

St. Patrick's Day Parade 1st Prize winner Aideen Johnstown School of Dance and Pat O'Connell Chairman of Lee Valley Enterprise Board, making a presentation to Lile Ní hÉalaithe, Flower of Macroom. © Peter Scanlan





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C*ditor's* NOTE

St Patrick's Day Macroom

Great crowds gathered for the Macroom St Patrick's day parade and what a huge achievement to all involved in the preparation of the day. It was lovely to see our community come together to honour our national holiday after a two-year hiatus! The extra long bank holiday weekend had everyone in celebratory mode!

I was lucky enough to start the day with a dawn hike of the horse shoe in Gougane Barra and its one I would definitely recommend trying!

National Tree Week

As its National Tree week, we've included some snippets of what's happening locally, a full programme of events can be seen on https://www. treecouncil.ie/national-tree-week-programme-ofevents I've also includes a snippet on a project proposal for a floating boardwalk in Irelands last remining alluvial rainforest. So be sure to check it out, I'd be interested to hear your thoughts.

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We are a bi-weekly magazine; therefore, submissions must be on the Sunday before publication at the latest, if you want a piece included in the following week's edition. Due to print processes, late submissions will be published in the following edition. My role as editor is parttime, I am not always available to answer emails/ calls immediately, note there will be some delay in getting back to you. As always submissions as Gaeilge are always welcome too!

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Sarah Kate Murphy ^{EDITOR}



CATHERINE MURPHY - Pride of Cork

Pride of Cork & County awards were held recently at the Clayton Hotel Silversprings Cork.

Catherine Ross Murphy was one of 36 Recipients to receive an award on the night, for her Charitable contributions and the work done in her Community for the Fairy Garden and the Volunteering in Macroom Tidy Towns.

Catherine has raised over €23k up to now from her Cookbook "Catherine's Old Time Recipe's" for charities such as SVP, & Irish Community Air Ambulance.

Catherine would like to thank everyone who has supported her up to now.

Her amazing supportive husband Con, and her 3 Girls and her 2 grandchildren.

She said "It was an honour to be awarded this at my age. I have never been awarded anything like this in my life and as you get older and life goes so quickly i can now bow out and enjoy life with my wonderful family. I accepted this award on behalf of all of Macroom because without your support none of this would have happened. Catherine thanks you all from the bottom of her heart."

Image right: Catherine Ross Murphy was one of 36 Recipients to receive a Pride of Cork & County awards, which were held recently at the Clayton Hotel Silversprings Cork

St Patrick's Day

The weather for the return of the St Patrick's Day parade to Macroom was ideal and brought out the crowds in great numbers, everybody clearly delighted to have social public gathering back after a lapse of two years. There was a music session in the square before the parade provided by Tim Joe and Anne O'Riordan.

The parade was led by a colour party from the Defence Forces 12th Company, 38th Battalion led by company Quartermaster Noel Cunningham, Lt Helen Cullinane and Sgt John Love. The Cullen Pipe Band were near the head of the parade and the Grand Marshall was Ms Lily Healy, reigning Flower of Macroom. The parade proceeded up the Main St from St Colman's Park and past the reviewing stand in North Square. Pat O'Connell, Lee Valley Enterprise Board, acted as MC introducing the various parade entrants to the crowds in the square and on the reviewing platform were local dignitaries representing various aspects of public life in the area. Local TD's Michael Creed and Aindreas Moynihan were joined by County Councillors Michael Creed, Ted Lucey, Eileen Lynch, Gobnait Moynihan and Michael Looney while another county councillor Martin Coughlan was busy in the square organising the flow of the parade along with Pádraig O'Driscoll, the latter named pairing being on the parade organising committee. Macroom Parish Priest Canon Donal



Roberts, Garda Supt Joe Moore, Comdt. Tommy Martin 12th Battalion, Defence Forces were also on the stand. The speakers were Canon Donal Roberts, Cllr Michael Creed representing the Macroom/ Millstreet Municipal District Council, main sponsors of the parade and Pat O'Connell Lee Valley Enterprise Board. parade organisers.

There were 22 entries in the parade and the award winners were: 1st Prize: Aideen Johnson School of Dancing, 2nd Laochra Óg Hurling and Camogie Club, 3rd West Muskerry Athletic Club. First prize for Shop Window display went to Macroom Senior Citizens Shopeen in Lucey's Lane 2nd were Enchanted Flowers Main St and 3rd was St Vincent de Paul Shop in Castle Street. A representative group of young people carried a large Ukrainian banner to demonstrate solidarity

A representative group of young people carried a large Ukrainian banner to demonstrate solidarity with the people of that suffering nation while the Cullen Pipe Band played the Ukrainian National Anthem.

Traffic through Macroom was diverted for the duration of the parade with local Garda ensuring all was in order.

Pat O'Connell



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MCEGAN COLLEGE:



McEgan College News

McEgan's TY students have been busy in all kinds of extra-curricular activities and have been involved in many regional & national competitions. Many competitions are taking place online this year which has provided an additional element! Students have risen to the challenge and have submitted their entries using digital technologies including virtual conferencing, social media, apps, and online platforms to great effect.

First-Cut Youth Film Festival Congratulations to McEgan's TY Students who were the overall winners with their hilarious film, Compost your Bananas for the TicTok Filmmaking competition on Thursday 11th March held in Youghal. The festival encourages new aspiring Young Film Makers to develop their creativity skill sets. This year's theme was promoting sustainability using the TicTok platform. The TY students had three entries in the Competition. The winning team was Sadhbh McCarthy, Kate Kelleher & Ann Kohbleur. Congratulations and well done to all on an incredibly high standard.

Foróige Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE) Competition

McEgan College is delighted that two TY mini enterprises are through to the National Semi-Finals. Lee Valley Cordial is the brainchild of Nora Kate O'Leary, Jade Dineen, Ciara O'Connell, Matt Murphy & Lucy O'Callaghan. The team identified a gap in the market for a soft drink free from artificial colours, sweeteners and flavours. Through market research the team discovered that potential consumers are also interested in sustainability, so they decided to recycle glass bottles as their packaging.

SENSEational Boards is also through to the National semi-final in the Social Enterprise category. The team members are Aisling O'Leary, Lauren O'Sullivan, Isabel Roberts and Olamipo Yusuf. The company produces Handmade Sensory Boards using 100% upcycled materials. The company is delighted to manufacture bespoke sensory boards for any setting including home, pre-school,

TY students from McEgan College visit UCC



McEgan College First Cut Film Tik Tok competition winners

primary school, post-primary and nursing homes. All boards are designed to meet the needs and/or interests of the user.

Room 22 Mini Company Hug in a Mug

The students in Room 22 have been very busy over the past number of weeks with their mini company called The Hug in a Mug Company. The class has entered the LEO (Local Enterprise Office) mini company competition, and decided that instead of creating a company to make money they would like to spread joy and happiness. During a discussion on Covid and lock down the students said what they missed most was meeting friends, giving high fives, giving hugs, singing, going for tea and seeing people smile. From this discussion The Hugs in a Mug Company was born. The idea was to put treats (chocolates, homemade marmalade, tea bags) in a mug with a positive message and to give to people who also missed having visitors and chats. The students assembled the mug gifts, designed and wrote gift tags and then personally delivered their gifts to residents of Sullane Haven. As part of the competition, the team also presented their work using their IT skills and a TicTok video which will be judged at the end of the month. Well done to the class on their hard work and great credit is due to the young business people as they have succeeded in spreading joy and happiness to their friends in Sullane Haven. Sincere thanks to Grainne Carmody (consultant with LEO) and to Terry Kelleher for their advice and support. Wishing The Hug in a Mug Company best of luck in the next stage of the competition.

A Trip to UCC & Cork Jail for McEgan's TY and Room 22 Students!

With Covid restrictions lifting McEgan students are once again able to go on educational trips and visit. Students and teachers have traditionally enjoyed and valued trips and days out but maybe it was something we all took for granted in the world of education. The last two years certainly has re-enforced the value of trips both educationally and socially.

On Tuesday 15th March TY and Room 22 students were delighted to go on a trip to UCC and to Cork City Gaol. In UCC students were given a guided tour by Teresa who gave the students an insight of the rich culture and history of UCC. Students saw first-hand the collection of Ogham Stones in the Stone Corridor, admired the Harry Clarke and Sarah Purser's stained-glass windows in the Honan Chapel, learnt that their computers, smart phones and even the on/off button on an electric kettle are all based on the mathematical work of George Boole, one of the first Maths Professors in UCC. Students gained an appreciation of the stark contrasts in the 1840s between the privileged wealthy, for whom the university was being built while others in society died of hunger as disease and famine raged.

The next stop was Cork City Gaol, with its wellpreserved stone building, life-like figures of prisoners and jailers and stories of some of the individual inmates, their crimes and length of their sentences. The consensus of students was that Victorian justice was extremely strict and harsh. It was wonderful for students to get a sense of their history, identity, culture and to create an awareness and appreciation of the heritage on our doorstep. Thanks to Ms. Brew, Ms. Angland and Mrs. Bourke who accompanied the students. Sales: Des 087 659 3427 or Email: des@outlookmags.com



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St Marys VICTORIOUS CAMOGIE TEAM AT THE COUNTY FINAL

Seachtain na Gaeilge

Tháinig na daltaí atá ar Choiste na Gaeilge le chéile lena múinteoir Iníon Ní Chaollaidhe nuair a laghaíodh na srianta agus thosnaigh siad ar an bpleanáil do Sheachtain na Gaeilge 2022. Bhi sé de fheidhm acu suim i gcultúr na Gaeilge a athmhúscailt i measc na ndaltaí. Eagraíodh alán imeachtaí i rith na seachtaine. Bhí tráth na gceist agus ceilí ag bliain a haon agus ag bliain a dó. Bhí ceilí ag bliain a 3. Bhí Tráth na gceist, ceilí agus rang canadh ag bliain a ceathair agus bhí maidin caifé ag an gcúigiú agus an séú bliain. Ghlac alán daltaí páirt sa seisiún cheoil agus d'fhreastal daoine ar an bPop up Gaeltacht ag am lóin. Ba mhaith linn ár mbuiochas a ghabhail le hIníon Ní Choileáin as na ranganna bácála a eagrú agus as na daoine a chur isteach físeanna dá bpeataí á mhúineadh tré Ghaeilge. Dhein Nora Ní Thuama físeán d'imeachtaí na seachtaine, a cuireadh suas ar na meáin chomh maith Ta an t-adh linn go bhfuil múinteoirí Gaeilge díograiseacha sa scoil. Ba mhaith linn ár mbuiochas ó chroí a ghabhail le muintir an choiste agus lena múinteoir a chuir a seacht ndícheall isteach sa cheiliuradh seo ar ár gcultúr. Ní dhéanfar dearmad ar an seachtain seo go ceann i bhfad. Gaeilge abú!

First Year Football

St Mary's 1st year Football team came up against Loreto Fermoy in Pairc Uí Chaoimh Astro Turf pitch last Tuesday in the County A Semi Final. Fermoy were a formidable force but the St. Mary's girls put up a great fight and battled to the end. We wish Loreto Fermoy all the best in their County Final. We would also like to thank Michael & Nora McCarthy of Glenview Motors for their continued support. We really appreciate your ongoing support Michael and Nora, thank you both so much. The final score was St Marys 1-7 Fermoy 3-17. The girls had a great run in the competition competing at the top grade. This team has enormous potential with a very talented group of players. We will no doubt see them competing in the final stages again and hopefully getting some silverware in the vears to come.

By Méabh Kelleher & Ruth Creed Junior Football

The Junior Girls Football team of St Mary's had an impressive victory over Colaiste Pobail Bheanntrai on Tueday last in Bantry's home ground on a score line of 12 Goals 8 Points to 4 Goals and 8 Points. Three early goals by St Mary's gave them a solid lead throughout the game despite playing against the wind for the first half. The second half saw St Mary's extend their lead to a comfortable win. A strong forward line up coupled with a determined defence ensured exceptional team work prevailed throughout the game. In terms of the entire unit the team must be commended. Having experienced a slew of interruptions to their training sessions in recent months the girls displayed exemplary cohesion in their gameplay including the substitutes who slotted into the game seamlessly. Onwards and upwards for this team as they head in to a Semi Final where they will play the winners of Carrigaline Vs Regina Mundi. Thanks to coaches Mr Hennessy and Mr Burns for going to the game with the girls on the day.

All Ireland Schools Cross Country Championships What an exciting time it was for us when some of our students competed in The All-Ireland Schools Cross Country championships which was held in Mallusk in Belfast on Saturday the 12th of March. The school's competition is an extremely hard and competitive event so just to qualify out of Munster was a massive achievement for the girls. Covid again caused upset and disappointment to some of the athletes and thus knocked them out. Cara O'Brien, Katie Purcell & Kavla Casev kept the flag flying. It was the first Schools All Ireland for the girls and they handled the nerves and excitement of the race and gave it everything over the tough 2000m course. They finished in 6th place in All of Ireland and are already looking forward to next year where they hope to have the full team back again. A fantastic achievement for a very talented group of girls. A huge thank you to the parents, supporters and West Muskerry coach, Colette O Riordan who travelled to the event with the girls.

TY Workshops

TY students had a busy week last week as they engaged in several activities, now that the restrictions in schools have eased. Clare McLaughlin, resident artist with Cooperation Ireland took the whole TY year group for their second module in creative art on Monday. Tuesday morning was assigned to Leaving Cert students giving much valuable advice to the year group on senior cycle subjects. The group under the capable eye of Katie Cronin practiced for their upcoming "Dance Off" event on Wednesday. A Work Symposium was organised and facilitated by Mr Galvin on Thursday. Three very high-profile speakers were invited to make presentations to the year group. Carmel King, a former Financial Director of several large corporations in London addressed the group first. Dr Margaret Heffernan, Head of Humanities in MTU and past pupil of the school focused on interview preparation. The day finished with a presentation from Brian Fehigan, who introduced the Boot Camp concept for budding Accountancy students, as well as the LC Accounting curriculum. The three speakers who have much experience and expertise in the business and education sectors went on to offer their words of wisdom to the year group on how best to prepare themselves for the world of work from a broad perspective. The week finished with two hours spent in the company of Alan Devine. former actor in Fair City, who is a regular visitor to the TY group. Alan did not disappoint when he gave a very enjoyable, entertaining, relaxing and informative workshop on Public Speaking skills to the group.

Camogie County Final Champions Big Win for St Marys!!

It was a mild and breezy morning in Castle Road on Saturday the 5th of March as the St Mary's U16 and a half team lined out, ready to take on the opposition, Regina Mundi. After a long year of training and working hard to reach the County final, there was a feeling of apprehension in the air but after the intense warm-up these feelings soon turned into determination. St Mary's started off with an intense pace, with Annie O'Brien and Nina O'Donovan scoring a goal apiece in the first 10 minutes. Followed closely by 3 points from the St Mary's girls putting Regina Mundi under immense pressure. Regina Mundi attempted to come into the game but St. Mary's were efficient in defence and attack, transitioning quickly and working the space well. The girls from St Mary's showed great teamwork skills as they worked the ball through the lines of defence scoring another point. The half time break showed a score line of 2-8 to 1-2. Although ahead at half time, the St Mary's trainer Liam Slattery encouraged the girls to play as if the match was nil all again. Tensions were rising as the end of the game was approaching and the cup was in sight. The Regina Mundi girls put up a tough battle but it was the determination and work ethic from the St Mary's girls that saw them score another 3 goals and 2 points from play. The skill and precision from free taker Lily O'Shea put another 5 points on the board, leaving the final score as 5-15 to 1-4.

Captain Danielle O'Neill then received the Cork Colleges Camogie A-Cup. This was the first time the school has won this cup in 11 years. The girls from St. Marys worked extremely hard to get to the final and showed so much skill and strength throughout the match. The school camogie trainers Liam Slattery, Ms. Kelleher and Ms. McSweeney played a major role in preparing the girls for the final. A huge thanks to them and all the spectators who came out on the day to show their support for the girls.

St Mary's Team: 1-Eimear Healy 2-Lorraine O'Connell 3-Ciara Lyons 4- Grace Kiernan 5-Annah Devine 6-Lisa O'Donovan 7-Lily Desmond 8-Danielle O'Neill (C) 9-Grace Kelleher 10-Annie O'Brien (VC) 11-Lily O'Shea 12-Leanne Healy 13-Shauna Lehane 14-Nina O'Donovan 15-Ciara Kelleher 16- Rachel Bradley

Subs on the day: Caoimhe Dineen, Grace O'Riordan, Meabh Murray, Ava McSweeney, Saorlaith Murphy, Abbie Sweeney.

Scores: Annie O Brien 2-3, Lily O Shea 0-7 (0-5

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Frees), Ciara Kelleher 0-2, Grace Kelleher 0-3, Nina O Donovan, Grace O Riordan, Ava McSweeney 1 goal each.

