cork will need to be much better when they travel to Roscommon for their opening game of the Division 2 League. Kerry head for Kildare.

Scorers for Cork: B Hurley (0-5, 0-2 frees); M Cronin (0-3, 0-1 free); R Maguire (0-2); D Dineen (0-1).

Cork: Micheal Aodh Martin (Nemo Rangers); Seán Powter (Douglas), Kieran Histon (Nemo Rangers), Tadhg Corkery (Cill na Martra); Rory Maguire (Castlehaven), John Cooper (Éire Óg), Matthew Taylor (Mallow); Cian Kiely (Ballincollig), Joe Grimes (Clonakilty); Kevin O'Donovan (Nemo Rangers), Blake Murphy (St Vincent's), Colm O'Callaghan (Éire Óg); Mark Cronin (Nemo Rangers), Brian Hurley (Castlehaven), Chris Óg Jones (Iveleary).

Subs: Damien Gore (Kilmacabea) for Murphy (33 mins); Luke Connolly (Nemo Rangers) for Gore (inj); David Buckley (Newcestown) for O'Donovan (both HT); Daniel Dineen (Cill na Martra) for Jones, Daniel O'Connell (Kanturk) for Kiely (both 47); Kevin Flahive (Douglas) for Histon (50, inj); Shane Merritt (Mallow) for Grimes (52); Kevin Crowley (Millstreet) for Cooper (53); Paudie Allen (Newmarket) for Corkery (55); Paul Ring (Aghabullogue) for Powter (62).

Cork Hurlers

Allianz National Hurling League

Division One A – 6 teams – Cork, Clare, Limerick, Galway, Offaly, and Wexford.

February 5: Cork v Clare, P Uí Chaoimh, 5pm. (footballers play Clare at 7pm)

February 13: Offaly v Cork, Bord Na Móna O'Connor Park, 2pm.

February 27: Limerick v Cork, TUS Gaelic Grounds, 3.45pm.

March 5: Cork v Galway, Páirc Uí Chaoimh, 7pm.

March 20: Wexford v Cork, Chadwicks Wexford Park, 1.45pm.

March 26-27: Allianz Hurling League Division 1 semi-finals: 1st v 2nd from Group A and Group B;

Relegation play-off: 6th Group A v 6th Group B.

April 2-3: Allianz Hurling League Division 1 final.

Munster Hurling Championship: The group stage system from 2018 and '19 is back, each county has two home and two away fixtures, with the top teams moving into the Munster final, the third-placed side goes into the qualifiers.

April 17: Munster round robin: Cork v Limerick, Páirc Uí Chaoimh.

May 8: Munster round robin: Waterford v Cork, Walsh Park.

May 15: Munster round robin: Cork v Clare, Venue TBC, Páirc Uí Rinn likely.

May 22: Munster round robin: Tipperary v Cork, Semple Stadium.

June 5: Munster final; third-placed team in the province goes into the qualifiers.

Cork 1-17 UCC 1-15

Cork with Mark Coleman, Seán O'Donoghue and Pádraig Power, won the Canon O'Brien Cup after an entertaining tussle with UCC, who included Shane Barrett, at the Mardyke before a fine crowd. The performances of Ballygiblin's Mark Keane, who has committed to the Rebels after a stint in Aussie Rules, the returning Conor Lehane, newcomer Ciarán Joyce and other U20 All-Ireland winners Colin O'Brien, Pádraig Power and Seán Twomey were all of particular interest.

Darragh Fitzgibbon and Shane Kingston impressed for the victors. Cork went in front when Fitzgibbon raised a green flag after 15 minutes, he added a point and Ger Millerick also scored: 1-5 to 0-3 at the water break.

A goal from Simon Kennefick brought UCC back into contention and two points from Henn saw the sides level, 1-6 apiece with five minutes to half-time. Late points from Kingston and Keane had Cork two up half-time.

UCC started the second half the brighter and four scores from Henn helped to put them back on level terms, 1-10 apiece after 45 minutes.

Kingston and Harnedy raised white flags for Cork, but UCC replied to see it 1-14 each with three minutes to go. Kingston converted the opportunities in the closing stages in what was ideal preparation ahead of the league early next month.

Scorers for Cork: S Kingston 0-8 (0-5 f, 0-2 65), D Fitzgibbon 1-1, C Lehane 0-2, G Millerick, M Keane, L Meade, M Coleman, S Harnedy, R O'Flynn 0-1 each.

UCC: W Henn 0-10 (0-7 f), S Kennefick 1-1, M Kehoe 0-2, C Cahalane, C Bowe 0-1 each.

Cork: Ger Collins Ballinhassig; Damien Cahalane (St Finbarr's), Ger Mellerick (Fr O'Neills), Seán O'Donoghue (Inniscarra); James O'Flynn (Erins Own), Mark Coleman (Blarney – captain), Tim O'Mahony (Newtownshandrum); Darragh Fitzgibbon (Charleville), Ciarán Joyce (Castlemartyr); Mark Keane (Ballygiblin), Seamus Harnedy (St Ita's), Conor Lehane (Midleton); Alan Cadogan (Douglas), Shane Kingston (Douglas), Luke Meade (Newcestown). Subs: Pádraig Power (Blarney), Robbie O'Flynn (Erins Own), Robbie O'Flynn (Erins Own), C O'Brien, Seán Twomey (Courseys),

UCC: I Butler (Kildorrery); I Daly (Lismore), N O'Leary (Castlelyons), K O'Dwyer (Killenaule); R Downey (Glen Rovers), T O'Connell (Midleton), C Barry (Ahane); C Cahalane (St Finbarr's), C O'Brien (Newtownshandrum); C Boylan (Na Piarasigh



Limerick), W Henn (do), M Kehoe (Kilsheelin-Kilcash); C Bowe (Boyne-Templetuoghly), Shane Barrett (Blarney), S Kennefick (Glen Rovers).

Subs: R Connolly (Adare), D Connery, D O'Leary (Watergrasshill) and S Condon (Harbour Rovers) both 46.

Third Level GAA

Sigerson Cup Football

MTU, Campus Cork 0-15 UCC 0-13

MTUCork (formerly CIT) came out on top in their Sigerson Cup derby clash with UCC, holding off a college comeback.

Colm O'Callaghan opened the scoring for UCC in the sixth minute but MTU were starting to dominate and MTU deservedly lead 0-8 to 0-4 at the break.

Two more from Gore extended their lead, with Buckley adding two as well, all in the first two minutes of the second half: 0-12 to 0-4.

UCC responded as they hit seven without reply to make it a one-point game.

A late Damian Gore point finished the scoring.

Scorers for MTU: D Gore 0-8 (0-5 f), D Buckley 0-4, D O'Connor, C Kennedy, F Murphy 0-1 each. UCC: C O'Callaghan, R Dalton (0-1 f), C Geaney, M Cronin, F Herlihy 0-2 each, S O'Connor, R Quigley, B Murphy 0-1 each.

MTU CORK: R Scully (St Finbarr's); Paul Ring (Aghabullogue), N Donohue (Firies), A Murphy (Aghabullogue); R Maguire (Castlehaven), John Cooper (Éire Óg), B Hodnett (Carbery Rangers); D O'Connell (Kanturk), Cillian O'Donovan (Macroom); C O'Donoghue (Glenfesk), G O'Brien (Kerins O'Rahillys), C Kenney (Clonmel Commercials); D Gore (Kilmacbea), D Buckley (Newcestown), D O'Connor (St Vincent's).

Subs: C O'Shea (Kilshannig), Dylan O'Connor (Castletownroche), both 47, F Murphy (Killarney Legion), A Behan (St Senans) both 52, T Casey (Kiskeam) 55.

UCC: Dylan Foley (Éire Óg); Liam Wall (Kilmurry), B Murphy (Nemo Rangers), J Harney (Moyle Rovers); N Geaney (Dingle), C Gammell (Killarney Legion), Daniel O'Brien (Glenfesk); B Hartnett (Douglas), S Merritt (Mallow); Colm O'Callaghan (Éire Óg), R Dalton (Nemo Rangers), F Herlihy (Dohenys); M Cronin (Nemo Rangers), C Geaney (Dingle), S O'Connor (Clonmel Commercials).

Subs: D Phelan (Aghada) and R Quigley (Moyle Rovers) 35, C Hayes (Kerins O'Rahillys) 58.

UCC 4-15 UCC 3-9

UCC's Electric Ireland Sigerson Cup campaign is over, the 2019 champions exiting the competition at the hands of UCD on a bitterly cold and dispiriting evening at blustery Belfield.

