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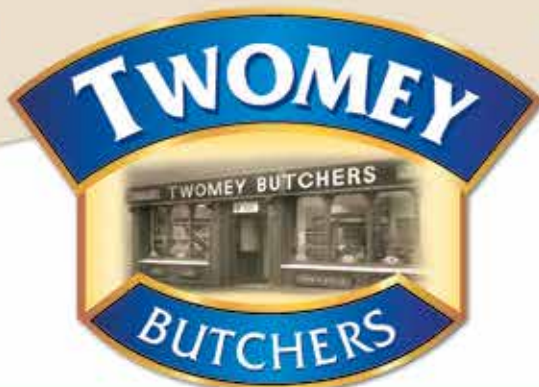
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will be published in the following edition. As always submissions as Gaeilge are always welcome too!

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WEST CORK GARDA YOUTH AWARDS 2024

Emily Mehigan Macroom

Emily is a long standing member of Macroom Girl Guides, where she is currently senior patrol leader. Emily was awarded her National Guiding Award, and is currently completing her bronze Gaisce award. She has represented Irish Girl Guides on the National Youth Assembly, and Emily was elected to sit on the Youth Advisory Group on Climate. In this regard, she has assisted in organising a number of events, and Emily will partake in an upcoming National Climate Stakeholder Forum in Dublin. Emily was selected Ireland at a youth participation conference in Madrid in 2023. Emily's national profile has had a very positive impact on her peers in both Macroom Guides and in her school Saint Mary's in Macroom.

Walk 'Cause You Can COACHFORD

This group of 5 students from Coachford College set about a remarkable initiative. It was a meaningful display of support for their Deputy Principal Diarmuid Hickey who had MND – Diarmuid sadly passed away in March 2024. The students organised for the entire school community to walk 10,000 laps of the school walkway, which raised €51,787 for the Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association. They organised the logistics so that the entire school community walked the final three laps together, a wonderful culmination to the event. Their motivation was born out of care and respect for a teacher who played a positive role in their lives. These students are superb ambassadors for young people.

Macroom Foróige MACROOM

When you mention Foróige in the Macroom community, people smile because the club members are willingly involved in every community event. They contacted management in their local emergency



Macroom Foróige members receiving their Group Award from Chief Superintendent Vincent O'Sullivan.

accommodation centre, and have organised monthly visits there. These visits have allowed them to build friendships and relationships with those less fortunate than themselves. Foróige members have volunteered with: Darkness Into Light, Irish Guide Dogs Walk, Lions Club Food Appeal, Macroom Food Festival, St. Patrick's Day Festival, and they have maintained a Foróige garden locally as well. Community is at the forefront of this group – their involvement in such a variety of events is a joy to behold.

Emily Cronin BALLYMAKEERA

Emily always puts everyone else first, and she is ever

willing to help those less fortunate than herself. Emily volunteers with West Muskerry Athletics Club twice a week and also at competitions during the summer. Emily raised €2,500 in funds for the Hope Foundation, and she travelled to Calcutta where she volunteered for 3 weeks. Emily worked with the most vulnerable people in deprived conditions in Calcutta, and her charity work brought joy, hope and fun to those whose lives she touched. This work with the Hope Foundation has inspired others in her community and Emily has displayed a wonderful attitude and willingness to help others.



Emily Mehigan receiving her Macroom District Award from Chief Superintendent Vincent O'Sullivan.



Emily Cronin, Overall Award winner, with Inspector Ian O'Callaghan, and family members.

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Killian Lynch auctioneers are pleased to offer this 5 bedroom detached house and garage on a large site. The property which comprises of c.1600 sq ft living accommodation throughout is in very good condition and would make for an ideal family home. Boasting an impressive view overlooking Macroom golf course, the house is located only c.300 yards from the Macroom interchange junction onto the Macroom bypass only c.3 minutes to Macroom town centre and c.30 minutes drive to Killarney and Cork city. BER: G (107648198)

GUIDE PRICE: €370,000



UNDER OFFER

BLOOMSBURY COTTAGE, COOLINEAGH, AGHABULLOGUE, COACHFORD, CO. CORK, P12Y196

Killian Lynch Auctioneers are pleased to offer this quaint traditional 2/3 bedroom cottage on c.1.28 acres. The property which comprises of c.635 sq.ft. living accommodation is in excellent condition throughout, after being extended and a new roof installed in recent years. There are a number of buildings with this property alongside 2 small paddocks, making this a very attractive property. Located in a sought after area, only minutes from Aghabullogue village, c.10 minutes drive from Coachford, c.30 minutes drive from Cork and c.15 minutes drive from Macroom town. BER: G (100573146)

GUIDE PRICE: €205,000



NEW TO MARKET

CAHERBIRRANE, CLONDROHID, MACROOM, CO. CORK

Killian Lynch auctioneers are pleased to offer this c.45 acre farm holding with extensive dual road frontage onto the Millstreet / Macroom road. The lands are gentle sloping and are currently under pasture and are suitable for most farming enterprises. The lands can be broken into the following categories: c.36 acres grassland and c.9 acres scrub land under SAC.

GUIDE PRICE: €300,000



NEW TO MARKET

BAWNMORE, MACROOM, CO. CORK, P12YC04

Killian Lynch Auctioneers are pleased to offer this 3 bedroom farmhouse on c.1 acre. The farmhouse comprises of c.1240 ft living accommodation and is in need of renovation throughout, however it will qualify for the vacant home grant of up to €70,000. The property has the benefit of a large shed adjacent to the property which has 3 phase power. Located c.5 minutes drive from Macroom town, c.30 minutes drive to Cork city. BER: G (117420968)

GUIDE PRICE: €100,000



NEW TO MARKET

BAWNMORE, MACROOM, CO. CORK

Killian Lynch Auctioneers are pleased to offer this c.30 acre agricultural farm holding, located only c.5 minutes drive north of Macroom town and c.30 minutes from Cork city. The land which is currently under pasture is elevated in parts with some rock outcrop and is an attractive small holding with access from a minor public roadway.

GUIDE PRICE: €280,000



NEW TO MARKET

CANDROMEY, KILNAMARTYRA, MACROOM, CO. CORK, P12XH04

Killian Lynch Auctioneers are pleased to offer this beautiful 4 bedroom detached house on c.0.9 acres. Surrounded by landscaped gardens the property consists of c.1350 sq ft living accommodation throughout & is in turn key condition. Located in a quiet, peaceful area only c.2 minutes drive from Kilnamartyra village, c.10 minutes drive to Macroom town, c.30 minutes drive to Killarney & c.45 minutes drive to Cork city. Viewings highly advised. BER: C2 (117194035)

GUIDE PRICE: €275,000



UNDER OFFER

BAHATI, CARRIGLEIGH, INCHIGEELAGH, MACROOM, CO. CORK, P12 XN56

Killian Lynch auctioneers are pleased to offer this 4 bedroom detached house and garage located in the heart of Inchigeelagh village. The property which comprises of c.130 sq meters living accommodation is in good struct condition but requires some minor modernization. The house which has front and rear landscaped gardens and is within walking distance to all local amenities. The property is located c.10 minutes from Ballyearry village, c.15 minutes drive to Macroom town and c.40 minutes to Cork city. BER: E1 (117426841)

GUIDE PRICE: €220,000



NEW TO MARKET

SHANDANGAN WEST, CARRIGADROHID, MACROOM, CO. CORK, P12CH26

Killian Lynch auctioneers are pleased to offer this charming 2 bedroom cottage on c.1 acre. The property which comprises of c.680 sq.ft. living accommodation throughout is nestled away in a serene rural setting, offering the perfect blend of rustic charm and modern comforts. This home provides ample space for outdoor activities and gardening. Located only c.5km from Carrigadrohid village, c.10km from Macroom town and c.20 minutes drive to Cork City. BER: E1

GUIDE PRICE: €245,000

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NEW TO MARKET

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Killian Lynch auctioneers are pleased to present this 2/3 bedroom cottage and outbuildings on c.1.3 acres. The property comprises of c.800 sq.ft. living accommodation is in good structural condition but is in need of modernization throughout. The property also boasts block built stables to the rear of the property. Ideally located in a much sought after area, only c.1km from Cloughduv village, c.15 minutes drive from Macroom and Ballincollig and c.20 minutes drive to Cork City. BER: G

GUIDE PRICE: €260,000

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Macroom and District Lions Club family fun day

Macroom and District Lions Club announce details of their fabulous Family Fun Day in the Castle Grounds to raise funds for much needed community defibrillator project. Fun and Games Guaranteed!

Macroom and District Lions Club members happily (and excitedly) announced details of their second Family Fun Day recently, following on from the massive success of its first event last summer. A day of fun, games, races, food and entertainment for all is promised at the Family Fun Day which takes place on Sunday, 23rd June in the Castle Grounds, Macroom. With kind permission from Macroom GAA, the GAA pitch and facilities will also host the many and varied fun activities the Lions Club has planned for the day. This year's event has a very special purpose as the local Lions Club has ambitiously taken on the challenge of purchasing a fleet of new defibrillators (at least 10) as well as upgrading/refurbishing the existing defibrillators in the local community. Expanding the access and availability to these life-saving machines is a priority for the Lions Club and it is hoped the Family Fun Day will fund a good part of the costs of the project.

The first Family Fun Day took place in June 2023 and the organisers were blown away by the numbers that attended and the positive feedback from people. It was a resounding success and everybody had a wonderful day. Similar to last year's event, the Family Fun Day takes place on the Sunday of the Macroom Music Festival Weekend.

