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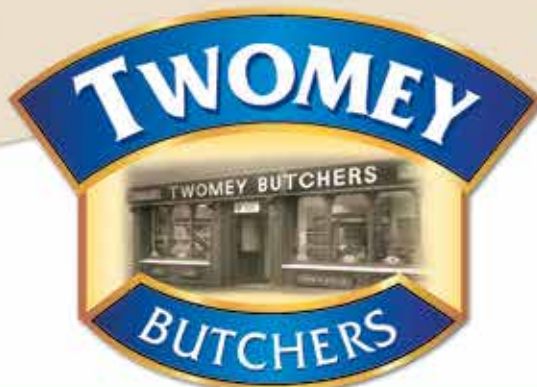
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BÉAL NA BLÁTH

I am perhaps too young to fully comprehend the anger, division and hurt caused by the Irish Civil war & Michael Collins death but it was wonderful to see the healing in both political parties being present to mark the even at Béal na Bláth, with nearly 10,000 people attendance. As a country we have come so far in 100 years and who knows what the future holds for a united Ireland, Brexit has made it seem like a possibility again. Check out all the wonderful pictures and articles in this week's edition to commemorate the event!

Emails

We've had a few queries about the email address, our email address was updated a few months back and can always be found on the front page of the magazine.

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Please note my role as editor is part-time, 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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EDITOR



MACROOM GIRL GUIDES

Ardilaun Guides had a fab time camping in Caum this weekend. The camps were run by Muireann and Emer as part of their Senior Branch Challenge 2022 and to gain their Junior Campcraft Certificate. Thanks to Leaders, Elizabeth and Orna, for overseeing the weekend. For more information on Guiding contact macroomguides@gmail.com



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Killian Lynch Auctioneers are pleased to offer this beautiful, charming 4-bedroom detached house on c.1.3 acres. This property which is surrounded by landscaped manicured gardens with a rockery to the rear, mature planting and a former grass tennis court and a range of outbuildings. This property is situated on a private site accessed via a gravel driveway through electric gates. This property is an ideal family home comprising of c.2,000 sq.ft. living accommodation. Located c.10 minutes' drive west of Macroom town, c.30 minutes west of Cork City and c.20 minutes from Kilarney town. BER C1 (104965017)

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73 THE GLENTIES, MACROOM, CO. CORK, P12Y306

Killian Lynch Auctioneers are pleased to offer this pristine 3 bedroom semi detached property which comprises of c.1,200 sq ft living accommodation in fantastic condition throughout. Located within a mature development, C.10 minutes walk to Macroom town, C.30 minutes drive west of Cork city and C.30 minutes drive from Kilarney town. BER: C1

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Killian Lynch auctioneers are pleased to offer this open plan garage/ commercial unit within the centre of Macroom town. The property is of block construction & slate roof with large sliding doors into Lucey's lane. The property is in excellent condition throughout and is a rare type of property in such a central location to all local services and amenities. BER: Exempt

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63 ROS ALAINN, MACROOM, CO. CORK, P12 TC63

Killian Lynch auctioneers are pleased to offer this newly presented 3 bedroom semi detached house. The property which comprises of C.1048 sq ft living accommodation has a beautiful southerly aspect and centrally located only C.2km from Macroom town center and C.1.5 km from the Macroom bypass interchange junction making Cork city and Kilarney more accessible. Macroom town has all local services and amenities. BER: A3 (115008969)

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MEMORIES OF MACROOM CASTLE AND DEMESNE

ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF ITS BURNING EXACTLY 100 YEARS AGO

Having endured four previous burnings during its long 800-year history, Macroom Castle was burnt for the 5th and last time on Tuesday 18th. August 1922, during the final days of the Irish Civil War. Thereafter, completely exposed to the elements, the north-west corner bartizan of the abandoned ruin collapsed in 1967, on top of an empty Irish Countrywomen's Association meeting hall, whereby the entire castle was misjudged as unsafe. Subsequently, it was completely demolished with a ball-and-chain, on the orders of Macroom UDC, with much of the resultant rubble dumped in a field across the road from the present graveyard on the Killarney Road.

A few years prior to that regretful demolition, when a pupil of St. Coleman's Boys National School, every young person in Macroom became intimately connected with the castle's wonderful demesne, guarded as this was by the gaunt, burnt-out shell that stood near its entrance. Every nook and cranny within the landscaped parklands became a source of endless delight as we played beside the rhododendron-shrouded avenues and around the gigantic veteran trees. The Double Rank, the Deer Park, the Fuzzy Tree, Mount Hedges and the Witches Wood were explored by all, while along the river the Diving Board, the Three Rocks, the Stepping Stones, the Weirs and the Gazebo seemed to belong to every child in Macroom, so common was our presence there during the long summer holidays.

The Double Rank in its heyday was a spectacular tree-lined avenue that ran up the hill of Sleaveen to the south west of the present GAA pitch. Quite spacious within it was flanked on either side by a double row or rank of trees. Its inner sides were lined with mighty beech trees, while the outer sides contained equally large lime trees. The surviving beech trees were approximately 300 years old when I measured them in the late 1980's and so near the end of their life span. More of interest, however, is the fact that this age indicates that the Double Rank was probably planted by Richard Hedges Esq., when he acquired the castle and its estate following its forfeiture from the McCarthy's, post 1690 and the Battle of the Boyne. We were told by an older generation that, in those earlier days, the Double Rank was used as a 'falconry' by the residents of the Castle. Two hundred years later the then resident of the castle, Lady Ardilaun, used to get her coachman to drive her up the avenue within the 'Double Rank', on late summer evenings, in order to allow her observe a spectacular sunset to the west. Today the Double Rank is on its last legs as many of the beech trees are dying of old age or have already fallen, although the lime trees are still vibrant. The Deer Park was west of the castle in the present golf course and it once contained a herd of deer, another feature probably dating from Richard Hedges tenure also. The deer park was cut off from the main gardens of the castle by an 'Ha Ha', a long deep trench that could not be crossed by the deer. It was constructed at ground level and so, could not be seen from the main gardens. Then a visitor to the castle would remark at the fact that the deer never came into devour the beautiful flower beds around it. On walking out to see why, they encountered the trench, whereupon on understanding how it worked the visitor exclaimed 'Ha Ha', whereby it gave the deer-proof trench its strange name it seems? It was possible, however, to cross over the 'Ha Ha' at critical points. Usually, a wall with a door in it interrupted the trench to allow people to pass into the further expanses of the demesne. Two samples survive.



There is the delightful castellated one that you can still pass through on the lower river walk, just before the access steps to the 'castle well' and the present UDC Water Works. Another can be located to the right of the 'black gate' adjacent to the Golf Club's maintenance sheds, just before the avenue rises up to Mount Hedges.

The Fuzzy Tree stands at the bottom of the slope between the present Golf Club and the Water Works. It is one of several impressive lime trees that once graced the landscaped 'Deer Park' and luckily, many of these still survive. The Fuzzy Tree was the most famous with young people because of its secret hideout, which can be accessed by a unique natural tunnel within the tree's lower branches only. Like all lime trees, they naturally develop a thick 'fuzzy' growth around the trunk just beneath the crown, this being formed by an enormous mesh of living branches and twigs that generally prevents the tree from being climbed as it can extend out from the trunk by several meters. Strangely, the Fuzzy Tree had a tunnel through this mesh, possibly made by generations of kids burying through it. If small enough you can weasel your way up through the tunnel and emerge out on top of the mesh, there to stand on a flat platform of soil that had been formed by centuries of tree debris. Once up there no child could be accessed or detected behind the thick screen of summer foliage. Many were the days that young boys hid up here when on the 'hop' from the then horrors of National School, when beatings were a daily occurrence.

The Witches Wood stands to the west side of the Golf Club and runs down from the avenue to near the river, where there is a big concrete stile. Within the wood the remains of a stone-walled summer house can be found beneath the gigantic oak trees and within the thick growth of rhododendron. This was fancifully believed by younger kids to have been the house of a witch that once lived within the woods. More probably, in its heyday, it may have been a perfect place to sit and observe a summer sunset as it went down behind the weirs.

Mount Hedges was in all probability built by Richard Hedges and it became an important part of daily life in the early eighteenth century, when the castle and demesne were significantly adorned by him. Mount Hedges contained a substantial walled garden and orchards and it was connected to the castle by the present avenue and footpaths. Prior to the burning

of the castle the head gardener, a Mr. O Sullivan and his family, were living in a residence there. Its principle usage during Hedges time, however, was as a horse stud, with numerous stables and associated out-buildings that housed the horses and horse hands. Looking at old maps it was further up, atop the hill of Sleaveen, that the race track ran and the walled enclosure known as the 'The Turret' may have had something to do with this. Many of the race horses were treated with celebrity status as on dying they were interred in their own special graveyard, a fact that was often mentioned to us by an older generation. It seems the graveyard was in the enclosed field north of the stables, as here can be located one small enclosed plot of about 2m x 2m, indicated as this is by four, small limestone pillars. A possible horse grave?

The Gazebo sits on the south bank of the River Sullane, just up-stream from the weirs. It may have functioned as a shelter and/or as a changing room for castle residents when they came here to swim. Then both sides of the river were part of the very private landscaped grounds of the Castle demesne, including the present park and the GAA pitches. then no buildings were permitted along New Street or Gurteenroe that could be visible from the castle or the expansive gardens and deer park. It is hard to discern exactly the Gazebo's age but, in all probability, the adjacent deep pool in the river Sullane was created when the weirs were constructed about 1822, this to serve the present oatmeal mill at Mill Lane in Massytown. The resident Walton family (now Creedon), having secured the 'rights of water' from Richard Hedges II of Macroom Castle at that time, built the weir and the impressive mill race. This took the water through the entire park, up beside the Massytown Road and finally into the mill complex at Mill Lane. The wonderful architectural feature of the mill race in Massytown is now under severe threat from the faceless mandarins of CCC, who are going to bury it under a footpath to facilitate more cars. No lessons learned there from the shameful demolition of our medieval castle obviously. Maybe it's time to demolish the Town Hall also and erect a big ugly, 10 storey carpark in its place, to facilitate cars before our heritage?

Macroom Castle itself still stood in the early 1960's, its towering edifice a place of wonder for every small boy and girl that passed beneath it. Over several generations, the Hedges lineage had adapted the

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older McCarthy castle to create the impressive castellated mansion that was burnt in 1922. I clearly remember the fine perron of 10 limestone steps that led up to the gigantic, timber-beamed front door, that in turn was flanked by two limestone pillars and over which was a semi-circular, limestone entablature on which the Hedges coat-of-arms was carved in raised motif. I always thought it quite remarkable how the great timber door had survived the disastrous fire of 1922 but then truly horrified to learn that this was finally smashed to pieces by the agents of Macroom UDC in 1967, when needlessly demolishing the entire building. Like the front door, it is quite clear that the greater part of the castle was as solid as a rock and would have stood for another 800 years.

As a young boy, the front door was always locked and as most all of the front windows were bricked-up, it was not possible to get in. The sealed windows, however, allowed the enormous front wall to be used as a very popular hand-ball court, but any ball that went too high was lost through the few open windows on the top floor. Fortunately, one day when 'our gang' were passing by the castle, we saw that someone had opened the front door! On entering the spacious entrance hall, this was full of light as the grand metal staircase and the floors above it were gone, with the sky clearly visible up above. Here we discovered that the ground floor was covered in hand balls which we later eagerly collected into our turned-up jumpers. Exploring further first, the room on the left was accessible but this was very dark as its ceiling still remained! This seems to have been the kitchen as it was possible to discern, even in the dim light, that there was a long range of iron structures against its back wall that looked like ovens. Then to add further excitement, as we explored the dark recesses of the kitchen's blocked-up windows, we discovered the secret 'black stairs', so named by us as it was pitch-black within.

The 'black stairs' was very like those in castles like Carrignamuc (Inchigeelagh) and Blarney but accessed by a narrow opening on the right-hand-side of the great window closest to the river and which may, originally, have been hidden behind the window's timber shutters. Climbing up in the pitch darkness, we felt our way up the cold stone steps which eventually turned to the right and led out into a light-filled room on the second floor, that was open to the sky also. This room had windows that over-looked the river but were heavily barred and as there was no other way into this secret room that was visible, it may have been used as a prison cell. As its floor, over the kitchen, had survived the great fire, this may have been a typical barrel-vaulted, stone ceiling like the one in Carrignamuc Castle. Therefore, the 'black stairs' was surely original, leading as it did up through part of the 15th century, Mc Carthy Tower-house that initially stood here, long before it was incorporated into Hedges spectacular 18th. century mansion. (Notice in the postcard image of the castle that was taken from the riverside, the barred windows, a defunct chimney piece, blocked-up windows and irregular masonry, indicating an older building that had undergone significant modification by the Hedges. On the top right-hand corner is the projecting corner bartizan that fell down in 1967).

Soon after, on coming back down the 'black stairs' we met a man wielding a sledge hammer and with an empty sack on his back. He told us he had found a very large, iron bell in the ground-floor room across the main hall. This room was open to the sky three floors up also and probably that part of the castle that the Hedges had significantly altered, but with timber floors only these had burned in the fire. The bell had survived the inferno, however, and it may have been

in the castle for a long time. It was quite large as none of us could lift it and there was some writing or numbers on it, possibly a date? With that the man swung the sledge hammer several times until he had smashed the iron bell to pieces. These he then put in the sack and said that he would get at least 10 shillings (50 cents today) for the metal in Cork. I often wondered was that bell from the original medieval, catholic church on Castle Street that preceded the present St Colemans, or even connected to St Finbarr's church at Molineagh by the Gearagh, but was kept as a possible heirloom or as a warning bell in the ramparts of the castle by the Mc Carthy's. If so, was it the bell that was used as the symbol for the 'Old Bell' brewery in New Street or the 'Bell Inn' public house at Church Cross near Clondrohid village, and part of a few other old stories that I now struggle to remember. Unfortunately, we will never know what history was attached to that bell as all knowledge of it died with a much older generation - and the final swing of a sledge hammer in 1962.

The loss of this bell may sound terrible, but what happened during the burning of the castle forty years previously, is even more depressing. Many older people that I talked to, who had witnessed the burning, believed it brought an irreversible curse on the town, so wicked was the event in their eyes. Placing the divisive Civil War politics of the times aside, because they still haunt our society so negatively today, I only outline what I saw and was told when a young Macroomian. Despite the fact that some older residents will reprimand me, for opening my mouth about the shocking details, I refuse to let the truth be silenced. Neither was it a once-off situation anyway, as the same fate happened many other great houses. They were looted by local people as they burned.

In 1922, after the Black 'n Tans had left the castle and the Civil War raged, the aging and widowed Lady Ardilaun remained in Dublin for her own safety, thereby leaving the Castle she had inherited in the care of the head housekeeper, a Mrs. McCarthy/McNally, and a few servants. On Tuesday 18th. August of that year, several Republican (Fianna Fail) combatants entered the castle and began spreading straw and gasoline on the floors in order to burn it, prior to the advance of the 'Free Staters' (Fine Gael). Then, the distraught head-housekeeper and the servants ran desperately to save as much as they could. Furniture, paintings, heirlooms, cutlery, china, and anything that could be carried, were drawn out through the great front door and piled around the expansive front lawn. A valuable painting by Monet was hidden under a servant's dress and safely spirited away, as were a small number of other treasures. Sadly, the great collection of valuable books in the library were completely lost as were the estate documents and rent books. Of the items that were stacked about the lawn, some of the combatants that started the fire loaded a lot of these into a horse-and-cart and then went around the town giving them out to known fellow republican families, exclusively. Other combatants remained to ensure the fire took hold and although a horse-drawn fire-brigade tried to hose down the burning castle from the back courtyard on Castle Street, one combatant came up and peppered the hose with bullets from his gun.

As flames and smoke increasingly engulfed the building, many of the towns-people descended on the burning spectacle in shock. Some stood by and looked on in horror but other, less honourable, towns-people joined in on the looting. Seeing the many valuables scattered about the lawn, they grabbed what they could and then ran out the front gates with their booty. One older gent told me of how he saw the castle on fire from the top of Sleaven and

as he was coming down the hill a crowd of men came running up towards him, they carrying the biggest table that he had ever seen. Others grabbed chairs, paintings, sideboards, candelabras, fine cutlery, swords, pistols and so much more. One looted oil painting that I had the good fortune to see when a teenager, was that of the castle as viewed from below the bridge in the early eighteen hundreds. In it, the present tower did not exist and a colourful troop of Hedges militia, wearing white caps, red jackets and sashes, are trooping across the bridge (just as it was before its desecration by State agencies in 2016) with guns held aloft.

Thankfully, the head housekeeper contacted some of the more trust-worthy towns-people and asked them to take in some of the saved items, especially large furnishings and paintings. A lot of this was eventually sent back to Lady Ardilaun and so, ended up in her Ashford Castle near Cong Co. Mayo where it is still visible today. Regrettably, having packed some very valuable sets of china into timber barrels, in order to ship them back to Lady Ardilaun also, a 'looker-on' grabbed some of the cannon balls that were beside the lawn's cannon guns (the ones that are now in front of the Castle Arch). These he then secretly slipped into the barrels and, as the barrels were later carried by a rocking ship back to Dublin, on reaching their destination the cannon balls had ground the china into dust.

The saddest tragedy of all this, however, is that a lot of these items, like the bell and the china, were part of our own Irish heritage. The castle and its contents may have been temporarily acquired by the British 'planter' Hedges two hundred years ago, but we would have got it all back eventually and our previous five hundred years of connection to the castle (early 13th to the late 17th centuries) eventually reinstated. As it turned out, when Lady Ardilaun owned the castle, - she was a descendant of the original owners, the McCarthy's, but became related to the Hedges through marriage and so her family inherited the castle from them - not only did she save Macroom from being burnt to the ground by the Black 'n Tans in reprisal for the Kilmichael ambush (we thanked her for this by burning down her home), before she died in 1925 she transferred the entire demesne to a group of Macroom business people, in the hope that it would be 'held in trust', forever, by the people of Macroom. That is why we have a GAA pitch, a school and a golf course there and why you can still roam most of the demesne today.

If the spectacular medieval castle still stood and was now fully restored, however, Macroom would be as vibrant as Blarney Castle or Muckross House are today. Unfortunately, through its bitter divisiveness, Civil War politics robbed Macroom of its greatest asset and we suffer the consequences to this day. And not just in Macroom, our diminishing heritage, culture and environment are still continually robbed from us, with no better examples than the treatment of our beloved Gearagh, the desecration of the crypts beneath St. Coleman's Church on Castle Street in the early 1990's, the recent defilement of our medieval bridge, the present horrific despoilation of our once beautiful Upper Lee Valley with endless/useless Wind Farms, or the forthcoming destruction of the previously mentioned Mill Race. Like Macroom Castle we now, again, lose these through lack of foresight and crossbody consultation with the relevant heritage bodies and community. Having endured one hundred years of their arrogant self-serving policies, however, it is high time to change that toxic status quo. Then the loss of Macroom Castle may not seem so pointless, especially if the prejudices that destroyed it, are themselves reduced to rubble.