Archaeologist Visit

First-Year students were visited by Andrew Songhurst who is a commercial archaeologist

and parent of two of our students. Andrew gave a presentation on his work on the N22 Bhaile Bhuirne to Macroom Bypass and some of the finds there. He also talked about more recent projects in Mallow where he found a piece of Neolithic Pottery and in Tipperary where he found a coin from the reign of Henry VIII. Andrew also spoke about an interesting website called 'archaeology. ie' where the public can look up at any excavations done in their locality. We are so grateful to Andrew for giving of his time and the fascinating insight into his valuable work. Thanks so much to Ms Gray for organising this event for the girls.



St Mary's JUNIOR FOOTBALL - TEAM TALK WITH MR HENNESSY



St Mary's STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS WITH TEACHERS AOIBHEANN QUEALLY AND ARLENE O DONOGHUE - FUNDRAISER FOR UKRAINE RAISED €1669

National Tree Week at Chapel Hill School of Art

National Tree Week, organised by the Tree Council since 1985 and in partnership with Coillte since 1989, is a week-long programme of events to celebrate all things trees.

It is generally held in the month of March Celebrating National Tree Week at Chapel Hill School of Art the school is hosting a series of Tree related Walks, Talks and Exhibitions celebrating all things, Trees.

On Saturday 26th of March the celebrations of Tree Week begin at 12pm.

This is a free Event and all Are Welcome!

In the Community Room At 12pm

Herb-lore 'The Medicinal Properties of Trees & The Medicinal Properties of Tree Stories' with Majella O'Riordan of Dandoline Health and Aurora Planells - All Welcome!

At 1.30pm

Debut Screening of Digital Stories of 'Shadow Forests and Dreaming of Trees' by American writer Beth Jones

At 2. 30pm

Tree Walk & Talk with Ted Cook – Tree planting demonstration

At 3.15

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About - Chapel Hill School of Art

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Chapel Hill School of Art was founded in 2020 by Joe Neeson and John Mc Cormack. The school is based in the historic Mercy Convent on Chapel Hill in Macroom, Co. Cork, designed by Architect John Pyne Hurley in 1860. John McCormack and Joe Neeson met and started working together in The National Sculpture Factory in 1997. Since then, they have collaborated on many large- and small-scale sculptures for national and international artists. This work is exhibited in both public and private collections.

In 2016 they acquired The Convent of Mercy in Macroom. The property has been a center for education and community engagement since 1865. "We both felt that it would be important to continue with the educational history of the building. The logical path for us, considering our backgrounds, was to create the Chapel Hill School of Art".

This history of education continues with art classes, workshops and events to contribute to meaningful culture, heritage and celebration of the visual Arts in the area.

For more information:

Programme Coordinator: Bernadette Tuite 026 20927 | 085 870 6202

The programme for Classes and workshops is available at https://www.chapelhillschoolofart.ie/ Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/ ChapelHillMacroom

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Finn Yore, De La Salle College, competing in the All Ireland Schools Cross Country final.



Seachtain na Gaelige at De La Salle

dhéanamh agus páirt suntasach a ghlacadh sna himeachtaí eagsúla. Críochnaíodh an tseachtain le cupán tae agus plé idir na múinteoirí agus muintir na hArdteistiméireachta. Is fíor a rá gur sheachtain spreagúil a bhí ann. Maith sibh a bhuachaillí, Tír gan Teanga, Tír gan Anam!



Seachtain na Gaelige at De La Salle

Daniel Kingston



Daniel Kingston Room, The Kingston family at Arc House, (Supplied by Fiona Kingston).

By Con Kelleher

Daniel Kingston died at a young age in 2009. Since Daniel passed away, a total of €250,000 has been raised to remember Daniel and to help Arc, Cork, a charity supporting patients and their families afflicted with cancer.

People from Macroom and the surrounding areas have supported very generously fundraising events; the Kingston family is enormously grateful for the support.

The Kingston family was very appreciative of the care Daniel and they received from Arc. In turn, Cork Arc has been very grateful with the significant funds that were raised by the Kingstons and invited them to visit the new Cork ARC cancer support house on Sarsfield Road, Cork. A room named in honour of Daniel is now open in ARC House and available to cancer patients and their families. The recognition of Daniel's memory was warmly welcomed by the Kingston family on their recent visit.

Additional information on the important services provided by Cork Arc can be found here on this website - www.corkcancersupport.ie Macroom Handball Club – Two County Champions: Macroom has an active Handball Club and recently two of its players won County medals in their grades.

Ray Griffin defeated Philip O'Carroll in the final of the Silver Masters B, played in Mallow.

John Lyons defeated Tim Joe Healy in the Diamond Master B singles, played in Boherbue. Since then, John has won in Munster and has an All-Ireland semi-final to look forward to, against a Dublin opponent.

Both players will also represent the county in the forthcoming doubles competition.

The Briery Gap: It is delightful to see work progressing on the resurrection and re-construction of the theatre-cum-library. The new centre will resume its pivotal role in the entertainment and cultural life of the area. First opened in 1999, The Briery Gap staged pantomimes, plays, concerts, theatre competitions and showed films. The library was beautifully set out. A fire in 2016 destroyed the building and legal and financial problems delayed resolution and re-building. However, work has commenced and it is expected that the new Briery



Julian and Vincent Kingston outside Daniel's Room, Arc House, Cork, (Supplied by Fiona Kingston).

Gap will open in 2023. Congrats to all involved. The Briery Gap is named after a T.C. Murray (from New St., Macroom) play and was performed in the Abbey Theatre, Dublin. Murray was a leading playwright in Ireland 1910-50 and one of The Cork Realists; his plays dealt with 'real' issues of the time.

Footpaths: The idea of footpaths is to facilitate safe walking in built-up areas. Recently, in Macroom, on footpaths, on two separate occasions I was nearly struck by a bicycle and a scooter. Both were travelling at speed and both incidents occurred near corners. Some younger riders display their skill (or lack thereof) on footpaths. Further, some of our footpaths are very narrow, for example in Railway View and New Street, and wide mirrors pose an extra hazard. While it is great to see people cycling for enjoyment, fitness and environmental purposes, cyclists should stick to the roads if at all possible. In addition, many adults and children's cyclists do not wear helmets, and using them should become the norm. Footpaths and helmets are for our safety, and should be used properly and appropriately.

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Proposal of a Blueway boardwalk at the Gearagh

By Sarah Kate Murphy

I had mentioned in previous editions of the Lee Valley Outlook about publishing sections of my end of year thesis for a degree course in Community Development. It's taken me a while to publish the project as with any work, your ideas, blood, sweat and tears go into it. As a result, the project can grow dear to your heart in ways you'd never imagine. As it's national tree week, I thought what a better time to bring it to a wider audience.

Background

The Gearagh Nature Reserve is located 6km southeast of the town of Macroom, in the heart of the Lee Valley. On the River Lee, it is downstream from Gougane Barra and Loch Allua in Co. Cork.

It is the last alluvial forest in Ireland and Europe west of the Rhine which was flooded by the ESB in the 1950s.

Ecologically distinctive, it is home to flora, floating fauna, ancient oak forest, and wildfowl protected by SAC and SPA legislation. The site is a Nature Reserve, Ramsar site and Biogenetic Reserve.

Current access to the Gearagh is limited to a pathway/causeway, which runs from north to south, and requires improvement. The area is currently inaccessible for cyclists, prams, and those with mobility issues. Certain areas of the site remain inaccessible due to changing water levels, vegetation and poor trail management.

Macroom is a historic market town of 3,961 people according to the 2016 census. Famed for its impressive Castle Gates and the recently removed 'Pint of Murphy's Mural', the town has an impressive square with several listed buildings. It has several amenities such as castle demesne, golf course, town park, GAA pitches, soccer pitch, Astroturf, basketball court, community hall etc. Macroom lies on the N22, the main road linking Cork and Kerry. As a result, Macroom currently sees 14,000 vehicles pass through every day due to ongoing congestion. Currently, Macroom bypass is under construction, The bypass will breathe new life into the region. It will also mean that the area is 'off the map' and will require a specific tourism feature to increase visitors to the area. Macroom is not a 'destination town' on the Wild Atlantic Way nor the Ring of Kerry and therefore requires a feature to draw tourists to the region.

Failte Ireland identifies "a flourishing tourism industry is vital for Ireland's economic wellbeing and recovery. It also shapes our image and attractiveness as a great place to live, work and invest". A Corporate Plan by Cork County Council (2016) which outlines exploration of sustained economic vibrancy through tourism as a rural catalyst, to "realise the potential of tourism across the county in enhancing our rural economy, supported through our approach to sustainable tourism development and tourism product development to extend the visitor season and



visitor dispersion across the county.". As a result, it can be said, Macroom is in a good position to put forward a sizeable eco-tourism development.

Aims:

The overall aim of my proposal was to explore the possibility of developing an eco-tourism amenity for the Gearagh, which incorporates a floating/ fixed boardwalk as the focal point to connect the main pathway to ancient alluvial woodland islands. As part of my analysis for the proposal, I studied comparative literature of an existing floating boardwalk elsewhere in Ireland from Blueways Ireland & Waterways Ireland

In a report by Leitrim County Council and Waterways Ireland, which explores the feasibility of a floating boardwalk in Acres Lake, Dumshandro, Co. Leitrim, it states "The Blueway has proven to be a catalyst for ongoing rural development, social inclusion and job creation. It has led to the establishment of between 8-10 water and land-based recreational businesses, numerous support businesses and has attracted hundreds of thousands of visitors to Leitrim and surrounding counties."

In a telephone conversation I had with Chief Engineer of Acres Lake, Brian Tracey told me that footfall at the site increased to 100,000 people.

"The counter data shows a continued year on year increase in the use of the Blueway, 2020 is on track to set the highest total visitor numbers to date with the floating walkway at Acres Lake count at 136,100 visitors in early November.".

Furthermore, it has led to the development of new industries in the immediate area such as Electric Bike Trail, Canoeing, Boat hire, Paddleboarding, and a tea-room.

The pivotal aims of Waterways Ireland are "to transform the waterway corridors into rejuvenated and exciting places that enrich



lives and transform communities economically, socially and recreationally. We aim to create more usable space for walking, cycling or paddling for commuting or recreation, whether in tranquil rural or bustling urban areas, to open up links with towns and villages to build expanded access and use to ensure the positive impact on health and quality of life for those who live, work or visit the waterway corridors is achieved."

Complimentary to this, findings from the National Trails Office, indicate that through the development of walking, cycling and other recreational trails, people respond by becoming more physically active.

So, what is a Blueway?

"The aims of the Blueway development are to provide a quality recreational experience using the natural assets of an area and providing a dividend to the local community and their economy.".

Due to the large body of water at the Gearagh along with a warren of islands and streams, which are currently inaccessible, the development of connecting walkways such as floating or solid boardwalks, could be explored as an eco-tourism development to complement and educate visitors about in one of Irelands rarest woodland habitats.

To be continued next edition.....

Oliver's A Real Legend

At the end of 2020 the team and I at Optimal Chiropractic in Ballincollig started a search to find 'Cork's Lockdown Legend'. Further lockdowns and restrictions hampered our prize giving until now... The overall winner was a young man by the name of Oliver Lynch from Ballincollig.

Oliver, who has cerebral palsy, was only 8 years old when in 2020 he raised a staggering €37,000 for local charities with his'5k in 50 days' walk. We were delighted to present Oliver with €500 to spend how he chooses.

We asked Oliver to nominate a charity for our April fundraiser and he chose the Cork charity; *Dogs for the Disabled*. Oliver recently received his very own assistance dog named Mo. His mother says Mo has been a lifeline for Oliver. If you know someone who is in pain, be that **neck pain**, **back pain**, **disc pain**, **sciatica**, **fibromyalgia etc.** please let them know they can have a full consultation with scans and history taking along with follow up visit in our office for only €40. (normally €85) And that €40 goes straight to Dogs for Disabled

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35Km Fundraising Walk from Ballyvourney to Kenmare

Cill na Martra's JJ Cremin and friends completed a 35km walk from Ballyvourney to Kenmare on Saturday 26th of February raising €5,000 for Cancer Connect and Blood Bike South, the idea came about when JJ decided to mark his 35th birthday by raising funds and awareness for the two organisations which he volunteers for in his spare time.

Cancer connect offers transport to cancer patients from their homes to hospitals for consultations and treatment while Blood Bike South provides out of hours delivery of blood samples, breast milk and medicine between hospitals in Cork and also nationwide.

Leaving the Mills Inn, Ballyvourney at 9am their route took them past the Top of Coom, home of Ireland's highest pub, before decending into Kilgarvan and onwards to the finish in Kenmare at 4:30pm.

"We are delighted to have exceeded all expectations and would like to thank everyone who donated for their generosity towards these wonderful organisations."

Donations can still be made available through gofundme.com/35kmwalk



Cill na Martra's JJ Cremin and friends who completed a 35km walk, raising €5,000 for Cancer Connect and Blood Bike South, L-R Jer Murphy, Dan Twomey, Avril Dunlea, Ciaran Casey, Gearóid MacSuibhne, Dan Buckley, JJ Cremin, Kieran Lynch, Róisín Cotter, Ella Ryan, Jerome Murphy.

UIBH LAOIRE NOTES



Inchigeela Walk and various fundraising efforts in Inchigeela raised over €3,800 for Red Cross, Ukraine.

St Partick's Weekend

It was a great weekend in the parish and I hope everyone enjoyed the extra bank Holiday. The Croi na Laoi group erected greeting signs in Inchigeela village and lots of green white and gold bunting as well that fluttered in the lovely weather. Their events were a great success also. The "thank you" night (St Patrick's night) was crowded and everyone enjoyed the music. The occasion was held to thank all who helped in any way during the awful days of the pandemic. On the following night a pop-up Gaeltacht saw lots of people trying out their Gaeilge and doing a very good job too with much fun. On Saturday morning a large crowd gathered at the hall and walked the Céim Daunt route of 5km for the Ukraine fundraiser. Afterwards there was a very enjoyable tea and a raffle and a chat and when the donations were counted the total raised is approaching €4,000. A huge well done to all who organised and helped out and to Creedon's Hotel who willingly took part. School Visit.

The pupils and staff of Inchigeela national school

had an enjoyable an educational visit from two engineers who are working on the construction of new waste water disposal system for the village. Engineers Aoife and Elaine called in and described to the young people what work they are doing and how important the safe control of waste water is to the environment.

St Patrick's Day in Béal Átha

The parade was a great success. Bhí sé go hiontach gach éinne a fheiscint amuigh arís agus bhí an lá comh deas geal. Bhi slua mór , idir óg agus sean agus bhi an cuma air gur bhain gach duine taitneamh as an mhaidin. It was great to see the familiar faces again. The Ballingeary Pipe Band were in top form as they and St Patrick himself led the event. Next was the children's section, then a lovely display of dancing, followed by a parade of vintage tractors and cars. Last but certainly not least was the event that has been developing over the past few years. That is a sort of Callans Kicks, where a satirical swipe is taken at some topical events or the silly side of our world is exposed



The winning act at Ballingeary St Patricks Day Parade

as a comical drama on the street. Two groups competed this year. One group had a go at acting out a side-splitting version of the ballet "Swan Lake"and another group didn't spare windmills and certain politicians who leave themselves open for satire. The winning group were Antóin, Micheál,Tim, Ciarán, James amd JK and the best actor wasAntóin O Creimín. Maith sibh go léir. Ukraine

Well done to two girls from Béal Átha who have taken on some fundraising for the Ukraine relief effort. Maith sibh Aileen agus Ellie.





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CLONDROHID

FUNDRAISERS FOR CLONDROHID COMMUNITY HALL: Seamus Begley and Jim Murray will perform in concert in the Community Hall on this Fri night March 25.

Drinks and finger food will be served from 7.15, donation accepted in lieu.

The Show will commence at 7.30pm, with pre show entertainment, featuring Lasrach, who will entertain you for about 30 mins. So come early to enjoy the occasion.

Please note that tickets that were purchased for this show last Nov are still valid, so root them out and come along. Anyone wishing to secure a ticket now can do so locally, or email clondrohid2022@ gmail.com and collect your ticket on the night. Cost of ticket €20.

DRAMA IN CLONDROHID COMMUNITY HALL: The Ahakeera Drama Group present 'DRINKING HABITS' a 2 Act Farce by Tom Smith. Produced and directed by Brian Collins, on Friday night April 1 at 8pm.

Tickets €10 available at door,, names can be taken at clondrohid2022@gmail.com, specify 'Drinking Habits on your request for ticket, or just come along on the night. We all need a good laugh, especially nowadays, and this could be the 'Tonic' BLOOD DONATION CLINIC: Please mark it in your diary, they will be visiting the Community Hall on Wed and Thurs the 25/26 May 2022.Please ring 1800731137 to book an appointment. Thank you.

DROMLEIGH N.S.

Dromleigh N.S. students have been busy throughout March. Our Green Schools committee was selected to take part in a research project



U 9 Clondrohid footballers enjoying the blitz in Pairc Ui Caoimh last Sunday

ST. PATRICKS DAY PARADES: Well, done to Ballinagree, Macroom, and Carriganima for their great displays for St. Patrick's Day. Ballinagree had a great turnout, with great excitement. JJ Delaney, and Jeremiah were there with their famous horses and plough, and all the trophies won in 2021, of course the Mid Cork Champions Aghinagh were out in force.