Playing into a stiff wind, UCC found themselves 1-6 to 0-1 down at the first water break, 13 points behind approaching half-time and while they came with a third quarter surge that reduced the margin to six points, they never truly looked like winning.

UCC scorers: C Geaney (1-3, 2 frees); D O'Connor (1-1); B Hartnett (1-0); M Cronin, S Merritt (1 '45), R Dalton (1 free), D Geaney (1 free) and R Quigley (0-1 each).

UCC (Cork unless stated): Dylan Foley (Éire Óg); C Gammell (Legion, Kerry), D Casey (Austin Stacks, Kerry), B Murphy (Nemo Rangers); D O'Brien (Glenfesk, Kerry), S Merritt (Mallow), N Geaney (Dingle, Kerry); D O'Connor (Na Gaeil, Kerry),

B Hartnett (Douglas); Michael O'Gara (Austin Stacks, Kerry), R Dalton (Nemo Rangers), Colm O'Callaghan (Éire Óg); C Keaney (Dingle, Kerry), R Quigley (Moyle Rovers, Tipperary), M Cronin (Nemo Rangers).

Subs: D Geaney (Dingle, Kerry), D Phelan (Aghada), J Harney (Moyle Rovers, Tipperary), Liam Wall (Kilmurry), K Falvey (Annascaul, Kerry).

UCC hurlers – Fitzgibbon Cup

UCC 1-21 Mary Immaculate limerick 0-19

A Shane Barrett goal 14 seconds into the second-half, added to a fine display of point-taking from Mark Kehoe and sub Pádraig Power, propelled UCC to an opening day Fitzgibbon Cup win.

This Group A fixture in Limerick represented the first Fitzgibbon Cup match to be played since the 2020 decider all of 23 months ago. UCC were involved - and successful - in that last Fitzgibbon Cup fixture pre-pandemic, with the Cork University picking up where they left off here as Tom Kingston's students began their three-in-a-row bid on a winning note. That Mary, I found themselves chasing the game throughout the second-half was the result of a Shane Barrett goal 14 seconds after the restart which gave UCC a lead they never relinquished between there and the finish, despite Mary I thrice coming within one.

Last quarter sub and two-time All-Ireland U20 winner Pádraig Power from Blarney, introduced with UCC ahead by two, did not hang about in making an impression as he split the opposition posts with his first touch and scored four points from play in all.

Mary I are away to League champions NUIG next in what is a must-win fixture for them, while UCC will welcome UCD to the Mardyke.

UCC Scorers: W Henn (0-8, 0-6 frees, 0-1 '65); S Barrett (1-2, 0-1 free); M Kehoe, P Power (0-4 each); C Cahalane (0-2); R Connolly (0-1).

University College Cork: I Butler (Kildorrery); J Boylan (Na Piarasigh, Limerick), G Millerick (Fr O'Neill's), K O'Dwyer (Killenaule, Tipperary); C Barry (Ahane, Limerick), I Daly (Lismore, Waterford), R Downey (Glen Rovers); R Connolly (Adare, Limerick), D Connery (Na Piarasigh); C Boylan (Na Piarasigh, Limerick), W Henn (Na Piarasigh, Limerick), C Cahalane (St Finbarr's); M Kehoe (Kilsheelan-Kilcash, Tipperary), Shane Barrett (Blarney), S Kennefick (Glen Rovers).

Subs: Pádraig Power (Blarney) and C O'Brien (Newtownshandrum) both 46 mins; D O'Leary (Watergrasshill) 52; S Condon Harbour Rovers 62

Major Decisions Pending

Following the circulation of the proposed master fixture plan before Christmas, Cork County Board executive officers met with Divisional officers recently where it was made clear to the County CCC that the deadlines for the completion of Divisional Junior A competitions in early September were not achievable.

The combined effects of the split season and rigid Munster deadlines meant that a total of seven weekends were available for the completion of both Junior Football and Hurling Championships in the Divisions. A window of twelve to fourteen weeks would be more appropriate.

It was agreed by all that this scenario was not workable and thus, a number of solutions were considered.

Firstly, the current structures (Option C – "Status

Quo") could possibly be maintained if knockout championships were re-introduced to all Divisions or if Cork representation in Munster Junior competitions was discontinued. Both options were immediately ruled out.

In the course of the meeting another proposal (Option A – "Intermediate A renamed as Premier Junior") was put forward by one Division. Under this model, the lowest Intermediate grade in each code (4th grade) would be renamed as Premier Junior and the winners of that 12-team competition would represent Cork in the Munster Junior Championship annually. If so, the Munster Junior deadline would be achievable, along a similar time-frame to Senior and Intermediate deadlines. Then, the full calendar year could be allocated to Junior A championships for the Divisional and subsequent County stages.

If this were to be approved by County Committee in 2022, then "Intermediate A Football" and "Lower Intermediate Hurling" would be immediately renamed as "Premier Junior A Football" and "Premier Junior A Hurling" for the current year and the winners of the respective competitions would proceed to Munster Junior championships. Then, in 2023, "Intermediate A Hurling" would be renamed as "Premier Junior A Hurling". Ultimately, there would be four grades under the County Board, "Premier Senior" (12 teams), "Senior A" (12 teams), "Intermediate" (12 teams), "Premier Junior" (16 teams).

An alternative proposal (Option B – "Lower Intermediate renamed as Premier Junior") with some similarities, has subsequently been brought forward. Again, the lowest Intermediate grade would be renamed as Premier Junior, but in this case, it would be the fifth grade. In other words, "Lower Intermediate Hurling" would be retained and renamed as "Premier Junior Hurling", while in football a new fifth grade of Football (12 teams) would be added and named as "Premier Junior Football".

Ultimately, there would be five grades under the County Board, "Premier Senior" (12 teams), "Senior A" (12 teams), "Premier Intermediate" (12 teams), "Intermediate A" (12 teams) and "Premier Junior" (12 teams).

Therefore, three options will go to County Committee on February 1st and a vote will take place to select the preferred option.

(Option A) The fourth grade, Intermediate A, would be renamed as "Premier Junior" with the winners representing Cork in Munster.

(Option B) The fifth grade, Lower Intermediate, would be renamed as "Premier Junior" with the winners representing Cork in Munster.

(Option C) The 'status quo', which will require knockout Junior championships and midweek games.

The vote will be by proportional representation with clubs voting in order of their preferred choices.

An online webinar Q&A session with clubs on the proposals was to follow on Tuesday Jan 25th at 7.30pm, before a decision at the following week's County Committee meeting.

Draws for the 2022 Championships will be made after format matters are resolved.



Ten Years Ago - 2012

2011 County Minor 'B' Football League Final Dromtariffe 0 - 10 Western Gaels 1 - 5

Western Gaels, 2011 County Minor B Football championship winners, failed to add the county league cup to their impressive collection of trophies when they went under to Dromtariffe at Tom Creedon Park, Macroom in the delayed 2011 league final. Gaels were not at full strength and paid the price against a well-balanced, fit and eager Dromtariffe side. Dromtariffe led at half time by 0-5 top 0-3 and Western Gaels fell three points in arrears in the second half but were brought back on level terms by a great goal from Seán O'Leary, who surged forward from midfield. Unfortunately, Western Gaels could not improve on this and Dromtariffe came back and kicked over the points which gave them a deserved victory on the day.

Western Gaels: Joseph Creedon (Iveleary): David Murphy (Iveleary), Donal Kelly (Kilmichael), Edward Burgoyne (Kilmichael): Stephen Kelleher (Kilmichael), Seán O'Leary (Iveleary), Kevin Manning (Iveleary): Darragh Foley (Kilmichael), Finbarr Buckley (Kilmichael): Barry O'Leary (Iveleary), Shane Foley (Kilmichael), Liam Kearney (Iveleary): Brendan Cotter (Kilmichael), Shane Cotter (Kilmichael), Kevin Jones (Iveleary). Subs: Daniel Twomey (Kilmichael)(used), Miceál Ó Lionáird (Iveleary) and Cathal Vaughan (Iveleary).