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Upcoming Events in Macroom Library

Purlies Knitting Group will meet on Thursday Sep 1st at 11.30am.

Creative Writing Group will meet on Friday Sep 2nd at 11am.

Adult Book Club will meet on Wednesday Sep 7th at 11.30am.

Bridge Club will take place on Wednesday Sep 14th at 10am.

My Little Library Book Bag

It's not too late to collect your 'My Little Library Book Bags' which are available for children starting primary school in September 2022.

Invitations to collect these book bags were sent out to



Grace Donovan Art Exhibition at Macroom Library

preschools and childminders, and these invites can be brought to the library by children and their parents or guardians so they can collect their very own 'My Little Library Book Bag' which contains:
 Three books on starting school, making friends, and being comfortable to be yourself.
 A story card on going to the library.
 A postcard on which the child can write or draw and send to their new teacher or bring and give to the teacher on their first day at school.
 Their very own library card and special 'My Little

Library' cardholder.

We hope that it will be the first step for many of the children on their lifetime journey of reading, learning, and visiting the library!

These book bags are available in both Irish and English.

Art Exhibitions: we still have two fantastic art exhibitions on display this month thanks to artists Grace Donovan and Jackie Nevin.

Grace is displaying her colourful collection of beautiful watercolour paintings of flowers, animals, and other scenic views of nature which can be viewed in the exhibition area near the back of the library. As for Jackie's artwork, we're sure by now you've all seen the brilliant sculptures on display in our library window as part of her project titled 'Bringing Outside In,' which has featured a bird's nest, a crow, and a giant spider!

Make sure you pop-in to the visit and see these fantastic pieces of art before it's too late!

Summer Stars Reading Programme will soon be coming to an end after another fantastic summer of reading by all who took part. Don't forget to call in to the library to collect your award certificates from Saturday August 27th onwards! The end of Summer Stars coincides with the beginning of the new school year, and we can't wait until the local primary schools start calling to us again when their class visits begin. See you all soon!

A big welcome home for Ross O'Brien

Image right: North Cork Under 14 Road bowling final played recent in Kilcorney. Winner Chloe Hubbard , Rylane. runner up Jenna Healy, Kilcorney. Pictured with referee Derry Cooney.

Images below: Ross O'Brien celebrating his all Ireland u 12 Bowling win in Armagh recently





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VALLEY WHEELERS MICHEAL COLLINS CYCLE

A group of cyclists from Valley Wheelers followed the Micheal Collins Trail on Sunday 21st Aug 2022 to make the centenary of his death at Béal na Bláth. The group visited all the significant historical sites and met the Tanaiste Leo Varadkar at the end of the 135kms cycle.



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ST. COLMAN'S CEMETERY MACROOM MASS:

This annual Mass will take place in the graveyard on this Friday August 26 at 7.30pm

SUMMER MADNESS IN CARRIGANIMA:

A great turn out for Declan Nerney in Carriganima last weekend, Country and western music is alive and well there. Great to see a large turnout of young people, everyone dancing the night away

on the 'stones' and all were happy. Well done Seanie for organising it and all who helped to make it a success. The next big night is Sunday Sept 4 with Seamus Moore from 8pm to late.

Image right: Eileen Buckley and Declan Nerney in Carriganima





Irish Self Catering Federation **WEBINAR**

Fighting For The Rights of Self Catering Owners In Ireland / Conference

The National Irish Self Catering Federation is the sole representative and lobbying body for owners of Self-Catering properties in Ireland, recognised as such by consultative bodies, Local & Central Government, and every leading Tourism Groups. Our aim is to promote and defend the interests of Self-Catering property owners giving voice to issues affecting our sector. The Irish Self Catering Federation represents members who market approx. 6,000 holiday homes in Ireland.

We are holding a Webinar: Fighting for the rights of Self-Catering Owners in Ireland on the 31st of August 2022 at 7:30pm, as a result of the Bill introduced recently for STR property owners.

Let me explain:

There are major changes coming in our industry.

1) Earlier this month the Irish Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage Darragh o Brien introduced a Planning and Development Bill (no 2) 2022. This Bill states that a person who rents a house as a Short-Term Rental (STR) must apply to their local authority for planning permission to change the use of the property, so it can be used for tourism and short-term letting purposes. Online platforms, such as Airbnb, will not be able to advertise properties in rent pressure zones without required planning permission that permits the property to be used for short-term letting.

Blog - <https://iscf.ie/blog/str-rental-bill-2022-ireland/> The controls will apply to non-principal private residences in Rent Pressure Zones and are to come into effect on the 1st of September 2022.

2) This year a Register for Short Term Rentals will commence. The EU are bringing legislation in for all Short-Term Rentals. This will be followed by legislation developed by Failte Ireland who have been appointed by the Irish Government to develop a Register for Short Term Rental Accommodation which will go into effect in Q1 2023. We recommend for all Self-Catering businesses to join the Irish Self-Catering Federation ahead of this legislation coming into law in Ireland. As a Member of the ISCF you will be kept up to date on all the current Tourism Developments which effects the Self-Catering owners with Ireland.

3) On the 19th of October 2022 we will be having our "Shared Future for Self Catering" Conference in The Grand Hotel Malahide, Dublin. Which will be open to the General Public. Discounted tickets will be available to ISCF Members Only. ISCF Members will have priority over the limited available tickets. At this event, we will have National & International speakers who will be discussing the Future of Self Catering in Ireland.

Daisy O'Brien

Administrator: Irish Self Catering Federation



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Website: Corporate: www.iscf.ie / Consumer: www.LetsGoSelfCatering.ie

End of an Era

Cill Na Martra Post Office

When the post office at Cill na Martra closed for good at the close of business on Friday 22 July last, it was the end of an era. The attached shop ceased trading on the following Sunday.

The first reference to a house on that site was recorded in the Schools' Folklore Collection of Ballyvoige National School which was put together between June 1934 and January 1939. Seán Ó Súilleabháin of Cathair Dáithí, who was then over 80 years of age, gave an account of the houses in the Cross, or Cill na Martra village, when he began school in 1864. He would in time become Principal of Ballyvoige National School. He recalled that 'Mar atá tig an phuist anois bhí tig beag suarach slinne ann san am...'[where the Post Office is now, there was a small, miserable slated house then] and went on to say there was a 'tig deas ag Micheál Ua Murchadha, fear an phuist' [Micheál Ó Murchadha, the postman has a nice house] by the time of the Folklore Collection.

The postal service in Ireland has a long history going back to medieval letter carriers and mail coaches from the 17th century onwards. However, the beginning of the modern postal service can be dated to 1841 when a then unknown civil servant named Anthony Trollope was sent to Ireland on the cusp of the Famine as a postal surveyor or inspector to put the mail system on a modern footing. Trollope would later become a famous novelist, who is still read today. While he may have already decided to become a writer, he didn't actually start to write until the decade he spent in Ireland. His first four novels were set in Ireland, as was his last which was unfinished and partly serialised on his death. It is said that the long railway journeys entailed by his work gave him the opportunity to start writing. He was first based in Banagher, in what is now Co. Offaly, and travelled around Connacht from there. He later went south, spending time in Clonmel and Mallow while reorganising the postal service in the southern counties. In 1851 he was recalled to do the same work in south-west England and south Wales. Apart from his enduring claim to fame as a novelist and the modern postal service he left behind him, he also invented the pillar (or post) box.

When Francis Guy first published his Directory for



the County and City of Cork for the years 1875/6 the main post office for this region was in Macroom; John Williams was postmaster. There were sub-offices in Ballyvourney, Inchigeela and Kilmichael. There was evidently no post office in Cill na Martra at this time. By 1886 Guy's Postal Directory of Munster listed 'Ballyvoige' (not Ballyvoige) post office in the parish of 'Kilnamartery'. The postmistress was listed as Mrs C. Riordan. It also listed a post office in Lissacreasig with John Herlihy as postmaster. Purcell's Commercial Cork Almanac of 1882 also lists Ballyvoige post office. I have very recently established through the good offices of the Archives section of the GPO in Dublin that the first post office in Ballyvoige dates from 1880.

Cornelius (Con) Riordan was the first postmaster. He was one of the Riordan family of Drom a'Gharraí in Cill na Martra parish. He died in 1895 but had been incapacitated for a number years and thus his wife had taken over the running of the post office by 1886. Their daughter Mary was listed as postmistress on the marriage cert when she married Micheál Ó Murchadha from Coolea on 29 July 1902. When their great-granddaughter Bernie Murphy closed the door of the post office for the last time on 22 July last, it ended the Murphy family involvement with the post office which had lasted 120 years almost to the day! The Riordan/Murphy family had been involved in running the post office since it opened in 1880.

In Guy's Directory of 1904 Micheál is listed as postmaster. He also appears to have done some farming. In the 1911 census he is listed as a 'Postman and Sub Farmer'. It is clear they ran the post office together. Family lore recalls that

Mary would walk to Lissacreasig post office every morning - hail, rain or shine- including Saturdays and even Christmas Day unless it fell on a Sunday, to collect the post which would have come from Macroom. She would then return to Ballyvoige post office and Micheál would take the letters and proceed on foot around the parish delivering them. He would also collect any letters to be posted, along with money for the stamps. When he returned home that evening, these would be taken to Lissacreasig by his wife for onward transmission to Macroom post office.

Lissacreasig post office was then just east of the Half-Way House, in the townland of Lissacreasig in Clondrohid parish. The ruins of this house were visible until very recent times but now appear to have been overgrown. It opened about the same time as Ballyvoige and the first postmaster was John Herlihy. He died in 1899 and his son Henry is listed as 'Postman' in the 1901 census. By the 1911 census the post office had moved and Jeremiah Lehane of Coolavokig in Cill na Martra parish is listed as both shopkeeper and postmaster. The word 'Postmaster' has clearly been added to the original census form as an afterthought so maybe the transfer had been very recent. In any event, the name Lissacreasig transferred with the post office so Lissacreasig post office was actually in Coolavokig and remained in the Lehane family until its closure in recent years.

Micheál and Mary's son Peter took over Ballyvoige sub-post office in 1949. He and his brother Mick were also the local postmen. In 1964 Ballyvoige sub-post office officially became Cill na Martra post office following a campaign by Peter. On his retirement in 1984, the post office transferred to Mick's wife Agnes. On her death in 1993, their daughter Bernie took charge until its recent closure.

The first public phone was installed in Ballyvoige post office in 1946. The number was Macroom 82. In 1957, two private phones on a party line were installed for Helena Murphy (Tommy Sean) and John Corkery, both of Cill na Martra village. Their numbers were Macroom 39 and 70, respectively.



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Ted's Opel Vauxhall Run 2022

On Saturday morning last the 13th of August, seventy-two cars assembled at the Mills Inn, Ballyvourney, Co. Cork for the 15th Ted's Opel Vauxhall Run, in aid of "Dogs for the Disabled". They came from all corners of the country, Belfast to Clonakilty, Derry to Kerry, Kildare to Sligo, Galway, Waterford, Limerick and plenty local support aswell. Also in attendance was the Marketing Manager of Opel Ireland, Emma Toner, who on her first visit to the run was highly impressed. Ms Toner also had the duty of selecting the winning car for Best Overall Car of the run and selected the Opel Kadett Coupe of Kieran O'Neill from Belfast for the Opel Ireland sponsored Award. Kieran was one of the Group Motors Rallying groups who travelled down for the event bringing in total 9 cars with them. The first Special Award of the day was selected by Caroline from the Mills Inn and went to John & Elaine Unkles and their Opel Manta A from Sligo. After a briefing the cars headed off through Gaeltacht Mhúscraí taking in Reinanaree, Toonsbridge, along the Gaeradh, Dromcarra, Inchigeela, along the Lough Allua rally stage and stopping at Gougane Barra. Another Special Award was chosen and presented by Maria Uí Laoire from Cronin's Café, and the winner was Enda Faherty from Omagh with his Opel Ascona B. Leaving Gougane Barra the run continued to the Mouth of the Glen, Furihy, Top of Coom, Coolea and returning to the Mills Inn for a Barbeque and the remainder of the prizes. The Kevin O'Leary Perpetual Cup for Best Opel went to Tom Hennessy from Limerick with his Opel Ascona B, The Cartellie Perpetual Cup for Best Vauxhall went to Declan & Jerry O'Sullivan with their Vauxhall Astra Estate, The



An Opel traffic Jam

Rentokil Perpetual Cup for Best Modified went to Vinny Ward from Killaloe with his Opel Manta 400r who incidentally also won the Perpetual Shield, which is randomly picked from all the run entries. The Jackie Small Memorial Award went to David O'Brien from Kildare with his Opel Rekord Diesel. The Spirit of the Run Award went to Group Motors Rallying as a team who always support the event and always help out in any way they can. There were two other Special Awards left and one was chosen by Gerard Cronin who was representing Dogs for the Disabled, Gerard had his Assistant Dog "Maud" with him, he chose the Opel Manta 400r in the "Billy Coleman, Dealer Team Opel Ireland" livery owned

by Joey O'Shea from Limerick. The last of the Special Awards was chosen by Josie and Clodagh from the Mills Inn and the winner was another Limerick man Jim Ahern with his Vauxhall Victor Fb. There was also an auction of two framed and autographed rally prints of Jimmy McRae and Ari Vatanen kindly donated by Podge Newe, the bidding went to €120 each and that money also went to the Dogs for the Disabled. The evening finished off with the wonderful music of Hank Wadel. We would like to thank all who attended to make the event possible, and hope you all return next year on August 12th 2023.



Enda Faherty receiving a Special Award for his Opel Ascona B from Maria Uí Laoire, Ted O'Connell.



Denis Murphy, June Falvey, Ted O'Connell Committee members Ted's Opel Vauxhall Run, Kieran O'Neill Winner of Best Overall Car of the run for his Opel Kadett Coupe, and Emma Toner, Marketing Manager, Opel Ireland who sponsored the Award.



John Palmer receiving the Spirit of the Run Award on behalf of Group Motors Rallying from Ted O'Connell.



Ted O'Connell presenting the Kevin O'Leary Perpetual Cup for Best Opel went to Tom Hennessy for his Opel Ascona B,



The Rentokil Perpetual Cup for Best Modified car went to Vinny Ward from Killaloe with his Opel Manta 400r who incidentally also won the Perpetual Shield, Ted O'Connell.

New Autumn Class Schedule



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WEDNESDAY 5:45PM
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THURSDAY 10:00AM
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Inchigeela Festival

We are glad to announce that weekend number one of the events was a resounding success. All the acts were a great hit and everyone went home happy. Throngs of revelers filled the village and the beautiful marquee on the river island rocked to great music for three nights. Congrats to all volunteers, whose hard work, before, during and after each night, saw to it that all went smoothly and safely. And now we are looking forward to weekend number two where the big stars are Jimmy Buckley, Rebel Hearts and Bog the Donkey with supporting bands each night. There is a well-stocked bar in the marquee and food is provided by a large mobile food wagon. Tickets are at the door. The supporting group begin at 9pm and its strictly over 18s. Remember cash only. These two weekends hopefully will provide funding to begin improvements to the village hall which is in need of attention for some time.

Don't let the summer end without a visit to the Inchigeela Festival.

Carraig an Aifrinn

Mass was held again recently at our Mass Rock on the south lake Road and a large crowd gathered. Father Anthony PP was the celebrant. This was a lovely occasion in the out of doors, with a balmy evening before the setting of the sun. I'm sure many of us thought of our ancestors, who gathered there in troubled times when practising their faith was considered an unlawful act punished severely.



Mass at Carrraig an Aifrinn Inchigeela

Castle Wedding

Carrignacurra castle, at Inchigeela, was the venue for a recent wedding. The historic landmark is undergoing renovations and the present owner hopes to rent it out eventually for such events as weddings. A marquee accommodated the guests at this recent wedding and we hear that everyone enjoyed the big day. The castle, which is also known as a tower house, is over four hundred years old and it is good to see it being returned to its former glory and hopefully it will add to the

economy of the area.

Water Leaks

In Beal Átha, the Coiste Forbartha are asking people to complain to Uisce Éireann regarding the neglect to burst water pipes. The condition of the road is deteriorating seriously, where the underground pipes are leaking and patchwork repairs are totally unsatisfactory. So please let Irish water know what you think about it as previous complaints seem to have fallen on deaf ears.



Caroline from The Mills Inn, John Unkles receiving a Special Award for his Opel Manta A, Ted O'Connell.



Jim Ahern receiving his Special Award from Josie and Clodagh of the Mills Inn for his Vauxhall Victor Fb, Ted O'Connell.



Joey O'Shea receiving his Special Award for his Opel Manta 400r in the "Billy Coleman, Dealer Team Opel Ireland" livery from Gerard Cronin representing Dogs for the Disabled, Ted O'Connell and Assistant Dog "Maud"

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As we age, the spinal discs gradually lose fluid volume. This process starts at about age 30 and progresses slowly, over time.

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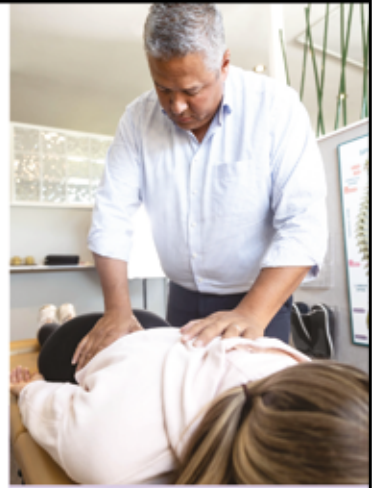
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Kilmurry Active Retirement Association News

It wasn't surprising that so many went. We had a meeting in June and one of the things that our members did was to select preferences from a list of about fifty suggested activities. While every activity got a vote, as you can imagine some things proved more appealing than others. But the most popular of all was 'garden visit'. And so, having been given the instructions from our membership, our committee selected Lakemount Garden, Glanmire. It was close by, being within our Lee valley catchment.