Crowds poured into Macroom for their well-run parade, great to see so many families out and about celebrating and enjoying themselves after an absence of 2 years.

Carriganima held theirs on Friday and as always it was a success, with Pat Lane taking on the role of

Grand Marshall. Seanie as usual was on hand to interview all the participants as they filed through the village. Music was provided by Peter Lane. Great day catching up with old acquaintances. Well done all.

GAA NEWS: Well, done to all the U9 footballers who took part in a football blitz in Pairc Ui Caoimh last Sunday. Great start to the new season with 3 teams taking part. Well done to all who travelled to support the teams.

Well done to Junior A's who defeated Donoughmore in the League last week. 1 9 to 0 8

supported by An Taisce and the EPA. The GLOBE Program asks pupils to measure the air quality within the locality and results will help to form an overall picture of the effects of traffic on the environment nationwide.

World Book Day gave students the opportunity to dress up as their favourite book characters or authors. It was a fun-filled day and a superb chance to celebrate our love of reading. We also enjoyed a visit from our community Garda. Junior pupils learned about the importance of road safety. Senior pupils received a presentation about cyber safety and using the internet responsibly. Contact us on 026-46212, info@dromleighns.ie or follow us on Facebook 'Dromleigh N.S Kilmichael'



Community Garda visits Junior pupils at Dromleigh NS

World Book Day at Dromleigh NS



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During my time in Ballyvourney Library I am often asked to recommend books. This can be difficult as everyone can have a different opinion about a book, and it depends on what genre you prefer and for some people the size of the print or even the weight of the book becomes part of the equation. I am always more confident recommending books that I have read and enjoyed myself and so will always try to draw on my own preferences first. With this in mind I have done two reviews one is a book that was published many years ago and the second is a relatively new publication.

Review of The Man from St. Petersburg by Ken Follett

(Also Available on Borrow Box)

One of my favourite books is Pillars of the Earth by Ken Follett so when a library patron recommended another Ken Follet title from around the same time as Pillars was written I decided to read it. The Man from St. Petersburg is based in England just before the First World War. It's an historical thriller, intriguing but not gruesome. It dips into British aristocracy, anglo-russian allegiances, spies, impending German dangers, the suffragette movement, lost love, lies, social history - there's enough to keep you turning the pages!

We are introduced to Felikis whose mission is to kill a member of the Russian aristocracy, in Britain, in order to ignite the fuse that would explode into a war. Lord Walden and his wife play a large part in a plan to broker an alliance between Britain and Russia but their daughter Charlotte, who has just come of age, is trying to find herself and along the way she encounters the suffragette movement and Felikis whom she is drawn to without realizing the consequences of her decisions.

It's well written in a clear manner, the characters are well rounded, and although there are twists and turns in the plot it doesn't confuse you to the point where following it could be a chore. There is a slow enough build to the beginning of the story with just enough potential to keep you interested but it does build satisfyingly into a gripping read with a well-executed ending. There are many factual accuracies included to make the whole story incredibly believable. I have recommended this book to others who have also enjoyed it.

Review of The Devil's Advocate by Steve Cavanagh

I have been a fan of Steve Cavanagh since the first Eddie Flynn story, The Defence. Cavanagh has not disappointed with his latest offering The Devil's Advocate, the seventh book in the Eddie Flynn series. From the very beginning it had me hooked and slightly uncomfortable. Maybe it was because I felt that everything I was reading was too close to possible reality. The whole story is knotted up in racial discrimination, white supremacy, small town corruption, and religious zealots. You are in for a roller coaster read and you are in the front seat with Eddie Flynn, the ex con man now excellent lawyer and hero of the underdog. His able assistants and friends add depth to the story as they try to deal with a corrupt, cruel, evil district attorney and his minions. It begins with a murder and then the story twists and turns full of tension as it unfolds as the heat of the small southern town in Alabama breaths down your neck. It is vital that they solve this case as failure means death for an innocent man.

It you have only ever read Cavanagh's stand-alone novel Twisted and were disappointed in it please don't let it be the yard stick you measure his story telling by as I would not consider it one of his better stories. Give him another try, read any of the Eddie Flynn series and I know you will change your mind. If you are as fussy as I am, please read them in order although they can be read in any order – but why would you!

> "It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade." Charles Dickens, Great Expectations



Clare concertina player takes home Seán Ó Riada Gold Medal

Clare concertina player Colm de Brún took home the Seán Ó Riada Gold Medal, Bonn Óir Seán Ó Riada, at the final of the prestigious traditional music competition broadcast on RTÉ Raidió na Gaeltachta on Friday.

Fifteen finalists, twelve of whom were from Munster, took part in the event in the Rochestown Park Hotel in Cork, all playing metal-reed instruments - concertina, box, melodeon and mouth organ. It fell to esteemed musicians Noel Hill, Mary MacNamara and Charlie Harris to choose the winner, who took home the bespoke gold medal and €2500. The competition is organised annually by broadcaster and musician Peadar Ó Riada in honour of his father.

Colm de Brún, 21, from Cree, Co. Clare, is a

concertina and whistle player, and a sean-nós dancer, and has won many prizes for both his music and dancing. He is currently in the third year of a four-year degree in University of Limerick training to be a secondary school woodwork and technical graphics teacher.

Colm comes from a musical lineage. His grandfather Tommy Browne is a dancer, singer, whistle and concertina player, and played with the Fáinne Óir Céilí band in the fifties and sixties with legendary Clare musicians including Solus Lillis and Tom Carey. His great great granduncle in Tomeen O'Dea was a fiddle and flute player who has a reel named after him. At home, too, the whole Browne family plays music – brother Seán plays banjo, brother Liam plays accordion, Dad Stephen plays concertina, and Colm's mother Bridget plays box.

Speaking of his win, Colm said:

"It's a great honour to win this prestigious Seán Ó Riada Bonn Óir award and I am delighted to be chose as the winner. There were fantastic musicians playing in the final and it was lovely to hear all the different styles of music on stage and to be part of this occasion. It was really special."

The event was broadcast live on the Cuireadh chun Ceoil programme on RTÉ Raidió na Gaeltachta, and you can listen back to the programme on the RnaG website rte.ie/rnag Sales: Des 087 659 3427 or Email: des@outlookmags.com



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When the Coachford class of 2021 were not able to have their annual Debs & Grads ball due to COVID and it looked like the powers that be were either unable or unwilling to organise it for another date, a few of the students decided to seize the initiative and book a hotel, a DJ, and buses and host the graduation ball themselves.

They had first organised it for early December and then mid-January but due to Omicron they had to defer it until last week, March 16th. The graduation ball was a tremendous success.

Most of the students turned up in Coachford village in the early afternoon looking stunning and stayed in the village for about 2 hours getting acquainted with each other before heading off to Springfort Hall, Mallow where they partied all night and into the early hours of the morning.

Awards were given out in various categories, for example: the couple most likely to end up married, the teacher's pet, the person most likely to become



famous and so on.

Huge credit to those few people who organised the event and for showing leadership and bravery in doing so.

Well done also to the local businesses who came on board to support the ball.

O'Riordan's Bar for sponsoring the DJ Coachford Post Office for the decorations O'Callaghan's Bar for the finger food Coachford Hair & Beauty for the awards





Having a Ball! Happy local students enjoying the ball



Kilmurry Active Retirement Association News

Our next event, a health and wellbeing course, is starting Tuesday 22 March from 2 - 4pm at Kilmurry Museum. The first 45 minutes will consist of gentle exercise/relaxation techniques, tasters of tai chi, yoga, and meditation. We will then break for tea and chat for 15 minutes. The second period will consist of talks and guestions on health and wellbeing.

This course runs for four Tuesdays - 22, 29, March and 5 and 26 April. It is free of charge for paid up members. (Membership fee (\in 20) can be paid at the first session).

This is designed as a very flexible course. We may change it as we go along as we prefer. And if you are only interested in one part you can come just for that, even if it's the tea!

Following on from that, we will have three classes of the very popular 'Staying Fit for the Future' course. These are provided by Cork Education and Training Board. One is on Mondays starting 25 April at 7pm in the Museum, and is aimed at beginners primarily but also those who have conditions that limit their physical activity. This will start with stretching in a sitting position and then develop from there, being tailored to individual capabilities as requested.

The other two courses are to be much more strenuous, but don't worry, of course participants determine their own limits. These are being held at 5pm and repeated at 6pm on Thursdays at Crookstown hall starting 28 April. The courses are for ten weeks, cost €60, and can be booked at https://eventmaster.ie/event/ybOLcPOSVy Places are expected to sell out, so early booking is advised. Our association is open to all, but aimed particularly at those who are not in fulltime paid employment. We also encourage those who are planning to retire within the next few years to consider joining us or other such organisations now. We will keep you busy and engaged. For more information on membership contact Aidan at 0894057676.



Live theatre comes back to Coachford

Coachford Players make their welcome return to the post pandemic stage with a full-length production of Sam Cree's rolicking farce, 'Widow's Paradise'.

The comedy is set in the 1980's. The action takes place in a "luxury" caravan as 5 ladies take a "strictly women only" weekend away. However, their plans are thrown into disarray when members of the male species turn up at the same caravan at the same weekend.

What was supposed to be a quiet and peaceful weekend away for both groups turn into a clash of the sexes with hilarious scenes throughout this very funny and entertaining play.

It runs for 4 nights from Saturday April 2nd to Tuesday April 5th. Tickets are only €12 each with

concessions tickets at $\in 10$. Curtain up each night at 8pm.

Katie Ni Mhurchú and Grainne Donovan going over their lines ahead of their performance from April 2nd to 5th in Coachford.

Pat Lehane, Eugene Manley and Jim Bergin in rehearsals for the Coachford Players production of 'Widow's Paradise'.



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Pat Lehane, Eugene Manley and Jim Bergin in rehearsals for the Coachford Players production of 'Widow's Paradise'.

The Macroom and District Environmental Group Think Globally, Act locally

What Options Have Farmers Got?

Hi! Chris Barrett here again.

This week I am continuing the conversation I had with Caroline Robinson in the last issue. In the light of very fast-moving changes globally, we decided to focus on fertilizers and related current issues in this article

As farmers know, the price of fertilizers has rocketed since Christmas. This has been exacerbated by the problems in Ukraine.

The manufacture of fertilizer is completely dependent on gas. As a result of the situation in Ukraine, there is a parallel situation going on regarding increasing grain prices. This will almost inevitably lead to a shortage of grain.

The irony of modern farming in Ireland is the fairly recent heavy reliance on grain-based feedstuffs for sheep and cattle.

In The Irish Times (6.03.22), there was an article entitled $% \left({{\left({{{\rm{T}}_{\rm{T}}} \right)}} \right)$

"All farmers to be told to plant crops amid fears of food security crisis".

The Business Post reports on emergency plans being drawn up by the Irish Government to offset a predicted food security crisis in Europe.

The EU is planning to introduce emergency measures to slash its energy dependence on Russia by rebuilding its reserve stocks of gas and oil, increasing renewables while also turning to alternative sources of energy from other parts of the world.

In the past the Irish Government has been able to purchase hay, etc from neighbouring countries



when adverse summer weather conditions have necessitated this. This is unlikely to be possible this year as all countries may be struggling at the same time.

The Irish Government have suggested that Irish farmers grow a crop of grain this year. Practically speaking, this would have to go into the ground in the next two months. To achieve this would require knowledge, seed grain, specialist machinery and reasonably good, flat land.

Some farmers may decide not to use chemicals at all in order to cut costs but this requires a new approach, knowledge, more time and extra land. Huge effort needs to be put into raising soil fertility with composts, green manures and crop rotations. Prevention of diseases and pests is always better than the cure. A healthy soil will produce healthy crops!

Possibly the situation in Ukraine may be resolved in the next few weeks. This potentially challenging situation could then be seen as a temporary glitch. It will have served as a wake -up call to Irish farmers, and one which they would be well-advised to heed. Ireland's dependence on imported grains will have been fully exposed. Many Irish people are not aware that cattle and sheep have become accustomed to a high-protein diet that mainly comes from soya beans, grown mostly in Brazil, as well as maize and other grains from abroad. Our dependence on such imports weakens our food security.

One solution is for farmers to stop feeding their animals with imported food-stuffs, but that would mean keeping fewer animals per acre and demanding a higher price for a premium grassfed beast. To achieve this would require a change of thinking by both farmers and consumers. Realistically, good-quality food should reflect the cost of production. Consumers need to get on board by supporting their local farmers and by starting to buy directly from them.

The farmer could get a butcher to slaughter and prepare meat for him. This could be pre-packed and sold from the farm gate. This would of course also apply to milk. This is already being achieved locally by several small farmers, so although daunting, it is not impossible. It requires above all, a new and open mind-set.

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Pedestrian crossings needed in Coachford





Coachford village is going through a period of rapid growth with new housing estates being built and populated and Coachford College and Coachford Primary school continuing to attract more pupils every year.

Coachford Community Association is calling on Cork County Council to install pedestrian crossings and traffic calming measures as a priority.

"As we return to a post COVID-19 world traffic through our village is returning to pre 2020 levels and is making life extremely difficult and unsafe for all those who use the village every day. We must be the only key village in Co. Cork that does not have either a pedestrian crossing or traffic calming measures", said Peter Dineen. Everyone who needs to cross to and from the village's GP, pharmacy and church are taking their lives in their hands doing so.

Coachford is a busy village situated on a cross of four roads. The R618 and R619 meet at Coachford. Traffic from the north of the county passes through Coachford every day as they use the route to access the Ballincollig link road and the Jack Lynch Tunnel. Traffic from the west drives through Coachford, sometimes at dangerous speed, heading to Cork City while trying to avoid the build up of traffic around Macroom and Ovens. Coachford Village needs at least 2 pedestrian crossings in addition to traffic calming measures on all approaches to the village.

When our school children leave the schools in the evening to come down to the village to be collected by their parents or to go to the shops or GAA pitch, they must cross the busy roads.

When people need to walk to mass, they must cross the busy roads.

When people come from the new housing estates and the 32 houses in Beechville need to go to the shops or post office they must cross the busy roads.

When people from the eastern side of the village need to go to the GP, Pharmacy or mass they must cross the busy roads.

Many elderly people who don't drive or no longer drive are almost hostages in their own homes because of the lack of a couple of pedestrian crossings.

The ongoing issue around the lack of a safe footpath and crossing at the bottom of the road to the schools is causing anxiety and worry for all parents and children every single day that the schools are open.

Although Cork County Council in the County Development Plan has identified Coachford as a key Village they refuse to treat it like one and have ignored our pleas to make our village safer for those that live here, go to school here and work here.

The Community Council has submitted a Village Design Statement to Cork County Council in 2013, the council has refused to engage with the community in working on implementing any of it. Other smaller villages in the county seem to have no problem having pedestrian crossings and traffic calming measures installed. But for some reason the lives of the children and elderly in Coachford are not deemed to be important enough to protect.



Photo of Leaders, Senior Branch, Guides, Browies and Ladybirds at the District Get together for World Thinking Day.



Photo of four members of the Ardilaun Guide Unit speaking to their class as part of our World Thinking Day celebrations - A-wearness Day.



MacEgan Senior Branch members on their recent visit to Blackrock Castle Observatory for a session on astronomy. Four of the newer members had their Promise ceremony on the battlements.



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FUNDRAISING DRIVE TO HELP YOUNG TEENAGER INJURED IN MOUNTAIN BIKE ACCIDENT



A major fundraising drive to raise funds is underway in West Cork to help a young sportsmad teenager who was injured in a serious bike accident.

Fourteen year old Oisín O'Connor, from Kealkill in West Cork was competing in a mountain bike event on the 25th September 2021 when he had an accident resulting in a serious spinal injury. Oisín is now using a wheelchair and his family have issued an appeal for help.

Rory Doody, secretary of the fundraising committee said: "Oisín is totally sports mad. He played GAA with St Colums, a skillful player who also excelled on the rugby field with Bantry Bay RFC and on the basketball court with Coláiste Phobail Bheanntraí. Being the youngest of five boys, sport has given Oisín a competitive nature and the will to succeed.

"Following the accident Oisín spent five months in Crumlin Children's Hospital with both parents Marie and Wesley at his bedside. Oisín has now progressed to the care of Dun Laoghaire National Rehabilitation Hospital. The next stage will be to get Oisín home to West Cork permanently."

There is an immediate requirement for substantial building work to be carried out at the family's home. The family home needs to be extended and modified to support Oisín's long term recovery. Funds are also needed for ongoing rehabilitation and equipment costs to ensure a full and independent life.

All funds will be gratefully received and the support will go towards giving Oisin the best fighting chance for optimizing his recovery. While

there have been exceptionally difficult days Oisín has continued to smile through the pain, work through the discomfort and adjust to his new circumstances, all the while his eyes shine bright with hope and determination.