County U 16 'A' Football Championship final Kilmeen 2 - 14 Macroom 1 - 8 (after extra time)

A nine-point defeat in a final after being level at the end of normal time is pretty shattering but that is what happened to Macroom U 16 footballers in the County final at Annahala. To make matters more heartbreaking, it was Kilmeen who had to fight to get the equaliser to put the game into extra time and that equalising point came in injury time! Macroom however had not scored since the 40th minute and did not score either in injury time so there can be no complaints. Indeed, Macroom can be quite satisfied with the performance of many of their young players in a high standard game and if the present rate of progress can be maintained this group of players will be challenging for honours in the years ahead. Macroom started brightly and points from Chris Foscett and Michael Cronin moved Macroom into a two-point lead whilst the Kilmeen keeper was required to make a fine save to deny John Murphy. Kilmeen had restored parity by the tenth minute and then points were exchanged, Don Creedon scoring for Macroom, to maintain the status quo after the opening quarter of the game. The Macroom forwards continued to pose problems for the Kilmeen defence and only the goalkeeper denied Chris Foscett and a powerful Cathal O'Mahony drive rebounded off the crossbar. John Murphy added two points for Macroom but a late point reduced the arrears to one point at the interval, 0-5 to 0-4 in favour of Macroom.

Kilmeen levelled proceedings within ten seconds of the resumption of the second half. Macroom

however proceeded to dominate thereafter with Murphy and Foscett linking well in attack and the runs from defensive duo Eoin Walsh and Shane Creedon contributing to the Mid Cork's sides period of dominance as they struck 1-3 in a blistering five-minute spell. Shane Burke and Chris Foscett kicked over points before Cathal O'Mahony netted from close range after good approach play from John Murphy to raise hopes of a Macroom victory. Murphy's point then moved his side six points clear in the 40th minute and Macroom were in a very strong position. Kilmeen however displayed great tenacity and courage and fought their way back, with Macroom not to score again. Aided by a goal, Kilmeen quickly got back into contention and only a point separated the teams as the final quarter dawned. Incredibly, neither side scored for a period of 14 minutes and just when it seemed Macroom would hang on, Kilmeen got an injury time equaliser. Kilmeen started the first period of extra-time in sensational fashion as they proceeded to score 1-4 in the opening five minutes. There was no way back now for Macroom!

Scorers -Macroom: Cathal O'Mahony 1-0, John Murphy 0-3, Chris Foscett 0-2, Shane Burke, Don Creedon, Michael Cronin (free) 0-1 each.

Macroom: Declan Kiely: Killian O'Mahony, Eoin Walsh, Brendan O'Sullivan: Shane Burke, Brian McMahon, Shane Creedon: Andrew Godsil, Michael Cronin: Don Creedon, John Murphy, Kevin O'Dwyer: Cathal O'Mahony, Chris Foscett, Declan O'Riordan. Sub used: Brendan O'Callaghan.

County U 16 Premier 2 Hurling League Final Inniscarra 1 - 7 Fr. O'Neills 3 - 9

Inniscarra, despite a good start, lost out at the finish to the home side in the County League final at Aghavine. The East Cork side got their goals at vital stages, two in the first half and they led by 2-0 to 0-5 at half time as a result. The Inniscarra points were scored by Dave Barry, Thomas O'Connor from a '65', Thomas O'Connor from a side line cut, David O'Keeffe and O'Connor from play. On the resumption, Fr O'Neills increased their lead by a further two points and then in the 40th minute they got in for a third goal which left them in a very strong position, leading by 3-2 to 0-5. Nine minutes from time Dave Barry revived Inniscarra's hopes with a goal from a penalty which narrowed the deficit to five points but the home side weathered the storm and emerged convincing winners.

Inniscarra: Stephen Horgan: Kevin Herlihy, Jack Hayes, Cillian Browne, Gabriel Cambridge, Thomas O'Connor, Sean O'Donoghue: Jack O'Dwyer, Mark McCarthy: Cathal Griffin, Jerry Roche, Sean Lynch: David O'Keeffe, Dave Barry, Liam Collins. Subs: Patrick O'Sullivan, Cormac Murphy, Paul Collins.

Macroom Motor Services

2012 Mid Cork U 21 Football Championship

Format: Four groups, winners of each group to contest the 'A' semifinals: second placed to contest

the 'B' semifinals: third placed in each group to contest the 'C' semifinals and the remaining six teams to play off in a 'D' championship.

Group 1: (5 teams)

Eire Og 1 - 9 Naomh Aban 2 - 2
Iveleary 1 - 8 Beal Atha'n Ghaorthaidh 1 - 6
Eire Og 3 - 13 Beal Atha'n Ghaorthaidh 1 - 7
Naomh Aban 7 - 15 Kilmichael 1 - 7

Group Two: (4 teams)

Cill na Martra 0 - 9 Ballincollig 1 - 12
Inniscarra 3 - 2 Ballinora 3 - 12
Ballincollig w/o Ballinora conceded

Group Three: (4 teams)

Canovee v Donoughmore - not played
Kilmurry 2 - 13 Grenagh 0 - 1

Group Four: (5 teams)

Aghabullogue 2 - 11 Macroom 1 - 11
Blarney v Aghinagh - not played
Aghabullogue 2 - 13 Clondrohid 1 - 5
Macroom 1 - 17 Aghinagh 2 - 2

Group One:

Éire Óg 1 - 9 Naomh Abán 2 - 2

Winners of the Mid Cork 'A' championship last year for the first time ever, Eire Og gave a reasonably good performance in the opening game of this year's championship, played in a continuous downpour at Ovens. Naomh Aban started the game well in play but were guilty of a few bad wides and it was the wind assisted home side which opened the scoring with a point from John Dineen in the sixth minute. Kevin Hallissey added two more points, one from a free and before the end of the first quarter, John Dineen had added another point to leave Eire Og ahead by 0-4 to nil. Colm Murphy now pointed a free for Naomh Aban but Eire Og were strong in attack and John Dineen had two further points before Kevin Hallissey pointed a free. Before the half time whistle, Michael O'Shea got the goal for Eire Og and so the home side were in a strong position at the break leading by 1-7 to 0-1.

On the restart, Eire Og had a further point, this one from Daniel O'Connor but there was plenty of fight in the Naomh Aban side and Colm Murphy pointed a free to give them some reward for their efforts. Naomh Aban were physically lighter than the home side but battled on and in the 46th minute got a boost when a side line ball from Cathal Allen came in under the Eire Og crossbar and finished in the net. Six points now separated the teams but Daniel O'Connor pointed to increase the home side's lead to seven. Naomh Aban still came forward and after a smashing quick movement out of defence they had a second goal when Diarmuid Hoare shot from close range to give Craig O'Driscoll no chance in the Eire Og goal. Time ran out however without further scoring and to Eire Og went deserved victory. Eire Og: Craig O'Driscoll: David Sheehan, Denis O'Keeffe, Colm Murphy: Ronan Dennehy, Fiachra Landers, Sean O'Connor: Kieran Hutchinson, Fionn O'Rourke:



Michael O'Shea, Daniel O'Connor, Fintan Brennan: Ciaran McKenna, Kevin Hallissey, John Dineen. Subs: Aonghus McCarthy, Vincent Coffey, Eoin Lyons, Cillian Twohig. Naomh Aban: Miceal O Donnchu: Donncha O Duinnin, Criostoir O Deasuin, Brian O Criodain: Sean O Brian, Deaglan O Murchu, Tomas O hEaluithe: Colm de hilde, Criostoir MacPhail: Diarmuid O Liathain, Colm O Murchu, Niall O Ceallaigh: Pol O Cathasiagh, Cathal O hAileamhain, Donal O Donnchu. Ionaidi: Diarmuid O hUidhir, Muiris O Donnchu. Referee: Mr Pat O Leary, Kilmurry.

Iveleary 1 – 8 Beal Atha'n Ghaorthaidh 1 – 6

The clash of parish rivals was a very close affair at Inchigeela and the result was always in doubt before the home side came out on top for the first time for some years! The first half was very even. Cathal Vaughan opened the scoring, Ben Shorten equalised for Beal Atha and the western side then hit the front with a goal from Noel O'Leary. Back came Iveleary with two points and a goal from Eamonn Creedon in the 20th minute gave them back the lead, 1-3 to 1-1. In the run up to half time Beal Atha added two points to draw level again and then Denis O'Leary put Iveleary back in front only for Ben Shorten to level matters at 1-4 each for the break.

Eamonn Creedon scored a superb point to restore the slender lead to Iveleary on the restart but Ben Shorten equalised once again. Cathal Vaughan put Iveleary back in front in the 42nd minute and the Iveleary men then lost Sean O'Leary with an injury. Ben Shorten again equalised for Beal Átha with ten minutes remaining but in the last four minutes Cathal Vaughan pointed a free to put Iveleary back in front and David Hourihan added a late point to seal the victory.