Making the arrangements with Matt McCarty was easy, and he accommodated our requirements. So, on the 18th of August, thanks to Garda Darragh Moore, our driver on the day, and to that really great facility the Macroom Garda Community bus service, together with a few cars, we headed off. We were hoping that the weather would be kind so that we would have an enjoyable afternoon, but as it happened our expectations were greatly exceeded. Lakemount Garden extends to two acres. This is a beautiful mature garden with references to it, I understand, dating back 100 years, at which time it was primarily dedicated to fruit trees and chickens. However, around the early 1950s, it was reimaged by the owners at the time the Cross family who developed the present layout. It was open to the public for many years and recognised as one of the best examples in the country of its style - multiple gardens full of interest and variation within the garden. However, circumstances change with time and the place was put up for sale. It was bought by its current owners Beata and Matt about five years ago, the main attraction to Beata being its garden. It is being restored to its former glory, and that includes space for the fruit trees and chickens. Beata was our guide on the day. She is the avid gardener, and despite all the questions thrown at her, over an hour and half, by our pretty clued-in bunch, her knowledge never failed but to impress. We all thoroughly enjoyed the experience, and in the process, in our little way, we contributed to the restoration of an important local attraction for garden enthusiast and visitor alike. It is a special place, and it was indeed a privilege to visit. We would recommend it to other groups planning an interesting day out. They can be contacted at <https://lakemountgarden.business.site/> or 0834408472. Afterwards we went to The Barn



Kilmurry gardening enthusiasts.

Restaurant close by. There we enjoyed excellent food and even more excellent chat! Altogether, it was a great day out.

Looking forward to September, our committee has made plans for the autumn term. Thanks to the generosity of our sister association in Coachford, we have been invited to go bowling there on Monday mornings for a few sessions. The idea is that if we get hooked, and if we are about to exceed our welcome, we will then set about providing our own equipment and find a place to play so that we can someday bring back some silverware!

We will be starting line dancing with Debbie Curran. This is a taster really. It is for the four Tuesday evenings in September at 8.30pm in Crookstown hall, starting September 6th. The fee will be just €5/ session for members and €8 for non-members, so bring along friends, and adults of all ages are most welcome to come and try it out.

On Wednesday afternoons from the 14th of September, we are starting what we are calling our ACT sessions. ACT is not for acting, though we might do that too. It is for Activities, Chat and Tea! First up on the 14th we are planning a flower arranging demonstration. The first two sessions will take place in the Heritage room in Kilmurry museum.

We are planning an evening event too, to present funds secured from sales of our booklet 'Much loved Songs from the Past as Gaelige' to the Alzheimer Society and perhaps have a talk on the night, but

more to follow on that soon.

The Staying Fit for the Future courses given by Cork Sports Partnership will be restarting both in Kilmurry on the 26th and Crookstown on the 29th September. If you have a friend or know someone that would like to join the programme, new participants are welcome to book via the following link - <https://eventmaster.ie/event/In0ltV8HPO>

The Southern Region of Active Retirement Ireland is holding its next Tea Dance on Sunday the 4th September in Springfort Hall outside Mallow. Anne O'Brien, the regional coordinator, says it is a lovely old house with beautiful gardens and wonderful homemade food for afternoon tea. I don't know it, but it sounds great. It is such a pity I can't dance! It will be from 2.30 to 5pm. The admission is €15, and all are welcome.

Our association is open to all. Our philosophy is that age makes no difference, but health does. Isn't it hard to think of anything more important than health. Perhaps freedom, but then you need your health to enjoy freedom. So, let's do what we can to keep healthy and challenged in body and in mind. Perhaps consider joining us or another organisation in your area. We are better together, and it is easier. You will be kept as busy as you choose to be and positively engaged in your community, and we think you will enjoy it. For more information contact Aidan at 0894057676 or aidanpbarry@outlook.com



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The Macroom and District Environmental Group

Think Globally, Act locally

Just how did Muinefliuch National School win the National Award, on the theme of Global Citizenship, for its Green Schools Programme, and what can we in the Lee Valley learn from their amazing success?

Today I have the great pleasure of sharing with you the thoughts of Eileen Foley, who recently retired as Principal teacher from this aspirational and inspirational school.

Earlier this year, as well as raising it's sixth Green Flag, this rural National school in the Lee Valley beat all the other schools in Ireland to win the National Award for Global Citizenship.

The theme of Global Citizenship deals with being a good citizen of the world and ensuring the Planet is there for future generations.

I learn that the whole process which led to this great achievement this year, started about twenty years ago when the then Principal, Mrs Sheila Kelly, began implementing the Green Schools Programme – making it one of the first schools in Ireland to do so.

The Programme covers a number of themes, beginning with Litter and Waste minimalization and followed by the themes of Energy, Water, Travel, Biodiversity and Global Citizenship.

Each theme takes 2 years to cover and is supported and assessed by Green Schools.

Muinefliuch National School became involved to make environmental awareness and action an intrinsic part of the life and ethos of the school. It helps to extend learning beyond the classroom and helps to develop responsible attitudes to our environment. It links in very well with school subjects such as science and geography. The children say that it's fun and they really enjoy the elements of the action plan, whilst also developing invaluable skills.

The school set up a committee for each theme, representative of the whole school, which was primarily made up of students from each of the classes. This was co-ordinated by a teacher. Mrs Foley feels that they were fortunate to have had many dedicated Green School Co-ordinators over the years. Geraldine O Sullivan has been leading it



for the past 6 years and she has been an inspiration to everyone in terms of guiding, encouraging and implementing the steps of the Plans. The Action Planner is their Route Planner and is made up of specific goals for improvement over the two years. The school has been working on the final theme of Global Citizenship for the past 2 years, and the Green Schools Committee met regularly during that time, to ensure that the whole school was on track.

I was interested to hear about some of the steps in the school's Action Plan. I learned that the older children completed projects on the theme of Climate Change, with the older children creating Power-points on the topic.

A Clothes Recycling week was organised where families donated used clothes to charity. At Christmas, they took part in the Shoebox appeal, sending off gifts to Third World countries. Projects were completed on 'Women Who Made A Difference'. Some pupils participated in the 'Picker Pals' programme which involved taking turns at Litter-Picking.

Senior pupils really enjoyed the Designathon project which involved groups designing and constructing a prototype to solve an environmental issue. They were given electronics set to use in their project and really enjoyed using circuits, propellers, lights etc. They got to present

their creations in the County Hall which was a brilliant experience.

They had an Action Week, with events such as Multicultural Day, a Walk to School Day, A Spring Clean Day and a Litter Monitoring Day, where the children had to carry out surveys.

While concentrating on the current theme, the children also continued to work on the other themes. Eileen goes on to tell me about their School Garden. She feels that they are very lucky that the school is located in a beautiful rural environment with lots of biodiversity. There is a lovely garden which the children love to work on. They grow lots of fruit and vegetables in their polytunnel and they are looking forward to the harvesting in September. They have a sensory garden with lots of plants to stimulate the senses. Last year with the help of parents, they made an outdoor classroom/ 'aistear' area and playground from recyclable materials. The Garden has won many awards over the years.

They have got Muintir na Tire awards for Biodiversity, and Best for Play etc. and this year they were awarded a Gold Medal for Overall Excellence.

Eileen would like to add that co-operation and help from the whole school community is vital for a programme such as Green Schools to be successful. She feels they are also very fortunate to have had wonderful input from many staff members over the years. Also, many parents came to help out after school and over weekends and their skills were invaluable. Tasks such as watering plants over holiday periods are so important and she is really grateful to parents and pupils for organising this. I would like to thank Eileen Foley for sharing such wonderfully positive information with us before leaving us with the words *Ni neart go cur le cheile*

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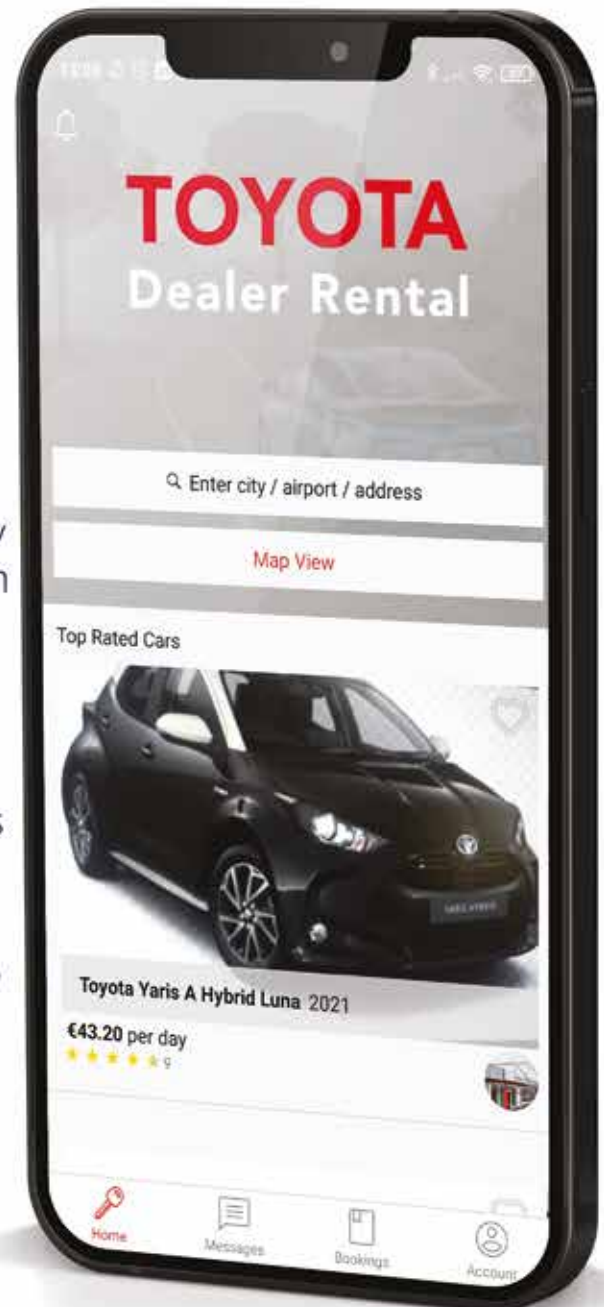
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The back-to-school rush has started. New uniforms, books, backpacks and lunch boxes. For some it's new schools and new teachers and for the youngest students it's a big change that some of them are reluctant to embrace. It is a rite of passage that we have all been through in one way or another. I know some people don't have the best of memories from their school days, so I consider myself lucky enough that I endured nothing of too great a consequence that it affected my future life. Having said that I will admit that the word test or exam still sends chills down my spine, I was so nervous of the weekly spelling tests. It wasn't that I was particularly bad at spellings it was just the stress and drama around the whole event. The repetitious learning at home finalised with Mum or Dad testing me. Then on Friday in school it would start – a school bag placed between each couple to make sure there would be no copying, clear everything else off the desk, take out the spelling test copybook, select a new page and draw a line down the centre – English spellings would be on the left and Irish on the right. All this preparation was accompanied by much shushing and warnings. Then the first word would be uttered, a second run with it being spoken more slowly and then a third chance before the second word would be offered and so on for twenty words in English and then twenty more in Irish. But by then I was so stressed and nervous it could have been Japanese and Urdu for all the good it would do me, my blank mind, trembling hand and almost tears ruining my chances. Then it was time to swop copies with those in front or behind for the ritual corrections and totting up of success or failure. Of course, any missed spellings had to be written out numerous times so weekend homework could become disappointingly long. But for me it didn't matter if I surprised myself by doing well, I would still face the same torment a week later, I just couldn't handle this idea of my ability being condensed into just one opportunity. You can just imagine how that developed for the leaving certificate – I was a red eyed wreck for the duration. But I must say that examinations aside I did enjoy my school days and have some great



Mo Mhála Leabharlaine Beag

memories of them, my teachers, classmates and the schools I attended.

If you have someone who is starting 'big school' for the first time this year have you collected a Little Library Book bag for them from your local library? Leabharlann Bhaile Bhúirne still has these bags available in Irish or English for anyone starting school this year. The 'My Little Library Book Bag' contains three books about starting school, making friends, and being comfortable to be yourself. A story card about going to the library. A postcard for your child to write or draw and give to their new schoolteacher. They will also receive a library registration card and 'My Little Library' cardholder. You do not have to be a library member to avail of this offer, but I would love if you did register your child for the library and make a visit to Leabharlann Bhaile Bhúirne part of your family routine.

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If you are interested in any of the library groups, please note that the Creative Writing Group will be gathering at 4pm on Friday 2nd September. No experience is necessary, and the group is very welcoming to new members.

The Library Book Club will be at 10.30 am on Wednesday 7th September and the Knit, Craft, Chat Group meets every Tuesday at 11am. These groups are open to all and are great fun and new members are welcome. Unfortunately, I cannot provide refreshments during these sessions, but you are welcome to bring your own tea or coffee and snack with you.

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Michael Collins - The Big Fella

By Mary O'Mahony

The centenary ceremony of the death of Commander-in-Chief Michael Collins was always going to be one of the main commemorations of the Decade of Centenaries. It was made even more symbolic by the joint orations of An Taoiseach, Michéal Martin, the first serving Fianna Fáil Taoiseach to speak at the commemoration and An Tánaiste Leo Varadkar, Fine Gael Leader.

The Ireland of 1922 was a very different country to the one we live in today, with the country embattled in a Civil War between pro and anti-treaty forces, former comrades who had now taken up arms against each other.

On the morning of 22 August 1922, Commander-in-Chief of the National Army and Chairman of the Provisional Government of the Irish Free State, Michael Collins left the Imperial Hotel Cork on a tour of his native West Cork. The convoy consisted of a motorcycle outrider, a Crossley tender, an open-topped Leyland touring car with Collins and Emmet Dalton seated in the back and the armoured car, 'Sliabh na mBan'. They travelled to Macroom via Coachford as the bridges on the main Cork to Macroom road were blown up.

The armoured car got into difficulties outside Jack O'Mahony's residence at Ballymichael and was pushed up the hill by the Crossley Tender. Collins was not given a rapturous welcome in Kilmurry. Two local IRA volunteers had been killed in the Battle of Limerick the previous month, William Harrington, Greenville, Terelton aged 23 and Patrick O'Mahony, Castlemore,



Councillor Gobnait Moynihan giving oration at Lissarda Ambush 21st August 2022

Crookstown, aged 17. An attempt by the convoy outrider to announce Collins' arrival by knocking on some of the village doors fell mostly on deaf ears; the only obvious response coming from Billy Keogh who was concerned for the safety of his ducklings in the path of the convoy exclaiming "mind my ducks".

After Kilmurry village, the convoy came upon Béal na mBláth crossroads. Due to the state of the war time roads and the convoy primarily consisting of Dublin based soldiers, the convoy enquired from a man, outside Long's public house for directions to Bandon. This man was Denis 'Dinny the Dane' Long who was acting as sentry for republican officers and men from the 3rd Brigade who had returned from fighting in North Cork and Limerick and were billeted there.

Long having recognised Collins gave directions to the convoy and then made his way to Murray's farmhouse. This was the headquarters of the 1st and 3rd brigades, the staff of which were holding a Council of War meeting.

As was IRA policy, it was decided to set an ambush should the convoy return that way. The convoy continued their journey visiting Bandon, Clonakilty, Sam's Cross and Skibbereen. The day went well, inspecting troops, meeting comrades, family, and friends.

When the convoy did finally make its return that evening, much later than expected, the ambush party had been mostly stood down with the remaining men in the process of retrieving mines and clearing the roadblock. In the ensuing ambush Michael Collins was fatally shot.

The lengthy time the convoy took to cover the twenty miles back to Cork city was because many of the roads were blocked and the convoy had to travel across muddy fields and through farms to circumnavigate the obstacles, all in darkness. At times, when the vehicles became bogged down, members of the convoy had to carry Collins' body on their shoulders. The touring car eventually had to be abandoned because of mechanical trouble. Collins was taken to Shanakiel Hospital in Cork, then a military hospital and thereafter by ship to Dublin where he laid in state at the City Hall. On 28 August 1922 Michael Collins was buried at Glasnevin cemetery, an estimated 500,000 lined the streets of Dublin for the funeral procession, approximately one-fifth of the population of Ireland both sides temporarily united in grief.

Memories of Macroom in the sixties, seventies and other anecdotes

Many people in Macroom still refer to Barrett's Place as Danzig though I doubt that few, if any, could explain why. It was Anne (Babe) O'Callaghan who used to live at 8, Barrett's Place, that told me the story. She said that the houses in Barrett's Place were built in the 1930s and that people started moving in there in 1939. At the time Hitler had invaded Poland and newsreels showed streams of people fleeing Danzig (now called Gdansk) with their belongings. Some fellow, seeing all the furniture and other effects on the street waiting to be taken in, remarked 'This place looks like Danzig' and the name stuck. Barrett's Place was named after Canon Barrett, a former parish priest, just as O'Connor Park is named after Archdeacon D. O'Connor who was in Macroom in the 1960s. Archdeacon D. O'Connor once heard of a parishioner who was living with a woman to whom he wasn't married and so he decided to pay him a visit. He arrived at the door, knocked, and the owner came out. "I hear you're living with a woman," said the Archdeacon. "What about it? Sure, aren't you living with a woman yourself?" he replied, referring to the Archdeacon's live-in housekeeper.

When I was young, you would often see an animal or two after breaking out of a field and grazing at

the side of the road. Sometimes an animal might stray into the town where they were likely to cause some damage and, when that happened, the Gardai would put them into the local pound where the owner could then collect them after paying a fee. The pound in Macroom was located at the back of Mary Anne's pub in Maseystown, which also doubled as a handball court.

At the farther end of the golf course is an old building called the gazebo. In former times this would have been used as a shelter from the rain by Lady Ardilaun when out walking. However, it was also used as a changing room for ladies from the castle who wanted to bathe in the pool just outside it. They would not have bathed in the river as it would be a little dangerous and they might have also been seen from the opposite bank.

Macroom Agricultural Show

This was held yearly in July in the GAA pitch opposite McEgan College. My father was a member of the Show Committee and so I remember it particularly well. The entry fee would be collected at the castle archway by some members of the show committee. If a person left and thought he might return again later the back of his hand or wrist would be stamped (with a rubber stamp) which he could then show to get back in. (I

remember one fellow, a Yank, who objected to this saying that only animals were stamped and insisted we stamp a sheet of paper instead.) Entry was generally free from 4pm onwards. The Castle Ballroom (now converted into classrooms) was the women's section. Here cakes, jams, vegetables and poultry (in cages) would be displayed, ready for judging. On the slope above the GAA pitch would be swings and hawkers (often called 'the Maggies') which would appeal mainly to children as most of what they sold were toys, etc. I remember buying catapults which never lasted very long unfortunately as the elastic broke after a week or two of use. In the pitch itself, the near end to McEgan College was used for cattle judging. The wall on the river side of the pitch used to be divided into mini cubicles with bullrings in the wall and each animal would be kept in one of these until judging commenced. The animals would arrive at the showground from around 10am onwards. I remember walking animals up and down a lane to get them accustomed to walking alongside someone with a halter around their heads. The trick for the person walking the animal was to always stay behind the animal's head and to never let it lower its head as then it might bolt. Cows were seldom milked on the morning of the



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show so that their udders would seem as large as possible. The result was that you would often see milk dripping from their teats (or paps as they were more generally called) later in the day. Then some milk might be drawn off to relieve the pressure but also to avoid losing points when they were being judged. In the judging ring (generally formed by ropes tied to posts driven into the ground) the animals would be led around by their handlers with a judge standing in the middle judging each animal. Then they would be made to stand in a line facing the judge. It was important that the animals stood with the front and back feet together and often the handler might have to administer a gentle kick to the animal's hoof to encourage it to bring its feet together. Then the judge would hand out ribbons which were circular disks (similar to those worn by boys getting their confirmation) for first, second and third place. Once judging was over the animals would be taken home. The farther end of the pitch was reserved for show jumping. Having no interest in horses I never went to watch that but yes, there were jumps erected on the pitch for the horses to jump over. I don't know why the agricultural show stopped – maybe they ran out of money (for prize-giving, etc.) or maybe the local farmers stopped taking an interest in it as there was a bit of work involved in getting their animals ready for the day.