Oisin's family have set up a Go Fund Me Page and all funds raised will go directly to Oisin's recovery journey and any remaining funds will stay in trust for his future needs.

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Some of the participants in the parade

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History To Croke Park for the first time and more....

By P'OC

My first trip to Croke Park, or as it fondly referred to as Croker, was on Sunday the 6th August 1967. I should have travelled in 1966 but let me explain. In 1966, Cork qualified for the All Ireland Hurling Final for the first time in ten years and everyone wanted to go to that epic tussle with Kilkenny. My good neighbour Con Walsh asked would I travel to the game with him, take the train from nearby Millstreet station and match tickets would not be a problem as there would be plenty room in the Canal End or on the Hill. However, I declined his generous offer as we had just got a new television at home in Baratanaknuck and sure I could watch it at home in the comfort of our own kitchen. For the record I missed a great occasion with Cork carving out a great victory. Colm Sheehan was the Cork 3 Goal hero and the panel also included Gerry O'Leary, who was later to establish a Sportsgear Knitwear Plant in the local AOH Hall at Clondrohid. Back to 1967 I was working in the creamery at Clondrohid and myself and co-employees Johnny Horgan and John O'Shea decided that we would travel to Croke Park to see the Cork Senior Football side play Cavan in the All Ireland Football Semi Final. Cork were also playing Tyrone in the Minor Semi Final. Our travel arrangements were simple but it was going to be a very long day.

I can clearly recall the 300 yards walk out to the end of our laneway at 5.45am and watching the lights of Johnny Horgan's dark Ford car (I think the registration number was EIU 646) as he travelled up the Clashmaguire road across the valley to collect John O'Shea. He then drove back down to the main road at Bridgemount and after two miles "turned off at the junction" to collect me. We were three happy Cork supporters on our journey to make 7am Mass at St Patrick's Church on the Old Glanmire Road. Train pre booking was unheard of at that time. We just purchased our tickets and piled into the carriages where you were lucky to secure the edge of a seat and the banter was mighty.

Arriving in Dublin we were advised by the street traders to get our colours of the game with Flags, Scarves, Hats and Headbands. We had a quick bite of grub in O'Connell Street following which the three Pioneers followed the crowd to Jones Road and entered the Hogan Stand with ample time to spare and admire the views. It was breathtaking scanning the Hogan, Nally and Cusack Stands



All-Ireland finalists, 1967. Back, left to right: Bernie O'Neill, Brian Murphy, Johnny Carroll, Con O'Sullivan, Jerry Lucey, Mick Burke, Jim Downing, J. J. Murphy, John Crowley, Frank Cogan, For Hayes Frant, left to right: Kevin Dillon, Mick O'Loughlin, Eamon Ryan, Billy Morgan, Denis Coughian, Gene McCarthy, Johnny Mahony, Eric Philpott, Jerry O'Sullivan.

with the open spaces at the Canal End and Hill 16. The playing surface looked magnificent, no doubt carefully manicured by head groundsman Con O'Leary from my neighbouring townland of Knockanure, Ballymakeera. With a huge sense of pride I realised that as a member of the GAA I was also part of all this great organisation.

A very strong Cork Minor team seemed too good for Tyrone in the first half but at half time tensions boiled over in our surroundings between over exuberant Cork and Tyrone supporters. Peace was guickly restored and at the interval our Cork friends offered us some very tasty "spare ribs" advising us to eat up and be strong for the second half. Cork duly ran out winners on a scoreline of 3-6 to 0-7 and we looked forward to the Senior game with its many intriguing tussles none more than between Cork full back Jerry Lucey and Cavan star full forward and Captain Charlie Gallagher.

The Senior game itself was a close affair. Jerry Lucey had an excellent game at full back where he kept a close eye on Charlie. Despite being on top at midfield with Mick Bourke and Mick O'Loughlin in great form Cavan held a two point lead approaching the final minutes. However, a controversial penalty to Cork was expertly converted by Cork Captain 22 year old Denis Coughlan. The "Bould" Charlie had a chance to level matters with the last kick of the game but his free, from fifty yards out, trailed agonisingly wide and Cork were winners by 2-7 to 0-12. As we ran down the exit stairs from the Hogan Stand I met a close friend from our National school days "Foxy" Pat Kelleher from Gortnalicka. In high glee we both agreed that Cork would win the All Ireland for the first time since 1945!!! Oh the innocence of youth!!!

We were all in joyous mood on the train homewards and as we approached Glanmire a large sign read "Welcome to Cork the Arcadia Ballroom and the Home of the Dixies Showband". To round off an excellent evening we decided to pay a visit to "The Arcadia" on the Lower Glanmire Road where the band on stage were an English group called "Dave, Dee, Dosy, Beakie, Mick and Tich". This Rock band came from Salisbury in Southern England and close to the pre historic Stonehinge Stone Circle and their hit songs included "Hold Tight" and "Bend It".

Sometime after 2am three very tired young lads headed out the Carrigrohane Straight and onwards towards Clondrohid. However, around Crookstown Cross a break was required and we actually slept until 6am. Finally I hit the blanket at 7.30am but thirty minutes later I got an early morning call from my dear mother as I had to cycle three miles to work on Monday morning. Happy Days - Rebels Abu.

(Footnote: John O'Shea is hale and hearty and lives in the Inniscarra area and Johnny Horgan passed to his eternal reward in 2011. RIP).



Independence Museum Kilmurry, recent AGM, pictured are (Standing) Newly elected Chairperson Mary O'Mahony and newly elected secretary Terry Datson. Seated are L to R Denis O'Donoghue and outgoing chairperson Aidan O'Sullivan and outgoing Secretary Siobhan Murphy. (Photo credit Karen Lally)



Mossgrove Harrier Club at Newcestown are: left to right: Jer Desmond, Tadhg Nash, Barry Sullivan, Donie Kearney. On the occasion of the Presentation of a new Hunting Stick to Tadhg Nash, for over 50 Years Membership of the Club. (Picture by Pat Payne)
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Professor John A. Murphy, 1927-2022: A Great Macrompian

By Con Kelleher

Professor John A. Murphy passed away on the 28 February 2022 after a long and distinguished academic career, and he made a marvellous contribution to politics and public discourse in Ireland when the state itself was under attack as a result of the Northern Troubles. He became the public face of UCC. In addition, he was a sharp debater, a fine singer and very witty. Through his family ties, he always maintained a strong connection to Macroom.

History

His father Thade Murphy married Eileen (Nellie) O'Shea, North Square, and John A. was one of four children. Thade came from Toonsbridge; his family rented a public house there where they sold an English beer, 'Allmans'; hence the family nickname. The Murphy family moved to Main Street, Macroom and a family member ran what later became the Horse Shoe Hotel, with a carpenter's workshop at the back. Coffins were the stock in trade; because of poverty, many had to be re-used, via a sliding floor. Thade won an All-Ireland Senior football medal (which John A. returned to a safe Macroom home in perpetuity) as a goalkeeper with Cork in 1912, and he won four Cork County senior football championship medals and a Croke Cup medal with Macroom from 1909-1913. A skilled carpenter, he worked, among other places, in Macroom Engineering Company, Firville, where he made a mould for tractor engines, bound for Europe. John A.'s maternal grandparents had a drapery shop in the North Square, and were staunchly Redmondite, and his mother Eileen/Nellie was an accomplished singer and piano player. Her parents gave her a piano as a wedding present. Both Thade and Eileen were active Republican sympathisers and De Valera was Thade's hero. Tadhg, John A.'s brother, was an air-traffic controller and a fine singer, his sister Maura married Harry O'Leary, Veterinary Surgeon and Hotelier, and Eileen, another sister, died when she was about twenty.

Eileen and Thade first lived in Cork Street and moved to the North Square when Eileen inherited a pub from her aunt. John A. was always 'bookish' and attended Macroom Boys' National School and De La Salle College, Macroom. From a small class (about five), he and his classmate John O'Reardan, New Street, another great Macrompian, won Leaving Certificate County Council University Scholarships in 1945 to UCC – of five available - and both qualified with Honours degrees in 1948. John A. achieved a First Class Honours and First Place in both History and Latin. He completed a Masters



shortly afterwards. Later, he made 'it his business' to write and speak Irish properly. With his sharp mind, he had many insights on Macroom. When growing up he said one could 'smell' the poverty, and Macroom's social standing order was labyrinthine in its complexity. He once described himself as a 'West Sleaveenian'. His delightful essay, 'Playing the Piano' (The Cork Anthology, edited by Seán Dunne), contains delightful nuggets on Macroom family and public life in the 1930-40s.

While studying in Cork, John A. met and later married Cita, and they had five children – Susan, Brian, Hugh, Cliodhna and Eileen. Cita died in 2020. He was very close to his sister Maura and Harry and their children and to his other cousins in Macroom. A frequent guest of the then active Macroom Historical Society, he made many fine contributions to their deliberations, and he memorably conducted a tour of Raleigh House, the home of Art O'Leary.

After university, he taught in the junior seminary of Cork Diocese, St Finbarr's College, Farranferris, Cork City, for about ten years until he was appointed Lecturer in History in UCC in 1960. At 'Farna' he learned the skills of being a great teacher. Head-hunted by James Hogan, UCC Professor of History, he was first Lecturer and in 1971 he was appointed Professor of Irish History. He was awarded a Ph.D. for studies published and he was also selected as 'Cork Person of the Year'. On retirement from active teaching, he became Emeritus Professor of Irish History and College Historian (2001). In that capacity, he wrote the history of UCC, The College: A History of Queen's/ University College Cork (1995), Where Finbarr Taught, a more concise history of the college and Where Finbarr Played, a history of sport in the college. For the last, he wittily remarked that 'historians are now going to the ball games', a reference to the importance of sport in society. Perhaps his seminal work was Ireland

in the Twentieth Century in 1975. Among many excellent passages in a superb book, he gives a vivid description and succinct description of Ireland during WW2/The Emergency; no doubt, he was informed by his memories of Macroom at that time. UCC erected a statue in his honour in 2017, the year of his ninetieth birthday.

John A. became a well-known commentator on public affairs, instantly recognisable on radio and television, and he wrote a regular column in the Sunday Independent in which he dissected and often destroyed the false assertions and simplistic analyses of historic and political matters. His erudition and logic made his positions abundantly clear and reasonable. Education and its proper funding was another abiding concern of his and he lectured in Adult Education courses in UCC. Twice elected as an Independent to the Senate on the University Panel (in 1977 and 1987), he spoke trenchantly on current events, with striving to improve British-Irish relationships and the separation of Church and State as key principles. In that regard, he was happy to meet Queen Elizabeth II in 2011. A vehement critic of the hunger strikes, he virulently opposed political violence.

Another instance of Murphy's independence of mind and fair-mindedness was when he spoke at Béal-na-mBláth in honour of Michael Collins. His parents were Fianna Fáil Republicans, and his father was a De Valera devotee. At the site, he adverted to the fact that some of his relatives would be spinning in their graves to see him there. However, because of his historical knowledge and judgement, he followed his logic and spoke.

Always good company, 'The Bould Thady Quill' was one of John A. favourite renditions. From his house in North Square, opposite the Town Hall, he heard in the 1930s/1940s the 'pop' songs of the day. From his mother, he learned many Irish ballads and Gilbert and Sullivan songs.

Through a UCC Lecturer and a former colleague of Professor Murphy, I was very fortunate to meet Professor John A. a few years ago, and though frail, his mind and memory were sharp and clear. It is a highlight of my life and a cherished honour to have met such a brilliant, brave and principled man. He made me proud to be a Macrompian. Simply, he was one of the best Macrompians the town has ever produced.

I offer commiserations to his family, relatives, colleagues and friends: may he Rest In Peace.



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Kelly Ann Healy is presenting the Roger healy perpetual trophy for best performance to Jack Hinahan from Moyle Park School Clondalkin Dublin. Briery Gap all Ireland transition year Drama Festival 2022. (Pic. Mc Suibhne)



Sean mc Suibhne presenting the Maire mc Suibhne Perpetual Trophy for best play in Irish language. (Pic. Mc Suibhne)



Colleges All Ireland Light Entertainment Finals, Pat O'Connell Briery Gap Theatre Macroom and Jake Carter presenting 1st prize in the All Ireland Light Entertainment Schools Festival to William Browne, Secard Heart College Clonakilty.



Juniors to 2nd class pupils at Inchageela NS and Collette O'Leary, school secretary receiving a beautiful Bird Nesting Box, made by Macroom Men's Shed, from Declan Sheehan Macroom Lions Club



Children at St. Joseph's Primary School having great fun at football training with Fachtna!



Senior Infants enjoying Aistear this week, at St. Joseph's Primary School



1st & 2nd Class pupils from Rusheen N.S. enjoying fruit & Veg from Food Dudes during Health & Mindfulness Week.



Students and teachers, including Principal Gerard Coakley of Rusheen NS are pictured with Sinead Dooley and Avril Wilson of EirGrid. The school received €10,000 in funding towards the provision of iPads for pupils.



Grainne Dunlea, Carrigadrohid Community Association, Sinead Dooley, EirGrid Head of Public Engagement, Michael Murphy, Carrigadrohid Community Association and Canovee NS Principal, Barry Condron, on the site of the proposed community playground. The association received €33,000 in funding from the Clashavoon Dunmanway Community Benefit Fund towards the development.



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Creative Cork County Grant Recipients Announced

Cork County Council has announced the recipients of the Creative County Cork Grants 2022. This Scheme is funded by Creative Ireland with the principal objective of supporting local communities and the creative sector to develop and deliver an innovative project, event or initiative that will help stimulate and enable creativity in every community.

Mayor of County Cork, Gillian Coughlan welcomed the announcement saying "this funding will come as a welcome support to community groups and creative practitioners. The last two years have really highlighted how important creative projects are for us as individuals and communities. This funding will enable many more opportunities to come together and share in the wonders available through the arts in Cork County. We are very grateful to be able to offer this support with thanks to Creative Ireland"

Funding totalling €35,000 will be divided between 22 successful applicant organisations throughout County Cork. The successful applicant include Art for the Heart, Beara Film Fest, Bere Island Women Create, Caple Painters, Carrigaline Family Support CLG, CCÉ Craobh Lachtaín Naofa, Cill na Martra, Clonakilty International Guitar Festival, Comhaltas Craobh Eochaille , Cork Film Centre - Cork Young Filmmakers Programme, Cork International Film Festival, Doneraile Samhain Festival - Art for the Heart, First Cut Youth Film Festival, Geata Arts, Greywood Arts CLG, Kanturk Arts Festival, Kanturk Tidy towns, Middleton Arts Festival, Owenabue Arts Collective, Sirius Arts Centre, Skibbereen FeelGood Festival, St Joseph's Foundation Mallow Hub and Untold Stories: Playback Theatre.

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*This project is one of our awareness-raising activities under action 53 of the Climate Adaptation Strategy re raising awareness about climate change.

Being Irish, 101 views on Irish Identity, what it means to be Irish in a modern world.

It was against the backdrop of the covid-19 pandemic and lockdown, that Marie-Claire Logue and her father Paddy, discussed how much Ireland had changed in the twenty years since Paddy had edited the hugely popular, Being Irish. Encouraged by Paddy, Marie-Claire felt the time was right to take a fresh look at Irish identity. Having secured Liffey Press as her publisher, Marie-Claire formed a small editorial group that identified a variety of contributors, contacted and convinced them to submit their views. Most of the people contacted were up for the challenge. They shared a feeling that Ireland and the Irish were going through a period of change unprecedented since the years of the Celtic Tiger and the Good Friday Agreement. By inviting people from as many sectors and backgrounds as possible Marie-Claire has achieved a balance in age, gender and viewpoints. The contributions come from the ranks of the famous and not so famous, people at the centre of things and people at the margins, people who live in Ireland and those who live abroad, the Irish and not-Irish-but-interested.

Contributors were free to say whatever they liked. The intention was to be inclusive and nonjudgmental. All were asked the same questions: What does Irish identity mean to you personally? Why do 70 million people worldwide embrace their Irish heritage? Are we navel-gazing? Or are there real changes in attitude taking place in Ireland and among the Irish worldwide? Many of the contributors' thoughts on identity came to the forefront of their minds when they left Ireland, and it was clear how important Irish identity is to the second and third generations of Irish people who grew up outside the country. There was less mention of peace in this collection than in 2000, particularly among the younger contributors. Does this mean that peace is now taken for granted on the island? The reflections in this volume show that there are many ways of being Irish. We can be Irish by birth, Irish by ancestry, Irish by geography, Irish and British, Irish by accident, Northern Irish, Irish by necessity, Irish and European, Irish by association, Irish by culture, Irish and American and Irish by choice

Of all the themes that emerged, a major one was agreement that there is no one sense of Irish identity. Another is that Ireland has changed for the better over the past twenty years, but there remain serious issues that need to be addressed. While Irish identity is not set in stone and is navigating a period of change, it is anchored to a few basic reference points. These include a warmth of welcome, a peculiar sense of humour, resilience in the face of adversity and the importance of the home place.