Macroom and District Lions Club members are busy planning a great day for the people of Macroom and the region. With support from some local partners, such as Macroom Foroige and Macroom GAA, the Lions Club has set out another incredible day of



Local Lions club members Tony Kelleher, Jo-Anne Cotter, Declan Sheehan, Martin Lucey and James O'Sullivan launch the Family Fun Day at Macroom's iconic Castle Gates

entertainment for all ages. At the launch of the 2024 Family Fun Day, President of Macroom and District Lions Club, Declan Sheehan commented "Last year was our first time organising a Family Fun Day and we really weren't sure what to expect. We were absolutely thrilled with the numbers that attended and how well the event came together. We are delighted to, once again, organise a special day of fun, laughter, and good craic for the people of Macroom and the region on Sunday, 23rd June. It is very exciting to be working on the event knowing how much people enjoyed it last year. We hope the sun will shine for us and that everyone will come to join us for a wonderful day of fun and games and help us raise much needed funds for our community defibrillator project."

Fun and games are guaranteed and everyone is invited to come and enjoy all that will be on offer - music, hook-a-duck, Teddy Bear's Picnics, races (including some novelty categories for adults), bouncy castles, fairground rides, vintage cars, food stalls, face painting, welly throwing and so much more. If last year's event is anything to go by, the Family Fun Day will be a day where special memories are made. Macroom and District Lion Club is seeking volunteers to help out on the day. If you can spare a few hours on Sunday, 23rd June and want to be a part of this lovely community event, then please get in touch with Macroom and District Lions Club on 087 4370466, or reach out on the Club's social. For further information, visit Macroom and District Lions Club Facebook page.

Macroom Tidy Towns

We held a monthly meeting on the May 14th in our Hub. Some of the topics discussed include the Tidy Towns Submission, Famine Memorial project and Anti-Litter Competition. The tidy towns have started a new initiative to gain support from businesses in the Square and Main Street areas. The request is to meet every Monday evening at 6pm outside the Vodafone shop to do a little Tidy Towns work in the town centre. Thanks to the businesses that have participated already and looking forward to welcoming more over the coming months. If your business is interested in joining contact Lisa at 087-1434770.

The first judging period for the Cork County Council Anti-Litter Competition has finished. We are in second last position receiving 913.7 points out of a thousand. The problem areas were along the Main Street, between De La Salle College and the Courthouse and lanes. Oakwood and Glen Park were also judged, and they fared out very well. A big well done to them for keeping their area in pristine condition. The second Judging period is taking place from May 27th to June 5th with the third and final judging period taking place from June 10th to June 19th. During each judging period, selected stretches of the main streets, lane ways and square will be marked. The focus is on litter and the number of pieces of litter found and marks will be lost accordingly. On each of the two remaining judging periods two estates will be selected for judging. The remaining estates nominated this year are Lois Na Fea and Sullane Weirs and we request that the residents ensure that their area is litter free when the judges arrive.

Tidy Towns Judging starts in June and finishes in



August. We would ask that every property owner stand and look at their premises and ensure that the area outside is weed free, litter free, clean and painted adequately. There are still premises looking dirty and it would only take 5 minutes for the owners or the workers to improve matters significantly. That's not too big an ask to show your support for the volunteers who have to look after so many things and public areas etc.

Over the next few weeks new biodiversity signs will be erected in Colman's Park, Riverside Walk, Fairy Garden

and Biodiversity Garden. The signs were designed with the help of Rosanna Lenci and will be erected on recycled plastic posts. The tree names are colourful and have names in three languages English, Irish and Latin.

There is also going to be a poet's corner with well known poems about the river Sullane, so watch this space!

It has been a busy few weeks doing litter picking around the square and more people socialising outdoors, as well as maintaining and cutting green areas in housing estates around town and in the old graveyard.

Tidy Town Volunteers meet every Saturday at 9am in our base in Maseytown, we are always open to new people joining, so why not come along some Saturday morning and see for yourself the work that is done.



Macroom Tidy Towns new signs made from Recycled Plastic. In three languages English, Irish and Latin



A scene that faces Macroom Tidy Towns on a regular basis

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MCEGAN COLLEGE



6th Year Students who graduated from McEgan on May 22nd after an afternoon ceremony which recalled many of their most memorable times in McEgan. We wish them all well in their future endeavours.

END of Year Fun: Our 5th yr group travelled to Cork on Friday 10th May with their Class Tutors Brian Devane and Sarah Rice. The students chose to participate in Go-Karting at the National Kart Centre Cork, followed by lunch in the Marina Market. The sun was shining, and the students enjoyed the freedom from the timetable.

"Success is not just about crossing the finish line first, but about the journey of becoming a better racer." — Michael Schumacher

On Monday May 13th 31 TY students headed to West cork Secrets to enjoy their end of year trip. They were accompanied by Ms. Murphy TY co-ordinator, Ms Noonan Tutor, and class teacher Ms Bourke and Mr Twohig. The group did not let the rain dampen their spirits as they headed for their hiking adventure through the roaming countryside of Killbrittinn. The group enjoyed a revitalizing swim in the sea and then team building and leadership games and the best of all the mud slide. A singsong and pizza around the campfire finished the day. After a rainy night in their tents the group were up at 8am to start the second leg of their walking journey around the surrounding walkways. The group finished by enjoying a lovely meal in Billies restaurant Bandon. The meal was funded by Dusan Kerns and Jazzon Tiernan from a prize they won during careers week.

3rd years meanwhile had a great day out in Airtastic, Little Island to celebrate the end of the Junior Cycle. It was a fun filled 3 hours followed by a visit to lunch in Ballincollig. The students begin their Junior Cycle written exams on June 5th Best of luck to them in the

exams.

Garda Youth Award winner: Congratulations to Aiden Lee 3rd year, a member of Macroom Foróige who recently won the West Cork Garda Youth Awards 2024 in Dunmore House Hotel, Clonakilty. The Youth Club's kindness, generosity, and inclusion of others as well as their commitment to the community was recognised and rewarded by the West Cork Garda Youth Division. Well done to all.

STEAM initiative with St. Colman's boys' national school: 33 boys from St. Colman's Boys National School participated in a STEAM initiative at McEgan College. Our STEAM workshops aim to integrate science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics, fostering creativity and critical thinking among students. It has been a wonderful to see schools coming together to promote interdisciplinary learning! During their visit, the boys participated in two engaging workshops. In the engineering lab they worked hard to create a dancing robot, while in the woodwork room, they crafted their very own tables. These hands-on experiences sparked their curiosity and creativity for sure! Thank you to the teachers of St. Coleman's for bringing their students to McEgan to participate in this initiative.

Bike Week: To celebrate Bike Week on Friday May 17th McEgan college ran a very successful bike day. The main aim of National bike week is to encourage a love for cycling and to have some fun on two wheels. TY students with guidance from Green School Co-Ordinator Ms. Murphy led a cycle from the castle grounds through the park and down to the golf



TY Students with a cheque for €503 which will be donated to Tralee Hospice in memory of the Late Ms. Susan Dineen our colleague and teacher who passed away in March 2024.

course and back. The groups then did a variety of bike games in the Astro pitch, PE hall and basketball court in which TYs showed off their leadership skills. Students enjoyed ice cream supplied by Freddie's Ice Cream van which was funded by Cork County Council as part of Bike Day.

Walk for Tralee Hospice: Students in McEgan came together to organise a walk to raise funds for Tralee Hospice in memory of the Late Susan Dineen RIP. A total of €503 will now be donated to Tralee Hospice in the honour of Susan.

Green Schools Awards: On May 15th McEgan Green Schools Committee members Aaron Forde & Niamh O'Callaghan accompanied by Ms. Claire Shannon & Ms. Miriam Murphy collected the Travel Flag at the Radisson Blu in Cork.

Graduation Celebration for 6th Year Students: It's hard to believe that the academic year is soon finishing for the 2023 -2024 year. This means of course that another cohort of Students must move out into the world and leave McEgan College behind them. This year the 6th Year Graduation took place on Wednesday May 22nd. Families, friends, and Staff joined the students as they celebrated the years they have spent together, learning, and growing into the fine adults we are now proud to send out into the World. This Year 42 Students graduated, it was a wonderful and special afternoon. We bid them a fond farewell and wish them each the best of luck with the upcoming Leaving Certificate & Leaving Certificate applied exams. Go n-eirí go geal leo sa todhchá.



Some of the boys from St. Coleman's who participated in the Science Technology Engineering Art & Mathematics (STEAM) workshop in McEgan recently



Ms Gemma Hurley & Mr. Liam Twohig, teacher co-ordinators of the Student Council, pictured with Ben Horgan and Nora Kate O'Leary who did excellent as leaders of the students' body in the past year.



5th Yr Students who went go-karting the group then presented the European Students, who are returning home after their term in McEgan, with Irish Flags to remind them of their time in McEgan.



McEgan College Green Schools committee have been working hard to gain the Green Schools Travel Flag which they received at a ceremony in the Radisson Hotel in Cork. Lto R: Cath Russell Green Schools Travel Advisor, Aaron Forde & Naimh O'Callaghan student members of McEgan Green Schools Committee Ms. Murphy & Ms. Shannon McEgan College Teachers.