Two local gardai and the haunted house

Some people might remember the haunted house in Clonmoyle, Coachford. It was located at a sharp bend on the road to Donoghmore. Everyone believed it to be haunted though someone told me recently that it was never haunted; that that was a story circulated by the owner whose job meant that he was often away from home and so he invented the story to stop people from breaking in there. It certainly seems plausible as it is now occupied. Anyway, in the sixties and seventies there were two gardai stationed in Macroom and about whom stories are still told. These two gardai were in The Bridge Bar one night (located at the bottom of New Street) having a quiet drink while at the other end sat a group of men drinking Guinness. Now they say 'Guinness for strength' but it could equally be said 'Guinness for courage' as these lads were talking about the haunted house and, the more they drank, the braver they got until at last they decided to go over to Clonmoyle and teach this ghost a lesson or two in good manners. The two gardai had been listening to all this and left before the men had finally felt brave enough to go to Clonmoyle.

They sat into the squad car and drove off. They parked the car a little distance from the house, took a white sheet from the boot that was used for covering corpses and started walking towards the house. On the way they spotted a donkey in a field and took it along with them. Entering the house (which was not locked – why should it be if it was haunted?) they positioned the donkey in under the stairs and one of the gardai sat on its back with the sheet over him while the other stood behind it. After a while the lads started coming in as quiet as mice. They started to walk slowly and carefully up the stairs trying to avoid creaking boards. At that moment the garda behind the donkey, took out a lighter and, raising the donkey's tail, pressed the flame against its ass. Well, the donkey brayed and rushed across the floor and out the door while all that the lads on the stairs saw was something white rushing out the door accompanied by a terrible hullabaloo. They couldn't get out fast enough with

some of them even jumping through a window half way up the stairs. It wasn't until about two years later that the gardai finally revealed the part they had played in the story that night.

While those gardai were in Macroom there was very little crime as those two lads had a very effective way of dealing with any young fellow scutting or blaggarding. They would be taken into the squad car in the evening before it started to get dark and driven to the top of Masseytown. There they were made to take off their shoes and socks which were then placed on the ditch in full view of them. After that, they were driven up to St. John's Well, made to get out of the car and told to walk back to Macroom. As I said, it was a very effective way of dealing with local crime but it wouldn't happen today as you'd have every mammy in the place giving out and looking for big compo because of how traumatised and scarred for life poor little Johnny was.

Religious occasions

When I was young there used to be a Parish Mission once a year. A group of missionary priests would be invited to the Parish where they set up camp for the week. There would be Mass every morning and evening with confessions and other devotions. The church was always packed for those missions. Maybe the only people that didn't look forward to the missions were the publicans. The church was also packed for Holy Week devotions with Mass at 4pm on Holy Thursday, Holy Communion and veneration of the cross at 3pm on Friday (Our Lord is supposed to have died on the cross at 3pm) and midnight Mass on Saturday night. Holy Friday was the only day in the year when you'd see the front seats of the church packed with people as the first people to kiss the cross were also the first people to leave the church. 8'clock Mass on Christmas morning was always two Masses. The first Mass was quick with no sermon and only about three or four people would receive Holy Communion (and then leave at the end of that Mass). It was long a tradition for people to go to three Masses for Christmas – midnight Mass and the two masses at 8 in the morning. Before leaving this, I must also mention that, when I was a child, I remember old women in their black hooded cloaks sitting in the last seat at the back of the church.

Festivals

I'm not sure how many years the Mountain Dew Festival lasted but the town used to be jam-packed with people during the festival. It took place on the GAA pitch in the Castle Grounds and, as well as people, the town was also swarming with gardai, guarding every possible entry point to the Castle Grounds to prevent people from gaining illegal entry to the concert. Having a farm within the town's environs, we had to be on our guard against people trying to sleep in the hayshed where they might start smoking and so burn down the hayshed. I remember looking out the window of my father's car as we drove to Mass on Sunday morning and seeking the footpath on Castle Street packed with people lying there in their sleeping bags. Other amusements were the carnival and circus. The carnival happened about once a year in the mart grounds and the main attraction were the bumpers which were small electrified cars into which two young people would squeeze and drive around for five minutes or so, trying to pick up speed while also trying to avoid bumping into other cars. Other attractions included a stall with a lot of goods on display. Tickets would be sold and once a certain number of tickets were sold, a raffle

would take place. When that was over the whole thing would start again. There was also roulette, a merry go-round for very young children, swings for older children and so on. All in all, the carnival was a big community event for young and old alike. The circus, which was always either Duffy's or Forster's, happened in a big marquee set up in the Fair Field (down Masseytown and on the road up Tinker's Hill) or the mart grounds. The circus used to come about two or three times a year. It consisted of acrobatics, clowns and animals such as tigers and elephants performing tricks. One year a few lads that got the nickname of 'the elephant trainers' as they had the job of leading the elephants down to the River Sullane every morning and evening for a drink.

In the sixties or seventies some people found it difficult to sell a house for a decent price and so started selling tickets to raffle off their houses instead. One person in Macroom (a supposedly pious and religious man) latched on to this and decided to raffle his bicycle. Most people who bought tickets did so more of pity for him than anything else. About six months later he was still cycling around so someone asked him who won the bike and he said: "Well, by a strange coincidence I won it myself!" At the bottom of Chapel Hill, on the right-hand side, there is a stone between an ESB pole and the wall on which a fellow called Gampy would stand with a bell and, as people walked down the hill after Mass, he would ring the bell and shout out some local announcement. It was like a scene from the Middle Ages when street criers used to announce events in the same way. I was told that he also used to walk up and down the footpaths ringing the bell while calling out announcements. There was another fellow that could be described as being a bit simple. He absolutely loved painting, so much so that he would paint his house at least twice a year. One time he was telling someone of how he painted his house and painted his bike and painted his cat and of how everything went so well except that the cat died. I was also told of some fellow whose name I've forgotten who was in the Victoria Hotel someday dying for a drink but didn't have the money for it. There was a snipe lying on a table that Harry Leary (the owner) had shot so he said to Harry "If I eat that bird will you give me a pint?" and Harry agreed. So, he started plucking the bird but then said "Feck this" and started eating the bird, feathers and all. When he was finished and had got his pint he looked at a cat walking across the floor. "Another pint and I'll eat the cat as well!" Harry's wife grabbed the cat and went running upstairs with it. Unbelievable, yes, but it did happen.

The youth of today are not like the youth of yesterday and indeed it is true. Anyone with an orchard of apples back then had to be on the watch out for gangs of young fellas raiding his orchard from late August onwards. Today, a young fella wouldn't even look at an apple. Sweets and chocolate are all they want now. Back then, sweets and biscuits did not come in a packet but were sold loose instead (in paper bags – there were no plastic bags). Eggs could be bought individually and were wrapped in newspaper to protect them. Tea, flour, sugar and many other items could also be bought loose in four ounce or quarter pound weights. There was no metric. Flour came in cotton sacks weighing about four stone (about 25 kgs) and, when empty, the sack could be cut up and put to other uses such as bedsheets, a



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An Taoiseach Michael Martin inspecting the Guard of Honour



Evelyn McSweeney, John Vaughan and Cllr. Ted Lucey from Macroom



Included in this group are Evelyn McSweeney, John Vaughan and Cllr. Ted Lucey from Macroom



Simon Covey arriving at Beal na Blath for the Centenary Commemoration of the death of Michael Collins at Beal na Blath on Sunday last Macroom



An Taoiseach Michael Martin giving the oration



Canon O'Mahony reciting a decade of the Rosary for the happy repose of the soul of Michael Collins



Jenny and Anthony Dineen, Dearbhla Cullen, Niall and Cathy Byrne from Macroom



Warm smiles on a sunny day at Beal na Blath

Centenary of the death of **COLLINS** End of August 1922

Photos by Peter Scanlan



A section of the large crowd who attended the Centenary Commemoration of the death of Michael Collins at Beal na Blath on Sunday last



Michael Goulding Kilmurry



Leo Varadkar inspecting the Guard of Honour



The Army Band



Centenary Commemoration of the death of Michael Collins at Beal na Blath on Sunday last



Elenor Moor, Great grand niece of Michael Collins speaking at the Centenary Commemoration of the death of Michael Collins at Beal na Blath on Sunday last



Centenary Commemoration of the death of Michael Collins at Beal na Blath on Sunday last



Commemoration of the Centenary of the death of **MICHAEL COLLINS** at Beal na Blath 22nd of August 1922



Centenary Commemoration of the death of Michael Collins at Beal na Blath on Sunday last



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lining for trousers and so on. Milk came in bottles as did minerals and you always paid a deposit on the bottle which you got back when you returned it. There were a lot more shops than there are now (e.g. New Street had six shops, now there is only one). Learys (now called Supervalu) was the first supermarket opened in the town but back then it was only about a third of the size it is now while Macroom Mills (also owned by the Learys) was situated behind it. Before it was taken over by Ballyclough, butter was made in Macroom Creamery; I think it was called 'Lee Valley Butter'.

The castle guns

Some people may not know that the guns in front of the Castle Archway are, in fact, ship cannon. (A wedding present to Lady Ardilaun from Lord Bantry). When I was young one of these was located up Barrack Lane near the courthouse while the other one was on that little walkway that leads down to the back of the GAA clubhouse. Tommy Murphy (late of Barrett's Place) also told me of a third cannon which sank into the riverbed when it was being moved in the time of the Black and Tans. I don't know whether that is true or not. Today the mouths of the cannon are blocked to stop

rubbish from being stuffed into them. Perhaps the reason they were first blocked might have something to do with an incident one Halloween night sometime in the seventies. Some lads of my own age at the time, got a crow banger, lit it and shoved it into one of the cannons. It made a terrific bang that supposedly woke up half the people in the town. I wonder did the two gardai I mentioned earlier take those boys on a trip to St. John's Well?

Conclusion

Well, that's it and I hope you enjoyed reading this. Everything written here has been based either on my own memories or on what other people in Macroom have told me. As far as I am aware, all of it is true. If you have any stories or memories of Macroom long ago, please write them down and send them to this magazine. History should not just be about famous people and famous events. It should be also about ordinary common people like you and me. Unfortunately, all too many of us think that the stories and memories we have of long ago are so commonplace that they are not worth mentioning. They are wrong because when we die those memories will die with us, leaving future generations to wonder over things like why

is Barrett's Place called Danzig and so on. Hopefully Macroom Library will open an archive where all these articles submitted by people to the Lee Valley News can be stored for future generations. The history of people's ordinary everyday lives is called Social History and, unfortunately, precious little is written about it as it is a very difficult area to research as so little of it has been written down and recorded.

The two illustrations accompanying this have nothing to do with this article. Instead, they were meant to accompany an article on a forgotten mill race but were not submitted with it (published 05/05/22; to view it, go to <https://www.outlookmags.com/archives/lee-valley-outlook/>). The map traces the route of the forgotten mill race while the picture is of the now empty pond at Gurteenroe House. On the map the Fair Field is identified as FAIR GR. It shows the mill race as ending at the houses facing Maseytown Road as the Ordnance Survey (OS) maps for Macroom are divided into two sheets. Ignore the circle on the map – that was on the original OS map that I used.

TIMOTHY QUILL



Timothy and Mary Quill

BY KATHY O'SULLIVAN

'I have always said there is only one thing that can bring our nation down – our dependence on foreign countries for food and energy. Agriculture is the backbone of our economy.' - John Salazar Few, perhaps, understood this as did Timothy Quill (also known as Tadgh O'Cuill), politician, pivotal figure in the history of the cooperative movement in Ireland - and farmer. Born to Daniel and Mary Quill in Clondrohid, on May 9th 1901, Timothy displayed an early interest in agriculture. He also had a deep commitment to the welfare of the Irish people, first evidenced when he was made a secretary of the White Cross Funds (The Irish White Cross was established in 1921 to distribute funds raised by the American Committee for Relief in Ireland, funds that were used to support those who had been affected by the War of Independence. Although wound up in 1928, its work continued through subsidiary groups, such as the Children's Relief Association, supporting child victims through school and their early working lives, until it, in turn, was wound up in 1947).

It has been said that he was recruited into the Labour party by fellow Clondrohid native T. J. Murphy (Minister for Environment & Local Government in Ireland's first inter-party



1927 Labour Party election poster



1937 Labour Party election poster. (Source: National Library of Ireland)

government, 1948-1949). Timothy was elected as a councillor to Cork County Council in 1925, and subsequently elected as a Labour Party TD for the Cork North constituency at the 9th June 1927 general election. While campaigning, he spoke about the 'right to work' and the government's failing of 'humbler people' over the 'well-to-do class'. At 26 years of age, he was the youngest member of the 5th Dáil, the shortest Dáil in the history of the state, lasting only 63 days, with the first meeting on June 23rd and being dissolved on August 25th. It was during this Dáil that minister Kevin O'Higgins was assassinated by the IRA, after



Cork Labour executive, 1935. Front row: Timothy Quill, centre T. J. Murphy, 2nd right

which the caretaker government introduced a Public Safety Act, allowing for internment without trial. Timothy was one of many who objected saying: 'I believe the power given to the Executive Council is a power of dictatorship...There is a principle involved when an Executive Council for a certain time will not be responsible to a Parliament chosen by the express will of the people.' Timothy was always a man of principle.

In just three short months, Timothy made a number of meaningful contributions. During a finance committee debate, for example, he showed that he understood the issues the elderly were then having in getting the pensions they were entitled to: 'The present methods adopted by pensions officers are the methods of income tax collectors. I hold the methods of the present pensions' officers show complete absence of any human considerations or human factors.'

In the June 1927 election, Quill won 4,165 first preference votes (17.9%). He lost his seat at the September 1927 general election. Daniel Corkery topped the poll, just as he did a few months earlier. Though Quill received 4,123 first preference votes, only 42 fewer votes than in June of that year, his percentage share dropped to 16%. The number of Labour candidates was almost halved, down from 44 to 28. In the Evening Echo on September 29th,

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it was reported that, at a meeting of Transport Union delegates in Macroom, 'on all sides it was admitted he was one of the noblest and most honest representatives sent to Dáil Eireann.' Timothy received applause when, addressing the meeting, he said that people should keep a careful eye on those representing them and take note of their actions on all matters affecting them. As the ancient Greek philosopher, Plato, believed, one of the penalties for refusing to participate in politics is that you end up being governed by your inferiors. Timothy was busier than ever. With a strong work ethic, he always stood up for the underprivileged, and was never afraid to speak plainly (They will not eliminate unemployment by exporting the best workers of the country to America...We seek a decent, contented and independent working class in the country - not a state of affairs that made despised and degraded paupers of the people). He served periods both as a councillor on Cork County Council and as a city councillor with Cork Corporation. Additionally, he was a member of the South Cork Board of Public Assistance and the South Cork Board of Public Health. Timothy also served as Deputy Lord Mayor of Cork and on the Committee of Management of the South Infirmary hospital.

Having married Mary McCarthy in 1930, he subsequently moved to Cork City with his wife and young family. He remained active in the Labour Party for some time, saying in 1936 that 'the Irish Labour Movement has its own road to travel and had no place for the cries of fascism or communism that plagued the world today.' His role in the expulsion of Michael O'Riordan (who founded the Communist Party of Ireland) from the Labour Party served to underline his assertion that 'the working men of Ireland...have neither room nor scope for fascism or communism.'

During the 1920s, Quill established the City of Cork Co-operative Society with Con Desmond (in 1889, Ireland's first co-operatives were established in Doneraile, Co. Cork and the first co-operative creamery was opened in Dromcollogher, Co. Limerick). Quill was also manager and secretary of the Cork Co-operative Bakery Society, which included social enterprises such as Cooperative Tea, Cooperative Cream and Cooperative Bread. He was the editor of The Cork Co-Operator, the co-operative movement's monthly publication in Cork. Inspired by Robert Owen (Welsh textile manufacturer and one of the founders of the co-operative movement), Timothy built cottages for the workers on his land.

This followed on from his work with TJ Murphy and Cllr Patrick Crowley in the 1920s, which involved establishing working men's clubs across West Cork. As Timothy knew, 'the attitude of the Farmers' Party

does not always stand for the views or opinions of the average farmer in the country' (article in the Southern Star newspaper, 1926). He was a voice for those labourers who desperately needed housing and health services, and would bring matters before the finance and housing committees of the Cork County Council. Timothy understood they needed someone to represent them (While people are allowed to elect a government or Corporation, they are deprived of any real power, as there exists a financial dictatorship that causes high rents, excessive prices and profits). Referring to the democratic programme of the first Dáil in 1919, he noted that the first duty of an Irish government is to see that no man, woman or child in this country goes hungry, and that every citizen of the nation is catered for physically and mentally.

Having spent some time working in the insurance industry (he was divisional manager of the Munster & Leinster Assurance Co. on Patrick's Street, Cork), Timothy had an in-depth understanding of finance (The real trouble is that money and money power now exceed their rightful use, to serve as a medium of exchange). In 1939 he wrote The Money Problem - Some Facts. Maud Gonne (English-born Irish republican revolutionary, suffragette, actress & muse to the poet W. B. Yeats) said shortly after the publication of Quill's Labour's Social Outlook, a Labour policy document in the 1930s: 'I am pleased that Mr. Quill has stressed the historical side of our problems... If we consider the destruction of France and Germany during the Great War and what she has done since to repair the damage, is there any reason why an Irish Government should not have dealt with the slums during the past eighteen years?' The following quote of Timothy's in a 1941 Irish Press article would perhaps not be out of place today: 'The rising prices and scarcity of some articles of food shows that there is no control of profits.'