In the introduction, the author describes how one afternoon whilst working on the manuscript Marie-Claire could hear the faint hum of band music from a few streets away. The Apprentice Boys of Derry were practising for the annual Relief of Londonderry Parade. At the same time, her toddler daughter was singing 'Lámh, lámh eile', an Irish children's song taught to her by her Granny. She is singing the tune as she dances along to the band music outside, assuming the faint hum of the Lambeg drum is the musical accompaniment to her vocal solo, with her baby brother her admiring audience. Maire-Claire wondered, not for the first time, what journey Irish identity will take in their lifetime.

Published by Liffey Press, Being Irish, 101 views on Irish Identity, is due for publication on 21 October 2021. ISBN 9781838359348. RRP €19.99, £17.95



Welcome back dear student "I, yes I, am the One who comforts you" (Isaiah 51:12). Dear friend, who or what have you been taking comfort in? We drink to numb the pain. We take drugs and they transport us far away. We daydream, and our fantasy removes us from the reality we are not able to face. We binge-eat and the sugar brings our mood and energy up for a while. We read books, or watch endless movies to escape a lonely existence. We medicate, and then medicate some more to forget the things that frighten us. We overspend with money we don't have to feel excitement. We gamble away necessary funds for the adrenalin rush of possibility.

But for every hill, there is a valley, and after every high comes the low. And the effect of the low is crashing and destructive. Then, a choice - stay low, feeling rotten, or do it again to go high. This is how addiction works. It's an overwhelming temptation because of the effect that's felt - and we will deal with the crash after. Suddenly there is no more choice. It is a need that we now have to feed. And anything is better than feeling hopeless and lost. Very many people have endured difficult things in life. Abuse - be it sexual, physical, emotional or verbal; tragedies, accidents, and other traumatic events - often covered up, hidden away. All so painful that you think when you hear the stories - 'it's no wonder they drink or struggle with addiction - that was their way of dealing with the anguish.' These things were coping mechanisms for a time, but unfortunately the thing that may have helped you forget lost its impact and turned sour.

Friend, you and I were created by God. You are not a mistake. God knit you together in your mother's womb, and He created you to live a blessed, victorious life (Psalms 62:1-2; Psalms 139:13-18). But the devil knows this too, and has sought to bring destruction in any way that would derail you causing you to lose your joy. "The thief comes ONLY to steal, to kill and to destroy " That is how he works. But Jesus said "I have come that you would enjoy your life in abundance." (John 10:10) Lot's of people who struggle are not enjoying their lives. In fact if truth be told they are miserable inside. And to make it worse, they may have indulged in blaming God, or others for their problems entertaining unforgiveness, bitterness, even hate - a recipe for disaster. The first step is to acknowledge you need help by calling upon the One who created you and loves you. Jesus said 'whoever calls upon the Name of the Lord shall be saved' (Romans 10:13). Let's pray aloud....Dear God, I confess I am a sinner. Please forgive me and restore joy to me. I want to know You. Lord Jesus, I need You! Please come into my life and take over as my Lord and Saviour. Heal me from the pain of my past, and deliver me back onto Your path for my life. Fill me and baptise me with Your Holy Spirit, teach me Your Word, and be my Friend to help me every day, in Jesus name I pray, amen (Psalms 119:50; John 15:14). Tune into our podcast on Spotify called 'My Comforter' for more.

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Pay parking is now being extended to the following locations:

- Fairgreen car park (from the roundabout to Fitzgerald's funeral home on both sides, excluding the e-charging spaces while fully in use)
- Chapel Hill

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MACROOM HANDBALL CLUB

In recent weeks players from Macroom Handball club have represented Cork and were successful in winning two Munster titles in the B Competition.

Ray Griffin (Macroom) and his doubles partner Enda Ahearn (Boherbue) won the SIlver Masters in an all-Cork final played in Liscarroll. This proved to be a tight game where neither team dominated and Ray and Enda just about did enough to take the two games.

In the Diamond Masters, John Lyons (Macroom) and his partner Tim Joe Healy (Ballydesmond) won in a tie-breaker by the closest of margins against opponents from Ballymacelligot, Co. Kerry. The first two games were shared equally with scores of 19:21 and 21:19 and all hinged on the tiebreaker. Having taken an early lead, John and Tim Joe found themselves behind at 8:10, but got in to serve and in a nail-biting finish took the title 11:10.

Both teams now await the draw for the All-Ireland semi-finals which will be against opponents from l einster.



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LAOCHRA ÓG

6th March 2022

Thanks to the Minister for Sport, Jack Chambers, Aindrias Moynihan TD and Cllr. Gobnait Moynihan for their visit to Laochra Óg Hurling & Camogie Club development in Ballymacorcoran.

Almost all the areas that Laochra Óg serves, Macroom, Clondrohid, Carriganima and the Gaeltacht communities of Coolea, Ballyvourney, Renanirree, and Kilnamartyra can be seen from the site.

The minister was given an insight into how the club has grown. It was pointed out that none of this would have been possible without an incredibly dedicated committee, past and present, and the generosity of many local people, organisations, businesses and sponsors.

The recent Sports Capital Grant award of €135,000 will mean that Laochra Óg, will have a pitch of its own to play on, within the next 12 - 14 months, Jack Chambers visits Laochra Óg completing Phase #1 of the project.



MACROOM SOCCER

St Patrick's Day Parade.

There was a great buzz around Macroom for the parade last week. Without doubt the loss of the last two parades was a factor in the great atmosphere as people just wanted to get out and enjoy themselves. Also, the fine dry weather helped enormously and the carnival atmosphere was helped with the knowedge that the long weekend was to follow. Macroom FC underage players were out in force to play their part and head up the town through the large crowds. It was a really enjoyable experience for them as many were in the parade for the first time. Plenty of our adult members were also on hand to supervise and help out, thanks to everyone. We were also delighted to again this year walk in unison with the underage players from Macroom Juvenile GAA club. The whole thing amounted to a colourful and noisy group which was great to see. Macroom FC would also like to congratulate the Lee Valley Enterprise Board on organising an excellent parade. It's importance in the local social calendar is now even bigger than before, especially in the aftermath of all the lockdowns and cancellations of the past two years. It truly was a great occasion for the entire community.



Macroom FC underage players who walked with Macroom GAA juvenile Clun at the Macroom St Patrick's Day parade.

Instagram

Macroom FC are now active on Instragram @ macroomfc so please be sure to follow us. We will have plenty of club photos, news and exciting plans for the future. Our busy Facebook page is also a great spot for match reports and club news. Thanks for all the support and get following!

Round Up

- U15 Schoolgirls Division 1 League, Douglas Hall 2 Macroom 4.
- Macroom U15 schoolgirls travelled away to Moneygourney on a bitterly cold but dry morning.

The visitors had a strong wind in their favour







Macroom U9 Academy girls who had a great time taking part in a blitz hosted by Lakewood Athletic

Macroom FC U15 schoolgirls who defeated Douglas Hall 4-2.

for the first half and played some great passing football on a fabulous surface. This resulted in Macroom taking a two-goal half time leAd thanks to a Lisa O' Donovan brace.

Macroom continued their good form in the second half but Douglas struck to make it 2 1. The home side's heads were up now and with the wind to their backs, they equalised mid-way through the second half.

Macroom could have folded but regrouped and got a foothold in the game. Darcy O' Brien struck a beautiful finish after running through on goal and Macroom were back in the ascendancy.

A big three points were secured late on when the excellent Lisa O' Donovan claimed her hat trick with another unstoppable finish.

A really tough competitive game that Macroom were delighted to win, especially as it came away from home. Well done all.

The U9 girls were invited to Lakewood Athletic in what was a great sporting occasion. Lots of games and fun all around. Thanks to the parents and coaches for bringing the young players along and many thanks also to Lakewood for the invitation.

U17 FAI Cup, Round 1, Macroom 2 Lakewood Athletic 1

Macroom U17 girls were at home to a fancied Lakewood Athletic for an early start on a fine bank holiday morning. The home side began brightly but conceded a goal after 25 mins, Macroom continued to dominate the first half but went in 1-0 down at half time. The flow of the game continued on the resumption. Macroom equalised with a fantastic goal from Lisa O' Donovan and the winner came with just minutes remaining from Leanne Healy. A fantastic result for the girls and a great performance from the whole squad. They can now look forward to an away trip to Killarney Celtic in round 2.

U15A league, Macroom A 4 Blarney Utd A 2.

Macroom FC U15A, sponsored by Macroom Opticians, welcomed Blarney United A to the Town Park and emerged with a fine win. Attacking every ball and defending every space on the field, the team gave an outstanding performance and clearly showed why they are on top of the league. The victory keeps Macroom moving in the right direction at a vital time of the season. Goals came from Cormac O'Riordan (2), Gavin O Riordan and Keelan Sheehan.

2022 MID CORK CHAMPIONSHIP DRAWS 2022

The draws for the 2022 Mid Cork championships have been made. The Junior A championships are being played in a new format with groups for the early stages, as per the practice at county board level. Two teams to advance from each group in hurling and football.

Championships will start in July as inter county concludes

Ross Oil Junior A Football Championship Group One:

Kilmurry, Clondrohid, Dripsey, Kilmichael Group Two: Canovee, Éire Óg, Cill na Martra Group Three: Ballincollig, Grenagh, Donoughmore Group Four: Aghinagh, Inniscarra, Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh

Ballincollig Credit Union Junior B Football Championship

Round One: (Knock out)

Kilmurry v Ballincollig Iveleary v Macroom Canovee v Ballinora Naomh Abán v Éire Óg Aghabullogue v Blarney Inniscarra v Gleann na Laoi

Rochestown Park Hotel Junior C Football Championship

Naomh Abán v Grenagh Aghinagh v Kilmichael Macroom v Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh Cill na Martra v Clondrohid Éire Óg v Dripsey Ballincollig v Donoughmore Inniscarra – a bye

MJK Oils Junior A Hurling Championship Group One: Inniscarra, Donoughmore, Blarney Group Two: Grenagh, Cloughduv, Kilmichael, Aghabullogue Group Three: Ballinora, Ballincollig, Éire Óg, Iveleary

Oriel House Hotel Ballincollig Junior B Hurling Championship

Preliminary Round: Laochra Óg v Gleann na Laoi Quarter Finals: Four winners to semifinals; four losers and preliminary round loser to a special Plate competition. Blarney v Preliminary round winners Éire Óg v Grenagh Inniscarra v Ballinora Ballincollig v Donoughmore



Mid Cork GAA – Macroom Motors U21 Football Championship

A championship – 4 teams – Round Robin Round One:

Éire Óg 1 -9 Ballincollig 0-5 Inniscarra 3-6 Ballinora 0-10 Round Two: Ballinora 0-6 Éire Óg 2-8 Ballincollig 3-12 Inniscarra 0-3 Round Three: Ballincollig 2-9 Ballinora 1-11 Éire Óg 1-12 Inniscarra 0-11 Final: Éire Óg v Ballincollig

B championship Champions: Canovee (Naomh Abán)

C championship – 11 teams Quarter Finals: Iveleary 2-11 Macroom 1-15 Cill na Martra 4-15 Aghinagh 2-16 aet Kilmurry 1-7 Grenagh 1-6 Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh v Donoughmore Semi Finals: Macroom v Cill na Martra Kilmurry v Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh/ Donoughmore

Macroom 1-15 Iveleary 2-11

Iveleary were at home to Macroom in the guarter final stage of the Macroom Motors Mid Cork U21 C Football championship and the teams served up a close and exciting contest in dry but very cold conditions. Macroom had the benefit of the strong easterly wind in the first half and started well with points from Mark Hunt and Kieran Doody but were rocked by a goal from lan Jones after four minutes. Further points from Doody and Brian Healy had Macroom in front but Brian Riordan equalised for Iveleary. Again, Macroom hit the front with a Doody point and after a subsequent exchange of points, Dylan Twomey scored a vital goal for Macroom and they went further in front to lead by 1-7 to 1-2 by the 20th minute. Iveleary rallied well in the closing stages of the half with Sam Pickering on target and Macroom's interval lead of 1-9 to 1-5 left the outcome uncertain as lveleary would have wind advantage in the second half.

The second half was very exciting. Two points for Iveleary were followed by a goal from Sam pickering to put the home side in front after 40 minutes. Macroom equalised through Cillian O'Donovan, Mark Hunt pointed a free to put them back in the lead, Sam Pickering pointed a '45' to level matters again. In the 50th minute Mark Hunt pointed a free to put Macroom in the lead, Shane Meaney and Hunt added points to increase the lead to three points with five minutes remaining. Back came lveleary with three points in a row, two from Sam Pickering frees, to level matters again by the 59th minute. In time added, Macroom's Dylan Twomey kicked an excellent winning point to earn his side a place in the semifinal against Cill na Martra.

Macroom: Liam Holland: Darragh Kiernan, James Galvin: Robert Lucey, Jack O'Riordan, James Kelleher: Cillian O'Donovan, Jack Sexton: Brian Healy, Kieran Doody, Shane Meaney: Mark Hunt, Dylan Twomey. Subs: Bradley O'Shea, Ronan Morey Iveleary: Stiofán McSweeney: Daniel O'Donovan, Joseph O'Riordan: Adrian O'Dea, Shane Hodman, Daniel Creedon: Seán O'Riordan, Aaron O'Donovan: Brian O'Riordan, Ian Jones, Oisín Herlihy: Sam Pickering, Jack McSweeney. Subs: Shane Cotter, Adam Cotter, David O'Donoghue Referee: Mr Luke Knight, Kilmurry

Cill na Martra 4-15 Aghinagh 2-16

Cill na Marta and Aghinagh served up a thriller at Páirc Ui Chuana on the afternoon of St Patrick's Day and it took extra time to decide the gripping contest.

The first half was full of good movement and plenty of goals and points, and Cill na Martra led by 3-5v to 2-5 at the break.

Jack Ó hEaluithe had the ball in the Aghinagh net after less than a minute, and Cill na Martra had added two further points before Con Buckley struck for a goal for Aghinagh who then kicked over three points (Thomas Morgan 2 and TJ Buckley) to lead 1-3 to 1-2 and a Donal Ó Tuama point in the 14th minute left the sides level. Antóin Ó Loinsigh ran on to a fine Jason MacCárthaigh pass and shook the Aghinagh net but TJ Buckley struck back with a goal from the penalty spot after he himself was fouled. Aghinagh now lost Thomas Morgan to a clash of heads with a team mate, Antóin Ó Loinsigh buried another spot kick in the Aghinagh net, Cill na Martra 3-4 to 2-3 for Aghinagh now, and Aghinagh hit back with two points to leave the half time score at 3-5 to 2-5 in favour of the home side. On the restart, back came Aghinagh with three points in a row but Cill na Martra kept their noses in front to lead by a goal with ten minutes remaining.

Aghinagh had suffered another blow with the loss of TJ Buckley through injury at this stage but they battled on and a late point earned them extra time on a 3-9 to 2-12 scoreline.

In extra time the sides were still level at half time after scoring three points each but just before the whistle Jason MacCarthaigh kicked over to give the locals a one-point lead, 3-13 to 2-15. Aghinagh drew level on the restart but Daibhí Ó Céilleachair then struck for the goal which gave Cill na Martra their passage to the semifinal.

Cill na Martra: Timmy Ó Conaill: Cormac Ó Cróinín, Luke Ó Leighin: Andí Ó Buachalla, Aaron Ó hUidhir, Paddy de Búrca: Antóin Ó Loinsigh, Micheál Ó Cathasaigh: Aodhagán Ó Riordáin, Jack Ó hEaluithe, Donagh Ó Tuama: Daibhí Ó Céilleachai, Jason Mac Cárthaigh.

Subs: Darren Ó Tuama, Donagh Ó Buachalla.

Aghinagh: Conor Lucey: Seán Barrett, Dylan O'Riordan: Jack Kearney, Euan Coughlan, Tom Buckley: Con Buckley, Thomas Morgan: David Kelleher, TJ Buckley, James O'Connor: Noah O'Leary, Darragh McCarthy. Subs: Cathal O'Riordan, Seamus Murphy and Adam Kelly, James Keenan, Alan McMahon, Oisín MacSuibhne, Tadgh Sheehan, Seán O'Riordan.

Referee: Mr Timmy McCarthy, Clondrohid.

Kilmurry 1-7 Grenagh 1-6

In very severe weather conditions at Kilmurry, heavy rain driven by a howling wind, the home side had a hard-earned victory over Grenagh. Grenagh had the advantage in the first half but Laurence Aisling scored a vital goal for Kilmurry who were led by 1-6 to 1-2 at half time. In the second half Grenagh failed to add to their tally and Kilmurry can thank the accuracy of Joe McGinn for the match winning points. Credit to both sides for providing a fine game in awful conditions!