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ST MARY'S NEWS



Overall winners of Enterprise Competition 2024 Eugenie Kelleher, Ola Byrdziak and Nanna Bach with judges Martin Lucey, Geraldine Galvin and Gráinne Carm



St Marys Enterprise students with Business Teachers Mr Galvin and Ms O Donoghe and judges Martin Lucey, Geraldine Galvin and Gráinne Carmody

WELLBEING

Thanks to past pupil Caoimhe Foley who called in to school last week to speak to the 1st Year Wellbeing class. She gave a brilliant, interactive talk about the journey through school, exams, finding a pathway to the course you want and the benefits of sport. She is studying Home Economics and Business in MTU and is a great role model for the students. Thanks Caoimhe.

GREEN SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

Thanks so much to our Green Schools Committee and Ms Gray for organising an Ice cream van to come with ice cream for everyone last week. The committee wanted to thank all students and staff for helping them on their way to achieving The Travel Flag. Thanks so much

ATHLETICS

Results from Saturday's Munster Schools Track & Field Championships held in Templemore:

Saoirse Twomey, Gold, Munster Champion in Senior 3000m,
 Saorlaith Murphy, 1st in Senior Shot,
 Rebecca O'Neill, 5th in 800m,
 Katelyn Cronin, 6th in Junior Shot Putt
 Congratulations girls on these fantastic results, we are so delighted for you all.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to 2nd year students Cliona O'Brien and Sarah Kelleher who won their game against Tipperary recently when they played on the Cork U15 Camogie team. Well done girls.

Congratulations also to Caoimhe O'Brien and Maisie Murphy who played on the Cork City U19 team who won against Carlow Kilkenny last weekend. Well done girls, we are so proud of your achievements.

ST MARYS ENTERPRISE WEEK 2024

St Mary's Enterprise Week 2024 was a resounding success, showcasing the entrepreneurial spirit and

creativity of our students. The activities during the week were: Enterprise poster competition, Guest Speaker, Aileen Johnson, spoke to Business students about the rewards and challenges of running your own Business, a trip to Glenilen Farm, an Enterprise movie evening and the week ended on Friday with the TY Enterprise Competition. This competition featured innovative presentations from a diverse group of young entrepreneurs, each bringing unique business ideas to the table. Our heartfelt thanks go to our esteemed judges, Martin Lucey, Geraldine Galvin, and Gráinne Carmody, whose expertise and thoughtful feedback were invaluable to the participants. Throughout the week, students engaged in a series of activities designed to nurture their business acumen and creativity. A special thanks is due to Mr. Galvin and Ms. O'Donoghue, whose tireless efforts and meticulous planning made this week possible. Their dedication ensured that each activity ran smoothly, providing an enriching experience for all involved. The enthusiasm and hard work displayed by our students were truly inspiring, and their innovative ideas promise a bright future for entrepreneurship at St. Mary's. We look forward to seeing how these budding entrepreneurs will continue to grow and make an impact in the business world. Thanks so much to our sponsors Firebird, KALEX Automation, Retail Financial Solutions, Killian Lynch Auctioneers, Matt Murphy's Pharmacy, Duggan Steel and South Cork Local Enterprise Office.

LEAVING CERT 2024 GRADUATION

The Leaving Cert Graduation 2024 at St. Mary's was a memorable evening, marked by fantastic singing and music performed by our talented students. Their performances added a special touch to the celebration, making the night truly unforgettable. Heartfelt thanks to Ms. Donovan and Mrs. O'Donovan for organising this wonderful event. Their dedication

ensured everything went smoothly and beautifully. A special mention goes to our head girls, Aibhe Kelleher and Mary O'Donovan, for their lovely speech, which encapsulated the spirit and camaraderie of the graduating class. It was a night of joy, reflection, and celebration for all and we would like to wish the class of 2024 all the best in their upcoming exams. Ye are always welcome in St Marys.

MACROOM SCHOOLS HISTORY COMPETITION

On Monday the 20th of May, a group of Second Years from St. Mary's Secondary School presented their History CBA at the Macroom's Schools History Exhibition in the Castle Hotel, along with McEgan College and Youtheach Macroom students. Their projects were based on the title, 'The Past in My Place'. After their projects were viewed by the public, a selection of students from each school presented their projects to the audience. All students were presented with a Certificate of Merit. Thank you to all the organisers from the Macroom History Group and to the Castle Hotel for their hospitality.



Ms Gray and some of the members of our Green Schools Committee who organised an Ice Cream Van to come to St Marys last week



St Marys teachers in the Teacher V Student dodgeball on the Leaving Certs Graduation day



Saorlaith Murphy who came 1st in the Senior Shot at the Munstr Schools Track and Field Championships

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Ba mhaith linn tréaslú le tríúr ón scoil a bhuaigh bonn ag Craobhchomórtas na hEorpa sa bhbabhláil – fuair Darcy Ní Bhriain bonn cré-umha, Cathal Ó Críordáin bonn airgid agus Liam Ó Murchú bonn óir. Comhghairdeas le hiardhalta Emma Ní Cheallaigh a fuair Scolaire Iontrála 2023 ó Choláiste Ollscoile, Baile Átha Cliath.

LOURDES

Guímid gach rath ar Laura Ní Aileasa, Caoimhe Ní Thuama agus Colin Ó Tuama a bheidh ag taisteal chuig Lourdes chun cabhrú ar an Turas Oilithreach.

PEIL NA MBUACHAILLÍ FÉ 16 – CRAOBH AN CHONTAE

An tseachtain seo caite bhuaigh an foireann fé 16 Craobh an Chontae in aghaidh Pobalscoil Cionn tSáile. Bhí géar iomaíocht idir na foirne sa chéad leath. An scór deiridh ná C.G. 4-12, Cionn tSáile 3-10. Na buachaillí ar an bhfoireann ná . Aaron Ó Laighin, Cillian MacSuibhne, Ciarán MacSuibhne, Conall Mac Suibhne, Lúc Ó Liathain, Jerh Ó Loingsigh, Óisín MacAnnaidh, Breandán Ó Ceallacháin, Eoghan Ó Duinnín, Kyle Ó Cróinín, Liam Ó hÉanacháin, Thade Ó Icidhe, Mattie Ó Loingsigh, Finín Ó Conaill, Peadar Ó Ceallaigh, Caoimhín Ó Céilleachair, Rónán Ó Drisceoil, Evan Ó Laighin, Traolach Ó Ríordáin, Culann Ó Murchú, Ross Ó Briain, Joshua Ó Ríordáin, Jack Ó Goillidhe agus Seán Óg Ó Scanail. Bhí Seán ó hÉanacháin mar bhainisteoir agus bhí Maistir Ó Duinneacha mar leas-bainisteoir.

LÁ DEIREANACH AG BLIAIN A SÉ

Chun an lá deirneach i gColáiste Ghobnatan le bliain a sé a chéiliúradh d’úllmhaigh Bean Uí Dhonechú bricfeasta álainn le roinnt cabhair ó Chomhairle na nDaltaí. Bhí sé deas dóibh bualadh do bhéile lena chéile.

AIFREANN

Mar chuid den lá chéimnithe bhí Aifreann álainn againn leis an t-Athair Mac Cárthaigh sa séipéal ag 10.30 rn. D’fhreastail an scoil go léir chun tacú leo. Thosaigh an tAifreann le ceol draíochtúil ó Alohi, Iseult, Liadh, Hannah, Sadbh, Eimear, Hazel, Iníon Ní Chruadhlaíoch agus Maistir Ó hAireachtáin. Léigh Orlaith agus Daniel na sleachta. Dhéin Caitríona, Áine, Éadaoin, Joanne, Gráinne agus Jermiah guí an phobail. Thóg Abbie, Michéal, Nancy, Lucy, Ciarán, Oscar, Fiona agus Aoise na bronntanais suas. Bhí sé mar tús deas den lá.

SEARMANAS BRONNTA CÉIMEANNA

Ar an 23ú Bealtaine bhí tráthnóna againn sa scoil chun muintir na hArdteiste a chéiliúradh. Ag an doras bhí Gráinne, Máiréad agus James chun fáilte a chur roimh gach duine. Bhí Danú mar bhean an tí agus bhí Darragh mar fhear an tí. Bhí óráid ón oide ranga Maistir Ó Duinnín. Cuireadh físeán de ghrianghraif thar na blianta ar siúl. Labhair Lucy