Iveleary: Joseph Creedon: Kevin Manning, Sean O Leary, Tim O'Shea: John McSweeney, Cal McCarthy, Barry Murphy: Shane Galvin, Daniel O'Riordan: Liam Kearney, Denis O'Leary, Eamonn Creedon: David Dineen, Cathal Vaughan, David Hourihan. Subs: Michael O Leary, Kevin Jones.

Beal Atha'n Ghaorthaidh: Caoimhin O Buachalla: Darren O Coill, Alex de Burca, Mervin Latour: Liam O Criodain, Nollaig O Duinnin, Antoin O Cremin: Cian O Duinnin, Sean O Donnchu: Caoimhin O Loinsuigh, Nollaig O Laoire (1-1), Ben Seartan (0-5): Eanna O Duinnin, Pol O hUrdail, Sean O Coill.

Eire Óg 3 – 13 Beal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh 1 – 8

Eire Og recorded their second win in the group at home to Beal Atha and look set to top the final table. Eire Og were too strong for the Gaeltacht side and led at half time by 2-8 to 0-5 with Kevin Hallissey and John Dineen scoring 1-3 apiece and Fintan Brennan adding two points for the home side. Beal Atha put up a plucky second half performance but the result was never really in doubt. Noel O'Leary got the goal for Beal Atha and Daniel O'Connor got the third Eire Og goal who had points from O'Connor, Vinny Coffey, Fintan Brennan and John Dineen. Eire Og: Craig O'Driscoll: David Sheehan, Denis O'Keefe, Colm Murphy: Ciaran McKenna, Fiachra Landers, Michael O'Shea: Ciaran Hutchinson, Fionn O'Rourke: Kevin Hallissey, Daniel O'Connor,

Aonghus McCarthy: Vinny Coffey, Fintan Brennan, John Dineen. Subs: Eoin Lyons, Tim Murphy, Cillian Twohig, Ronan O'Toole. Beal Atha'n Ghaorthaidh: Caoimhin O Buachalla: Antoin O Cremin, Sean O Donnchu, Daire O Coinceannain: Liam O Criodain, Nollaig O Duinnin, Caoimhin O Loinsuigh: Cian O Duinnin, Eanna O Duinnin: Caoimhin O Loinsuigh, Donal O Loinsuigh, Ruaidhri O Coinceannain: Sean Coinceannain, Ben Seartan, Pol O hUrdail. Ionaidi: Martin O Loinsuigh, Donnadh O Ceallachain.

Group Two:

Ballincollig 1 – 12 Cill na Martra 0 – 9

Ballincollig played host to Cill na Martra in the opening game of Group Two and were deserving winners but still the visitors gave the championship joint favourites a stiff test to the finish. Ballincollig were on top in the first half and led at the break by 1-5 to 0-1. Cill na Martra re-organised their forces for the second half and gave as good as they got with Kevin Hoare, Shane Dineen and Daire MacLochlainn in dashing form up front and Danny O Connell, Pdraig Golden, Philip Looney and Liam Lynch strong in defence. Cill na Martra: Antoin O Conaill: Nollaig O Loinsuigh, Pdraig O Goili, Pilip O Luanaigh: Concur O Cronin, Danni O Conaill, Caoimhin O hUidhir: Peadar O Muineachain, Cathal O Riordain: Donal O Buachalla, Shane O Duinnin, Daire MacLochlainn: Don O Criodain, Stiofain O Conaill, Liam O Loinsuigh. Ionaidi: Daithi O hUidhir, Concur O Corcora, Finnen O Faolain.

Ballinora 3 – 12 Inniscara 3 – 2

The final scoreline is slightly deceptive as with five minutes to go only three points separated the teams but two late goals put a gloss on the matter for Ballinora. This game was played 13 a side and Ballinora who had not fielded as a club on its own since U 14 level did deserve their win as they had the greater guile in attack. They led by 0-7 to 0-1 at half time and a goal from Dave Crotty had them comfortably ahead in the second half. Then Inniscarra struck for three goals in a row and the situation had become very fluid. Ballinora survived however and Gearoid Dineen's goal assured them of victory, a subsequent goal from Brian Lane being the icing on the cake. Ballinora: Brian O'Donovan: Oran O'Halloran, John O'Regan: Cormac Field, Tomas McGreath, Kevin O'Regan: Ian Whycherly, David Crotty: Kevin Murphy, Patrick Fitton, Gearoid O'Sullivan: Brian Lane, Gearoid Dineen. Subs: Alan O'Shea, Gerry Murphy.

Group Three:

Kilmurry 2 – 13 Grenagh 0 – 1

This game was played at Ballincollig with two 13 aside teams and was very one sided. Grenagh lost a player to a red card before half time to increase their difficulties and the second half was a tiresome affair. At half time Kilmurry led by 0-7 to 0-1 with two points each from Alan O'Sullivan, Paudie O'Connell and one each from Greg Barrett, Colm Ryan and Liam Lynch. In the second half goals from Paudie O'Sullivan and a Alan O'Sullivan penalty merely translated on to the scoreboard what was happening out the field and there were two further points each from the two goal

scorers and one apiece from Colm Crowley and Daniel Buckley. Kilmurry: Jason McDonnell: Mark Culhinane, Kevin Barrett: Robert Cahalane, Stephen Down, Adam Healy: Colm Ryan, Greg Barrett: Jonathan Buckley, Paul Kearney, Liam Ryan: Paudie O'Connell, Alan O'Sullivan. Subs: Colm Crowley, Daniel Buckley, Daniel O'Connell, Patrick Grainger, Aidan Burke.

Group Four:

Aghabullogue 2 – 11 Macroom 1 – 11

Five points behind at half time and still four in arrears ten minutes from time, Aghabullogue mounted a fierce offensive on the Macroom defence in the final ten minutes which yielded two goals and a point without reply and gave the home side a very deserved victory. The game was played on the old pitch in Coachford in miserable weather conditions and the very heavy pitch claimed one victim, Macroom centre back Robbie O'Dwyer suffering a serious leg injury which has ruled him out of the De La Salle College team for the final stages of the Munster Colleges competition.

Macroom led at half time by five points on a 1-8 to 0-6 scoreline but were fortunate to be so far ahead. They were impressive in the opening quarter after a slow start and led by 1-5 to 0-3 in the 15th minute, Darren Creed getting the goal and Andrew Hegarty, Patrick Lucey, David Cotter and David Horgan adding points. Aghabullogue had started well with points from John Corkery, Aidan BarryMurphy and Mark Long but had faded somewhat after. In the second quarter only bad finish, bad luck and good Macroom defending denied the home side of at least three goals but John Corkery (two frees) and Alan Hogan did register points to match two points from David Horgan and one from Patrick Lucey for Macroom. In the second half, there was an early exchange of points between Tony Dineen and John Corkery, which the two players involved then repeated, but Aghabullogue were beginning to get on top and Corkery and Sean O'Sullivan added further points to leave only a goal between the teams by the 16th minute. The unfortunate accident to the Macroom centre back followed almost immediately. Macroom then had a point from Patrick Lucey but at the other end Ciarán Barrett prodded the ball to the Macroom net to reduce the deficit to a single point, 1-11 to 1-10. Within two minutes Michael O'Sullivan added a second Aghabullogue goal and the home side were rampant. Evan O'Sullivan added a point and an Aghabullogue win was secure. Aghabullogue: Mark O'Flynn: Ian McSweeney, Eamonn Murphy, Anthony O'Sullivan: Alan Hogan, Michael Dennehy, Sean O'Sullivan: Aidan BarryMurphy, Stephen Dennehy: John Corkery, Pat Walsh, Evan O'Sullivan: Ciaran Barrett, Michael O'Sullivan, Mark Long. Sub: James Lynch. Macroom: James Cotter: Kieran Kiely, Colm Casey, Barry Healy: Darren Kelly, Robbie O'Dwyer, James O'Connor: Andrew Hegarty, Tony Dineen: David Horgan, David Cotter, Michael Browne: Darren Creed, Patrick Lucey, Denis Quinlan. Subs: Darren McKenna, Adam Gray and Emmet Quinlan. Referee: Mr Ger Ahern, Canovee.