A family man, Timothy understood the plight of young people in Ireland: 'W.T. Cosgrave claims that emigrants are only going to America to see their friends, but it seems to be a long trip. Likewise, there is not much of the appearance of adventure in the boys and girls who are going across to England, which brings with it the usual breaking of family ties and the same scenes at the stations as of old' (The Kerryman, 1937). Again, this is something that resonates today. Always realistic, this comment in 1935 shows how he understood that, if left unchecked, fascism, or statism, would always seek to rise: '...to decide how the country should be worked to afford a decent opportunity to everyone to lead their own lives. We have seen the result of fascism in Italy, where marriage was encouraged, not with the Christian idea of benefitting the State, but so that the children

could be reared and trained to be good soldiers and be able to fight their neighbour across the border. This is anti-Christian and it will be a bad job for Ireland if it is introduced.'

In the early 1940s, Quill lived at Ferney House in Blackrock, Cork, where he grew vegetables and kept livestock (built in 1785, Ferney House was likely named after the French philosopher Voltaire, famed for saying that 'common sense is not so common', who named his home after the nearby town of Ferney. The Cork Ferney house was later demolished, and the entire estate was built on, as part of the Mahon development). His first trial of Holstein Friesian cattle took place here, and he is described in the 2011 book The Story of the Cork Showgrounds as having the largest herd of Holstein Friesians in the country in the 1940s. He was honorary secretary of the Irish Friesian Society. He also wrote a farming column for The Cork Examiner and wrote for The Evening Echo under the pen name Carrigeen. In 1946 he had settled near Blarney and left politics.

Timothy knew farming wasn't just a job, but, instead, a way of life. As providers of our food, farmers are multi-skilled and down-to-earth people, which Timothy certainly was. One wonders what he would have made of the recent/ongoing massive farming protests in the Netherlands (where the state is planning on forcing farmers to sell their farms to the state), France, Germany, Italy, Poland, Spain, Serbia and numerous countries beyond Europe. He would have immediately understood the pattern and the implications for beef and dairy farming in Ireland, where the flour milling and sugar beet industries have already disappeared, with turf and sea fishing being earmarked for a similar fate. As a man who said 'I believe that in a democracy there should be freedom of thought and action for every man', and as a wordsmith (the Evening Echo described him as an authoritative writer on agricultural matters), he would perhaps have appreciated the simple truth of the No Farmers, No Food slogan. As the Southern Star newspaper noted in 1937 about him, T.J. Murphy and Daniel Corkery, 'Clondrohid always had bright boys'.

Timothy died, aged 59, on 10th June 1960. Tributes were many and fulsome, with the Evening Echo newspaper noting that: 'Kindly and unassuming in nature, he had a realistic approach to life which inspired him to give of his best on behalf of the under-privileged sections of the community.' His is quite a legacy.

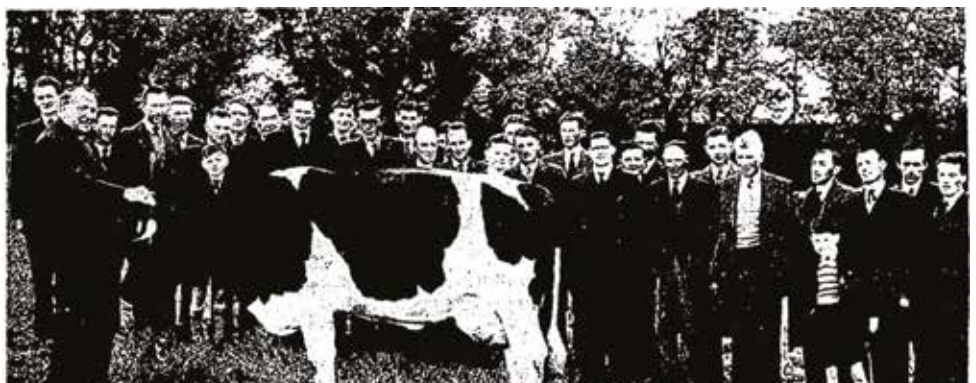
*'Of course, I always took good care
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*To sugar-coat my little pill
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- Timothy Quill, The Cork Co-Operator (1939)



Timothy Quill in the 1940s



Timothy Quill on his farm in Blarney, with members of Limerick Macra na Feirme, 1955

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centre and your continued support on the night would be very much appreciated. Usual raffle will be held on the night. There will be no bric & Brac and Book due to covid. There will be home baking on the nights so come along and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and a chat - all in a good cause. Everyone welcome.



Members of the Castlegrouns Syndicate with family members and their winning dog Coosey Hall who won the Weber Family Germany 575 stake final on Saturday night.



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Macroom Young Anglers' Success at Four Country Internationals 2022



Macroom Youth Internationals 2022, L. > R. Cormac McCarthy, Éanna Ó Laoire and Darren Sweeney. (C. Kelleher, Aug., 2022).



Macroom Youth Internationals 2022 and coach, L. > R., Dan Murphy (coach), Darren Sweeney, Éanna Ó Laoire and Cormac McCarthy.



Macroom Anglers with trophies, L. > R., Denis Cronin, Tom Sweeney, Cormac McCarthy, Éanna Ó Laoire, Darren Sweeney, Dan 'Dinger' Murphy and Don O'Leary - all internationals!



Éanna Ó Laoire, Individual Four-Country Champion.

This year, Macroom Angling Association had three Irish International Youth anglers – Éanna Ó Laoire (Éanna O'Leary), Cormac McCarthy and Darren Sweeney. Not only did they compete but they were remarkably successful.

The competition, resuming after the Covid-induced break, was between Ireland, England, Scotland and Wales and was fished in Lough Lene, Co. Westmeath (near Mullingar) on 27 July, 2022. Due to prevailing drought conditions, fishing was hard and the competition was 'catch and release'. Having prepared very well, Ireland won the team competition and retained the Bob Church Trophy: Éanna Ó Laoire and Cormac McCarthy were first and second overall respectively.

Éanna Ó Laoire won all prizes available to him - Brown Bowl – for most fish (6), Longest Fish, Overall, Best Bag and Best Fish on the Irish team. His achievement at this level is very

unusual and his rare feat deserves recognition and acknowledgement. Cormac McCarthy was second overall and performed magnificently and contributed handsomely to Ireland's victory. Darren Sweeney won the Reserve Competition. Of a 15-member Irish team, Macroom Club supplied three boys.

Preparation for the competition involved much hard work and meant several trips to practice on Lough Lene and included two official practice days. As well as being assisted by official ITFFA coaches, the Macroom boys had the invaluable help of Dan 'Dinger' Murphy, an Irish international. Dan travelled with the young fishermen and shared his expertise and knowledge. Éanna's father, Don, represented Ireland at the recent World Fly Fishing championships in Italy and Cormac's father, Michael is a well-known administrator. The boys were wholeheartedly supported by Macroom

Angling Association. Since Dick O'Farrell was first selected for Ireland, Macroom Angling Association has produced many internationals over the past thirty years, and Denis Cronin was captained the team one year. Three more names now appear on the club's international role of honour. The three boys have Irish team jackets and shirts with their individual names inscribed – no doubt a wonderful keepsake for the future.

Macroom Angling Club is open to new and especially young members, boys and girls. If interested, check its Facebook page or contact any member.

The photos were taken at the New Bridge, Macroom (now old) to mark the occasion. Denis Cronin provided much of the background information.

CLONDROHID GAA

CLONDROHID U13 Footballers were at home last week to Ballingearry in the final game in the league of the group stages.

Clondrohid got off to a good start with some early scores. They never let up and went in at half time having a commanding lead. Positional changes and substitutions were made for the second half. Game resumed which saw Clondrohid carry on where they left off and ran out deserved winners in the end. Well done to the panel of players!

Clondrohid U13 Footballers were at home recently

to Urhan in the league.

Urhan made the better start to the game by getting early scores. The warm temperatures seem to effect Clondrohid more and they found it difficult to get some scores. Urhan went in at the break ahead by 6 points.

Clondrohid started the second half with a couple of scores but things weren't meant to be this evening for them. Urhan ran out deserved winners in the end. Last game of the group is against Ballingearry, date to be confirmed.

Well done to the panel of players this evening.

Clondrohid U12 Footballers were away to Valley Rovers in Brinny last week in the last game of the group stages. On a very warm evening water breaks were introduced. Game began with Valley making the better start and getting an early score. The sub bench was called into action early on as injuries took a toll. Clondrohid got to grips with the game and starting getting good scores. Both sides enjoyed good possession and ran in level at half time.



Clondrohid 3 - 6 Valley 4 - 3

A Welcome Break on a warm evening. Second half resumed with both sides keeping the scoreboard ticking over. It was an exciting finish to the game as both sides battled hard with only a single point between them at full time, it was the home side that won by a slim margin.

Valley Rovers 5 - 8 Clondrohid 4 - 10

Unlucky this evening but great effort put in. Well done to the panel of players.

U 13 MUSKERRY CAMOGIE FINAL:

Heartiest congrats to Laochra Og on winning this competition recently when they defeated Inniscarra in a great match, with very high temperatures. Great teamwork and determination.

LGFA MID CORK SUMMER LEAGUE FINAL:

Congrats to Macroom on winning this final last week, when they defeated Grenagh on a final score of 5 5 to 2 4, in wet conditions. Great game, great excitement as they did a lap of honour through Macroom. Well done.

MACROOM GAA



Macroom U17 after their win over Ilen Rovers

U17

Macroom 3-11 Ilen Rovers 3-08

Macroom started off well with a point from Colin Kelleher before Ilen Rovers hit 2 goals in 5 minutes to take the lead. Macroom got back into the game with 3 points from Oisín O Sullivan and another from Colin Kelleher. Ryan Sabas tightened things back in defence to leave the half time score 2-5 to 0-5 in favour of Ilen Rovers. After the break Macroom came out with great intent but were caught with a counterattack goal. To their credit they responded straight away with a goal from corner forward Colin Kelleher. Evan O Sullivan then came into the game scoring a point before setting up another for Oisín O Sullivan.

Conor Coleman then stuck a goal to make things all square after a couple of converted frees from both Oisín O Sullivan and Colin Kelleher. Macroom continued to defend well through great work from Ryan Sabas, Mark Condon and Bobby Murphy in particular. Macroom were extremely thankful to Jonah Dervin who pulled off a great save late in the game. With a few minutes to go Macroom broke up an Ilen Rovers attack and immediately countered quickly up the field where Evan O Sullivan was on hand to dispatch the ball to the back of the net. This turned out to be the winning score with Macroom victorious on a score line of 3-11 to 3-8.

1. Jonah Dervin, 2. Martin Fitzgerald - Subbed for (Jack White), 3. Liam McSweeney, 4. Rowan Mullane, 5. Mark Condon, 6. Ryan Sabas (0-1), 7. Bobby Murphy, 8. Cormac Bourke, 9. Cian Noonan - Subbed for (Conor Coleman 1-0), 10. Evan O Sullivan (1-1), 11. Oisín O Sullivan (0-5), 12. Maciek

Byrdziak Subbed for (James Slattery), 13. Colin Kelleher (1-4), 14. David Burke, 15. Ruari Kiernan - Subbed for (Danny McKirgan)

CLUB LOTTO

Macroom GAA Lotto was recently won by Geraldine Kiely of Macroom with Geraldine winning a jackpot of €8,000. We would like to congratulate Geraldine on her win. The club lotto now starts again at €2,000 – tickets are available in local outlets as well as online. Lotto tickets are also being sold at all championship matches that take place in the Castle Grounds and we would like to thank all those that help out with selling these on behalf of the club. Thanks also to all those that buy a lotto ticket to support Macroom GAA.

U19 Football Championship – Mid 2
Wednesday 17th August 2022 at 7:30pm in Cill na Martra

Macroom 2-17 Clondrohid 1-15

The game was played in ideal weather conditions on a very well-prepared pitch at Cill na Martra GAA. Macroom started strongly and quickly got in top at midfield through Jack Sexton and Ben O'Connell with great support from the half back line of Brian Healy, Robert Lucey and Liam Holland. The very dangerous Oisín O'Sullivan was proving to be a very useful outlet for Macroom and continued in this vein throughout the game. He kicked some wonderful points to give Macroom a commanding lead and after 15 minutes of play Macroom lead by 1-08 to 0-02 with the goal coming after great play from Kieran Doody. Clondrohid then came roaring into the game and kicked 6 unanswered points and the game suddenly came to life. Macroom

steadied the ship with a couple of points to go in at half time with a lead of 5 points.

Clondrohid started the second half very brightly and put the Macroom defence under a lot of pressure as they got the upper hand at midfield. 15-year-old Ryan Sabas then came to the fore for Macroom and battled heroically to help keep the Clondrohid men at bay with a very assured and commanding performance. Clondrohid cut the lead to 3 points on a number of occasions but Macroom held firm and a second Macroom goal again scored by centre forward Kieran Doody helped put a bit of daylight between the teams. Clondrohid again came at Macroom and put huge pressure on the Macroom defence and scored a couple of very good points. Macroom finished the game strongly after some poor misses with scores from Mark Hunt, Cian Noonan and Sean Delacy. The game finished with a win for Macroom on a score line of 2-17 to 1-15 after a very enjoyable hours football with some very good performances by players on both sides. The win capped a great week for Macroom who had already seen victories at u13, u15, u17 and Premier Intermediate in the days preceding this game. Macroom have now qualified for the final of this competition where they will play the winners of Naomh Aban and Canovee.

The Macroom panel on the day was - Darragh Neville, Gerry Kelleher, Ryan Sabas, Liam Holland, Robert Lucey, Brian Healy, Ben O'Connell, Jack Sexton, Martin Sosa, Kieran Doody, Daniel Akakpovi, Mark Hunt, Oisín O'Sullivan, Barry Galvin, Cian Noonan, Sean Delacy, Jonah Dervin, Daragh Kiernan, Sam Kelleher.



MACROOM SOCCER

Second FAI Camp

The second camp of this summer was held at Murrayfield last week. There was another great turnout of boys and girls and the good weather allowed for a fantastic week. The camp head coach was Macroom's own Peter Murphy who did a great job in keeping everything moving. Peter had an excellent coaching group who all made a fine contribution to the success of the camp. Included among the coaches were Macroom FC past and present: Ava Ronan, Mark Hunt and Laura Meaney. Well done to all involved, it really was another successful week of this ever-popular course.



Macroom FC FAI Camp



CAMOGIE: CORK CO CHAMPIONSHIP

Group 1

Inniscarra 0-11 Courcsey Rovers 1-8. Douglas, Glen Rovers and Killeagh.

Group 2

Fr O'Neill's 2-7 Cloughduv 1-17, Newcestown, Ballygarvan, and Sarsfields.

Group 3

Éire Óg 1-15 Ballincollig 0 - 9, St Finbarr's, Enniskeane and St Catherine's.

Group 4

Imokilly 0, Carrighoun, Carbery, Seandun 2.

The senior quarter-finals will take place on September 24 and 25.

The senior semi-finals are on Sunday October 9,

with the final scheduled for Sunday, October 23.

Intermediate

In intermediate camogie, there are two groups, one of seven and one of six teams with the two top teams in each group going to the semi-final. The semi-finals are scheduled for Saturday, October 8, with the final on Saturday, October 22.

Group 1

Na Piarasigh, Milford, Carrigaline, Clonakilty, Aghabullogue, Watergrasshill and Kilbrittain/Timoleague.

Group 2

Blackrock, Brian Dillon's, Newtownshandrum, Valley Rovers, Charleville and Ballyhea.

Senior Championship

Éire Óg 1-15 Ballincollig 0-9

Éire Óg got their SE Systems Senior Camogie Championship campaign off to a winning start with a deserved win over rivals Ballincollig at Grenagh.

The winners dominated the opening half but had only a six-point lead at halftime. However, a goal in the opening minute of the second half for the Ovens side never saw them being troubled on the scoreboard for the remainder of the game.

Scorers for Éire Óg: S Hutchinson 1-2, M Herlihy 0-4 f, E Crowley, I Sheehan 0-3 each, L Cleary 0-2, A McSweeney 0-1.

Ballincollig: C Hennigan 0-2, L Cooper 0-2 f, M



Healy (f), S Coomey, E Casey, L O'Farrell, A Lovett 0-1 each.

Éire Óg: R Murray; E Buckley, F Murphy, R Murphy; R Sheehan, O Lynch, ME Desmond; S Hutchinson, I Sheehan; C Beechinor, E Crowley, L Cleary; A Barry,

M Herlihy, A McSweeney. Subs: M O'Donovan 36, O Beechinor 53 inj.

Ballincollig: A Hartnett; M O'Leary, M Tamaud, C O'Donovan; L Weste, S Buckley, E O'Connell; L O'Farrell, M Healy; S Coomey, L Cooper, E Casey; A

Lovett, C Hennigan, N O'Brien. Subs: C O'Brien 44, O Boland 58.

LGFA LADIES GAELIC FOOTBALL

THE Cork ladies club championships are underway. Of the sides expected to give title favourites Mournabbey a strong challenge, last year's beaten finalists Éire Óg rank highest, the Ovens team having recently won the league title.

In group two, St Val's have had a poor league campaign but will be hoping that the return of players like Marie Ambrose and Aisling Kelleher will give them a boost.

Division 1 SFC: Fermoy, Mournabbey, Éire Óg, Valley Rovers, St Val's, Aghada, Bride Rovers, Inch Rovers.

Aghada 1-9 St Val's 0-8

The only goal of the game proved the crucial score in Aghada's Cork LGFA Group 2 win over St Val's at Carrigrohid.

A tight, hard-hitting championship game was delicately poised 0-7 to 0-5 in Aghada's favour after

40 minutes. Ali Smith was denied a goal by St Val's goalkeeper Chelsea Love but Sarah Leahy reacted quickest to the rebound and fired into the net. The game's only goal handed the eventual winners a lead they protected until the final whistle.

Without the injured duo Marie Ambrose and Sinead Cotter, Lauren Barrett, Aisling Kelleher and Emma Flanagan impressed for Val's.

St Val's: L Barrett 0-6 (0-2 f), C McCarthy, A Kelleher 0-1 each.

St Vals: C Love; C Hughes, C Ambrose, A Corkery; E O'Shea, A Kelleher, E Coakley; C McCarthy, M Ring; N McNabola, A Barry Murphy, C Nevin; L Barrett, M Corkery (captain), E Flanagan. Subs: A Smith 34, M Collins 37, L Ring 48.

Éire Óg 3-16 Valley Rovers 0-1

Éire Óg got their Cork LGFA senior football championship campaign off to a winning start

following a convincing Group 1 victory over a depleted Valley Rovers in Ovens.

As the final score suggests, Éire Óg were full value for their win. They led 0-5 to 0-1 at the conclusion of a scrappy opening 15 minutes and dominated the second quarter led 2-9 to 0-1 at half time.