Under 16 team who won the County Championship

agus Adam ar son na daltaí. Bhí cúpla focail freisin ón bPríomhoide Máistir Ó Creimín. Bronnadh teastais, peann agus fáinne óir ar gach dalta. Tá an Fáinne mar shiombail ar an nasc atá acu leis an nGaeilge. Caitear an Fáinne mar chomhartha go bhfuil Gaeilge acu agus go bhfuil siad toilteanach as í a labhairt. Chun críoch a chur leis an oíche chan an bhliain Mo Ghile Mear le chéile. Ba mhaith linn ár mbuiochas a ghabháil le hIníon Ní Bhuachalla, Iníon Ní Chruadhlaíoch, Iníon Ní Chonchúir, Bean Uí Dhonechú, Bean Uí Ambróis, Maistir Ó Duinnín, Maistir Ó Creimín, Maistir Ó hAireachtáin, Séan, Cáit agus Mary a chabhraigh go mór leis an ócáid. An rang Ardteiste 2024 ná: Lucy Ní Aodha, Neasa Ní Aodha, Shane ó hArgáin-Loingsigh, Amy Ní Bhriain, Lauren Ní Bhriain, Adrian Ó Cathasaigh, Cillian Ó Céilleachair, Micheál Ó Céilleachair, Caitríona Ní Chatháin, Joanne Ní Cheallaigh, Sadbh Ní Cheallaigh, Aisling Ní Chearnaigh, Andrea Ní Chríodáin, Jason Ó Conaill, Ciarán Ó Críodáin, Oscar Cuisín-Breathnach, Áine Ní Dhuinnín, Liadh Ní Dhuinnín, Adam Ó Duinnín, Hazel Ní Éalaithe, Alohi Feachem, Éadaoin d’híde, Conor Ó Loingsigh, Gráinne Ní Loingsigh, Jack Ó Loingsigh, Shauna Ní Loingsigh, Darragh Ó Luachra, Daniel Ó Luanaigh, James Ó Luasa, Máire Ní Luasa, Órlaith Ní Luasa, Aoise Ní Mhainnín, Hannah Ní Mhocháin, Bobby Ó Mocháin, Séamus Ó Mocháin, Darragh Ó Murchú, Liam Ó Murchú, Frankie Ó Ríordáin, Breanna Ní Icidhe, Luke Ó Leighinn, Danú Ní Liatháin, Abbie Ní Loingsigh, Iseult Ní Ríordáin, Fiona de Róiste, Máiréad de Róiste, Eimear Ní Shuibhne, Cormac Mac Suibhne, Jermiah Mac Suibhne Pádraig Mac Suibhne, Dara Ó Suilleabhán, Nancy Ní Thuama, Colin Ó Tuama, Darren Ó Tuama, Liam Ó Tuama, Allannah Ní Uidhir agus Lisa Ní Uidhir.

sin beidh siad réidh do saoire an tsamhraidh. Ar an 5ú Meitheamh beidh bliain a trí agus sé ag tosú na scrúduithe stáit. Guímid gach rath orthú!

FOCLÓIR

- Turas oilithreach – pilgrimage
- Searmanas Bronnta Céimeanna – Graduation Ceremony
- Toilteanach - willing

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Óisín MacAnnaidh and Mattie Ó Loingsigh celebrating the win



Members of a choir/musical group with Master Ó hAireachtáin, Miss Ní Cruadhlaíoch and Father MacCárthaigh



Danú Ní Liatháin, Breanna Ní Icidhe, Fiona de Róiste and Sadbh Ní Cheallaigh enjoying breakfast

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DE LA SALLE College Macroom

Jim Quinn Memorial

The Annual Jim Quinn Memorial 5K run took place between the Castle Grounds and Tom Creedon Park. The Second-Year group took part, on what was a beautiful afternoon. There was stiff competition in the race which meant that there was only one second between second place Liam Neville and the winner Conor Coughlan. The winning time was 22:27. A time that would have seriously impressed Jim Quinn.

Graduation

Our Leaving Cert class had their graduation ceremony in our school on Tuesday 21st May. Surrounded by parents, family members and De La Salle staff the students bid a final farewell to the school. The class of 2024 will be missed by us all and we wish them the very best of luck in the forthcoming exams in June.

This class faced a lot of challenges to their learning during Covid times and we are very proud of how far they have all come in determining their own life paths.

We wish them all the very best in their new adventures in life.

Young Leaders Programme

Cian Kelleher, a transition year student recently participated in the Global Ireland Young Leaders Programme in Dublin, spending three days at the Department of Foreign Affairs.

He engaged in diverse topics such as foreign aid, the EU, current global conflicts, consular assistance, and the passport creation process.

Despite finding it difficult to pick a single highlight, Cian noted that meeting An Tánaiste was a particularly great experience.

He described the programme as extremely eye-opening and enjoyable, expressing gratitude to the Foreign Affairs Department and Ms. Healy for the opportunity. With his newfound insights and knowledge, who knows Cian might just be a future politician in the making.

County Finals

U14 Hurling County Champions!!

Our U14 hurlers triumphed today in the county final, showcasing incredible skill, teamwork, and a relentless attitude until the very end.

They stunned an excellent Blarney side with their determination and fought with all their might until the final whistle.

Captained by Dan McCarthy, this panel of young lads



Back Row: Stephen Collins, Ruben Waugh, Joshua O'Connor, Adam Cotter, Robin Konrad, Maciej Byrdziak, Cian Kelleher, Noah O'Leary, Conor Coleman, Ilan Walsh, Evan Cunningham, Adam O'Shea, Dylan Connolly.
 Third Row: Gearóid Kelleher, Ben Foley, Donal O'G Murray, Brendan Kelly, Oisín Mac Suibhne, Rowan Mullane, Cathal Coleman, Alan Neville, Zach Ryan, Joe O'Mullane, Liam McSweeney, Jack Sweeney, Alexander Aisling.
 Second Row: Daniel Murphy, Stiofán McSweeney, Kevin Maguire, Evan Gallagher, Aidan Lynch, Darragh Desmond, Darragh Hogan, Andrew Reihan, James O'Connor, Fionn Kelleher, Joe, Alakpovi.
 Front row: Ciaran Foley, Youenn Baton, Oisín O'Sullivan, Cian McGarry, Fabian Siewierski, Marcin, Styrzczala, Charlie Kelleher, Zak Forde, Michael O'Riordan, Diarmuid Kelleher, Sam Wood.
 Inset: Minuk Arachchige, Nikita Larionov, Odhran O'Leary, Kieran O'Connell

Leaving Cert class 2024

is to be commended not only for their exceptional approach to the game but also for their respectful manner and representation of the DLS jersey.

Ms. Healy is immensely proud of their achievement and the way they conducted themselves throughout the year.

U14 A Football Final

The De La Salle U14 Footballers were unlucky to lose to Coláiste Choilm in the Final at Coachford. Despite a strong start from the Macroom boys who were up by 4 points after 13 minutes the cliché "goals win matches" comes to mind and that was the difference between the sides in this final. The Ballincollig boys took their opportunities and were able to maintain their lead once established. 4.17 to 2.12 was the final score.

The time put in by these boys all through the year has been immense. A long delay from the group stages to the finals was not ideal preparation and will hopefully be rectified for next year's competition. There is no doubt in De La Salle that this team will go on to do great things.

U 16 Football.

The U 16 B Cork Colleges Final was played in Ballygeary on the 16th of May. In what was a thrilling game of football played in the best spirit, it was the discipline in defence, during the first half and the ability to pick off scores in the second half that got the Macroom boys over the line.

Col. Pobal Bheantraí were the opponents on the day and they had some quality footballers on their side who would need close marking and the De La Salle boys were not found wanting. Despite losing a top-class defender in Robert Fitzgerald to the sin bin in the middle of the first half the Lasallians weathered the storm. Sean Hennigan and Captain Eoin Healy inspired in defence while Jack Browne worked tirelessly to supply the inside forwards. This team has an abundance of talented forwards and on the day Tim Sweeney and Jacob Barry looked to threaten the Bantry goal with every possession.

The future is bright for the feeder clubs in De La Salle as it is clear, that the work being put in by the club coaches is bringing the school teams back to a very competitive level.



De La Salle students at the Jim Quinn Memorial 5k



Gearóid Quinn presents the Jim Quinn Memorial Cup

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MACROOM GIRL GUIDES

Celebrating National Bike Week with Cycle Sense
National Bike Week is a celebration and promotion of the benefits of cycling. On Monday 13th May we welcomed Cycle Sense to hold a workshop for our Ladybirds, Brownies, and Guides in Caum. Session ran for one hour from 5-7pm and the girls were delighted as they all completed their cycle safe badge. The girls were invited to bring their own bikes if they wished to make sure their bike was adjusted correctly. The instructors had plenty extra bikes on hand, so everyone was able to learn new cycling skills. We would like to thank the instructors from Cycle Sense for an informative, engaging, and fun workshop.

McEgan Senior Branch

On Friday 17th May Emily Mehigan of MacEgan Senior Branch was awarded a West Cork Garda Youth Award. Emily won the award for the Macroom District and was nominated by IGG for the award.

Emily was nominated for her participation on the National Youth Assembly and for her activism for Social Inclusion and Climate Justice. Emily is currently representing IGG on the Cork County Comharlie na nOg. We would like to congratulate Emily on winning this award and for representing IGG on a National and International level.

Ardilaun Brownies and Guides

On Friday 24th May Caum was a hive of activity as the Ardilaun Brownies and Ardilaun Guides had a joint meeting. It was a very exciting evening for the girls as six brownies made their promise and were enrolled into the unit and four brownies stepped up to guides. The guides hosted the brownies, and each patrol ran a game to ensure the girls got to know each other. For further information on Guiding in Macroom and the surrounding areas please contact macroomguides@gmail.com



Emily Mehigan, Deirdre Henely and Superintendent Joe Moore at the West Cork Garda Youth Awards on Fri 17th May in Clonakilty.



Ardilaun Ladybirds, Brownies and Guides taking part in a Cycle Sense Workshop for National Bike Week on Mon 13th May.