Aghabullogue 2 – 13 Clondrohid 1 – 5

Aghabullogue maintained their position as front runners in Group Four with this win over Clondrohid at Coachford. Aghabullogue led at half time by 2-9 to 0-2 and were clearly too strong for the visitors who however fought to the end and will no doubt have gained from the game. Michael O'Sullivan had both Aghabullogue goals, one from the penalty spot. Kevin Healy got the Clondrohid goal and they had excellent performers in Sean O'Connor, Lorcan Lynch and David Lynch. The Aghabullogue line out showed only one change from their opening game, James Lynch coming in for Sean O'Sullivan who was involved in on college's football. Aghabullogue used five substitutes: Anthony Corkery, Nicky O'Donovan, David Murphy, Dylan Kelleher, Pierce Fitzpatrick. Clondrohid: Conchuir Lucey: Sean O'Connor, Sean O'Callaghan, Iarla McCarthy; John O'Connell, Lorcan Lynch, Daragh Healy: Neilus Murphy, Kieran Lynch: Mark Creed, Stephen Murphy, Christopher Flanagan: David Lynch, David O'Leary, Kevin Healy. Sub; Gary Kelleher.

Macroom 1 – 17 Aghinagh 2 – 3

Macroom did not pull clear of Aghinagh until the final quarter of his game at the Castle Grounds. Aghinagh put up a spirited challenge and when they slotted home two goals after half time the gap between the teams was down to a single point 0-9 to 2-2 at the three-quarter stage. Macroom however did put in a fine last ten minutes in which they scored 1-8 to embellish the final scoreline.

Macroom led at the break by 0-7 to 0-2 but Aghinagh had been out of luck twice with goal scoring efforts. Sean Kelleher and William Coakley had the Aghinagh points and the Macroom scores came from Darren Creed, Patrick Lucey and Colm Casey. David Horgan and Denis Quinlan had Macroom points in the third quarter but Aghinagh struck for a goal apiece from William Coakley and Declan Ambrose to really put the fat in the fire! Colm Casey, Michael Browne, Patrick Lucey, Andrew Hegarty, all fired over points in the closing stages and Patrick Lucey at last beat Aghinagh goalkeeper Paul O'Sullivan, who had a string of outstanding saves to his credit at that stage.

Macroom (13 a side): Dylan Dineen: Darren Kelly, James O'Connor: Trevor Horgan, Tony Dineen, Darren McKenna: Andrew Hegarty, Colm Casey; David Horgan, David Cotter, Denis Quinlan: Darren Creed, Patrick Lucey. Subs: Michael Browne, Barry Healy, Michael Cronin, Daragh Crowley, Aaron Sheehan. Aghinagh: Paul O'Sullivan: Daniel Kelleher, Diarmuid O'Riordan: Donagh McCarthy, Jeremiah Kelleher, Michael O'Sullivan: Ross Crowley, Sean Dineen: James Lucey, Declan Ambrose, Sean Kelleher; William Coakley, Olan Deasy. Referee: Mr Tim McCarthy, Clondrohid.

Cork Colleges Under 16 'C' Hurling Final Replay De La Salle, Macroom 7-11 Deerpark CBS 2-5.

While DLS may have been lucky to have got a draw on the first day, they made no mistake in the replay at Cloughduv, producing a power packed performance which saw them storm to victory over Deerpark. They led by 2-7 to 1-3 at half time and displayed an ability to get goals, which was crucial. The deadly duo from Newcestown, Cian Healy and Cillian O'Mahony led the Deerpark defence a merry dance, cracking home a few super goals. Trevor Tobin also struck a series of excellent points during a tough first half. The second half was all one-way traffic, with Finbarr Sweeney and Cillian Cooney outstanding in defence while Dermot O'Callaghan was very hard working at mid field. Joseph Ryan caught the eye up front with a few fine points.

Mr. Neally O'Keefe from Cork Colleges presented the cup to winning captain Cian Healy. The De La Salle team was:

Ciaran O'Donoghue (Bishopstown): Michael John Grainger (Cloughduv), Shane O'Donoghue (Bishopstown), Finbarr McSweeney (Iveleary/Western Gaels): Colin Casey (Cloughduv), Cillian Cooney (Aghabullogue), Stephen O'Leary (Kilmichael/Western Gaels): Cian O'Riordan (Clondrohid), Dermot O'Callaghan (Aghinagh/Aghabullogue): Barry O'Leary (Iveleary/Western Gaels), Cian Healy (Newcestown), Trevor Tobin (Kilmichael/Western Gaels): Joseph Ryan (Cloughduv), Ronan O'Callaghan (Kilmichael/Western Gaels), Cillian O'Mahony (Newcestown).

2012 Corn Ui Mhuiri Semi Final:

De La Salle, Macroom 1 – 9 Col. Christ Ri, Cork 0 – 10

De La Salle have qualified for their third Corn Ui Mhuiri final in seven years after a terrific semifinal win over champions Criost Ri at Cloughduv. The Mid Cork boys laid the foundation of this victory in the second quarter when they opened up a six-point gap on the city side, a goal from Cathal Vaughan being memorable in its creation and execution and absolutely vital in the final analysis. They were on the back foot in the third quarter but still hung in to keep their noses just in front and the defence was heroic in this period. The final quarter was nail biting for spectators with one or two points the most ever between the teams and every ball being fought for with supreme effort. De La Salle gave as good as they got in that final period and were worthy winners at the finish of a game that contained all that is best in colleges football.

De La Salle opened well but wasted good scoring chances. Criost Ri opened the scoring and Patrick Lucey equalised in the 8th minute. Again, CCR went in front, Daniel Twomey shot over the equaliser in the 12th minute and John Murphy then put DLS into the lead, a lead they never lost

subsequently. Cathal Vaughan, who along with his midfield partner Peter Kelleher ruled the roost at midfield in the first half, put DLS further ahead in the 18th minute and John Murphy increased the advantage to three points almost immediately. DLS struck for the only goal of the game in the 21st minute. David Horgan sent a cross field pass from the right wing to Daniel Twomey in the left corner and the DLS captain spotting Cathal Vaughan sprinting towards goals down the centre, fired over a pass which the midfielder took in full stride before billowing the CCR net. Criost Ri replied with a point but Cathal Vaughan had a late point for DLS to leave them 1-6 to 0-3 ahead at the break.

Champions die hard and CCR were in determined mood after the interval and had knocked five points off the lead by the 42nd minute. Patrick Lucey pointed a vital free for DLS from 45metres at the three-quarter stage but CCR came back quickly with a point of their own. Lucey again raised the advantage to two points but again CCR came back with a point three minutes from the finish to leave only a single point between the teams. A late, late point from James Moynihan eased the situation a little and two points still separated the teams at the final whistle soon afterwards.

DLS goalkeeper Dylan Dineen made one outstanding save from close range in the second half and was rock solid all through and outside him in a defence short its two regular central defenders, those on duty did heroic work. Sean Kelleher, Darren Kelly, Kevin Manning, Sean O'Sullivan, Shane Creedon and Finbarr Buckley stood up to the pressure, remained disciplined and ran themselves to a standstill. All in all, a great team victory but still only a semifinal! Dingle await in the final.

De La Salle: Dylan Dineen (Macroom): Sean Kelleher (Aghinagh), Darren Kelly (Macroom), Kevin Manning (Iveleary): Finbarr Buckley (Kilmichael), Sean O'Sullivan (Aghabullogue), Shane Creedon (Macroom): Cathal Vaughan (Iveleary), Peter Kelleher (Kilmichael): Patrick Grainger (Kilmurry), James Moynihan (Canovee), Patrick Lucey (Macroom): John Murphy (Macroom), Daniel Twomey (Kilmichael), David Horgan (Macroom). Subs: Pdraic Berhanu (Kilmurry) (20th min.), William Coakley (Aghinagh) 55th min., Sean O'Leary (Iveleary) 59th min. and Dermot O'Callaghan (Aghinagh), Adam Healy (Kilmurry), Robert Cahalane (Kilmurry), Barry O'Leary (Iveleary), Michael Cronin (Macroom), Ciaran Noonan (Beal Atha'n Ghaorthaidh), Shane Foley (Kilmichael), Michael Dunne (Canovee), Brendan Cotter (Kilmichael), Liam Kearney (Iveleary), Daniel Cahalane (Kilmurry), Daniel McSweeney (Clondrohid), David Murphy (Iveleary). The team is managed by School Principal Noel Dunne and staff member Eric Graham.

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AGHINAGH GAA

Lotto Results 20th December, 2021

The jackpot was €4,600.00. The numbers drawn were 2, 6 and 7. There was no jackpot winner. Consolation prizes: €50.00 to O'Sullivan Family, Curraghwaddra (Online Winner). €20 each to Jerry Casey, Lombardstown; Mick Regan, C/O Láine; John McSweeney, C/O Anthony; Patrick Spillane Jnr, Rahalisk.

Christmas Draw Results:

Luxury Hamper: Rose O'Connor, Lyroe.