Scorers for Éire Óg: E Scally 1-3 (0-1 f), O Cahalane 1-3, A Nic A Baird 1-2, L Cleary 0-4 (0-1 f), S Cronin 0-2, M O'Leary, S McGoldrick 0-1 each.

Valley Rovers: M O'Regan 0-1 f.

Éire Óg: L Crowley; A Hurley (c), R Sheehan, I Sheehan; A O'Connell, S McGoldrick, M Cahalane; S Cronin, A Rodgers; E Cleary, Eimear Scally, A Nic A Bhaire; L Cleary, Elaine Scally, O Cahalane. Subs: M O'Leary ht, J O'Gorman 46, R Gamble 49, L Hayes, N O'Shea 53.

BONS SECOURS HOSPITAL GROUP - COUNTY FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Groupings and points update

Premier Senior FC

GROUP A

St Finbarr's 4 Carbery Rangers 4, Carrigaline 0, Éire Óg 0

GROUP B

Mallow 4, Valley Rovers 2, Douglas 1, Ballincollig 1

GROUP C

Nemo Rangers 4, Castlehaven 2, Clonakilty 1, Newcestown 1

Senior A FC

GROUP A

O'Donovan Rossa 4, Clyda Rovers 3, Newmarket 1, Ilen Rovers 0

GROUP B

Dohenys 3, Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh 3, Kiskeam 2, Bandon 0,

GROUP C

St Michael's 4 Fermoy 2, Bishopstown 2, Knocknagree 0

Premier Intermediate FC

GROUP A

Nemo Rangers 4, Cill na Martra 2, Iveleary 2, St Vincent's 0

GROUP B

Bantry Blues 4, Castletownbere 2, Aghada 2 Na Piarasigh 0,

GROUP C

Kanturk 4 Rockchapel 2, Macroom 2, Naomh Aban 0

Intermediate A FC:

Group A: Gabriel Rangers 4, Adrigole 2, Kilshannig 2, Ballydesmond 0

Group B: Kildorrery 3, St Nicks 2, Glanworth 2,

Glenville 1

Group C: Boherbue 4, Mitchelstown 4, Glanmire 0, Millstreet 0

Group D:

Aghabullogue 4, St Finbarrs 2, Ballinora 2, Dromtarriffe 0

Premier SFC:

Carbery Rangers 2-11 Éire Óg 1-12

Carbery Rangers are through to the knockout stages of the Bon Secours Cork Premier SFC following their two-point win over Éire Óg in Round 2 at Bandon and they play St Finbarr's next to determine who will top Group A.

Éire Óg, now meet Carrigaline - neither team with points on the board.

Carbery Ranger's second-half display helped them get the better of the Ovens men who had beaten them in last season's championship. Rangers, got a vital second goal in the 45th minute to give them the edge.

Points from Kevin Hallissey and Daniel Goulding with 0-2 each, and Colm O'Callaghan helped the Ovens side to a 0-5 to 0-2 lead but Carbery Rangers after many wides got a goal in the 21st minute and it took a Colm O'Callaghan point six minutes from the break to open a gap between the teams, Éire Óg 0-6 to 1-2 for the Rosscarbery side the score at half time.

Carbery Rangers resumed with more energy and took the lead for the first time with two points, Daniel Goulding pointed two good frees, and after Rangers had a point from a free, the teams were level twice more, before Carbery Rangers struck for a vital goal. 2-7 to 0-10. Carbery R has a; point from a '45', Brian Hurley and Goulding pointed for Éire Óg to reduce the gap to two with eight minutes

remaining.

Carbery Rangers went 2-11 to 0-12 up in the third minute of additional time and Colm O'Callaghan's 64th minute goal was too late to save Éire Óg.

Scorers for Éire Óg: D Goulding (0-6, 0-4 frees), C O'Callaghan (1-2), K Hallissey (0-2, 0-1 free), Joe Cooper and B Hurley (0-1 each).

Éire Óg: C Kelly; M Corkery, M Griffin, J Mullins; D McCarthy, D O'Herlihy, D Dineen; D Kelly, R O'Toole; Joe Cooper, C O'Callaghan, K Hallissey; D Foley. D Goulding, J Kelleher.

Subs: B Hurley 45, R O'Flynn 53, D Kirwan 55, B Thompson 61.

Douglas 0-16 Ballincollig 1-13

A point from a 60 metres free in the seventh minute of second half injury-time deprived Ballincollig of victory in the PSFC and keeps Douglas still in contention. Darren Murphy's sixth point from play had Ballincollig two in front halfway through the allotted six minutes added time and they looked odds on to win but Douglas refused to submit and can still have hope of advancing.

Douglas started well racing three in front by the fifth minute but Ballincollig levelled in the 8th minute with a Liam O'Connell goal. Darragh O'Mahony added a point two minutes later to put The Village in front and they still led at half time by 1-5 to 0-7 after a mediocre first half.

The second-half picked up no end, Ballincollig moving three in front entering the final quarter but Douglas with four points in a row then went in front. Ballincollig forced the pace but got caught by the late equaliser, a fine effort.

Scorers for Ballincollig: D Murphy (0-6); C Dorgan (0-4, 0-1 free); L O'Connell (1-0); D O'Mahony (0-2); J O'Connor (0-1 each).

Ballincollig: C Walsh; G O'Donoghue, N Galvin, S O'Neill; S Murphy, L Jennings, C Kiely; S Kiely,



P O'Neill; L Fahy, L O'Connell, D O'Mahony; D Murphy, C Dorgan, H Aherne.

Subs: J O'Connor HT; S Dore 54; R Noonan 58.

SAFC

Beal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh 1 – 14 Kiskeam 1 – 12

Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh, who drew their first game in the Bon Secours County Senior A Football championship with Dohenys, are now in a strong position as they prepare to face Bandon in their final group game. On a sweltering Saturday afternoon at Macroom, Béal Átha overcame the strong challenge of Kiskeam to emerge victorious and they deserved their win as they had led from the 12th minute and in the third quarter, they began to increase their lead point by point until the advantage was at 0-14 to 0-8 by the 50th minute. The final stages were hectic with Kiskeam mounting a very strong rally which Béal Átha did well to contain. The spectators on the hill in the Castle Grounds were clustered under the shade of the trees as the sun relentlessly blazed down from cloudless skies. Seán O'Sullivan gave Kiskeam first blood, Béal Átha replied with points from Diarmuid MacTomáis and Nollaig Ó Laoire, Kiskeam equalised through Tom O'Sullivan, Ben Seartan punched over for Beal Átha, Tom O'Sullivan levelled again and then this latter pair repeated the exercise to leave the score at 0-11 each after the opening eleven minutes. It was a fine start to a fine game, both sides impressing with solid disciplined defending and well-constructed attacks culminating in accurate shooting.

Conchúr Ó Loinsigh put Béal Átha back in front in the 12th minute with a superb point, enterprising Béal Átha captain Cian Ó Duinnín doubled the advantage but Kiskeam's Seán O'Sullivan finished a fine move with a point which Andí Ó Coinceannain matched in the 17th minute to maintain the two-point gap. The scoring rate now dried up and the only score before half time was a marvellous point for Kiskeam from a very acute angle from Thomas Casey which left the Gaeltacht side leading by 0-7 to 0-6 at half time.

Béal Átha dominated on the restart, outscored the Duhallow men by seven points to two in the next twenty minutes and seemed set fair for victory. Ben Seartan had pointed a 32nd minute free, his brother Donagh and Diarmuid MacTomáis added points from play, corner back Jack O'Connor had a point back for Kiskeam, 0-10 to 0-7 in the 36th minute. Both sides were defending in depth and then breaking quickly in numbers and points were exchanged between Mac Tomáis and Daniel Fitzgerald before Leonard Ó Conchúr's point in the 44th minute was quickly added to by similar scores from Conchúr Ó Loinsigh and Ben Seartan, to ease Béal Átha into a six-point lead, 0-14 to 0-8 in the 50th minute.

The last ten minutes were brilliantly entertaining. Kiskeam kicked three points in as many minutes, from the boots of Seán O'Sullivan, Thomas and Gene Casey, but were then rocked by a goal for Béal Átha, from Donagh Seartan after a goalmouth scramble, four minutes from time. Game over? Not a bit of it as Kiskeam hit

back within a minute with a goal from Seán O'Sullivan to set the scene for a hectic finish. O'Sullivan pointed a free to maintain the intense pressure but Béal Átha weathered the storm and emerged victorious and ready to face a Bandon side which will be fighting for its survival.

Scorers: D Seartan 1-1, D Mac Tomás 0-4, B Seartan 0-4 (0-1f), N Ó Laoire, C Ó Loinsigh, C Ó Duinnín, A Ó Coinceannain, L Ó Conchúr 0-1 each. Kiskeam: S O'Sullivan 1-4 (0-2f), T O'Sullivan 0-3, T Casey 0-2, J O'Connor, D Fitzgerald, G Casey 0-1 each.

Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh: Darren Ó Coill; Seán Ó Donnchú, Eanna Ó Duinnín, Ciarán Ó Nuanáin; Cian Ó Duinnín, Matt Ó Riordáin, Liam Ó Criodáin; Aindrias Ó Coinceannain, Conchúr Ó Loinsigh; Donagh Seartan, Ben Seartan, Liam Seartan; Nollaig Ó Laoire, Diarmuid MacTomáis, Dara Ó Ceallacháin. Subs: Leonard Ó Conchúr and Seán Ó Luasa both 41, Amhlaibh Ó Loinsigh 53, Seamus Ó Tuama 55.

PIFC

Cill Na Martra 2 - 17 Iveleary 0 - 16

This clash brought a big crowd to the Castle Grounds Macroom, everybody wondering could newly promoted Iveleary, unbeaten in championship football since October 2019 and county champions at junior and intermediate grades in successive seasons, get the better of the more established Cill na Martra side. Iveleary lined out without their main threat in attack Chris Óg Jones, out of the country on work assignment, and conceded two goals to the favourites in the first twenty minutes and their fate was sealed when they were led by 2-6 to 0-4 at half time.

Temperatures were in the high twenties for this evening game but conditions were otherwise ideal. Brian Cronin had Iveleary in front within a minute, Daniel Ó Duinnín had Cill na Martra level a minute later and then the Cork star put his side in front. Cathal Vaughan pointed a 7th minute free to level matters. A minute later disaster befell the Uíbh Laoire men when Mike Ó Deasúna intercepted an attempted short kickout and quickly fired the ball across to in-rushing Maidhc Ó Duinnín who clinically planted the ball in the Iveleary net. It was a bad blow to the Iveleary men and even though Cathal Vaughan boosted their spirits with a fine point from play, they were playing second fiddle to Cill na Martra until the interval. Antóin Ó Cuana and Mike Ó Deasúna had points and in the 19th minute, Maidhc Ó Duinnín was pulled down in a scramble in the Iveleary goalmouth, Mike Ó Deasúna expertly tucked the resultant penalty into the net and Cill na Martra went on to add two further points, from a Mike Ó Deasúna free and Colm MacLochlainn, before Cathal Vaughan had a late point from a free to leave The Boys from The Cross leading by eight points at the break.

The third quarter saw a rousing revival by Iveleary and some great scores from each side, twelve points in all, but Cill na Martra were still in control leading by 2-11 to 0-11 after 44 minutes. Points from Brian Cronin 2, Cathal Vaughan and Ian Jones were countered by points from Mike Ó Deasúna and Ciarán Ó Duinnín, and when

Iveleary had cut the gap to four points with scores from Barry O'Leary and two Vaughan frees, Cill na Martra hit back with points from Colm Mac Lochlainn, Damien Ó hUrdail and Ó Deasúna again. Vaughan and Ó Deasúna exchanged scores from play, Seán O'Riordan and Daniel Ó Duinnín, Shane Ó Duinnín and Cathal Vaughan likewise, 2-14 to 0-14 in the 51st minute, Cill na Martra matching Iveleary now score for score and retaining their lead. The concluding stages saw Iveleary still in pursuit of the scores they needed, but with the strong Cill na Martra rearguard unyielding a goal was not forthcoming and the winners had further scores from Fionnbarra Ó hÉaluithe, Chris Ó Meachair and Mike Ó Deasúna, Iveleary replied with Sean O'Riordan and Brian Cronin points and winners and losers were applauded at the conclusion of a fine contest which was a credit to both sides.

Scorers for Cill Na Martra: M Ó Deasúna 1-6 (1-0 p, 0-2 f), M Ó Duinnín 1-0, D Ó Duinnín 0-3, C Mac Lochlainn 0-2, S Ó Duinnín, F Ó hÉaluithe, C Ó Meachair, C Ó Duinnín, A Ó Cuana, D Ó hUrdail 0-1 each.

Iveleary: C Vaughan 0-8 (0-4 f), B Cronin 0-4, S O'Riordan 0-2, I Jones, B O'Leary 0-1 each.

Cill na Martra: Pádraig Ó Criodáin; Tadhg Ó Corcora, Graham Ó Mocháin, Finén Ó Faoláin; Colm Mac Lochlainn, Seán Ó Fóirréidh, Cianie Ó Fóirréidh; Antóin Ó Cuana, Gearóid Ó Goillidhe; Fionnbarra Ó hÉaluithe, Ciarán Ó Duinnín, Daniel Ó Duinnín; Maidhc Ó Duinnín, Micheál Ó Deasúna, Damien Ó hUrdail.

Subs: Shane Ó Duinnín 44, Daire Mac Lochlainn 52, Críostóir Ó Meachair 57, Jason Mac Cárthaigh 59.

Iveleary: Joe Creedon; Daniel O'Donovan, Ciarán Galvin, Daniel O'Riordan; Kevin Manning, Seán O'Leary, Alan O'Brien; Ciarán O'Riordan, Seán O'Riordan; Brian Cronin, Conor O'Leary, Barry O'Leary; Lar O'Sullivan, Cathal Vaughan, Ian Jones. Subs: Timmy Roberts h-t, Aaron O'Donovan 47.

Cill na Martra are back into contention for qualification for the quarter final stage as they will be fancied to defeat St Vincents in their final group, game. Iveleary with a win over Vincents to their credit already, will have everything to play for when they meet Nemo Rangers in their last group game and will be heartened by their strong second half recovery here.

Macroom 4 – 10 Naomh Abán 0 – 9

Two close Muskerry neighbours clashed at gloriously sunny Cill na Martra, both needing a win after each had suffered first round losses. Macroom emerged clear winners and so their final group game against championship favourites Kanturk gives them the opportunity of remaining in the competition: Naomh Abán will now meet Rockchapel needing a win to avoid the dreaded relegation play-off.

Macroom set out their stall early in this encounter with two points from Fintan Gold and another from Pa Lucey giving them a 0-3 to 0-1 advantage after eight minutes, the N Aban score coming from a Maidhc Ó Duinnín free. Two minutes later Alan Quinn sent over a high centre



into the N Abán goalmouth, the ball broke off Lucey and David Horgan scooped it into the net to give Macroom a major boost. Thereafter the sides traded point for point, mainly from frees, and a late point from play from Conchúr Ó Críodáin for N Abán left the interval score at 1-6 to 0-5 with the outcome still in doubt.

Within eight minutes of the restart, Macroom had struck for a second goal and were clearly on the road to victory. Maidhc Ó Duinnín had pointed a free to leave only a goal between the teams but in the 37th minute Cillian O'Donovan scorched through the N Abán defence and blasted home a superb goal and a minute later David Horgan pointed a free to put Macroom 2-7 to 0-6 in front, a score that reflected their growing dominance in play. The third goal from David Horgan in the 50th minute, followed an incisive run and perfect pass by Alan Quinn, and the fourth goal in the 55th minute summed up the miserable evening N Abán were experiencing when following a point from Eolan O'Leary for Macroom, the kick out was gathered by Seán Kiely who seized the opportunity to lob the goalkeeper and find the empty net.

Macroom will be happy with this display as they were comfortable all over the field with their centre field pairing of Caleb Dinneen and Cillian O'Donovan on top and the defence steady with Mark Corrigan and Ger England protecting their goal well. Alan Quinn's industry and penetrative bursts made a major contribution and David Horgan took his goals well. Kanturk will undoubtedly be a stronger test but in each of the past two seasons, the difference between the teams has been very little.

Naomh Abán will need to improve to get the better of Rockchapel but they have two weeks to get focussed for what will be a difficult but not insurmountable challenge.

Scorers: Macroom: D Horgan 2-3 (0-2f), C O'Donovan 1-1, S Kiely 1-0, F Goold 0-3 (0-1f, 0-1 mark), P Lucey, E O'Leary, A Quinn 0-1 each. N Abán: M Ó Duinnín 0-4 (f), D Ó Ceallaigh 0-2 (0-1f), C Ó Críodáin, D Ó Laoire, N Ó Ceallaigh 0-1 each.

Macroom: Brendan O'Connell: Jack O'Riordan, Mark Corrigan, Gerard England: Blake O'Gorman, Rory Buckley, Seán Kiely: Caleb Dinneen, Cillian O'Donovan: Alan Quinn, Michael Cronin, Don Creedon: Fintan Goold, David Horgan, Patrick Lucey. Subs: Mark Hunt 33, Tony Dineen and Dylan Twomey both 40, Eolan O'Leary 52, Jack Kelleher 56.

Naomh Abán: Finlay Walker; Ronán de hÍde, Tomás Ó hAiliosa, Mikey Ó Ceallacháin; Dara Ó Loinsigh, Éanna Ó Críodáin, Seán Ó Riordáin: Colm de Róiste, Conchuir Ó Críodáin: Donnadh Ó Ceocháin, Micheál Ó Liatháin, Deaglán Ó hAllamháin: Dónal Ó Ceallaigh, Maidhc Ó Duinnín, Niall Ó Ceallaigh. Subs: Darragh Ó Laoire 35, Piarais Ó Liatháin 40, Caoimhín Ó Donnchú 45.

IAFC

Aghabullogue 4-8 St Finbarrs 0-13
Aghabullogue retained their perfect record in the IAFC with this win over St Finbarrs at Ballyanley. The Barrs led at half time by a single point, 0-8 to 1-4, David Thompson the goal scorer, but a second Aghabullogue goal in the 35th minute, this one from Pádraic O'Sullivan put them in front. Barrs quickly equalised but Aghabullogue had a third goal, Luke Casey the scorer in the 39th minute and never lost the lead again. Luke Casey also scored the fourth goal in the 57th minute to give Aghabullogue a comfortable winning margin.

Aghabullogue scorers: L Casey 2-0, D Thompson and P O'Sullivan 1-0 each, M Bradley 0-4 (0-2f), C

O'Sullivan 0-2 (0-1f), E O'Sullivan and J Murphy 0-1 each.