Kilmurry: Stephen O Donoghue: Eoin Keane, Gearóid Ó Mahony: Darragh Linehan, Conor Kelleher, Jack Devine: Laurence Aisling, Rory Duggan: Alexander Aisling, Joe McGinn, Dylan Shanahan: Joe O'Mullane, Alan Desmond. Referee: Mr Diarmuid Kirwin, Éire Óg

2022 Cork County Championships Draws

Bon Secours Hospital Football and Co-Op Superstores Hurling

Premier Senior

Football Group A – St Finbarr's, Éire Óg, Carbery Rangers, Carrigaline. Group B – Douglas, Valley Rovers, Mallow, Ballincollig. Group C – Clonakilty, Castlehaven, Nemo Rangers, Hurling Group A – Midleton, Douglas, Kanturk, Newtownshandrum. Group B – Glen Rovers, Erins Own, Na Piarsaigh, Bishopstown. Group C – Sarsfields, Blackrock, St Finbarr's, Charleville.

Senior A Football

Newcestown.

Group A - Ilen Rovers, Clyda Rovers, Newmarket,

O'Donovan Rossa.

Group B – Béal Ath An Ghaorthaidh, Dohenys, Bandon, Kiskeam.

Group C – St Michael's, Knocknagree, Bishopstown, Fermoy.

Hurling

Group A – Newcestown, Mallow, Cloyne, Fermoy. Group B – Fr O'Neill's, Blarney, Killeagh, Courcey Rovers.

Group C – Carrigtwohill, Bride Rovers, Ballyhea, Ballymartle.



A – St Finbarr's, Éire Óg, Carbery Rangers,	Hurling	Intermediate
Carrigaline.	Group A – Newcestown, Mallow, Cloyne, Fermoy.	Football
Group B – Douglas, Valley Rovers, Mallow,	Group B – Fr O'Neill's, Blarney, Killeagh, Courcey	Group A – Kilshannig, Ballydesmond, Gabriel
Ballincollig.	Rovers.	Rangers, Adrigole
Group C – Clonakilty, Castlehaven, Nemo Rangers,	Group C – Carrigtwohill, Bride Rovers, Ballyhea,	Group B – St Nicks, Glanworth, Glenville, Kildorrery
Newcestown.	Ballymartle.	Group C - Mitchelstown, Millstreet, Boherbue,
Hurling		Glanmire
Group A – Midleton, Douglas, Kanturk,	Premier Intermediate	Group D – Aghabullogue, Dromtarriffe, Ballinora,
Newtownshandrum.	Football	St Finbarrs
Group B – Glen Rovers, Erins Own, Na Piarsaigh,	Group A - Cill na Martra, Nemo Rangers, St	Hurling
Bishopstown.	Vincents, Iveleary	Group A – Aghada, Midleton, Lisgoold, Blackrock
Group C – Sarsfields, Blackrock, St Finbarr's,	Group B - Bantry Blues, Aghada, Na Piarsaigh,	Group b – Cloughduv, Aghabullogue, Douglas,
Charleville.	Castletownbere	Dungourney
	Group C – Kanturk, Naomh Abán, Macroom,	Group C – Sarsfields, Mayfield, Kildorrery, Meelin
Senior A	Rockchapel	
Football	Hurling	Premier Junior Hurling (formerly Lower
Group A – Ilen Rovers, Clyda Rovers, Newmarket,	Group A – Castlelyons, Carrigaline, Éire Óg,	Intermediate)
O'Donovan Rossa.	Watergrasshill	Group A – Kilbrittain, Milford, Barryroe, St Finbarrs
Group B – Béal Ath An Ghaorthaidh, Dohenys,	Group B – Bandon, Valley Rovers, Youghal,	Group B – Ballygarvan, Argideen Rangers, Dripsey
Bandon, Kiskeam.	Inniscarra	Ballygiblin
Group C – St Michael's, Knocknagree, Bishopstown,	Group C – Ballinhassig, Kilworth, Castlemartyr,	Group C – Glen Rovers, Tracton, St Catherine's,
Fermoy.	Ballincollig	Russell Rovers



Cork Credit Unions County Senior & Intermediate Football Leagues 2022

Division One

Group 1A: St Finbarrs, Castlehaven, Ballincollig, Mallow, Kiskeam, St Michaels, Éire Óg, Newcestown, Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh, Fermoy. **Results:**

Éire Óg 0-13 St Finbarrs 3-5: Ballincollig 1-9 Mallow 0-7: Kiskeam 1-12 Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh 1-10: Castlehaven 1-14 Newcestown 0-10: St Michaels 0-9 Fermoy 2-14

Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh 0-4 Éire Óg 0-18, Mallow 1-7 Kiskeam 1-10, St Finbarrs 2-12 St Michaels 0-11, Newcestown 1-9 Ballincollig 1-16,

Group 1B: Clonakilty, Nemo Rangers, Carbery Rangers, Cill na Martra, O'Donovan Rossa, Douglas, Valley Rovers, Carrigaline, Clyda Rovers, Ilen Rovers Results:

Ilen Rovers 0-8 Clyda Rovers 0-9: Cill na Martra 0-12 O'Donovan Rossa 0-10: Nemo R 0-10 Clonakilty 0-3: Carbery Rangers 0-9 Carrigaline 1-6, Douglas 0-7 Valley Rovers 1-8 .:

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Carrigaline 0-7 Nemo 2-11, Cill na Martra 3-14 Ilen Rovers 0-10, Clyda 1-6 Douglas 2-10, Valley Rovers 2-13 Carbery Rangers 0-15, Clonakilty 0-11 O'Donovan Rossa 0-13

Division Two

Group 2A: Newmarket, Dohenys, Bandon, Nemo Rangers, Rockchapel, Macroom, Bantry, St Vincents, Glanworth, Ballydesmond **Results:**

Macroom 0-17 Rockchapel 1-7: Nemo Rangers 1-9 St Vincents 1-8: Bandon 0-9 Dohenys 0-9: Bantry 6-14 Glanworth 1-8: Newmarket 3-12 Ballydesmond 0-8

St Vincents 3-7 Macroom 0-12, Glanworth 0-5 Bandon 0-4, Ballydesmond 1-8 Nemo Rangers 3-7, Rockchapel 5-8 Bantry Blues 2-14, Dohenys 1-12 Newmarket 1-10.

Group 2B: Kanturk, Knocknagree, Naomh Aban, Aghada, Castletownbere, Bishopstown, Na Piarsaigh, Aghabullogue, Mitchelstown, Dromtariffe **Results:**

Kanturk 4-13 Naomh Aban 2-9: Aghabullogue 4-13 Dromtariffe 2-12: Aghada 3-16 Na Piarsaigh 0-10: Mitchelstown 3-8 Castletownbere 0-9: Knocknagree 0-16 Bishopstown 0-8 Na Piarsaigh 1-9 Knocknaaree 0-13. Castletownbere 1-12 Aghada 2-6, Dromtariffe 0-5 Kanturk 1-14, Naomh Abán 3-9 Mitchelstown 0-17, Bishopstown 2-10 Aghabullogue 3-13

Allianz National Hurling League

Division One A - 6 teams - Cork, Clare, Limerick, Galway, Offaly, and Wexford. February 5: Cork 2-30 Clare 2-21 February 13: Offaly 1-15 Cork 4-25 February 27: Limerick 1-13 Cork 2-19 March 5: Cork 1-26 Galway 0-23 March 20: Wexford 1-22 Cork 1-17 March 26-27: Allianz Hurling League Division 1 semi-finals: Kilkenny v Cork, Wexford v Waterford April 2-3: Allianz Hurling League Division 1 final.

Munster Hurling Championship:

The group stage system is back, starts on April 17th with each county having two home and two away fixtures, with the top teams then moving into the Munster final, the third-placed side going into the qualifiers.



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

April 30/May 1: Munster round robin: Cork v Clare at Thurles.

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

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

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

Allianz Hurling League Division 1 Group A

Wexford 1-22 Cork 1-17

CORK will face Kilkenny in the Allianz National League semi-final after going under to Wexford in Chadwicks Wexford Park. Both teams had already qualified for the semifinal stage and neither side fielded at full strength, team captain Mark Coleman, Vice-captain Sean O'Donoghue, Tim O'Mahony, Patrick Horgan and Darragh Fitzgibbon just five of the Cork absentees. Cork are probably better off facing a Leinster team like Kilkenny now rather than a Munster side like Waterford who they will have to meet again shortly in the Munster round robin championship.

Cork were always chasing the game. Man of the Match Rory O'Connor dominated proceedings for Wexford with 1-7 in the opening half, 1-3 inside five minutes with O'Connor responsible for 1-1 of that. Cork managed to finally get their hands on the ball soon after and two frees from Shane Kingston settled the nerves some bit but Wexford were seven up after the first quarter. Cork had eight wides in the opening half and Wexford led by eight, 1-13 to 0-8 at half time.

Cork put it up to the home side on the resumption and had the gap down to a goal on the 55th minute but they just could not contain the home side on this occasion.

Cork: C Lehane 0-6 (0-3 f), A Connolly 1-1; S Kingston 0-3 f; C Joyce (0-165), R Downey 0-2 each; L Meade, J O'Connor, M Keane 0-1 each.

Cork: G Collins; D Cahalane, D O'Leary, N O'Leary; S O'Leary-Hayes, C Joyce, R Downey; B Roche, L Meade; S Harnedy, S Barrett, S Twomey; S Kingston, A Connolly, C Lehane.

Subs: S Quirke for B Roche, C Cahalane for S Twomey, M Keane for S Harnedy (all h-t), J O'Connor for S Kingston (45), R O'Flynn for S Barrett (65).

Allianz Football League

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

Sunday January 30th; Roscommon 1-13 Cork 0-10 Saturday February 5th: Cork 1-13 Clare 1-13 Sunday February 20th: Derry 1-13 Cork 0-7 Saturday February 26th: Cork 2-17 Galway 3-22 Sunday March 13th: Meath 1-18 Cork 1-10 Sunday March 20th: Cork 1-16 Down 1-12 Sunday March 20th: Offaly v Cork at Tullamore 2pm.

April 2/3: NFL Div 2 Final: Top two teams with both promoted, bottom two demoted!

Munster Senior Football Championship:

May 7: Munster football semi-final: Cork v Kerry, Páirc Uí Rinn (the other Munster semi-final is Tipp or Waterford v Clare or Limerick.) May 28: Munster final.

Meath 1-18 Cork 1-10

This was a dreadful performance from Cork and a major disappointment after their previous good showing against Galway. Cork battled hard but Meath used their power, pace and finishing ability to register a comfortable victory.

There was an appreciable biting wind blowing straight down the pitch and Meath started brightly and grew in confidence the longer the game went on.

Yet again, Cork were a distant second-best in the physical stakes as the experienced and betterconditioned winners regularly dispossessed the lighter visitors and Cork's defenders, in particular, had a difficult time of it in their individual jousts. On the couple of occasions Cork threatened a revival, Meath's reply was swift and decisive as they compiled a decent winning tally of 1-18.

Cork 1-16 Down 1-12

Cork came out on top in a crucial bottom of the table game in the Allianz Football League Division 2 at Páirc Uí Chaoimh as they condemned Down to relegation.

This win, Cork's first in six league outings, means it all now comes down to their away trip to Offaly in their final league game with the winners staying up, losers being relegated to Div 3 along with Down and grave implications for championship participation.

There was much to admire in this display by Cork.

They battled hard, defended well, got good scores and deserved their win which was achieved before a very small but supportive attendance at Cork HQ. For the Mid Cork contingent, it was a good outing with all four making a valuable contribution. John Cooper was excellent all through at wing back, Colm O'Callaghan always strong at midfield and in attack, Daniel O'Dineen a tireless worker linking defence and attack and his point just before he was withdrawn was a real class effort. Cian Kiely of Ballincollig was introduced ten minutes from time and made a major positive contribution in that vital period when Cork could have let the game slip from their grasp.

Cork with points from Cathal O'Mahony and Stephen Sherlock were level at 0-2 each after the opening ten minutes and Stephen Sherlock n the 27th minute flicked a dropping ball to the Down net as the keeper advanced to help Cork to a 1-5 to 0-5 lead at half time. Cork could not shake off the Down challenge and it was Cork 1-9 to the 1-8 of Down after 48 minutes. Cork raised the gap to three points, Down hit back, Cork leading 1-12 to 1-11 with five minutes remaining. Cork kept in front through Mark Cronin and Mattie Taylor scores, Down reduced the gap down to two in second half stoppage time before late points from Colm O'Callaghan and Sherlock secured Cork the win

Cork: M Martin; K O'Donovan, K Flahive, K Histon; John Cooper (Éire Óg), R Maguire, M Taylor (0-1); I Maguire, Colm O'Callaghan (Éire Óg) (0-2); Daniel Dineen (Cill na Martra) (0-1), E McSweeney, J O'Rourke (0-1); S Sherlock (1-7, 0-5f), C O'Mahony (0-3), B Hurley. Subs: T Walsh (5), Blake Murphy (temp), F Herlihy 53, M Cronin (0-1) (58), Cian Kiely (Ballincollig) 64, J Grimes 69.



Beal Atha'n Ghaorthaidh Premier Intermediate Championship 2012



Aghabullogue Intermediate Championship 2012



CORK ladies' football panel for the 2022 Lidl National league: Máire O'Callaghan (Mourneabbey) captain, with Dohenys' Melissa Duggan the vice-captain.

The 2022 Cork senior football panel is as follows: Sarah Leahy (Aghada), Rachel Leahy (Aghada), Shauna Kelly (Araglen Desmonds Buí), Emma Spillane (Bantry Blues), Clare O'Shea (Beara), Áine O'Sullivan (Beara), Katie Quirke (Bride Rovers), Sarah Murphy (Bride Rovers), Martina O'Brien (Clonakilty), Melissa Duggan (Dohenys), Chloe Collins (Dromtarriffe), Meabh Cahalane (Éire Óg), Emma Cleary (Éire Óg), Eimear Scally (Éire Óg), Aisling Hutchings (Fermoy), Abbie O'Mahony (Glanmire), Caoimhe Moore (Kanturk), Sadhbh O'Leary (Kinsale), Orla Finn (Kinsale), Faye Aherne (Kinsale), Dara Kinry (Lisgoold), Erika O'Shea (Macroom), Orlagh Farmer (Midleton), Máire O'Callaghan (Mourneabbey), Ciara O'Sullivan (Mourneabbey), Doireann O'Sullivan (Mourneabbey), Meabh O'Sullivan (Mourneabbey), Bríd O'Sullivan (Mourneabbey), Eimear Meaney (Mourneabbey), Ellie Jack (Mourneabbey), Laura Fitzgerald (Mourneabbey), Laura O'Mahony (O'Donovan Rossa), Roisin Phelan (St Brigid's, Dublin), Libby Coppinger (St Colum's), Aisling Kelleher (St Vals), Ciara McCarthy (St Vals), Marie Ambrose (St Vals), Daire Kiely (Valley Rovers) and Eimear Kiely (Valley Rovers).

After losing their two opening games, both away against top opposition, Cork were out of contention in the Lidl National Ladies League but victory over Waterford meant that they rounded off their National League campaign on a high note. Now preparations for this year's All-Ireland senior championship have begun in earnest.

Ladies LGFA

Camogie:

Littlewood National Camogie League Div One Cork 1-8 Kilkenny 1-8

An injury time point from as Chloe Sigerson free gave Cork a draw and passage to the final, the Rebels having won their previous two encounters against Clare and Limerick. Aisling Thompson starred for Cork at midfield.

Cork: A Lee; M Murphy, L Coppinger, M Cahalane; L Hayes, L Treacy, S McCarthy; K O'Mahoney, A Thompson; C Sigerson, I O'Regan, C Healy; A O'Connor, S McCartan, K Mackey. Subs: C O'Sullivan 61, M Ring 61.

Division Two League Meath 0-7 Cork 2-12

CORK travelled to Páirc Tailteann in what was a crunch decider for both sides to see who would advance to the Division 2 Littlewoods League

quarter-finals.

With Wexford topping Group 1 on nine points and favourites going into battle with Kildare you had to assume they were safely through, and it was going to be either Cork or Meath that advanced with them. Both sides entered Saturday's game with six points on the table, but Cork had a scoring difference of +8 so a draw would have done them whereas Meath needed a win. Cork made no mistake.

Cork: J Casey 1-6 (0-5 f), R O'Shea 1-1, H Ryan 0-2, C Finn, R Harty, M Barrett 0-1 each.

Cork: S Ahern; N O'Leary, K Falvey, A Crowley; A Moloney, A O'Callaghan, J O'Leary; R Harty, L Callanan; J Casey, C Finn, S Hutchinson; R O'Shea, F Neville, H Ryan.

Subs: L O'Sullivan 40, M Murphy 45, M Barrett 52, C Crowley 57, L Mannix and M Buckley both on 60, C O'Leary 61.



Erika O'Shea, greeted by enthusiastic and excited young Macroom players.



Naomh Abán Premier Intermediate Championship 2012









Canovee Intermediate Championship 2012



Macroom Premier Intermediate 2012

Canovee under 15s who played Clondrohid in the west league



The Munster U-12 road bowling team that won the U-12 All Ireland road bowling team event in Dublin on March 5th. L to R. Chloe Hubbard, Anna Deane, Lilly Twomey and Abbie McDonnell.