Michael Twomey Butcher Voucher: Mairead Cremin, Aghabullogue Village.

Bottle of Jameson: Martina O'Shea, Carrig.

Lotto Results 27th December, 2021

The jackpot was €4,750.00. The numbers drawn were 9, 31 and 38. There was no jackpot winner. Consolation prizes: €50.00 to Donnacha Twohig, Ballinagree West. €20 each to James O Connor, Macroom; Theresa and Murty Lucey, Inchalea; Cliona O Leary Renaree; Mary Ambrose, Cahirbaroule.

Lotto Results 3rd January, 2022

The jackpot was €4,900.00. The numbers drawn were 17, 21 and 23. There was no jackpot winner. Consolation prizes: €50.00 to Johnny & Rita O'Sullivan, Ballinagree. €20 each to Margaret & Pat O'Riordan, Shanakiel; John Casey, Curraghwaddra; Jade Kelleher, C/O Láine Bar; O'Sullivan Family, Curraghwaddra (Online).

Lotto Results 10th January, 2022

The jackpot was €5,050.00. The numbers drawn were 29, 38 and 41. There was no jackpot winner. Consolation prizes: €50.00 to Martin, Mia & Alex Hubbard. €20 each to Helen Kelleher, Aghabullogue (Online Winner); Brian O'Sullivan, Deelish; John Buckley, Kilcolman; Ger O'Donovan, Ballinagree, C/O Ploughman.

COACHFORD AFC:

Lotto Results 17/1/2022.

Jackpot: €2,200. Numbers Drawn: 2 - 25 - 30. No Winner. €40 John Tarrant (Yearly Ticket). €20 Geraldine Hunt (Online Ticket). Geraldine Barry-Murphy. Danni Madden. Jacqueline Field.

Lotto Results 24/1/2022. Jackpot: €2,400. Numbers Drawn: 12 - 26 - 31. Winner: Peter O'Riordan. €40 Vera Herlihy. €20 Geraldine Hunt (Online Ticket). Peter O'Riordan (Online Ticket). Stephanie Forde. Nicola Doherty (Online Ticket).

RCPA (RYLANE COMMUNITY PARK ASSOCIATION) LOTTO RESULTS:

January 10th 2022 Lotto results:

Winning numbers: 1, 22 & 33 Jackpot - €1,400

No Winner

Lucky Dip winners who received €20 each: Marie Healy (Rylane); Jennifer & Hugh Kelleher (Annagannihy); John Kelleher (c% Rylane Soccer Club - yearly); Rob Twomey (Rylane Online). Seller's prize: Helen Kelleher (Rylane)

Next week's Jackpot will be €1,500.

January 17th 2022 Lotto results:

Winning numbers: 10, 15 & 17 Jackpot - €1,500

No Winner

Lucky Dip winners who received €20 each: Barry McSweeney (Annagannihy); Mags O'Brien (The Chipper, Coachford); Daniel McSweeney (Rylane - yearly); Catriona O'Rourke (Rylane Online). Seller's prize: Crowleys (Rylane)

Next week's Jackpot will be €1,600.

CLONDROHID LOTTO G.A.A:

Results for Jan 12th

€70 Eimhin O'Mahony Carraigban Macroom

€20 Berni O'Leary Bealnamorrive, Anne Casey Rusheen, Donal O'Brien Clondrohid, Ann O'Connell Gortnapeasta

Results for Jan 19th Lotto €6,400

€70 John McDonagh Dromree

€20 Patsy Kelleher c/o Bell Inn, James and Sheila Kelleher Carrighartane, John McDonagh Dromree, Con O'Keefe Lissarda.

MACROOM GAA LOTTO RESULTS:

21 December 2021

No Winner - €70. John Angland, New Street, Macroom. €20. Yvonne O'Mahony, 45 The Glenties, Macroom. €20. Darrin Ring, Coolanta, Macroom. €20. Maria O'Shea, Castlecourt, Macroom. €20. Conor Buckley, Lr Ovens, Ovens. €20. Michael Scannell, Springmount, Farranfore. Next Jackpot 4/01/2022 - €17,000. Christmas Vouchers - Mary Ellen Murphy, 41 St. Colmans Park, Macroom. Denis Moloney, Kilnagurteen, Macroom. €John Mc Sweeney, Cork Street, Macroom. Bridie Murphy, Dromree, Macroom. Ann Counihan, Glen Park, Macroom.

04 January 2022

No Winner - €70. Jennifer & Shane, 9 Cork Street, Macroom. €20. Tadgh Mc Sweeney, C/O Evelyn Mc Sweeney. €20. Karen Dinneen, Annagannihy, Macroom. €20. Declan Kiely, Cork Street, Macroom. €20. Ben & Adam O'Riordan, Castle Street, Macroom. €20. James Cotter, Toames West, Macroom. Next Week's Jackpot €17200.

11 January 2022

WINNER -€17,200. Ted Lucey, Ard na Graine, Kilnagurteen, Macroom. €20. Mary Ann Lucey, Gortnalicka, Clondrohid. €20. Margaret Buckley, New Road, Macroom. €20. Mark O'Sullivan, Dromree, Macroom. €20. John Angland, New Street, Macroom. €20. John Ryan, Sullane Weirs, Macroom. Next Week's Jackpot €2000.

KILMURRY G.A.A:

Kilmurry Lotto results from the 24.1.22

The Lotto wasn't won this week. Congratulations to the consolation winners

Next week it goes to €1,200 it will take place on the 31.1.22. The club lotto ticket can be bought at :

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and the club force website <https://clubforce.com/clubs/kilmurry-gaa-cork/>

MACROOM FC:

Lotto Win

Huge congratulations to Elsie O' Riordan who was the lucky €6,200 jackpot winner on Jan 4th. Elsie is a longtime supporter of the club lotto and all at Macroom FC are delighted for her. Enjoy the winnings!

04/01/22

Jackpot 6,200 euro. Numbers drawn: 1, 15, 30. Winner: Elsie O' Riordan c/o Willie. 80 euro: Christy Fitzgerald c/o Hound. 20 euro each: Con O' Keeffe c/o Evelyn, Mairead and Sheena Murphy c/o TPs, Barney and Joanne c/o Swanky, Joe, Mark, Sharon, Shauna c/o PoR.

10/01/22

Jackpot 1,000 euro. Numbers drawn: 18, 21, 22. No Winner. 80 euro: Catherine O' Connor. 20 euro each: Dave Martin c/o Twomey's Butchers, Monica Arangorin Online, Senan Noonan c/o Lar's, Frank Cronin c/o Noel.

17/01/22

Jackpot 1,200 euro. Numbers drawn: 13, 20, 35. No Winner. 80 euro: Joe Cunningham c/o PoR. 20 euro each: Jim O' Sullivan c/o Murray's, Isabella and Alex c/o Catherine, Norah Deasy Online, Amelie McCarthy c/o Connie.

24/01/22. Jackpot: 1,400 euro. Numbers drawn: 22, 31, 34. No Winner. 80 euro: Connie Foley c/o Connie. 20 euro each: Annette O' Callaghan c/o June's, Dave O' Mahony c/o Lar's, Paddy Murphy c/o Noel, Elleen McSweeney c/o PoR.

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Welcome back dear student "...they do not regard the work of the Lord, nor consider the operation of His hands. Therefore My people have gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge...." (Isaiah 5:12-13). Knowledge is power. But, is it the right knowledge? Of course there are things that we need to know in life, but society has gone astray from the knowledge of God's Truth. Status, wealth, education and material things have been elevated above the knowledge of God. This has led to a world filled with people who know it all, yet know nothing. Plenty of people know lots of information, but few people have knowledge of God's Word and His ways which lead to true joy and happiness. In many places Bible study is mocked, even forbidden. People who have a hunger for God are told that no-one can understand the Bible. Well yes, you can understand the Bible - by getting to know God.