Aghabullogue: John Buckley: Paul Dilworth, Shane Tarrant, Tom Long: Billy Casey, Paul Ring, Luke Casey: Ryan Dennehy, Seán O'Connell: Denis Quinlan, Mathew Bradley, Pádraic O'Sullivan: David Thompson, Evan O'Sullivan, Cialan O'Sullivan. Subs: John Corkery and Brian Dineen on 41, Niall BarryMuphy and Jack Murphy on 57.

Ballinora 2-9 Dromtariffe 1-9

Ballinora had their first win of the completion by defeating pointless Dromtariffe and the outcomes of their final group game against unbeaten Aghabullogue and of The 'Barrs v Dromtariffe, will now determine whether they can progress or not. Ballinora led by 2-7 to 1-5 at half time, Darragh Corkery getting the first goal straight after the throw in and Darragh Holmes the second in the 25th minute when the sides were level at 1-4 each. Ballinora added only two points in the second half, both from Darragh Holmes free kicks but they defended their lead with discipline, led by 2-8 to 1-8 at the three-quarter stage and Darragh Holmes' second point in the 65th minute eased their nerves.

Ballinora: Timmy Connolly: James Byrne, Kevin O'Regan, John O'Regan: Mike Lordan, Ronan Barrow, Neil Lordan: Shane Kingston, James Leader: Alan O'Shea, Darragh Corkery, Darragh Holmes: Michael Quirke, Nathan Davis, Ivan Quirke. Subs: Brian Murphy and Ian Whycherley.

ROSS OIL MID CORK JUNIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

The Ross Oil Mid Cork Junior Football championship is being played with four groups in the early stage, two teams to emerge from each group to provide eight quarter finalists.

Group One: Kilmurry 6, Clondrohid 2, Kilmichael 3, Dripsey 1

Group Two: Canovee 4, Éire Óg 2, Cill na Martra 0

Group Three: Ballincollig 2, Grenagh 2, Donoughmore 2

Group Four: Inniscarra 4, Aghinagh 2, Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh 0

Round Three:

G1: Kilmurry 2 – 23 Dripsey 1 – 5

Unbeaten Kilmurry were strongly fancied to win this R3 game but got an early fright as Dripsey started well and Eoin Maher had the ball in the Kilmurry net after seven minutes to give his side a 1-1 to 0-2 lead. With William Buckley, Liam Wall, Tomas Collins on target, Kilmurry were level by the 13th minute, points from Buckley, Ryan Leahy and Brian Hinchion had them in front within minutes and the scores flowed smoothly to give Kilmurry a 0-13 to 1-1 interval lead. Liam Wall had a goal for Kilmurry in the 34th minute and the score was 1-16 to 1-2 when Dripsey next scored in the 39th

minute. It was 2-22 to 1-4 when Conor Kelleher got a second Kilmurry goal in the 56th minute and the final whistle was a relief to Dripsey who have lost more than half their B championship winning team of last season.

William Buckley was the main sharpshooter for Kilmurry with Liam Wall, Tomas Collins, Ryan Leahy, Brian Hinchion, Conor Kelleher and William Ronan all on target also. Eoin Maher had 1-1 for Dripsey, Gary Murphy pointed two frees, Colm O'Connell also kicked a brace.

Kilmichael 2 – 8 Clondrohid 1 – 9

Kilmichael snatched victory from the jaws of defeat with an injury time goal from Peter Kelleher at Ballingearry. Clondrohid had the first score of the game, a 7th minute goal from Cathal Creedon, set up by the outstanding Darren Dineen and led all the way subsequently to the break. It was 1-5 to 0-5 in their favour at half time, with points from Sean O'Riordan, Seán Desmond, two from Brian Corcoran, and Darren Dineen. The sides were level at 1-7 each by the 52nd minute, Daniel Cotter getting the first Kilmichael goal. Clondrohid then went two up through Ciarán O'Leary and Dineen but a Brendan Cotter cut the gap to the minimum and Clondrohid held this lead going into injury

time. The Kilmichael gamble of introducing the injured Peter Kelleher into the fray for the final minutes yielded a rich dividend when Brendan Cotter dropped a high ball into the Clondrohid goal and Peter Kelleher punched the ball over the line to give his side a dramatic victory.

Kilmichael: Shane Masters: Sean Buttimer, Conor Cotter, Gerard Murphy: Brendan Cotter, Finbarr Buckley, Finbarr Dromey: Jonathan McCarthy, Cathal Foley: Ronan Murphy, Chris O'Connell, Shane Foley: Danny Horgan, Colm Dromey, Daniel Cotter. Sub used; Peter Kelleher.

Clondrohid: Conor Murphy: Ardal O'Riordan, Callum O'Shea, John O'Connell: Brian Corcoran, Stephen O'Riordan, Cian Creedon: Neilus Murphy, Mark Creed: Seán Desmond, Shane Creed, Seán O'Callaghan: Ciarán O'Leary, Cathal Creedon, Darren Dineen. Subs used: George Lowrie, Lorcan Flanagan

G2: Canovee w/o Cill na Martra conceded

G3:

Ballincollig 3 – 13 Donoughmore 1 – 9

Ballincollig, beaten in their opening game by Grenagh, have now qualified as group leaders with Grenagh in second place, after The Village



defeated Donoughmore at Ballyanley in the final group game. A young Donoughmore side now find themselves out of the competition on scoring difference (B +7, G -2, D -5) after each side recorded one victory.

Ballincollig led by 2-5 to 0-5 at half time, Brian Moore getting their first goal after 5 minutes, and the outstanding Steve Wills, who finished with 1-5 to his credit, getting the second on 15.

On the resumption Donoughmore were awarded a penalty but the shot hit the upright and the ball was cleared to safety – not their night! Ballincollig worked a great third goal, Stephen Coughlan the scorer, and Donoughmore finished with a goal from Jamie Twomey, a just reward for their nonstop efforts.

Ballincollig: John O'Driscoll: Podge Harrington, Shane Buckley, David Courtney: Sean O'Donoghue, Kevin Crowley, Dan Murphy: Stephen Coughlan, Frank Down: Callum Sheehan, Steve Wills, Eoin

O'Reilly; Dylan Ebili, Brian Moore, Ciarán McKeever. Donoughmore: Kevin O'Riordan: Frank Honohan, Donnadh Dilworth, Ben Honohan: St John Forde, Paul Crowley, Adam Geaney: Josh Crowley, Stephen Golden: Stephen Looney, Jamie Twomey, Donnadh Morrissey: Eddie Murphy, Adam Geaney, Gavin O'Sullivan. Subs: Cian Buckley, David Looney. Referee: David Murnane, Macroom

G 4: Inniscarra 1-16 Beal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh 0-12

Seven points may have separated the teams at the final whistle but things were a lot closer than that for most of this encounter at Kilmurry. It was 0-5 each after the first quarter and Seán O'Donoghue had a goal in the 20th minute to help Inniscarra to an interval lead of 1-6 to 0-8. Inniscarra raised the lead to three points at the three-quarter stage, 1-11 to 0-11, but Béal Átha cut the gap to two points, wasted a close in free as normal time ran out and

then conceded four points in a row to the winners, Liam O'Connor kicking three of these. Inniscarra: Dominick Kelleher: Liam Ryan, Cathal Griffin, Danny O'Herlihy: Jack Hayes, David Coughlan, Colin O'Leary: Sean Sheehan, Tim Murphy: Mark McLoughlin, Sean O'Donoghue, Liam Collins: Shay Dineen, Mark Nagle, Dylan O'Sullivan. Subs used: Frank Horgan, Liam O'Connor, Eric Baxter, John O'Callaghan.

Beal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh: Barra Ó Súilleabháin: Peatsaí Ó Tuama, Micheál Ó Tuama, Barra Ó hArgáin: Gearóid Ó Loinsigh, Daire Ó Briain, Eoin Ó Laoire: Colmán Ó Tuama, Barra Ó Buachalla: Darren Ó Duinnín, Seán Ó Muineacháin, Gavin Ó Laoire: Ronan Ó Loinsigh, Eoin Ó Coill, Gearóid Ó Creimín. Fir Ionaid: Brian Ó Duinnín, Ian Ó Coinceannainn.

Ross Oil Mid Cork Junior Football Quarter Finals

After the completion of the group stage, the teams to advance were

Group 1: Kilmurry and Kilmichael, Group 2: Canovee and Éire Óg, Group 3: Ballincollig and Grenagh, Group 4: Inniscarra and Aghinagh.

The semifinal stage in the Ross Oil Mid Cork Junior Football Championship has now been reached and there is every prospect of a very exciting finish to the competition.

Quarter Final results:

Kilmurry 0-11 Éire Óg 0-4
Canovee 3-8 Grenagh 0-6
Inniscarra 3-18 Kilmichael 0-9
Aghinagh 3-11 Ballincollig 1-15

Semi Finals Sept 2nd/3/4th.

Kilmurry v Canovee: Inniscarra v Aghinagh

Kilmurry 0-11 Éire Óg 0-4

This quarter final in the Ross Oil Mid Cork Junior Football championship at Coachford was a most disappointing affair. Kilmurry were on top from the start and dominated the first half, leading by 0-4 to 0-0 at half time but not happy as they had kicked nine wides in that half hour. Éire Óg were fine in defence but their attack was very limited and the game had mainly been played out in the Éire Óg half of the field. The second half saw the Ovens men improve, sharing six points equally with Kilmurry in the third quarter to maintain the four-point gap but Brian Hinchion's fine point in the 52nd minute, followed by another from Pádraig Berhanu five minutes later opened a gap Éire Óg were unable to close and even the very late introduction of former Cork great Ciarán Sheehan could not reverse their fortunes.

Scorers: Kilmurry: W Buckley 0-3 (fs), T Collins 0-2 (0-1f, 0-1 '45'), R Leahy, Js O'Mullane, L Wall, B Hinchion, P Berhanu, J Ryan (f) 0-1 each. Éire Óg: S O'Driscoll 0-2 (fs), H Murphy and L Sheehan 0-1 each.

Kilmurry: Jason McDonnell: Brian Hinchion, Kevin Barrett, Gearóid O'Mahony: Tomás Collins, James O'Mullane, Pádraig Hinchion: Kyle Kelleher, Lawrence Asling: Sean Curzon, Liam Wall, William Ronan: Ryan Leahy, Conor Kelleher, William

Buckley. Subs: Joe Ryan 29, Pádraig Berhanu 38, Rory Duggan 40, Fionn Warren 50, Daniel Cahalane 58.

Éire Óg: Eoin Kelleher: Cathal Mullins, John Kelleher, Fiachra Landers: Denny Murphy, Adam McCarthy, Kevin Cooper: Hugh Murphy, Liam Sheehan: Oisín O'Shea, Jack Sheehan, Sam O'Driscoll: Keith O'Riordan, Liam Murphy, Diarmuid Dillon. Subs: David Casey ht, Matt Brady ht, Graham Moynihan 40, Ciarán Sheehan and Colm Quigley, both 55. Referee: David Murnane, Macroom

Canovee 3-8 Grenagh 0-6

Canovee are through to a semifinal meeting with parish neighbours Kilmurry after a comfortable enough win over Grenagh at Ballyanley. The first half was very evenly contested but Canovee's James Moynihan kicked a vital goal for the winners in the 29th minute to give them a 1-5 to 0-3 interval lead with Grenagh having lost a man to a red card. Grenagh, despite their numerical disadvantage, hit back with three points on the restart but James Moynihan, set up by as Conor Dodd pass, kicked a second goal in the 42nd minute and Paul Healy's point left the winners two goals clear on 53. Five minutes later James Moynihan completed his hat trick and so the stage is set for a mouthwatering local derby!

Canovee scorers: Js Moynihan 3-0, D McMahon 0-4, M Healy 0-2, P Healy and P O'Leary 0-1 each. Canovee: Cormac O'Driscoll: Patrick Buckley, Eoin McNabola, Darren Moynihan: William Ahern, Aidan Murphy, Conor Dodd: Odhran O'Driscoll, Brian McNabola: Connor O'Neill, Mark Healy, Liam Kelleher: James Moynihan, Jack Kelleher, Daire McMahon. Subs: Dara Cronin, Darragh Ring, Paul Healy.

Inniscarra 3-18 Kilmichael 0-9

Inniscarra are through to the semifinal of the Ross Oil Mid Cork Junior Football Championship after an impressive performance against Kilmichael at Cloughduv. Kilmichael had injury problems coming into the game and Inniscarra gave a superb performance of power and accuracy up front and simply crushed their challenge.

Dan O'Connell for 'Scarra and Chris O'Connell

for Kilmichael swapped early points, Kilmichael goalkeeper Shane Masters made the first of several outstanding saves to deny Dan O'Connell in the 9th minute and Liam O'Connor ran at the defence and shot confidently over to put Inniscarra in front again a minute later and they never lost the lead subsequently. Cork hurler and fine footballer, Seán O'Donoghue pointed a '45' and David O'Keeffe had added a point before Masters saved a blistering Colin O'Leary shot but O'Keeffe was on hand to boot the rebound to the Kilmichael net in the 14th minute. In the second quarter Inniscarra added four more points, Kilmichael, struggling to stay in touch, had two points from Chris O'Connell frees and a point from Finbarr Buckley before he was forced to retire injured, and at half time Inniscarra led by 1-8 to 0-4 and were clearly on top.

Kilmichael introduced the injured Peter Kelleher for the resumption but within two minutes had conceded a second goal, Seán O'Donoghue the scorer and despite battling on with points from Daniel Horgan, Chris O'Connell and Jonathan McCarthy were already eleven points adrift, 2-11 to 0-6, when David O'Keeffe palmed a third Inniscarra goal in the 40th minute after a strong run and a perfect pass from corner back Liam Ryan.

The agony for Kilmichael continued in the final quarter with injuries forcing the withdrawal of Kelleher and O'Connell and totally dominant Inniscarra kicked another seven points with Kilmichael replying through Daniel Cotter and Colm Dromey and the final whistle was a welcome sound.

Scorers: Inniscarra: D O'Keeffe 2-1, S O'Donoghue 1-3 (0-1 '45'), L O'Connor 0-5 (0-2f), M McLoughlin 0-3, D O'Connell, D Kelleher (f), S Sheehan, L Collins, F Horgan, D O'Sullivan 0-1 each. Kilmichael: C O'Connell 0-4 (f), F Buckley, D Horgan, J McCarthy, D Cotter, C Dromey (f) 0-1 each.

Inniscarra: Dominic Kelleher: Liam Ryan, John O'Callaghan, Cathal Griffin: Aaron O'Raw, David Coughlan, Colin O'Leary: Seán Sheehan, Tim Murphy: Mark McLoughlin, Seán O'Donoghue, Liam Collins: Liam O'Connor, Dan O'Connell, David O'Keeffe. Subs: Jack Hayes 37, Dylan O'Sullivan and Shay Dineen, both on 42, Frank Horgan and Eric Baxter, both on 45.



Kilmichael: Shane Masters: Seán Buttimer, Conor Cotter, Gerard Murphy: Brendan Cotter, Finbarr Buckley, Finbarr Dromey: Cathal Foley, Jonathan McCarthy: Ronan Murphy, Chris O'Connell, Shane Foley: Kevin Murphy, Colm Dromey, Daniel Cotter. Subs: Daniel Horgan 27, Peter Kelleher h/t, Alan Harrington 47.

Referee: Peter O'Leary, Cloughduv.

Aghinagh 3 - 11 Ballincollig 1 - 15

Aghinagh are through to the semifinal stages but they got an almighty scare from Ballincollig in this quarter final tie at Donoughmore and it took two fine injury time points to give them their passage. Aghinagh struck for a brace of goals in the 10th minute to inspire a fine first half performance. Dermot O'Callaghan set up the first for Declan Ambrose, and within a minute mixed signals in the Ballincollig defence were availed of by Liam

Twohig who gleefully fired home to give the champions a 2-1 to 0-2 lead.

Points were exchanged before Aghinagh struck for a third goal, TJ Buckley taking a pass from Dave Barry before slotting home. Ballincollig were still in arrears 3-7 to 0-7 but on the stroke of as half time struck for a goal from the unmarked Ciarán McKeever to significantly alter their prospects.

The sides twice exchanged points on the resumption, 3-9 to 0-9 in the 36th minute and then, point by point, Ballincollig began to eat into the Aghinagh lead. Only two points separated the teams at the three-quarter stage and after scoring six points in a row without reply, Ballincollig were level in the 52nd minute.

The stalemate still ensued as the game went into injury time, to be broken at last by a fine Seán Kelleher point for Aghinagh and Liam Twohig

added another before the final whistle.

Aghinagh: Jason McCarthy: Donagh O'Riordan, Dermot O'Callaghan, John Lynch: Donal Corkery, Dave Barry, Aodh Twomey: Gearóid O'Sullivan, Declan Ambrose: Seán Kelleher, Liam Twohig, Mathew McCarthy: Darragh McCarthy, TJ Buckley, Thomas Morgan Subs: Luke O'Leary 45, Micheál Horgan 50, William Coakley 53, Jack Kearney 56, Shane Corkery 62.

Ballincollig: John O'Driscoll: Podge Harrington, Shane Buckley, David Courtney: Seán O'Donoghue, Kevin Crowley, Dan Murphy: Stephen Coughlan, Frank Down: Callum Sheehan, Steve Wills, Eoin O'Reilly: Dylan Ebili, Dara Dorgan, Ciarán. Subs: Fenton Denny. Adam Wills, Jason O'Connor.

Referee: Pat O'Leary, Kilmurry

Co-op Superstores Cork County Hurling Championships

Premier Senior Hurling Championship

Group A - Douglas 4, Midleton 2, Newtownshandrum 2, Kanturk 0

Group B - Erin's Own 4, Glen Rovers 2, Bishopstown 2, Na Piarasaigh 0.

Group C - St Finbarr's 3, Sarsfields 2, Blackrock 2, Charleville 1.

Divisions/Colleges: Imokilly

Senior A Hurling

Group A - Fermoy 4, Newcestown 2, Mallow 2, Cloyne 0.

Group B - Fr O'Neill's 4, BLARNEY 2, Killeagh 2, Courcy Rovers 0.

Group C - Bride Rovers 3, Ballyhea 3, Carrigtwohill

2, Ballymartle 0.

Premier Intermediate HC:

Group A: Castlelyons 3, Watergrasshill 2, Carrigaline 2, ÉIRE ÓG 1

Group B: INNISCARRA 4, Bandon 2, Valley Rovers 2, Youghal 0.

Group C: Ballinhassig 4, Kilworth 2, Castlemartyr 2, BALLINCOLLIG 0

Intermediate A HC:

Group A: Lisgoold 3, Aghada 2, Blackrock 2, Midleton 1.

Group B: CLOUGHDUV 4, AGHABULLOGUE 2, Dungourney 2, Douglas 0.