Ardilaun Brownies, Ardilaun Guides and MacEgan Senior Branch at the enrolment and Step-Up on Fri 24th May

IOMAITHEOIRÍ CCÉ CRAOBH LACHTAÍN NAOFA AR A SLÍ GO FLEADH CHEOIL NA MUMHAN



Orlaith Ní Loingsigh, CCÉ Craobh Lachtaín Naofa, 1st sean-nós singing (mná) 15-18 at Fleadh Cheoil Chorcaí. Michaela Ní Riordáin, CCÉ Craobh Lachtaín Naofa, who qualified for Fleadh Cheoil na Mumhan in Comhrá Gaeilge age 9-11



Ellen de Búrca, CCÉ Craobh Lachtaín Naofa, 1st amhránaíocht ar an sean-nós over 18, 1st whistle, and 1st whistle slow airs at Fleadh Cheoil Chorcaí. Seán Ó Súilleabháin, CCÉ Craobh Lachtaín Naofa, 1st in sean-nós singing 12-15 years at Fleadh Cheoil Chorcaí

CCÉ Craobh Lachtaín Naofa singers, musicians and Gaeilgeoirí qualify for Munster Fleadh Beidh ionadaíocht láidir ó Ghaeltacht Mhúscraí ag Fleadh Cheoil na Mumhan i nDurlas Éile i mí Iúil, tar éis Fleadh Cheoil Chorcaí rathúil do cheoltóirí, amhránaíthe, agus Gaeilgeoirí na háite le déanaí. Bhí buanna go leor do bhaill Chomhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann Craobh Lachtaín Naofa, Cill na Martra, le hamhránaíthe Scéim Aisling Gheal chun tosaigh. Ba í Aoife Ní Uidhir buaiteoir an chomórtais amhránaíochta ar an sean-nós (mná) faoi 12, le Orlaith Ní Loingsigh sa chéad áit 15-18 (mná) agus bhuaigh a deartháir Danny Ó Loingsigh an comórtas faoi 12 (fir). Bhí Seán Ó Súilleabháin ina bhuaiteoir ar chomórtas amhránaíochta ar an sean-nós 12-15 (fir) agus bhí Finín Ó Conaill sa chéad áit sna comórtais amhránaíochta ar an sean-nós (fir) agus amhránaíocht Bhéarla, rince ar an sean-nós, agus comhrá Gaeilge 15-18 mbliana d'aois. Bhuaigh Ellen de Búrca an comórtas feadóg stáin thar 18, an comórtas feadóg stáin foinn mhalla, agus amhránaíocht ar an sean-nós, fad a bhí Mairéad Ní Cheallacháin sa chéad áit i gcomórtas feadaíl faoi 12. Bhí bua faoi thrí do Sheán Ó Muimhneacháin, a tháinig sa chéad áit sna comórtais amhrán nuaceaptha Gaeilge agus Béarla agus an comórtas scéalaíochta i mBéarla.

Torthaí:
Feadóg / Whistle (O18) 1st Ellen de Búrca
Pianó / Piano (O18) 2nd Aodhagán Ó Riordáin
Foinn Mhalla, Feadóg / Whistle Slow Airs (O18) 1st Ellen de Búrca
Amhránaíocht ar an sean-nós (Mná) / Irish Singing (Ladies) (Faoi 12)
1st Aoife Ní Uidhir, 2nd Katie Ní Drisceoil
Amhránaíocht ar an sean-nós (Mná) / Irish Singing (Ladies) (12-15)
rec Isobel Ní Drisceoil
Amhránaíocht ar an sean-nós (Mná) / Irish Singing (Ladies) (15-18)
1st Orlaith Ní Loingsigh
Amhránaíocht ar an sean-nós (Mná) / Irish Singing (Ladies) (O18)
1st Ellen de Búrca, 2nd Maebh Ní Dhuinnín
Amhránaíocht ar an sean-nós (Fir) / Irish Singing (Men) (Faoi 12)
1st Danny Ó Loingsigh
Amhránaíocht ar an sean-nós (Fir) / Irish Singing (Men) (12-15)
1st Seán Ó Súilleabháin
Amhránaíocht ar an sean-nós (Fir) / Irish Singing (Men) (15-18)

1st Finín Ó Conaill, 2nd Donagh Ó Mainnín
English Singing (Men) / Amhrán Bhéarla (Fir) (15-18) 1st Finín Ó Conaill
Feadail / Whistling (Faoi 12) 1st Mairéad Ní Cheallacháin
Amhrán Nuaceaptha, Gaeilge / Newly Composed Songs in Irish (Aon Aois/Any Age) 1st Seán Ó Muimhneacháin
Newly Composed Songs in English / Amhrán Nuaceaptha, Béarla (Aon Aois/Any Age) 1st Seán Ó Muimhneacháin
Comhrá Gaeilge (faoi 9) Q Caoimhe Ní Cheallaigh
Comhrá Gaeilge (9-11) Q Michaela Ní Riordáin, Mairéad Ní Cheallacháin
Comhrá Gaeilge (11-13) Q Aisling Ní Cheallacháin, Abbie Ní Scarláin
Comhrá Gaeilge (15-18) 1st Finín Ó Conaill
Storytelling (12-15) 3rd Aisling Ní Cheallacháin
Storytelling (O18) 1st Seán Ó Muimhneacháin
Scéalaíocht (12-15) 2nd Aisling Ní Cheallacháin
Rince ar an Sean-nós (15-18) 1st Finín Ó Conaill
Mattie Ó Loingsigh - Banná Céilí / Céilí Band (15-18) 1st (le Greenhill, CCÉ Baile Núis)
Finín Ó Conaill - Grúpaí Ceoil (15-18) 2nd (le Ceoltóirí Chrónáin)
Finín Ó Conaill Rince Seit, Measctha / Full Set, Mixed (15-18) 1st (le Sráid a' Mhuilinn)
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ST. JOSEPH'S PS

St. Joseph's were delighted to welcome our past pupil Erika O'Shea back to the school again this year to chat with our senior pupils about her career to date. As always, Erika was so patient, answering all the questions asked of her, giving the girls loads of helpful tips about sport, fitness, staying healthy and in particular, to never give up even when things get tough. We wish her the very best of luck as she returns to Australia for another season.

Congratulations to our 6th class pupil Áine Lucey who has had her story "Billy the Fat Bat" published by Cork County Council in a compilation of stories entitled "Voices of Our Future." This book encompasses the thoughts and ideas of primary school children in relation to climate change and its potential effects on our native plants and wildlife.

Congratulations to our 2nd class pupils who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday, 18th May. Our Junior pupils had a fantastic experience exploring and developing their balance skills with Konor Halpin who brought them in the world of the circus. Huge concentration was needed to try and get those plates to stay on top of the sticks. No easy feat!!



Image above: Great excitement cheering on our past pupil Bambie Thug!



Image right: Aine Lucey had her story published by Cork County Council in a compilation of stories entitled "Voices of Our Future." Well done Aine!



Image above: Children from St. Josephs who received their First Holy Communion recently
Image right: Infants from St Josephs had great fun learning about the circus!



Caoimhe Ní Cheallaigh, CCÉ Craobh Lachtain Naofa, who qualified for Fleadh Cheoil na Mumhan in Comhrá Gaeilge faoi 9. Danny Ó Loingsigh, CCÉ Craobh Lachtain Naofa, 1st sean-nós singing under 12 at Fleadh Cheoil Chorcaí



Macroom Dental Practice Patient Services Assistant John Buckley greets all visitors with a smile



Phyll's Preschool Bealnamorrive, class of 2024, educators Rowena Fisher and Sandra O'Mahony. Pic Peter Scanlan



Children from Phyll's Preschool Bealnamorrive with Garda Noell & Garda Carmel from Macroom Garda station who paid a visit during occupation week.

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CLONDROHID NEWS

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Direct flights May 29 to June 5. Accompanied by Fr Donal Leahy and Deacon Frank McKeivitt. Contact John Fitzpatrick on 0872560154 for more info.

SCORAIOCHT:

A very successful coraiocht was held in the Community Hall on Wed May 15. Organised by Clondrohid Parish Active Retired as part of the Bealtine Festival, and Day of the Regions.

A large crowd attended and up to 55 participants either sang, played an instrument, told a story, a joke or a poem, or danced. Well done to all who performed, and a big ‘thank you’ to the young folk for taking part. One family had 3 generations singing there, could be a record!!! A special word of thanks to Jackie Spillane for his input, and all his followers. The ‘Maestro’ of Scoraiochts !! Thanks to all the Active Retired Groups that attended, it was much appreciated. Thanks to Peter and Tim Joe for their input and sound system. To all who helped in the

kitchen with baking and serving, especially Margaret and Peter. To all who prepared the hall, and brought mementos from days of yore. To Martina Ring for her assistance with the local Active Retired singing group. To Healy’s Spar, and IRD. On the night entry was free, but there were donation buckets in the Hall in aid of Droichidin ASD Classrooms Clondrohid Nat School (Autism Awareness). Up to €900 was collected on the night, which will be presented shortly to the School Clondrohid Active Retired would like to thank sincerely all those who attended and donated so generously. Well done. Looking forward to next year already !!

GAA NEWS:

Rebel Og West U14 Div 2 Championship Clondrohid vs Bantry Blues on Tuesday May 14 in Bantry The Clondrohid and Bantry U14 teams played a thrilling 2nd round championship game at Bantry. Clondrohid started well and were ahead at HT by 1 goal, on a score line of Clondrohid 2-2 Bantry Blues 1-2.

The second half saw Clondrohid pushing the lead to 9 points with 10 minutes remaining. Bantry never gave up and brought it back to a single point before the full time whistle sounded. Some great defending and goal keeping in both halves kept the Bantry attack at bay and up front the forwards took some fantastic scores. The midfield pairing worked tirelessly throughout the game. It was a very sporting and entertaining game, well done to both teams playing in very wet conditions. Full Time Clondrohid 4-7pt. Bantry Blues 4-6pts. Thanks to our supporters for making the long journey and encouraging the lads throughout the game. Clondrohid Team - Rory

O’Shea, Ciaran Lynch, Cormac Healy, Fionn Desmond, Simon McCarthy, Darragh O’Shea, David O’Leary, Cal O’Driscoll, Darragh Manning, Kevin Hennigan, Ciaran Coleman, Jamie McCarthy, Mathew Kelleher, Ross O’Brien, Jayden Ring, John Casey, Cathal Lyons.