So, how do you get to know Him? How does any new relationship progress? By spending time together and connecting on a deeper level. By the way - God is not the author of your past pain - it's impossible to trust someone you believe a lie about. "Whoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Romans 10:13). This word saved is translated here from the Greek 'Sozo', which means healed, made whole, delivered from danger, protected and given eternal life. It is received simply by repenting for sin, and believing in and confessing God's Son the Lord Jesus for Salvation (Romans 10:9). But the original root of the word 'Sozo' comes from another word that means 'Thine' or 'Thy friend'. Do you know you that God longs for you to know that you belong to Him? That you are His special treasure? (Isaiah 43:1)

Often people go through life feeling all alone, like they don't belong anywhere or matter. Well dear friend, you do belong - to God! This knowledge the world has turned its back upon, which has in turn, given free rein to the devil to bring destruction. Moses had a difficult start in life. After three months of being hidden, his mother placed him in a basket and sent it down the River Nile to save him from being killed by Pharaoh's infanticide law. But God intervened! He had no less than the daughter of Pharaoh in the river at the very moment that Moses' basket passed by. She decided to rescue him, and raised him in the palace as her own son. Moses was educated to the highest standard by Pharaoh himself. However, none of that privilege and power brought happiness or purpose until he finally met the Lord at almost eighty years of age (Exodus chapters 1-3). God's plan for Moses was fulfilled as he led the Israelite nation out of slavery with a great demonstration of God's power (Jeremiah 29:11-14). And the strongest army in the world at that time could not overpower it because God was with them (Exodus chapters 12-14). The most beautiful part of this is that Moses discovered that he belonged to, was known to, and precious to God. "I will personally go with you Moses and I will give you rest....for I look favourably upon you, and I know you by name" (Exodus 33:14-17 NLT).

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NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART



Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked many favours. This time I ask you this special one, (mention favour).

Take it dear heart of Jesus and place it within your heart where your father sees it.

Then in his merciful eyes it will become your favour, not mine. Amen.

Say this prayer three times for three days and your favour will be granted. Never known to fail.

Must promise publication of prayer.

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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.

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Must promise publication of prayer.

TOM

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

TOM

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FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

DECLAN COUGHLAN

Kilnagurteen, Macroom

Who died on 9th February

On the first anniversary of our brothers passing, we Declan's family wish to extend our thanks to very special people.

Firstly our family, neighbours and friends who helped us during and after his illness. We would like to sincerely thank Dr Ken Harte, for his kindness and support, when he took on Declan's care when he was so ill. Also his home help Anne.

We would also like to thank our wonderful team of public health nurses who were there day and night for us. A special thanks to Emer Murphy who went above and beyond.

We cannot begin to thank Mary Mount for their empathy and care to the whole family, their palliative care team are there 24/7. I would like to thank Declan's friends who called, especially his friends in the De la Salle for their care, friendship and support. A special thanks to Cannon Roberts, a firm family friend. Last but not least Fitzgerald's for their amazing ability to take over all the preparations in such a calm and professional manner. They also organised the wonderful voice of Dan Twomey and the lovely organist Norma Galvin. We would like to thank everybody especially the pupils of De la Salle for the guard of honour through the town to his final resting place.

It would be impossible to thank everyone, please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our gratitude and appreciation.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions.



Always remembered by his heartbroken family.

Declan's anniversary Mass will be held in St. Colman's Macroom at 10am on 9th February.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

MARY CREEDON

Knocksaharn, Kilnamartyra, Macroom, who died on January

28th 2021

On the first anniversary of her death, Mary is lovingly remembered by her daughters, Jane, Marie, Teresa, Anne, Gbnait, Josephine, sons in law, brother and sisters, her loving grandchildren, great grandchildren and extended family.

We would like to thank all our relatives, friends and neighbours for all the phonecalls, Mass cards, messages of support on RIP, and especially those who stood on the side of the road as the funeral cortage passed on her final journey and those who attended at the graveyard, your presence was greatly appreciated.

We are also grateful to Fr Joe O Mahony and to Diarmuid & Breda Mc Carthy Undertakers and to Dr. John O'Riordan.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually please accept this notice as a token of our appreciation. The Holy sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for all your intentions



*We hold you close within our hearts,
And there you shall remain.*

*To walk with us throughout our lives
Until we meet again.*

*So rest in peace dear loved one,
And thanks for all you've done.*

*We pray that God has given you
The crown you've truly won.*

FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

NORA LUCEY

Raleigh South Macroom

Who died on 1st February 2021

As we lovingly remember Nora on her first anniversary, Donal and family wish to extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who sympathised with us, those who sent Mass cards, perpetual enrollments, letters of sympathy and online condolences and those who sent food and refreshments to the house. We would like to thank all those who paid their respects by standing on the roadside and gathered outside the church and at the graveyard on Nora's final journey. We were very touched by these lovely gestures.

We would like to say a special word of thanks to the staff at the Bons Secours who cared for Nora and were so good and kind to her. We will be forever grateful.

To Father John and all the priests of Macroom Parish, thank you for celebrating Nora's funeral Mass and for all your help and support.

A special thank you to Dr. Burke and Dr. Foley who cared for her. We would also like to thank Fitzgerald Funeral Directors for their professionalism and sensitivity at a very difficult time.

To Nora's friends and kind neighbours, thank you for the kindness you have always shown her throughout her time in Raleigh.

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

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

Nora's anniversary Mass will be held in St. Colman's Macroom on Monday 31st at 10am.



REMEMBER ME

Don't remember me with sadness,

Don't remember me with tears,

Remember all the laughter,

We've shared throughout the years.

Now I am contented,

that my life was worthwhile.

Knowing that as I passed along the way,

I made somebody smile.

When you are walking down the street

and you've got me on your mind.

I'm walking in your footsteps

only half a step behind.

So please don't be unhappy

just because I'm out of sight.

Remember that I'm with you each

morning, noon and night.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

HUMPHREY HURLEY

Carrigadrohid

and formerly of Farnanes

Died 9th February 2021. RIP

On the first anniversary of Dad's passing, Jerry, John and extended family wish to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised at the removal and funeral Mass, who sent Mass cards, Mass bouquets, enrolements, letters of sympathy, messages of condolence, phoned and offered their kindness and support especially when covid guidelines restricted many from attending.

We wish to thank Cannon Bernard O' Donovan for his homily, the sacristan and Fitzgeralds Funeral Home for their professionalism and for going the preferred route to Cloughduv Church passing Rye Court and Farnanes on our Dad's final journey and thank you to the violinist who played 'The Coolin', our Dad's favourite tune. We wish to thank the grave diggers, those who helped shoulder the coffin, those who helped make the driveway to Moviddy Cemetary more accessible at short notice and all those who stood out in the cold rain to pay their final respects at Dad's final resting place.

We sincerely wish to thank our kind neighbours who gave us homebaking, sandwiches and food. We are forever grateful for your generosity. A very special thank you to our great neighbours in Farnanes, especially James and Margaret for your continued support. We also wish to thank the paramedics, ambulance service, doctors, nurses and staff at the CUH for their great care and the Chaplin who said prayers.

We especially wish to thank personally our neighbours and friends who called to visit Mam and Dad regularly, they always looked forward to your next visit. Angela, Linda and Mary for your care and support, Pat a great colleague and life long friend of Dad, Kay who Dad visited regularly chatting about his love of horse racing, Margo and all his friends and well wishers at the point to point and race meetings. A special mention to all his lifelong friends he made throughout his life time working as a plasterer and tradesman, hurling with Cloughduv and places he spent many happy days. As it would be impossible to thank everyone please accept this acknowledgment as an expression of our gratitude and appreciation. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.



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 and lovingly remembered.

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.

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FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

JOHN CAREY

Rea Dunmanway and Sleaveen Road Macroom

27th January 2021

John's wife Mary, his brother Teddy, sisters Mary, Sheila and Kathleen, sister in law Ita, brothers in law Michael, John and Bertie and their extended families would like to thank our relatives friends and neighbours who supported us on the passing of John. Many thanks to those who sent mass cards, enrolments and messages on rip.ie, and those who stood in church yard to pay their respects.

Thanks to the late Fr. Donal O'Brien who said rosary and prayed over John. Thanks to Fr. Joe O'Mahony for his prayers and support, Fr. Ted Collins for his prayers and celebrating John's funeral mass.

Thanks to the paramedics and first responders who attended to John. To Sergeant Michael Kelleher and his colleagues in Macroom Garda Station for their kindness. Thanks to Dr's Jack and Brendan O'Connell.

I, John's wife Mary would like to thank most sincerely John's brother Teddy, sisters Mary, Sheila and Kathleen for their continued support as they also grieve for John. I would also like to express my appreciation to my friends for their support with phone calls, texts and letters throughout the year. Thanks to my work colleagues for their kindness and support. Thanks to O'Neill funeral directors and grave diggers, and to Richard for his assistance with arrangements.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually for their kindness and support please take this acknowledgement as a token of our appreciation.

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



*Deep are the memories
Precious they stay*

*No passing of time can take them away
Padre Pio pray for us.*

FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

CONNIE COAKLEY

Derryleigh, Inchigeelagh, Macroom, Co.Cork.

Who died on 16th of January 2021.