Group C: Sarsfields 4, Kildorrery 4, Mayfield 0, Meelin 0.

Premier Junior HC:

Group A: Kilbrittain 4, Milford 2, Barryroe 1, St Finbarr's 1.

Group B: Ballygiblin 4, Argideen Rangers 4, DRIPSEY 0, Ballygarvan 0.

Group C: Glen Rovers 0, Tracton 4, St Catherine's 0, Russell Rovers 2.

MJK OILS Mid Cork Junior Hurling Championship

The 2022 MJK Oils Mid Cork Junior Hurling championship is being played off in groups in the initial stages. There are three groups, two of four teams each and one of three teams. The top two in each group will advance, two to the championship semifinals and four to the quarter final stage.

Group 1: Blarney 2, Inniscarra 2, Donoughmore 0

Group 2: Grenagh 4, Kilmichael 3, Aghabullogue 1,

Cloughduv 0

Group 3: Éire Óg 4, Ballinora 4, Iveleary 0, Ballincollig 0.

Final Group Fixtures:

Friday 26th

Group 2: Cloughduv v Aghabullogue at Blarney 7pm

G3: Ballinora v Éire Óg at Ballincollig 7pm

Saturday Aug 27th:

G2: Grenagh v Kilmichael at Donoughmore 7pm

Sunday Aug 28th:

G 1: Donoughmore v Blarney at Coachford 7pm



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MACROOM FC: 15th of August
This Weeks Jackpot € 7, 200 Numbers 4,18,31
No Winner
€ 80: Pat O Riordan C/O POR
€ 20: Christine O Driscoll C/O Twomeys
€ 20: Brendan O Regan C/O Online
€ 20: Tara & Meadbh C/O MaryAnnes
€ 20: Maureen O Grady C/O Evelyn

AGHINAGH GAA:
Aghinagh G.A.A.Lotto Results 8th August, 2022
The jackpot was €3,400.00. The numbers drawn were 16, 24 and 27. There was no jackpot winner. Consolation prizes: €50.00 to Margaret O'Brien, Coolehane. €20 each to Noreen P. Kelleher, Ballinagree Shop; Gerald Kelleher, Moulnahorna, Carriganimma; James Ambrose, Cahirbaroule, Macroom; John O'Leary, Dromduve.
Aghinagh G.A.A.Lotto Results 15th August, 2022
The jackpot was €3,550.00. The numbers drawn were 7, 18 and 31. There was no jackpot winner. Consolation prizes: €50.00 to Paul Burke, Mid Cork Pallets. €20 each to Roisin Twohig, Ballinagree West; Gerard Kelleher, Ballinagree; Mary Deasy, Rusheen; Richie O'Sullivan, Carrigadrohid (Online Winner)

COACHFORD
Lotto Draw: 15/8/2022. Jackpot: €1,000. Numbers Drawn: 15 - 34 - 35. No Winner. €40 John Lynch. €20 Mags & Mary O'Sullivan, Donal Herlihy, Declan Kiely (Yearly Ticket), Emily Barrett (Online Ticket).
Lotto Draw: 22/8/2022. Jackpot: €1,200. Numbers

Drawn: 12 - 17 - 30. No Winner. €40 Ben Rooney. €20 Paddy Riordan, Annie Rooney, Eve O'Leary (Online Ticket), Nick Martin (Yearly Ticket).

RCPA (RYLANE COMMUNITY PARK ASSOCIATION)
LOTTO RESULTS:
August 8th 2022 RCPA (Rylane Community Park Association) Lotto results:
Winning numbers: 13, 16 & 34. Jackpot - €2,100 No winner.
Lucky Dips: John Long (Rylane); Marie O'Rourke (Rylane); Rose Buckley (Ballincollig - yearly ticket); Donna Darcy (Dublin - online). Seller's prize: Crowleys (Rylane).
Next week's Jackpot will be €2,200.
Monday August 15th 2022.
Winning numbers: 5, 10 & 11. Jackpot - €2,200
No winner.
Lucky Dips: Eabha Horan (Enfield); Martin O'Rourke (Rylane); Debbie O'Donovan (Rylane - yearly ticket); Triona Dineen (Coachford - online). Seller's prize: Josie Leahy (Rylane).
Next week's Jackpot will be €2,300.

CLONDROHID LOTTO G.A.A.:
LOTTO RESULTS: Results for Aug 17. Jackpot of €2,000
€70 Mary Twomey, The Tce., Clondrohid
€20 John O'Leary c/o MCP, Paul Long c/o Murrays Bar, Richie O'Connor Oakwood, Jamie Kelleher Moulnahorna

MACROOM GAA: Lotto Results:
26 July 2022
No Winner - €70. Olan Buckley, Kilnagurteen, Macroom. €20. Noel O'Driscoll, North Street, Skibereen. €20. John Angland, New Street, Macroom. €20. Ester Kenneally, Glan Park, Macroom. €20. Niamh Hodge, 53 Ard Na Graine, Macroom. €20. Andy Scannel, Skibereen. Next Week's Jackpot €7600.

02 August 2022
No Winner - €70. Anthony Kelleher, Bridgemount, Clondrohid. €20. Mary Lehane, Glen Park, Macroom. €20. Raymond Quill, Oakwood, Macroom. €20. Marc Lynch, Ballingearry. €20. B.O'Rourke, ESB Dunmanway, €20. Goalie Deasy, Sleaveen, Macroom. Next Week's Jackpot €7800.

09 August 2022
No Winner - €70. Anthony Kelleher, Bridgemount, Clondrohid. €20. Mary Lehane, Glen Park, Macroom. €20. Raymond Quill, Oakwood, Macroom. €20. Marc Lynch, Ballingearry. €20. B.O'Rourke, ESB Dunmanway, €20. Goalie Deasy, Sleaveen, Macroom. Next Week's Jackpot €7800.

16 August 2022
WINNER €8000 - Geraldine Kiely, Cork Street, Macroom. €20. Shane O'Leary, Peake, Coachford. €20. John Ryan, Sullane Weirs, Macroom. €20. Rachel Horgan, Firville, Macroom. €20. Alan O'Shea, Coolkisha, Coachford. €20. Dawn Murphy, 9 Cork Street, Macroom. Next Week's Jackpot €2000.

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A Word of Victory

Welcome back dear student there is power in the Word of God for transformation. 'Light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it' (John 1:5). Last week we read the Scriptures on how God is pouring out His Glory and many people, aware that something is going on in the world, are seeking God by reading the Bible for themselves (Isaiah 55:6-7). And God is speaking to them - like He promised He would (John 16:13). Not one Word that God has spoken in the Scriptures has failed to come to pass or ever will (1st Kings 8:56) "The grass withers; the flowers fail, but the Word of our God lasts forever" (Isaiah 40:8). Jesus, the Son of God is 'The Word of God' (John 1:1-14). He has existed from the beginning and nothing was made without Him (Psalm 33:6-9).

When God created this world He spoke everything into existence with His Word (Genesis 1:1-31). He is the God 'Who gives life to the dead things and calls those things that are not as though they are' (Romans 4:17). God's Word is true and you can trust Him. To receive His promises you need to first believe His Word and learn to speak His Word over your circumstances. The devil tries to oppose anyone finding out the truth of the power of God available to us through believing, praying and proclaiming the Word - but he is a liar and defeated (Revelation 12:10-11). The Word of God is alive because Jesus - 'The Word of God' - was raised from the dead. When you pray the Scriptures aloud you are releasing the full resurrection life-giving power of God and those circumstances will respond to the 'Sword of the Spirit' (Hebrews 4:12; Ephesians 6:17). "He sent His Word and healed them and delivered them from their destructions" (Psalms 107:20).

When God sent Jesus to this earth, He experienced everything that we have, but, He never sinned. That is why the grave could not hold Him. Death is the result of sin (Romans 6:23). So, since Jesus never sinned, He was able to defeat both sin and death and the power of Satan on our behalf, thereby making the way for everyone who believes in Him to be forgiven, reconciled to God, healed, delivered and set free. "...so shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it." (Isaiah 55:11). The Word of God did not return void, and He did succeed in the thing for which God sent Him - Jesus fulfilled every Word that had been prophesied about Him in the Scriptures so when He went back to the Father the work of Salvation was complete and ready for those who believe in Jesus to receive it and walk in victory. This is why we can boldly teach and preach on healing because Jesus did not fail in His task and He always confirms His Word with the signs that follow (Mark 16:20). And that's how faith in Jesus is proved true - because of the miracles and power of God to heal people and transform their lives from chaos into peace. The study of God's Word is essential. Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life." (John 8:12)

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Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked many favours. This time I ask you this special one, (mention favour). Take it dear heart of Jesus and place it within your heart where your father sees it. Then in his merciful eyes it will become your favour, not mine. Amen.

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

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FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

CANON JACKIE CORKERY

Castlepark, Mallow and Drombeg, Aginagh
Died 20th August 2021

As we fondly remember our brother, uncle and friend, Canon Jackie Corkery; his brother, Michael, sisters, Maura, Sr. Siobhán MMM, Margaret, their families and his close friends, would like to offer their heartfelt thanks to those who sympathised with them, sent Mass cards or enrolment's, and shared messages on RIP.ie. Also the neighbours, friends and parishioners who joined them online, did stewarding, Aginagh GAA for traffic management, those who lined the road on his final journey from Castlepark to St. John the Baptist Church, Rusheen and on to the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Kanturk.

A special word of thanks to the doctors, nurses and all the staff of Mallow Primary Care Centre and especially the Public Health Nurses for their excellent care of him. A special thanks to Jean and all the Home Help Team who cared for Jackie with such warmth and kindness.

Sincere thanks to Bishop William Crean, Fr. Michael Corkery P.P. Glanworth, Canon Donal Roberts P.P. Macroom, Canon Toby Bluitt P.P. Kanturk and the clergy who concelebrated or attended the funeral Mass and burial. Thanks to those who played the music and sang so beautifully. We are also very grateful to the sacristans and Altar society for preparing both churches and catering for our needs.

Thanks to Fitzgerald's Funeral Directors for their sensitive and professional handling of the arrangements.

It is not possible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our sincere appreciation to you all. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.



NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART



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In loving memory of

CON O' LEARY

**Carriganima, Macroom, Co. Cork
23rd August 2021**

As we lovingly remember Con on his first anniversary, his wife Peggy, son Anthony, daughter Marie, sister Sheila and extended O'Leary family would like to express their sincere thanks to everyone who sympathised with us on the sad passing of our dear father, husband, grandfather, brother, and friend. We would like to thank our kind neighbours and friends, everyone who called and everyone that dropped food to our house during the funeral. We thank all the staff in CUH, especially all the staff in Level 5 Intensive Care Unit for the care they gave Dad in his final few weeks, Dr. Shane Hurley and all the staff at Muskerry Family Practice, Fr. Joe Rohan, Fr. Jack Fitzgerald and Fr. Francis Manning for the lovely funeral mass and for all their help and support throughout the funeral. We thank Jerry Doody and everyone that did readings and prayers at Dad's funeral, to Fr. Jack Fitzgerald and Sharon Lane for all their help with the mass leaflet and funeral mass, to Davy Tarrant and all at Tarrant Funeral Services for all their kind help and professionalism. Thank you to all Dad's work colleagues in Cork County Council.

It is difficult to express our gratitude in such a brief note but to everyone who supported us at the time of Dad's passing and for the many months after we thank you most sincerely.



May He Rest In Peace

FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

MICHAEL (MICK) FITZSIMONS

**Carrigagulla, Ballinagree, Macroom
Late of Sheperd's Bush London
Who died 29th August 2021**

As we lovingly remember Mick on his first anniversary, his wife Sheila, sisters Deirdre, Geraldine, Kathryn and extended families extend our heartfelt thanks to all who supported us on our sudden sad loss. Thanks to the emergency services, Gardaí, Sheila, Jim Crowley Rylane, Laura O'Riordan and everyone who helped on that Sunday evening. Thanks to the Dunmanway Day Unit Radiotherapy Clinic CUH for all their care.

Dr. John Burke, Dr Juan Blanco, Seamus and staff at the Haven Pharmacy, your help was invaluable to us.

Thanks to Fr Donal Roberts for his prayers and celebration of Mick's Funeral Mass, sacristan Nora Mc Carthy for all her help, Peggy Lynch for her lovely singing, Funeral Directors Martin and Billy Fitzgerald for their kindness and guidance.

Thanks to everyone who attended the prayers and funeral Mass, those who sent Mass cards, condolence on RIP.ie and who sent flowers. Thanks to our wonderful neighbours, relatives and Mick's special friends for your support.

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

*Every second of
Every minute of
Every hour of
Every day
I miss you.*



Mick's first anniversary Mass will be celebrated in St. John the Baptist Church Ballinagree on Saturday 3rd September at 8pm

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In loving memory of

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**Clonavrick, Macroom
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they never wither or grow old
locked in our hearts you will always be
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Will those who think of Padraig today
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9th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

JEROME O' CONNOR

**Carrigaphooca, Lissacreasig,
Macroom**

**Ninth Anniversary occurs on
September 05th**

*"You live in our hearts.
You walk by our sides,
And from heaven above,
You are always our guide"*



Lovingly remembered by his Mum Joan, family and friends.

8th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

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Droumreague and Railway View

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2nd ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

MICHAEL (MICKO) KELLEHER

Late of Mountmassey, Macroom, Co.Cork, who died 1st September 2020.

A beautiful life that came to an end. You died as you lived, everyone's friend.

In our hearts your memory will always be kept,

Of one we loved and will never forget.

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



Sadly missed by his wife Margaret, Son James, daughter Eileen, Grandchildren, Molly, Katie and Sarah, Son-in-law David, James's partner Norma and her son Darragh.

Michael's anniversary Mass on Friday 2nd September 2022 at 7.30pm in St. Colman's Church, Macroom.

3rd ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

CONNIE LYNCH

Derrynasaggart, Ballyvourney, whose 3rd anniversary occurred on August 11th.

It doesn't take a special day To bring you to our mind. For days without a thought of you Are very hard to find.



Fondly remembered by Mary and family.

50TH BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE



In loving memory of

JOHNNY OLDHAM

26.8.1972 - 3.4.1976

Remembering Johnny with love on his 50th Birthday which occurs on 26th August



Sadly missed by Eileen, Liz, Colm, Derek, Vicky, Jack, Beth and extended family.

5th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

THADY OLDHAM

Oakwood Court, Macroom Whose anniversary occurs on 6th September

Everyday in some small way, memories of you come our way. Will those who think of Thady today, A little prayer to Jesus say.



Always remembered by Eileen, Liz, Colm, Derek, Vicky, Jack, Beth and extended family

5th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

EILEEN CREMIN

Aghabullogue, Co Cork who died on September 3rd 2017

Those we love don't go away They walk beside us every day.



Fondly remembered

Suaimhneas síoraí dá anam

5th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

DONIE CROWLEY

Dromanallig, Béal Atha'n Ghaorthaidh

who died 3rd September 2017

Though absent you are very near, Still loved, still missed and very dear.



Always remembered and sadly missed by his wife Breda, daughters Helen, Anita, and Bríd and their families.

Go dtuga Dia Suaimhneas Síoraí dó.

2nd ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

MIKO KELLEHER

Whose anniversary occurs on the 1st September.

We had a wonderful grandfather, One who never really grew old: His smile was made of sunshine, And his heart was solid gold; His eyes Were as bright as shining stars, And in his cheeks fair roses you see. We had a wonderful grandfather. And that's the way it will always be. But take heed, because. He's still keeping an eye on all of us, So let's make sure He will like what he sees.



Love from James, Norma, Molly, Katie, Sarah and Darragh.

2nd ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

MICHAEL BUCKLEY

New Street, Macroom Whose 2nd anniversary occurs on 3rd September.

Sadly missed along life's way Lovingly remembered everyday No longer in our lives to share But in our hearts, you're always there.



Always remembered and sadly missed by your loving wife Mary and family

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12th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

JOHN O'LEARY

**Clondrohid, Macroom,
Who died on August 30th 2010.**

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



Loved and remembered by Kathleen and family.

3rd ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

MIRIAM KELLEHER

**Rahalisk, Ballinagree, Macroom
Who died on 27th August 2019**

*Always remembered and always loved
~mother~*

*The woman I call sister
is a blessing from god above
the woman I call sister is the sister
I'll always love
~Micheal~*

*Our mam was the strongest person I knew.
She overcame so much in her life. She
taught us a lot but the main thing was to
never lose sight. She was my mam and my
best friend. I would do anything to give
her one more hug to say thank You for
everything and for fighting you're battle
for as long as you did. She is always by our
sides. I Love you love always you're blanket
~Jade~*

*Losing my mam broke me in two ways
I lost my mam and my Best friend.
~Keelan~*

*Mom had a hard shell on the outside inside
was a kind caring person I could get no
better mother even if I went to the moon
and all beyond.
~Tyler~*

*I love you mom miss you
~Lela~*



Miss you always

40th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

CHRISTY MC CARTHY

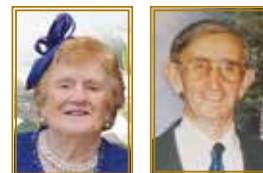
**Firmount, Killarney Road, Macroom,
who died 26th August 1982**

*Always in our thoughts
and memories.*



Still sadly missed but fondly remembered
by sister Jane, children Orla, Owen
and Tom, relations and friends in
Donoughmore, Cill na Martra Macroom
and far a field.

3rd & 14th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

NORA & TIMOTHY (TED) O'LEARY

**Nora died on 10th August 2019
Timothy died on 27th August 2008
Upper Codrum, Macroom**

*Time may pass
Life goes on,
But in our hearts
You're never gone.*



Lovingly remembered by Finbarr, Mary,
Gerard, Siobhan
and their immediate family.

5th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**SHEILA BUCKLEY
(NEE O'LEARY)**

**Lactify, Clondrohid,
Macroom, Co. Cork.
Who died August 26th 2017**

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



Always remembered by
her loving family.

3rd ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

CONNIE MICK LUCEY

**Gortnacarriga, Inchigeela, Co. Cork.
Who died on the 28th August 2019**

*Somewhere beyond the sunset
Where loved ones never die
You sleep in a beautiful garden
Beneath a golden sky
Though heaven and earth divide us
We are never far apart
For you are always in our thoughts
And forever in our hearts.*



Sadly missed by family, relatives & friends.

Anniversary Mass Mon 29th @10am
Inchigeela Church

11th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

PEADAR CORCORAN

**St. Colman's Park, Macroom.
Whose anniversary occurs
around this time.**

*We thought of you with love today,
But that is nothing new,
We thought about you yesterday,
And days before that too.
We think of you in silence,
We often speak your name,
All we have are memories,
And your picture in a frame.*



Always loved and sadly missed by
his loving family.

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