Ten Years Ago - 2012

2012 County Football Championships and Leagues

League Form and Championship Prospects

Ballincollig – County League, Div One:

Ballincollig have played 5 games, winning 2 against O'Donovan Rossa and Kiskeam, losing 2 against Bishopstown and Newcestown, and they drew their game with Dohenys. They are in 6th position in the league table with 5 points; the leaders Douglas have 9 points, but have two more games played.

Ballincollig's championship opponents, Ilen Rovers, have played 5 games in Div. One also and have one victory to their credit with one draw, and are in second last position with 3 league points.

Verdict: Ballincollig are capable of winning this game.

Beal Atha'n Ghaorthaidh – County League, Div. Two

Clonakilty led Div Two of the Co. League with 10 points from 6 games: Clon have won 5 and lost one game, that latter to Beal Atha at Clonakilty.

Beal Atha are in second place in the Div.Two league with 4 wins, 1 draw and 1 loss giving them 9 points, one behind Clon. Beal Atha have defeated Na Piarsaigh, Glenville, Clonakilty and Clyda Rovers, they drew at home with Naomh Aban and lost recently to Bantry Blues. Beal Atha were promoted from Div Three this season and full forward Liam Shorten is a member of the Cork Senior panel and won an All-Ireland Junior medal last year with the county. Liam and defender Amhlaoibh Lynch played with Muskerry this season in the senior championship and Leonard O'Conchuir was also involved with the division.

Championship opponents Mayfield, are playing in Div. Four of the County League and have 2 wins, 1 draw and 2 defeats out of five games played to date. They won the first competition of the season, The Tom Creedon Cup, defeating Macroom in the final at Macroom in February.

Verdict: A win for Beal Atha, the team with the better footballers and a consistently good record.

Naomh Aban – County League, Div Two

Naomh Aban, senior up to two seasons ago, have 5 points in the league from 2 wins (against Na Piarsaigh and Clyda) and one draw against Beal Atha. Naomh Aban have lost to Nemo Rangers, Glenville and Clonakilty. The success of their U 21 in the recent Mid Cork 'C' final has been a boost as it ended a sequence of defeats in finals for the club. The team is predominantly young and a developing side. James O'Mahony, Tadg Scannell and Colm Hyde were members of the Muskerry panel and Colm Hyde is centre back with Cork Minors.

Ballinora are in the Div Four league and have 3 wins from five games to date. They were quite happy to survive in the Premier championship last season as they were short six regular players who were out of the country but these are now back in action. They are an experienced team quite capable of putting it up to the best on a given day. Conor Brosnan was centre forward for Muskerry footballers and Eddie Walsh was reserve 'keeper.

Verdict: A tight contest with Naomh Aban shading the verdict if their forwards play to their undoubted abilities and put scores on the board.

Macroom – County League, Div Three.

Macroom are in 4th place in the Div Three league with 3 wins, 1 draw and 2 defeats from 6 games played. Macroom have defeated Kinsale, Kildorrery and St Nicholas, drawn with Mallow and lost to Grenagh and Adrigole. They have Fintan Goold, Seán Kiely and Eoin O'Mahony on the Cork Senior football panel but the recent injury to Eoin O'Mahony will rule him out for the championship first round against Vincents. James O'Connell, Kiely and Goold played with Muskerry and their performances are vital for the team's well-being. St Vincents play in the higher league and have 2 victories (against Na Piarsaigh and Glenville) from five games played to date in Div Two.



Verdict: Teak tough Vincents against a classier Macroom team presents a contrast in styles and possibly in mentality. Vincents will fancy their chances here and Macroom will need a major effort from all their team to get over this hurdle.

Eire Óg – County League, Div Three

Eire Óg are in second place in the league, one point behind leaders Newmarket with 4 wins and 1 draw from 6 games played. They have beaten Grenagh, Ballydesmond, Newmarket and Kinsale, and drawn with Mallow. Their only loss to date was against Glanmire. The welcome return of Daniel Goulding after injury is a major boost to their championship prospects. They also have Cork U 21 forward Kevin Hallissey and lively John Dineen in a strong attack but they miss Ciaran Sheehan, still out through injury. Defender Dermot Herlihy played on the Muskerry side this season.

Championship opponents Cloyne are more interested in hurling but their strong forceful football style can make them difficult to beat. They have beaten Fermoy and Aghabullogue in the Div. Four league this season.

Verdict: A win for Eire Og if they can the ball through to their quality attackers often enough.

Cill na Martra – County League, Div. Four

Cill na Martra lead the county league Div. Four league table after 6 games. They have recorded wins over Cloyne, Carrigaline, Kanturk and Aghabullogue and drawn with Glanworth. They lost narrowly to Fermoy in their only league defeat. Cork star Noel O'Leary is their inspiration and Noel, Sean Kelleher, Colm O'Leary, Maidhchi Dineen and Martin Connors all played with Muskerry this year. Their opponents Ballydesmond rely heavily on Donncadh O Connor for scores.

Verdict: Cill na Martra have the talent to defeat Ballydesmond but they must contain the threat of Donncadh O'Connor without conceding too many frees. It will be a difficult game for Cill na Martra at Dromtariffe.

Canovee - County League, Div. Four

Canovee are second to Cill na Martra in the league with 8 points from five games played. They have defeated Mayfield, Ballinora, Killavullen and Youghal and lost to Carrigaline, their only defeat. Their form is quite good and they are always very difficult championship opponents.

Aghabullogue – County League, Div. Four Aghabullogue have only one victory recorded from six games played, that against Killavullen. John Corkery has been class act in attack to date. Verdict: A win for Canovee is likely but Aghabullogue can play fine football when in full flow and the smashing performances of their U 21 team in reaching the Mid Cork 'A' semifinal this season should be a boost.

Results – County Football Championships 2012 Senior Football Championship Round 1

Carbery Rangers 1-14, Clonakilty 1-7 Newmarket 0-6, St Finbarrs 0-17 Ilen Rovers 0-5, BALLINCOLLIG 1-15 Bishopstown 1 – 12 Nemo Rangers 1 – 12 aet Castlehaven 0 – 12 Aghada 0 - 9

Round Two (1st Round Losers) Aghada v Newmarket Clonakilty v St Nicks/Newcestown OD Rossa/Dohenys v Ilen Rovers Na Piar/Douglas v Nemo/Bishopstown

Premier Intermediate Football Championship Round 1

Carrigaline 0-11, Mallow 0-14 St Michaels 0-12, Kiskeam 1-8 BALLINORA 0-9, NAOMH ABAN 1-12 Valley Rovers 3-9, Glenville 0-7 MACROOM 0-9, St Vincents 2-9 Bantry Blues 1-8, Clyda Rovers 0-6 Nemo Rangers 1-9, Kinsale 2-4 Mayfield 3-8, BEAL ATHA'n GHAORTHAIDH 0-19 - AET

Round Two (1st Round Losers)

MACROOM v Glenville Clyda Rovers v Mayfield BALLINORA v Carrigaline Kinsale v Kiskeam

Intermediate Football Championship Round 1

GRENAGH 1 – 18 Kilavullen 0 – 7 Glanmire 1-11 Kildorrery 1-13 Fermoy 1-9 Glanworth 0-9 Ballydesmond 1-12 CILL Na MARTRA 0-8 CANOVEE 2-8 AGHABULLOGUE 1-8 Youghal 1-10 Adrigole 0-10 Eire Og v Cloyne on Sat. May 12 at Riverstown Castletownbere v Kanturk on Sun. May 13th at Beal Ath'n Ghaorthaidh

Round Two (1st Round Losers)

AGHABULLOGUE v Cloyne/EIRE OG CILL na MARTRA v Glanmire Kilavullen v Glanworth Castletownbere/Kanturk v Adrigole

Senior Football:

Ballincollig 1-15 Ilen Rovers 0-5 For the first time in five years, Ballincollig go through directly to the knock out stages of the Senior Football Championship. They had a comprehensive and well-deserved win over Ilen at Dunmanway and gave an impressive display in the process. Ballincollig have a pool of successful talented underage players to draw from and indeed it was one of the younger brigades, Sean Kiely, who fired home the only goal of the game in the 56th minute to copper fasten a fine win for the satellite town. Ballincollig led by 0-7 to 0-3 at half time with six different players contributing to their tally. It was 0-8 to 0-5 by the 40th minute and a rampant Ballincollig added a further 1-7 to their total in the final quarter without reply from the West Cork men. Ballincollig: David Lordan: Darren Murphy, Liam Jennings, Stephen O'Donoghue: Bryan Kelly (0-1), Noel Galvin, John O'Brien: Ciaran O'Sullivan (0-5), Brian Cotter: George Durrant, John Kelly (0-2), Sean Kiely (1-1): Kealan Hickey (0-2), Brian Glavin (0-2 frees), Paddy Kelly (0-2). Sub: Ian Coughlan.

Premier Intermediate Football: Naomh Aban 1 – 12 Ballinora 0 – 9

The all-Mid Cork clash at Kilmurry was very tight for a while but as the second half aged Naomh Aban established clear superiority and the Gaeltacht men were in control in the closing stages. Naomh Aban have a nice blend of youth and experience and with Anthony Lynch to settle the defence and Miceal O Cronin to lead the attack, the younger players will have reliable guides to show them the way to success. Ballinora allowed Lynch too much latitude entirely and the former Cork star constantly surged forward putting the Ballinora defence under pressure.

The first half exchanges were very even and it was Ballinora who forced the pace at the start. Both sides swapped a point early on and Ballinora almost got in for a goal but Anthony Lynch averted the danger. Naomh Aban then hit the front with pointed frees from Miceal O Cronin to edged into a 0-3 to 0-1 lead after 20 minutes. Back came Ballinora with points from Ben Ahern and Conor Brosnan and they went in front for the first time when Pat Fitton sent over the bar. Miceal O Cronin levelled matters in the 28th minute at 0-4 each but Michael Hodge had the final score of the half to leave Ballinora a point in front at the break on a scoreline of 0-5 to 0-4.

Ballinora went a further point in front immediately on the restart with a point from Conor Brosnan but that was as good as it got for the losers. Naomh Aban hit a golden scoring patch with five points in five minutes to surge back into the lead. Miceal O Cronin kicked over three of these (Miceál finished with a magnificient personal tally of 0-8, 0-3 from frees!) and when Donncha Keohane struck for a smashing goal ten minutes from time Naomh Aban were well on the road to victory. Ballinora did stage a late and spirited rally but the Baile Mhuirne men had no intention of letting victory be prised from their grip at that stage and defended well to maintain their advantage to the finish. Naomh Aban: Seanachain O hUidhir: Eanna O Criodain, Seamas O Mathuna, Chris O Deasuna: Colm de hIde, Antoin O Loinsuigh, Colman O Tuama: Tadh O Scanaill (0-1), Miceál O Laoire: Diarmuid O Liathain, Miceál O Cronin (0-8, 0-3 frees), Donncha O Cronin (0-1): Amhlaoibh O Loinsuigh, Shane MacCarthaigh, Daire O Suilleabhain (0-1). Ionaidi: Donncha O Ceochain (1-1), Colm O Murchu, Seamus O Laoire. Ballinora: Eoin Walsh: Denis O'Neill, Garry O Halloran, Dave O'Neill: Mark Kelleher, Cathal O'Connor, Tomas McGrath: Michael Hodge (0-1), Alan O'Neill (0-1): Ian Whycherley, Conor Brosnan (0-3,0-1 free), Ben Ahern (0-3,0-2 frees): Cillian Sheehan, Conor

St. Vincents 2-9 Macroom 0-9

Murphy, Pat Fitton (0-1). Sub: Cian Lucey.

This was a game in which Macroom could have had victory wrapped up by half time but having failed to put their city opponents away, Macroom paid a heavy price for their laxness thereafter. Vincents introduced a string of effective substitutes early in the second half and hit the front with a goal after 36 minutes. Macroom were subsequently always chasing the game and although they never gave up they just did not have the threat in attack to rescue the situation. At the final whistle Macroom could have no doubt but that the victory had gone to the better side on the night.

At the end of the opening twenty minutes play at Ballyanley, Vincents led by 0-1 to 0-0. Both sides had been appalling with their scoring efforts but Macroom were the major offenders and they could not afford this waste. A good goal chance had been squandered early on and numerous attacks had fizzled out with depressing wides or weak shots to



the goalkeeper. At last Andrew Hegarty pointed to level the scores in the 22nd minute and Macroom then produced a fine burst of scoring to go 0-5 to 0-1 in front. Patrick Lucey kicked Macroom into the lead from play and added a point from play: Ciaran Murphy and Fintan Goold kicked a point apiece and with half time fast approaching Macroom were in a good position at last, but in the two minutes before the whistle they conceded two points to Vincents unnecessarily and led by 0-5 to 0-3 at the break. This was an inadequate lead considering the number of chances wasted in the opening period.

Macroom started the second half with another bad wide but to compensate, James O'Connell then made a great save from Vincent's Tomas Hornibrook at the other end. In the 36th minute, Vincents struck for a vital goal, Shane Buckley kicking in over the last line of defence and Hornibrook ran on and made no mistake this time from close range to billow the Macroom net. Vincents now introduced two more subs.- Derek O'Connor at midfield and John Paul Murphy to full forward and they never subsequently looked back. Murphy pointed a free with his first kick but Sean Kiely replied from play for Macroom, 1-4 to 0-6 in the 43rd minute. Jonathan Buckley pointed for Vincents and Anthony Harte opened up a threepoint gap in the 48th minute. Again, Macroom fought back and points from Patrick Lucey and Ciaran Murphy cut the deficit to a single point, 0-8 to 1-6 with ten minutes remaining. Three minutes later Vincents had a point and it was all over two minutes later still when a Macroom attack broke down and Vincents swept the ball downfield rapidly and John Paul Murphy released Hornibrook clear behind the defence to again slot the ball past the isolated James O'Connell. The score was now 2-7 to 0-8 and in the five minutes remaining Ciaran Murphy scored a point for Macroom, Harte and Jonathan Buckley replied for Vincents who were in control at this stage. Macroom: James O'Connell: Peter Lynch, Rory Buckley, John Angland: Ger Angland, Fintan Goold, Olan Murphy: Sean Kiely, Philip Corrigan; Tony Dineen, Ciaran Murphy, Andrew Hegarty: Conor O'Sullivan, John Goold, Patrick Lucey. Subs; Darren Kelly and Michael Cahill.

Beal Atha'n Ghaorthaidh 0 – 19 Mayfield 3 – 8 aet.

Beal Atha had to come from behind to rescue their chances and sent this game into extra time at Kilmurry, but they made no mistake in the added period and with Liam Shorten showing the way, they established a clear superiority before a very late Mayfield third goal caused some late anxiety. Liam Shorten was destroyer in chief of Mayfield's chances and the Beal Atha man, a member of the current Cork senior panel, finished with a personal tally of 0-13, 0-4 of which came from frees.

Beal Atha started well despite playing against the wind and took an early 0-2 lead. Mayfield struck back with a well taken goal and the Beal Atha defence came under pressure but were equal to the task with Barra Concannon particularly prominent. At half time Beal Atha held a 0-7 to 1-3 lead, a satisfactory position for them at this stage. Liam Shorten increased the lead with another point on the restart but Mayfield came back with a second goal and when they added two points

they led by a point as the final whistle drew close (2-5 to 0-10). A late point from Cian Dineen saved the day for Beal Atha and sent the game into extra time. In the first period Liam Shorten kicked over three points to give Beal Atha a three-point lead at the interval. The winners added three further points to establish control but Mayfield had a late goal to create uncertainty once again. However, Beal Atha held on for a deservd win and a place in Round Four. Beal Atha'n Ghaorthaidh: Gearoid O Muirthille: Barra O Coinceannainn, Amhlaoibh O Loinsuigh, Nollaig O Duinnin: Sean O Duinnin, Donal MacCarthaigh, Sean O Donnchu: Lionaird O Conchuir, Colman O Tuama: Pol O Buachalla, Liam Seartan, Tadgh O Laoire: Miceal O Tuama, Cian O Duinnin, Ben Seartan. Ionaidi: Eanna O Duinnin, Nollaig O Laoire.

Intermediate Football: Grenagh 1 – 18 Kilavullen 0 – 7

Grenagh, demoted from the Premier grade at the end of last season, met Kilavullen, who had to survive a relegation play off to maintain their Intermediate status last year, and the outcome was seldom in doubt at Mallow. After playing against the very strong wind, Grenagh led at the break by 0-7 to 0-4, DD Dorgan (0-3 frees), Tom Kenny (0-2), Conor Fitzgerald and Padraig Sexton doing the honours. On the restart, Kilavullen fought back with two points but then DD Dorgan fired over two points for Grenagh and Gerry Russell finished the contest with a smashing goal in the 40th minute. It was all Grenagh from here to the inevitable finish. Grenagh: Martin Barry: Mick Lehane, Raymond Dorgan, Kevin O'Neill: M O'Doherty, Paul McCarthy, Shane Dorgan: Tom Kenny, John Russell: Gerry Russell, Conor Fitzgerald, Diarmuid Dorgan: Ultan Duggan, Tadgh Walsh, Padraig Sexton. Sub: M. Cronin.