On the first anniversary of Connie's death, We Connie's family wish to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our family, neighbours and friends who were so good to us at the time of Connie's passing. We would like to sincerely thank everyone who sent mass cards, messages, condolences on Rip.ie, floral tributes and friends who visited and bought refreshments to our houses.

Due to covid restrictions many people were unable to sympathise in person but the kind messages were a great comfort to us at that sad time. We were so touched by the procession along the roadside for Connie's final journey to the church and graveyard.

We wish to sincerely thank Fr. Anthony for the lovely funeral mass, Norma Galvin for the great music, Cyril Casey and his team at Casey's undertakers for they're professional and Fr. Pat for visiting our home.

We also sincerely thank Dr. Jack and Brendan O'Connell, staff at Bantry hospital and CUH, West Cork Rapid Response, air-ambulance, ambulance, the paramedics (especially our neighbour Eoin O Mahony), the Gardai and the Creed Family.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually please accept this as an acknowledgement as an expression of our Gratitude and appreciation.



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

Lovingly remembered by his Mother Margaret, Brothers, Sisters extended family and friends.

2nd ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

MARY CANTY

New Street, Macroom, Co. Cork.

Who passed away on 1st of February 2020

*Those we love don't go away.
They walk beside us every day.
Unseen, unheard, but always near, so
loved, so missed, so very dear.*



Always in our thoughts and remembered with love.

Sadly missed by her husband Denis, children Aimee, Denis, Nicola, Dylan & her grandchildren Aoife, Iona, Adam & Ethel.

4th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

JOAN HERLIHY

Derryroe, Macroom whose 4th Anniversary occurs on 4th. February.

*Those we love don't go away
They walk beside us every day
Unseen, unheard
but always near
so loved, so missed
so very dear.*



Sadly missed and fondly remembered by your loving family

10th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

JERRY KELLEHER

Deshure, Terelton, Macroom
Who died on 2nd February 2012

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



Always remembered by his loving wife Mary & Family.

28th ANNIVERSARY



In memory of my dear mother

MARGARET KELLEHER

Sleaveen Road Macroom and late of Ballinagree who passed away on 29th January 1994.

*A silent thought
A quiet prayer
For a special person
In God's care*



Always remembered with love and happy memories by your daughter Mary, relatives and friends.

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13th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

FINBARR O'MAHONY

Roovesbeg, Coachford, Co. Cork
Whose 13th Anniversary occurs on
24th January

*The world changes from year to year,
Our lives from day to day,
But the love and memories of you,
Shall never fade away.*



Remembered always by
his wife and family

ANNIVERSARIES



In loving memory of

JULIA & DENIS O'MAHONY

The Village, Clondrohid, Macroom
whose anniversaries
occur around this time.

*Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us every day,
Unseen, unheard, but always near,
Still loved, still missed and very dear.*



Always remembered & sadly missed by
your loving family

2nd ANNIVERSARY



Remembering with love

PETER HYDE

Cill na Martra and Blackrock
Who died on 30th of January 2020

*Sadly missed along life's way,
Quietly remembered every day,
No longer in our life to share,
But in our hearts, you are always there.*



Sadly missed today and every day by his
loving family.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

TIMMY HEALY

Knockanure, Ballymakeera
Who dies on 25th January 2021

*No farewell words were spoken
No time to say goodbye,
You were gone before we knew it
and only God knows why.
Our heart still aches with sadness,
and secret tears still flow,
What it meant to lose you
No one will ever know.
But now we know you want us
to mourn for you no more,
and to treasure all the fond memories
to help us through each day.
Since you will never be forgotten
We will hold you tightly within our hearts*



Always remembered and sadly missed by
Jessie, James, Mary & Ann

FIRST ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of our beautiful
mother and grandmother

SHEILA CREEDON

Knockane, Terelton, Macroom, Cork

*If Roses grow in Heaven
Lord, please pick a bunch for me.
Place them in my Mother/grandmothers
arms, and tell her they're from me.*

*Tell her that I love her and miss her,
and when she turns to smile,
place a kiss upon her cheek
and hold her for a while.*

*Because remembering her is easy,
I do it every day,
but there's an ache within my heart
that will never go away.*



Always remembered and sadly missed
by your loving son Dan, and adoring
grandchildren Shane, Don and Noelle and
extended family and friends

FIRST ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of my beloved mother

SHEILA CREEDON

Knockane, Terelton, Macroom,
Co Cork on her first anniversary.

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



Loved and remembered by Catherine,
Mike, Ellen, Clara and Olan.

6th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

JOHN LYNCH

Kilmore Ballingearry
Who died on 24th January 2016

*Those we love don't go away
They walk beside us everyday
Unseen, unheard but always near,
Still loved, still missed
So very dear.*



Missed by his family and friends.

5th ANNIVERSARY



Cherished memories of

EILEEN J. QUILL

Barr d'Inse, Cúil- Aodha,
Who died on January 23rd 2017

*It doesn't need a special day,
To bring you to our minds.
For days without a thought of you,
Are very hard to find.*



Fondly Remembered by Your
Family, Relatives & Friends.
Naomh Gobnait guidh orainn.

PRAYER FOR HEALING

Heavenly Father, I call on you right now in a special way. It is through your power that I was created. Every breath I take, every morning I wake, and every moment of every hour, I live under your power. Father, I ask you now to touch me with that same power. For if you created me from nothing, you can certainly recreate me. Fill me with the healing power of your spirit. Cast out anything that should not be in me. Mend what is broken. Root out any unproductive cells. Open any blocked arteries or veins and rebuild any damaged areas. Remove all inflammation and cleanse any infection. Let warmth of your healing love pass through my body to make new any unhealthy areas so that my body will function the way you created it to function. And Father, restore me to full health in mind and body so that I may serve you the rest of my life. I ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

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.

6th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**EILEEN
LYNCH**

Aras Mhuire, New street
And formally of Ballyverane House
Macroom

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



Deeply missed by your loving family

2nd ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

MAURA LUCEY

Cornera, Inchigeela.

Who died on 20/01/20

*Our lives go on without you,
Though nothing is the same.
We have to hide the heartache,
When someone speaks your name.
You did so many things for us,
Your heart was kind and true.
As long as we were happy,
You were happy too.*



Sadly missed by her loving husband
Concubhar and Children Mick, Richard,
Con, Mags and Mary.

*Gentle Jesus above,
Give our Nanny all our love.*

Always remembered by your
Grandchildren

3rd ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**DAN
LYNCH**

**Togher Ballymakeera
Died on 22nd January 2019**

*When you think of Dan today
A little prayer to Jesus say*



Remembered by his brother
Denis

4th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**DENIS
HARTNETT**

**Carrigeigh, Inchigeela, Macroom
Who died on 4th February, 2018**

*We thought of you with love today,
But that is nothing new.
We thought about you yesterday,
And the days before that too.
We think of you in silence,
We often speak your name.
All we have are memories,
And your picture in a frame.
Memories are our keepsake,
With which we will never part.
God has you in his keeping,
And we have you in our hearts*



Sadly missed by his loving wife Anne,
family and grandchildren

9th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**KIERAN
MC CARTHY**

**Crookstown, Co. Cork
Who passed away on
26th January**

*Two tired eyes are sleeping
Two willing hands are still
The one who worked so hard for us
Is resting at God's will.*



Always remembered
by his loving family

3rd ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**JIM
CORCORAN
(JIMMY/JAMES)**

**Clodagh, Crookstown and late of
Terelton
whose 3rd anniversary occurs on the
5th of February**

*God called your name so softly,
That only you could hear;
And no one heard the footsteps,
Of angels drawing near,
The golden gates stood open,
God saw you needed rest;
His garden must be beautiful,
He only takes the best.*



Lovingly remembered by Phil and family.

10th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**EILEEN
MCCARTHY
(NEE MURPHY)**

**Firmount, Killarney Road,
Macroom Co. Cork.
Who died on 1st February 2012**

*It broke our hearts to lose you,
But you did not go alone,
For part of us went with you,
The day God called you home.*

*Sweet Jesus take this message,
To our mother up above,
Tell her how we miss her,
And give her all our love.*



Sadly missed by Orla, Owen, Tom,
relatives and friends.

10th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

KITTY BUCKLEY

Who died on 30th January 2012

*A picture of you we carry in our hearts
We close our eyes to see it
when the world gets dark.
A memory of you we carry in our souls.
We wrap it close around us
when the nights get cold.
No matter where we are
No matter what we do
No day dawns, no evening falls
without a thought of you.*



Remembered today and everyday
by your loving family.

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