The under 12 footballers were in action last week in Riverstick V Sliabh Rua . A few of the players weren’t available on the morning so Clondrohid played with 12 players, so for the first half Clondrohid played with 12 , and Sliabh Rua played with 13, and were well on top in the first half with a score of 2.9 to 4 points , second half was a different story with both teams playing with 12 a side , a strong and determined display by the Clondrohid players in the second half brought the score back to 2 points coming into the final 10 minutes , but it wasn’t to be as Sliabh Rua got their final goal with a few minutes to go , losing by 5 , final score Sliabh Rua 4.13 Clondrohid 4.8 , a big word of praise to these bunch of great players who never gave up and fought to the very end well done lads also well done to all the parents who travelled this morning to support these great bunch players Well done to the under 11 footballers who were in action last week against Duargaille Gales in the Go Games competition , two great sporting games were played in a nice but cool evening in Cullen , thanks again to all the parents who travelled this evening for their support ,well done again everyone LOTTO: Results for May 22. Jackpot €1,400, €70 Aoibhe Creedon Bawnmore, €20 Bell Inn Customers. Pat O’Riordan c/o Bell Inn, Mgt. O’Brien Coolnadane, Muireann O’Sullivan The Tce.



CLONDROHID U 14’S WHO DEFEATED BANTRY RECENTLY BY 1 POINT



Clondrohid u 12’s who were defeated recently by Sliabh Rua



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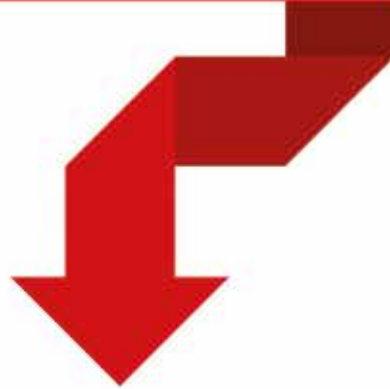


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DROMLEIGH NS

Many thanks to all those that supported the launch of our cookbook 'Dromleigh's Delicious Dishes' on May 23rd. A delightful morning of community gathering with amazing culinary talent enjoyed by one and all. The staff of Dromleigh N.S. would like to thank all those involved in the project as well as congratulations to all of our students for working so diligently on the publication. Copies of our cookbook available to purchase in The Kilmichael Shop or from the school office@dromleighns.ie Thank you to Kilmichael Pitch & Putt Club as well as to their volunteers for providing our senior students with lessons in recent weeks. Pupils enjoyed a fascinating afternoon in The

Gearagh on May 24th learning about the amazing diversity of plant and animal life within our own locality. Many thanks to Ms Anne Bradley for leading a most informative presentation.

Reminder Sixth Class pupils will host their annual Bring and Buy Fundraiser on June 17th in the school. All proceeds go towards the school and Cork Penny Dinners. A mega raffle will be held on the day with an amazing array of prizes on offer. Tickets can be purchased in advance from Co-op Superstores Terelton, Dromey's Bar Dromcarra and The Kilmichael Shop.

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Artist Ms Siobhán Duggan, Mr Joe Creedon, Inchigeelagh and Principal Mrs Julie Murray at the launch of 'Dromleigh's Delicious Dishes' at the school



Senior students from Dromleigh N.S. enjoying their recent field trip to The Gearagh.



Dromleigh N.S. students enjoying the facilities at Kilmichael Pitch & Putt Club, pictured with National Coach Mr Stephen Ennequess.

KILMURRY NS

It has been all go here in Kilmurry NS with the last few weeks. We finished up 6 weeks of gymnastics lessons with Katie McSweeney. The children worked hard on balances, rolls, cartwheels, handstands etc., and they also created and performed their own routines. They made great progress and thoroughly enjoyed the lessons. Our hurlers were unfortunate in their Sciath na Scol matches, but they played well and put in some great performances. We saw improvements and progress each week, and they did us proud. 5th Class were delighted to welcome Nikki

Coholan to their Junior Entrepreneur Class. Nikki told them all about her own business, JuniperLane.ie, and answered lots of questions. They also received great advice from Nikki as they work towards the final stages of their programme. Thank you, Nikki, for your time and encouragement. Congratulations to all of our pupils who made their First Holy Communion or Confirmation recently. They were both lovely ceremonies and we are very proud of them all!

Thank you to Cork County Fire Services, and in particular to firefighters Dave O'Leary and Mackie

Corcoran from Macroom Fire Station, for bringing a fire engine to Kilmurry for all our pupils to visit. The children loved learning about fire safety, what to do in the event of a fire, and the highlight was getting to use the hose! Training has commenced for the upcoming Cork City Sports. Best of luck to everyone taking part. Find us on our Facebook and Instagram pages to keep up to date with all that's going on in Kilmurry NS.

UIBH LAOIRE NOTES

Cloud Burst

The Monsoon type weather that hit Inchigeela village and surrounding areas on May 16th, left a trail of disaster behind it. Torrential rain fell for over two hours accompanied by non stop thunder and lightning. This, combined with melting hailstones filled the streams to overflowing in no time. The Garbh Abha which drains Derrivane and townlands to the North, burst its banks and flooded the village, catching everyone unawares. It continued its destruction by undermining the old quay wall opposite the school causing about 20 metres of this old wall to collapse into the flood. Minor roads north and south of the village were dug up and washed away and some driveways were unrecognisable when the fury of the streams had abated. We will remember it for some time to come! A word of thanks to the Council men who turned up and who made the roads passable as soon as they could.

Inchigeela Hall

Dancing continues in the Hall with large good humoured crowds of music lovers. Next Monday June 3rd is a Bank Holiday but you can bank on a great afternoon from 3pm to 5 pm, stepping it out to the music of Martin Kearney and Derry Kennedy. Then Sunday 9th welcomes Patrick Triggs and the beautiful Niamh Downey. And Sunday 23 June you'll dance to the music of Neily O Conner. There



Muireann O'Sullivan receiving her Clondrohid Jackpot Lotto winnings recently

will be Shoshes and Taxi dances and what not! Don't miss it at Eircode P12 D635

Bingo continues on Fridays with jackpots and snowballs and of course every Sunday night means card night.

Inchigeela Festival (sneak preview)

The second weekend of the festivals line up is announced and it's as follows: 23 August Patrick Feeney Sat 24th The Fogues and Marty Guildfoyle. And the last day, to go out like a bomb, there's Hell for Leather and the indomitable Bog the Donkey. Other supporting acts will be announced later.

Cuckoo where are you?

This year has been the most disappointing one with regard to the song of the bird mostly associated with summer. Only one bird has been heard in the locality, it seems. Let's hope they haven't met the same fate as the corncrake.

Great News

The news came during last week. The brave fight, objecting to the creation of a wind farm overlooking the Gougane Barra area, has been successful and Bord Pleanála has turned down the project. Great merit is due to the local committee and all supporters who stuck with it. For over 2 years the committee, have fought on, supported by locals and countless numbers all over Ireland, who love Gougane Barra, and who desire to preserve it as it is, a beautiful, unspoiled natural amenity.

Congrats Mór

Well done to Scoil Mhuire under 19 football team, who won the Cork County schools' final recently. Moladh mór daoibh go léir agus dos na traenáilaithe comh maith.

Pipe Band News

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Kilmurry Active Retirement

What we have been up to Bingo and cards.

Our most recent bingo and cards session was on the 15th of May. After two years or so, we went mad and greatly increased our prize money. Real gamblers at play may be an interesting sight for many to behold but our lot busily scratching was a frightening sight for the poor amateur that was calling out the numbers. Such was the anticipation that those numbers had barely escaped his lower throat before the furious scratching began. It was a relief for him to make it as far as teatime with limbs still intact. But worse was to follow. When the usual few hands of cards (playing 35), had been completed, he took upon himself to teach the game of 'auction 15'. All went well for a while, but the pot started growing and the temptation for him proved too much and he bid more for that spare hand than his hand justified. Would you think there would be some sympathy for him as he forked out? Not to worry he thought, all the more attractive was the pot. But as the bus was soon due, Ann Murphy seized the opportunity and went for it and pocketed the €25, the lion's share of which he had contributed. Sympathy how are you. Hollers of laughter ensued all around as the arrogant, purported teacher, had got his well-earned come-uppance. But wait now, it may yet be all a plot, the bait has been set, he awaits the next day.

Bluff and buffalos.

On the 22nd of May we had our last coffee crawl before the summer recess. After a bit of bluffing and the bus puffing, the mystery was settled. We ended up at Macroom Buffalo Farm. Dorothy (O'Tuama), who was our guide for the afternoon, is super friendly. She met us on arrival and gave us a presentation on the

history of the farm including all the developments there since the decision to move from traditional dairying to buffalo in 2009, and much else besides. We were given a tour of the farm, the adult animals and the calves, the adapted milking parlour, the cheese plant, and ancillary buildings. By then we were ready for the coffee/tea and the range of products made there including mozzarella and ricotta cheese. These have won World gold and silver awards. We also tried out the yogurt – a new product, and of course buffalo meat. A uniquely different experience for the twenty-five of us who visited, many of whom hadn't tasted buffalo products before. There are new converts to the cause. Before we finished, we had a cooking demonstration. The volunteer from the audience, our Kathleen, certainly did not let us down, and carried off the challenge with aplomb.