Cill na Martra 0 – 8 Ballydesmond 1 – 12

All Ireland medal winner, Cork's Donncha O'Connor, did major damage to Cill na Martra when the sides met at Dromtariffe in the Intermediate championship. Ballydesmond were on the attack from the throw in and O'Connor soon opened the scoring from a difficult angle and himself and Niall Fleming added points to give the Duhallow men the better start. In the 14th minute, Ballydesmond struck a major blow when O'Connor set up Fleming for the only goal of the game and with a lead of 1-4 to nil at this stage things were looking good for the North Cork side. Cill na Martra rallied after this and with Kevin Hoare on target aided by Martin Connors they had four points on the board by half time at which stage Ballydesmond led by 1-7 to 0-4.

On the restart Ballydesmond again took up the running and O'Connor and Bertie O'Callaghan increased their lead with further points. The loss of a defender did not cause the winners any undue anxiety but Cill na Martra did come more into the game with Noel O'Leary driving them forward. Kevin Hoare and Kevin O'Sulllivan had points but Ballydesmond were in control and were able to respond with Donncha O'Connor punishing every indiscretion with points from frees. Cill na Martra battled on to the finish and Noel O'Leary could have had a goal but was denied by an excellent save. Ballydesmond move on, Cill na Martra face 'the scenic route' for the third year in a row and will be hoping for an improved performance in the second round against formidable Glanmire. Cill na Martra: Antoin O Conaill: Marc O Goilidhe, Colm O Laoire, Tadhg MacSuibhne; Caoimhin O hEaluithe, Nollaig O Laoire, Tadhg O Duinnin: Sean O Ceilleachair, Cathal MacSuibhne: Caoimhin O hUidhir, Caoimhin O Suilleabhain, Martin O Conchuir: Maidhchi O Duinnin, Donal Og O Laoire, Danni O Conaill. Fear Ionad: Seanachain O Loinsuigh.

Canovee 2-8 Aghabullogue 1-8

Two first half goals, on in the 16th minute and the other six minutes later, were the decisive scores for Canovee in this hard fought and entertaining local derby at Macroom. The first goal came after an opening quarter dominated by Aghabullogue and undid the good work the losers had done in that period. The second put Canovee three points clear and helped them to a 2-4 to 0-5 interval lead. Thereafter, Canovee always had their noses in front and when Aghabullogue did get through for a goal in the 47th minute the winners still had a cushion to absorb the shock and Canovee had enough experience in their side to match their neighbours in the closing ten minutes and book their passage to the fourth round.

Conditions at Macroom were good but there was a cold wind blowing out of the town goal. Canovee had the wind in the first half but it was Aghabullogue who showed the better form early on. Evan O'Sullivan had Aghabullogue ahead with a point in the 3rd minute and Donal Cullinane then had points in the 7th and 20th minutes to put Aghabullogue three points clear. Almost fifteen minutes had elapsed before Pat Dunlea had a score for Canovee but a minute later his side were sensationally in front when Andrew Cronin, set up by Con Dunne, buried the ball in the net from close range. Aghabullogue were on level terms within a minute when Evan O'Sullivan kicked over the bar to make the score 1-1 to 0-4 and Aghabullogue were matching their fancied opponents in a very even contest. Canovee then struck a decisive blow with their second goal in the 22nd minute. Denis O'Sullivan punched the ball across the face of the Aghabullogue goal and the flying Pat Dunlea was in like a shot to finish to the net. This was a major boost to Canovee who went on to dominate the exchanges up to the interval. Michael O'Sullivan had a point for Aghabullogue but Canovee replied with points from Denis O'Sullivan, Andrew Cronin and O'Sullivan again to lead by five points at the break.

Pat Dunlea had an early point to put Canovee further ahead on the restart but Evan O'Sullivan replied. Andrew Cronin had a Canovee point in the 40th minute and Canovee were in control at this stage. Aghabullogue needed a goal and it came in the 47th minute when John Corkery and Donal Cullinane combined to put Michael O'Sullivan through for a well worked goal and leave only a goal between the sides, 2-6 to 1-6. The final ten minutes were very exciting with Aghabullogue pressing desperately for the scores to save the day and Canovee showing great composure. John Corkery and Sean O'Connor exchanged points and then Corkery pointed a free to reduce the deficit to two points with five minutes remaining. The loss of a man to a second yellow card did not help Aghabullogue and in the fifth minute of injury



time Pat Dunlea delivered a fast free to Eamonn Lyons and from way out the tall midfielder lofted the ball over the bar to finish the scoring. Canovee: David Wiseman: Dan O'Sullivan, James McCarthy, Gearoid Lucey: Brian Ahern, Timmy Lyons, John O'Brien: Eamonn Lyons, Ger Ahern: Denis O'Sullivan, Andrew Cronin, Con Dunne: Pat Dunlea, Sean O'Connor, Darragh Ring. Sub: Aidan Moynihan (35 min). Aghabullogue: John Buckley: Donncha Murphy, Mark O'Brien, Jerome Corkery: Stephen Dennehy, Danny Buckley, Sean O'Sullivan: Dhani Merrick, John Kelleher: Evan O'Sullivan, Niall Buckley, Tim O'Leary: Michael O'Sullivan, Donal Cullinane, John Corkery. Subs: Brian Buckley, Robert O'Keeffe and Eoin Kennedy.

2012 Cork County U 21 'B' Football Championship Semi Final

Iveleary 0-27 Gabriel Rangers 1-8

Mid Cork champions Iveleary produced a stunning performance in the county semifinal at CastletownKinneagh and demolished the West Cork champs who had enjoyed an impressive campaign in their own division. Iveleary got on top at midfield where Shane Galvin and Daniel O'Riordan were dominant and with Cathal Vaughan leading the attack with great dash the Iveleary boys piled up the scores in a great fi;rst half performance. They led by 0-13 to 0-4 at the break and there was little let up by them in the second half. Cathal Vaughan, Daniel O'Riordan, Denis O'Leary, David Hourihan, Liam Kearney, Eamonn Creedon, Barry Murphy and Miceal O'Lionaird were all on target for Iveleary with Cathal Vaughan scoring no less than 13 points in all, 11 of these from play. Iveleary must now wait to know who their opponents in the final will be. Iveleary: Joseph Creedon: Alan O'Brien, Kevin Manning, David Murphy: Barry Murphy, Cal McCarthy, Sean O'Leary: Daniel O'Riordan, Shane Galvin: Denis O'Leary, Cathal Vaughan, Liam Kearney; Eamonn Creedon, David Hourihan, David Dineen. Subs: Tim O'Shea, Micheál Ó Lionáird, Kevin Jones.



Macroom Juveniles at Macroom St. Patrick Day Parade. (Pic. Sean MacSuibhne)

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AGHINAGH GAA:

Lotto Results 7th March, 2022

The jackpot was €1,600.00. The numbers drawn were 17, 29 and 40. There was no jackpot winner. Consolation prizes: €50.00 to Margaret & Pat O'Riordan, Shanakiel. €20 each to Aileen Corkery, Drombeg (Online Winner); James & Mary Murphy, Derryroe; Denis O'Riordan, Curraghanerla; Martin Hubbard, Inchalea.

Aghinagh G.A.A.Lotto Results 14th March, 2022 The jackpot was €1,750.00. The numbers drawn were 12, 14 and 38. There was no jackpot winner. Consolation prizes: €50.00 to Richard O'Sullivan, Glashagarrive. €20 each to Mary D. Ambrose, Cahirbaroule (Online Winner); Seamus O'Leary, Dromduve (Online Winner); Marie Nunan, Caherbaroule (Online Winner); Denis & Kathleen MacSullivan, Rea, Berrings.

COACHFORD AFC:

07/03/22 Jackpot €2.600. Numbers drawn 7, 15, 25. No Winner. €80 Anne O' Farrell c/o Lynch's Hairdressers. €20 each: Cooper c/o Janet, Ted Savage c/o Greyhound Bar, Norma Carroll c/o Online, Deirdre O'Riordan c/o Willie.

14/3/2022 Jackpot: €2,200. Numbers Drawn: 18 – 20 - 30. No Winner: €40 Edwina Healy (Online Ticket). €20 Joseph Field. Noreen Walsh. Paddy Finnegan. Michael & Marguerite Moynihan Yearly Ticket).

21/3/2022. Jackpot: €2,400. Numbers Drawn: 5 – 19 - 20. No Winner. €40 Micheál Walsh (Yearly Ticket). €20 Daniel, Liam & Joseph Field. John Moynihan. Denis & Mim O'Connell. David Murphy (Online Ticket).

LOTTO RESULTS:

Monday March 14th 2022 Lotto results: Winning numbers: 1, 3 & 6 Jackpot - €2,300 No Winner - Lucky Dip winners who received €20 each: Mary B Murphy (Donoughmore); Sheila O'Sullivan (Rylane); Sheila Scannell (Rylane - yearly); David Dennehy(Rylane - online). Seller's prize: Sheila Scannell (Rylane)

Next week's Jackpot will be €2,400. Monday March 7th 2022 Lotto results:

Winning numbers: 18, 32 & 39 Jackpot - €2,200 No Winner - Lucky Dip winners who received €20 each: Ger Carey (Coachford); Rylane Chipper (Rylane); Brendan Twomey (Rylane - yearly); Jerry Keating (Rylane - online). Seller's prize: Crowleys (Rylane) Next week's Jackpot will be €2,300.

CLONDROHID LOTTO G.A.A:

LOTTO RESULTS: Results for Mar 9 €70 Siobhan Vaughan Cill Na Martra €20 Marita Fitzgerald Lioscreassig, Ted Cronin Mullinroe, George Kelleher Oakwood, Kath O'Leary c/o Spillanes. Results for Mar 16 Jackpot €8,000

€70 Denise Ahern Aherlamore

€20 Catherine McCarthy Bealnamorrive, Neil Corkery Lioscreassig, Con O'Keeffe Lissarda, Rachel Pyper Macroom

MACROOM GAA LOTTO RESULTS:

08 March 2022

No Winner -€70. Ester Kenneally, Glen Park, Macroom, €20. Deborah Burns, Meadowlands, Macroom. €20. Paddy Murphy, Dromree, Macroom. €20. Norann Murphy, Barrett Place, Macroom. €20. Mary Cooney, Greyhound Bar, Macroom. €20. Kenneally Family, Glen Park, Macroom. Next Week's Jackpot €3600.

15 March 2022 No Winner -€70. Ester Kenneally, Glen Park, Macroom, €20. Deborah Burns, Meadowlands, Macroom. €20. Paddy Murphy, Dromree, Macroom. €20. Norann Murphy, Barrett Place, Macroom. €20. Mary Cooney, Greyhound

RCPA (RYLANECOMMUNITY PARKASSOCIATION) : Bar, Macroom. €20. Kenneally Family, Glen Park, Macroom. Next Week's Jackpot €3600. Tickets available at usual outlets or online at www. macroomgaa.ie

MACROOM FC:

07/03/22. Jackpot €2,600. Numbers drawn 7, 15, 25. No Winner. €80 Anne O' Farrell c/o Lynch's Hairdressers. €20 each: Cooper c/o Janet, Ted Savage c/o Greyhound Bar, Norma Carroll c/o Online, Deirdre O' Riordan c/o Willie.

14/03/22. Jackpot: 2,800. Numbers drawn: 4, 23, 33. No Winner. 80 euro: Josie O' Keeffe c/o Lar's. 20 euro each: Katie Sweenev c/o Hound, J, M S and S c/o Po'R, Niall Kelly c/o Online Sydney, Conor Lucey c/o Lar's

21/03/22. Jackpot: €3,000. Numbers drawn: 22, 25, 27. No Winner. €80: Bridie Murphy c/o June's. €20 each: Mag Herlihy c/o Murray's, Bina Healy c/o Evelyn, Caroline O' Sullivan c/o Murray's, Eoin O' Sullivan Online.

RCPA (Rylane Community Park Association)

is hosting a 4 Mile Fun Run & Walk on Sunday April 10th 2022 as a fundraiser for the development of Rylane Community Park. Registration for this event will take place at Rylane Community Hall between 12.30pm and 1.30pm. The start time for walkers will be 1.45pm and for runners 2pm. Entry fee for this event is €10 per participant and €15 per family and €2 for national school children. All participants will be chipped and timed. Prizes of €100 - 1st, €50 - 2nd and €25 - 3rd in both female and male categories. Refreshments will be provided in the hall after the event.

Dromleigh NS Parents Association

Dromleigh NS Parents Association are holding their Easter Walk & Quiz Trail on Saturday 9th April at 12pm starting from the school. Registration begins @11.30am, €5pp/€10per team of four. 2km & 5km trail, suitable for buggies. Children must be supervised. Bake Sale afterwards in the school. All welcome.

ADVERTORIAL

KELLEHER RAISES NEED FOR VAT FLEXIBILITY AT EU LEVEL TO DEAL WITH HOME HEATING OIL PRICE SURGES

"Greater flexibility must be afforded to national governments to reduce VAT rates on home heating oil by the European Union," said Fianna Fáil MEP, Billy Kelleher.

Kelleher, an MEP for the Ireland South constituency, was speaking during a debate on fair taxation in the Parliament in Strasbourg.

"While taxation is usually a matter of national competence, where each government sets their own rules, the issue of VAT is dealt with as an EU competence where we have agreed rules and rates, with little flexibility, across the whole of the 27 member states.

"In the Dáil this week, An Taoiseach Micheál Martin raised the EU's Energy Directive as a barrier to reducing the cost of heating. I used my opportunity in the European Parliament to directly ask the Commission to intervene.

"The Irish government, and indeed the governments of the other 26 Member States, need more flexibility to help ease the burden on hard pressed households who are struggling to pay for home heating oil and other fuels to heat their homes.

"Home heating oil has doubled in price in the last

year, but incomes haven't. Families are now making decisions about whether they

can afford to fill up their tanks or fill up their fridges. "The EU needs to give Member States flexibility to, at the very least, reduce the VAT on these fuels. It will not completely deal with the wholesale price increases but it will help," concluded Kelleher.





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This prayer must be said for three days, after three days the favour will be granted.





Blessed Anthony, in spite of many difficulties you were enabled by the Holy Spirit to discover your place in God's plan and to use your gifts ans talents in making society a better and happier place for all. Implore the Lord Jesus to grant me suitable employment which may obtain for me an mine a decent livelihood and at the same time be able to live truly human and Christian lives and to be of real service to all people. 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.

ST. JUDE NOVENA



O Holy St. Jude! Apostle and Martyr, great in virtue and rich in miracles, near kinsman of Jesus Christ, faithful intercessor for all who invoke you, special patron in time of need; to you I have recourse from the depth of my heart, and humbly beg you, to whom God has given such great power, to come to my assistance; help me now in my urgent need and grant my earnest petition.

In return I promise to make your name known and cause you to be invoked. St Jude pray for us an all that invoke you.

State three Our Fathers, three Hail Marys and Three Glorias. This Novena must be said for nine consecutive days an publication must be promised.



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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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.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT In loving memory of **SHEILA (JULIA) CREEDON** (NEE LYNCH) Rossmore, Kilbarry, Macroom Who passed away on April 1st 2021) The family of the late Sheila (Julia] Creedon would like to express our sincere gratitude to all those who sympathised with us on our loss. We would like to thank all our relatives, friends and neighbours and those who phoned, sent online condolences, text messages, Mass and Sympathy cards. Thanks to everybody who helped us in

nanks to everybody who herped us in any way during those days and who paid their respects by gathering outside the church ,lining the route from the church to the graveyard and attending the burial. Sincere thanks to Fr Anthony for celebrating the funeral Mass,to Marie[sacristan] for preparing the church and to Norma and Martina for their beautiful singing and music.

Our thanks also to Dr Ken Harte and to all the staff in Cahereen Care Centre who looked after Sheila so well.Sincere thanks also to Fr Roberts and Fr Keane who visited Sheila in Cahereen.

Thanks to Caseys Undertakers for their kindness and support in dealing with the funeral arrangements and also to the gravediggers.

As it is impossible to thank everybody individually, we hope that this acknowledgement will be accepted as a token of our sincere gratitude.

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

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FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



Rylane and Donoughmore, Co. Cork On this the first anniversary of Mary Barrett nee O'Regan, Rylane and Donoughmore, we her family would like to express our sincere thanks to all who sympathised with us following our sad

(NEE O'REGAN)

loss. We are deeply grateful to our extended family, friends and neighbours, for their support, kindness and generosity. Thank you to those who attended the funeral ceremonies, those who telephoned and to those who sent mass and sympathy cards,

floral tributes and many lovely letters. 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 our mother's final journey. We were very touched by this lovely gesture.

Sincere thanks to Fr. Peader for celebrating her funeral mass, graveside prayers and his comforting words. We also wish to thank the sacristans, and choir, to the staff and professional services of Fitzgerald's undertakers Macroom for all their assistance.

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





THE MIRACLE PRAYER

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