It is great to see local business doing so well and excelling on the world stage. I know it took great initiative and courage, and of course lashings of hard work. But look at what has been accomplished. All who had a part in it, and especially the now twenty-two currently employed there, can be justifiably proud. Indeed, whether we played any part or not, we can all take some local pride in it too. Now after our experience, when we see the products in our local supermarkets and shops, we will not just think local but exceptional quality, wholesome and local. Try them and taste for yourself.

Grant approval.

Our application for support under the Sports Capital and Equipment (SCEP) scheme for scotch kitbags and activator poles has proved successful. After we get the formal approval from the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media,

we hope to get them as quickly as possible so that we get into action while we have the evenings to do so. The purpose is to build and retain upper body muscle mass which is correlated with longevity. Nice to have fun in the process too.

Upcoming and ongoing activities

We will have Rose McCarthy back on Thursday the 30th of May in Crookstown at 7pm for outside activities (weather permitting). We will also have Rose at 8pm on the evening of the 5th of June, which will be followed by our finishing up get together.

Our popular Zumba gold classes with Yvonne Murphy in Crookstown hall on Wednesdays from 6.15pm to 7pm are also coming to an end. However, if you want to come along on the 5th of June to try it out, all are welcome. There will be a further course starting in the Autumn.

Our association is open to all, and our membership fee is just €20/calendar year or €30 for a couple. Our philosophy is that age makes no difference, but health does. We try to do what we can to keep healthy and challenged in body and in mind, and together that 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. There are several active retirement associations in the Lee valley. If you are interested in finding out more, we can put you in contact with the right secretary for your locality, or if you are interested in starting one, there is support for that too.

For more information contact Aidan at 0894057676 or aidanpbarry@outlook.com



Dorothy (O'Tuama), who was the guide for the afternoon, at the Macroom Buffalo Farm.



Kilmurry Active Retirement; The volunteer from the audience, our Kathleen, certainly did not let us down, and carried off the challenge with aplomb.



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Back Row. L. - R. Mary O'Mahoney, Eileen Callaghan, Rose Callaghan, Eileen O'Connor, Joan Curtis, Mary Finnegan, Sheila Buckley, Kathleen O'Mahoney, Eileen O'Keefe, Sheila Moynihan, Eileen O'Riordan and Margaret Creedon. Hopefully, some of these ladies are still alive though they must be in their late 80s. Pic. Supplied by Jim Cooney.

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Children from Tirelton NS who received their First Holy Communion in Toames church on Sunday, 19th May. Pic Peter Scanlan



Children from Canovee NS who received their First Holy Communion recently. Pic Peter Scanlan



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and Matt 'Flash' Gordon, igniting a fire within him to pursue his dreams on the track. Despite facing financial hurdles, Ben's determination knew no bounds. He hitch-hiked to races, scrounged for second-hand gear and relentlessly chased his

passion. His grit and talent didn't go unnoticed. Ben secured sponsorships and transitioned into semi-professional Motocross racing as a teenager, tearing up tracks across Ireland and Northern Ireland. In 2006, he clinched impressive podium finishes in Ireland's under 21's category, setting the stage for a promising career ahead.

However, personal setbacks out of his control, derailed his aspirations of representing Ireland on the international MX stage and leaving him with lingering regrets.

Undeterred, Ben sought solace in other forms of racing, taking up super-biking, racing internationally in mountain biking and Enduro. Despite remarkable experiences like training with the Yamaha Enduro team, the yearning to fulfill his MX dreams persisted.

Then, a glimmer of hope emerged: Just two weeks ago, Ben received an invitation to represent Ireland at the Veteran Motocross Championships! After two decades of longing, he finally has the opportunity to compete against his childhood heroes on the MX circuit. The stage is set at Farleigh Castle, Bath, UK, from September 13th to 15th 2024. But Ben can't embark on this journey alone. To make his dream a reality, he needs our support. He'll dedicate his summer to rigorous training, sacrificing workdays to hone his skills. From purchasing a training bike to covering race transportation, fuel, gear and maintenance expenses, every contribution counts. Let's rally behind Ben and help him seize this once-in-a-lifetime chance to represent Ireland! Together, we can propel him towards victory and make his long-awaited dream come true.

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New regulations risk putting childminders out of business – Ní Mhurchú

Ní Mhurchú concerned that new regulations for childminders will push hundreds of childminders into the black economy, or worse, out of the business, leading to a crisis in our childcare sector.

Ireland South Fianna Fáil MEP candidate Cynthia Ní Mhurchú has called on Green Minister Roderic O'Gorman not to inadvertently push childminders out of business with the upcoming Childminding Regulations 2024. Ní Mhurchú is calling on Minister O'Gorman to revisit the concerns of existing childminders before implementing a raft of new regulations around childminding which Ní Mhurchú feels could lead to an exodus of childminders from the industry.

According to Ní Mhurchú, "The stakes are very high. This morning I was speaking to one child minder who has exited the business entirely because she feels that the new regulations will be unworkable and may lead to a crisis for parents of young children across the country who depend on childminders"

The National Action Plan for Childminding 2021 – 2028 sets out a phased approach to the regulation and registration of childminders. Central to work under the National Action Plan has been the development of new regulations that are specific to childminders.

Childminders that have spoken to Ní Mhurchú have said that the regulations will be too onerous on small scale childminders.

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"One childminder told me that the new regulations will force childminders who have been minding children for 10 years to complete an advanced first responders training course which requires them to take two days off work and costs close to €300. They already have paediatric first aid in many cases. Another told me that the new regulations will require childminders to get fire and theft insurance above and beyond the existing insurances that childminders have in place. This is an extra cost and burden"

A third regulation that childminders have raised concerns with Ní Mhurchú is around proposed regulation 12, which imposes a limit of 6 children in his or her care at any given time, including his or her own children until they have completed primary education. Childminders feel that their own children should not be counted once they enter primary education at around 5 years old.

According to Ní Mhurchú "If childminders have to count their own children, then it will automatically reduce the maximum number of children they can look after – making their business less viable"

Ní Mhurchú described some of the proposed regulations as red tape dressed up as child protection. "Regulation 16 requires the childminder to produce a handbook that outlines their policies and procedures. This is completely unnecessary and disproportionate to the work of a person who is minding children in their own home, not running a corporation"

Ní Mhurchú said that regulation of the sector is



welcome but it has to be proportionate,

"The idea is to protect children. We can do this effectively without introducing a raft of new red tape which may have the unintended consequence of driving childminders into the blackmarket or out of business altogether."

Under the proposed regulations, childminders will have to register with Tusla before 2028. The rules are expected to be in place before the summer recess.

According to Ní Mhurchú "Most existing childminders are already insured, Garda vetted and very experienced and we risk losing them if the industry becomes over regulated. I just want Minister O'Gorman to sit down again with ordinary childminders and work out a set of regulations that are easy and uncomplicated but work to protect our children and the industry"



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"Here is an update about progress made on several local projects since the last local elections in 2019. To all of you I have met on my campaign so far, thank you for your courtesy and your time. I am asking for your support and your No. 1 Vote on June 7th, so I can continue to work on your behalf."

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SPORTS AWARDS

As Chairman of Macroom-Millstreet Municipal District (previously known as Mayor), I have the option to recognise exceptional sporting achievement by members of local clubs under the age of 18, and individuals up to the age of 21.

I decided to take this opportunity, and in February 2024 I invited nominations from clubs in the Macroom and Millstreet areas. When I presented these awards previously, during my term as Mayor in 2018/19, there were 250 nominations. I hoped to extend this recognition to more sportspeople if possible.

In fact, this year the number of nominations trebled to 750. Instead of presenting the awards on one night, we ran two presentation ceremonies in late April. We couldn't invite everyone to attend, due to pressure of numbers, so teams had to send representatives to accept certificates on their behalf. I was able to visit some clubs afterwards and present the awards in person, which was a very pleasant duty.

There was a fantastic atmosphere on both nights. I was delighted to see so many young people attending, and it was a privilege to be in a position to give them official recognition of their achievements on behalf of their local Municipal District.



PUBLIC REALM

WORKS, MACROOM TOWN CENTRE

Macroom town centre is to get a major facelift, thanks to funding of €7.2 million from the Town & Village Renewal Scheme. This will include a new paved plaza and seating area in front of the Briery Gap. Traffic will still be able to access the back square, but the plaza will give pedestrians a place to sit and enjoy. This is part of Cork County Council's emphasis on improving the 'public realm' of our towns, making them more pleasant for townspeople and visitors alike.

The €7.2 million of funding will also cover the cost of refurbishing the interior of the old Protestant church in Castle Street. Over €150,000 was spent in 2022 restoring the outside of the church and tower, making the whole structure weatherproof. Now more money has been allocated to the inside of the church, so that it can be turned into a vibrant community facility.

Work is due to begin on both of these projects in 2024.



MACROOM LIBRARY & BRIERY GAP THEATRE PROJECT REACHES KEY MILESTONE

I was honoured to deputise for County Mayor Frank O'Flynn at an important local event in recent weeks. Cumnor Construction were handing back the keys of Macroom's Briery Gap building to owners Cork County Council, marking the end of the construction phase of the refurbishment work there. Phase one of the work has been ongoing since January 2022, and the next phase which involves the fit out of the library and theatre is due to begin in the coming weeks.

It is just eight years since fire damaged the old Briery Gap, and left Macroom without a cultural centre for so long. The re-opening of the newly-refurbished facility, which cost in the region of €8 million to complete, is due to happen in the autumn, and will be widely welcomed by the people of the town and the wider mid-Cork region.

The building looks impressive from the outside, but on the day of the handover I was lucky enough to get a tour of the interior as well. Even before being fully fitted out, it was clear that this will be a facility to be enormously proud of, for one can't wait to attend performances and events there later this year.



ANNOUNCEMENT: 70 FREE CAR PARKING SPACES IN MACROOM TOWN CENTRE

Over the past number of years, as a Councillor for this area, I have been highlighting the need for additional free parking spaces to serve Macroom town centre. I could see that the GAA car park in the Castle grounds would be the ideal place to have free car parking spaces for the public. I approached the GAA and asked if they would be willing to meet with Cork County Council officials to discuss this idea. I'm delighted that I was able to bring the two parties together, and now an agreement has been reached. Macroom GAA will allow the club's car park in the Castle grounds to be freely available for public use. This will provide 70 free parking spaces, within a short walk of the town square.

The existing car park will be lined and prepared, and it is hoped to have the additional free parking spaces available very soon. While this is excellent progress, I will continue to seek out other potential car parking spaces in the vicinity of the town centre.

MACROOM TOWN PARK

This year the trustees of Macroom Town Park gave Cork County Council permission to apply to the Department of Sport's Capital Funding Programme for grant aid to build a skate park in the Town Park. The list of successful applications will be announced later in the year, but I am hopeful that Macroom Skate Park will be included. The facility would make a huge difference to young people in the town. The new skate park will be located near the gate of the Park on New Street, but on a raised platform so that it will not be affected by the river even when the level of the water is higher than usual.

The public playground at the top of Sleaveen Road was upgraded in 2023 at a cost of €150,000, with new equipment installed and existing equipment reinforced. This facility is well-loved by the young children of the town and by their hardworking parents!



NEW PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT INVER

Cork County Council has drawn up a design for a new pedestrian crossing at the Inver fuel station on the Millstreet Road. The need for this is something I brought to the Council's attention more than once in the last couple of years. There is a lot of new housing in that part of the town and the amount of traffic there has increased a lot for that reason, and also because this is one of the key access roads to the Macroom Bypass. Funding is in place for the new crossing, and it is expected to be completed this year.



MILLSTREET CROSS

Long before the Macroom Bypass opened in December 2022, I could see that access to the Bypass from Millstreet Cross would be problematic for large vehicles travelling from the west. I raised this matter at meetings of Macroom Municipal District Council several times. Because the Millstreet Road is at an acute angle from the Cross, turning left there requires a truck or other large vehicle to come across into the westbound lane in order to clear the corner safely. This is not easily done at any time of the day, and certainly not at peak times. For that reason, it was clear that trucks might well end up coming through the town and accessing the Bypass at Coolcour instead of from the Millstreet Road junction.

Since the Bypass opened, in my conversations with local people and with hauliers it emerged that this was in fact the case. Trucks regularly travel through the main street of Macroom because it is too difficult to turn left up the Millstreet Road. This defeats the whole purpose of the Bypass, and needs to be addressed. Several months ago I raised the matter with the roads authority Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII). Surveys are currently being carried out there on behalf of the TII, to establish the best way to resolve the situation. No design has been put in place as yet, but planning for modifications to that junction is at an advanced stage.

I understand that part of the solution could be to remove the corner on the western side of the junction to make it easier for vehicles to turn left at Millstreet Cross. A pedestrian crossing is also needed there, to facilitate the growing population of this area. I expect to hear more about this project in the coming weeks, and I hope that the work can be done there in the next 12 months.

NEW BUS STOP, GURTEENROE

I have made representations to Bus Éireann several times over the years about the fact that there is only one bus stop in Macroom, and that is in the heart of the town at the bus station near Macroom Mills. I'm delighted that new bus stops are to be introduced just west of the entrance to the new Macroom Fire Station, with bus shelters on either side of the road at that point. This will make a huge difference to bus users from the western side of Macroom town and the surrounding areas, making it easier for people to access public transport which is a key objective of Cork County Council.



MASSEYTOWN IMPROVEMENTS

Another project to be funded by the Town & Village Renewal Scheme is the restoration and repurposing of the Mill Race in Masseytown. The mill race has been defunct for more than 40 years and that section of the roadside in Masseytown is completely overgrown. Cork County Council has received planning permission to carry out a complete revamp on that area. The existing footpath will be removed, the mill race and the bank above it will be fully cleared and a new footpath will be constructed where the mill race once operated. The newly-cleared bank will allow passers-by to see the architecture of the courthouse and the Garda station.

Another long-standing issue in Masseytown has been the traffic bottleneck which happens so often at the end of the mill race, where the terrace begins on the western side. The Council now plans to widen the road at that point so traffic can flow more freely.

Work is due to begin on these two projects in Masseytown by early 2025.



ROAD RESURFACING HARTNETT'S CROSS TO TOWN CENTRE

Like all motorists travelling in and out of Macroom, I'm very much aware that the road surface is poor in many places including the stretch outside Twomey's butchers and a section near Murray's Bar.

Cork County Council had planned to carry out resurfacing works on the main road from Hartnett's Cross to Sleeveen East, but now additional funding has been sourced from the Active Travel Fund so the Council is seeking tenders to resurface the road between Hartnett's Cross and Main Street. This project will also involve widening footpaths on the eastern side of the town, to facilitate pedestrians.



SOCIAL HOUSING PROJECT – SLEAVEEN ROAD

The acute shortage of accommodation in this area has been very hard on single people, with very few one-bedroom units available. This is a matter I have been raising with Cork County Council ever since I first became a Councillor in 1999. I'm happy to see that there are eight new one-bed and two-bed apartments almost completed on Sleeveen Road, and construction work has begun on another 16 units on an adjacent site. These will also be mainly one and two-bedroom units, which are badly needed.



KILNAGURTEEN FOOTPATHS

Cork County Council has drawn up a design to construct new footpaths on either side of the Kilnagurteen junction, to facilitate pedestrians. This is something I have been working hard to progress for some time, as I live in this locality and I am very much aware of the danger to pedestrians because of the lack of a footpath.



PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ABOVE COSTCUTTER SHOP

Though there is already a pedestrian crossing in place outside the Costcutter shop in Masseytown, a number of residents contacted me to express their concern about the speed of traffic on that road and the need for traffic calming measures there. The County Council is planning to construct a raised pedestrian crossing at that point, which will help to slow down the traffic and offer an enhanced level of safety to pedestrians. This project is with the Council's design office, and a design is due to be confirmed in the coming months.



NEW MACROOM GARDA STATION

This is the site for the new Garda station, which will be a Divisional Headquarters, on Gurteenroe Road, adjacent to the new fire station. It will be a large building - 4,338 square metres in total. The accommodation there will include public office, staff offices, conference facilities, staff support facilities and custody areas.

The Department of Justice is currently completing the tender process for the construction work, which is due to begin by the end of 2024. The new Garda Station, along with all the extra facilities associated with a Divisional Headquarters, should be in use by the summer of 2026.



PRIVATE HOUSING

Rás an Mhúilinn is another new housing scheme currently under construction in Gurteenroe, Macroom. The 90-house development was visited by An Taoiseach Simon Harris recently. This is a welcome addition to the town, as it will provide 3, 4 and 5-bedroom houses for buyers who want to make Macroom their home. The new post-Bypass era has begun, and this is reflected in the demand for these houses.



MAJOR REFURBISHMENT COMPLETED AT MACROOM HOSPITAL

It is great to see that the newly-refurbished and extended Macroom Hospital is open and in full use now. This is a project that had been long-awaited, and it was badly needed. The facilities at Macroom Community Hospital were criticised in HIQA inspection reports over a number of years. Staff there provided a very high standard of care in spite of the challenges posed by the facilities. It is excellent to see that the new building is providing residents and staff with a modern, fully-equipped and spacious place to live and work.

After extensive works costing approximately €8 million, the hospital now offers 38 bed spaces arranged around three courtyard gardens, along with upgraded and extended communal spaces including recreation, sitting and dining rooms. There have been improvements to ancillary areas too - reception, offices, the kitchen, staff areas, stores, treatment rooms, sanitary facilities and plant rooms.



MACROOM FIRE STATION

The opening of Macroom's state-of-the-art new fire station in September 2022 was a major step forward for the Mid-Cork region. The old station, located inside the Castle gates, was no longer appropriate to serve the fire-fighting needs of Macroom and surrounding areas. The new station allows easy access to the Macroom Bypass, a key factor in getting fire fighters to the location of a fire in the shortest possible time. The fire service here responds to about 150 incidents per year including house fires, road traffic collisions, chimney fires as well as gorse, hill and grass fires.

The new fire station is connected to the national network of fire service mobilisation and communications centres. It's a facility that is equipped to meet the needs of the town and the wider area for the coming decades.



COMPLETED SOCIAL HOUSING PROJECTS

While providing more social housing remains very high on the priority list for us all at Cork County Council, it is good to look back and see how far we have come. It is great that three social housing schemes have opened in the town in recent years. In early 2022, tenants moved into 52 new houses at Páirc Uí Mhuirithe (behind Oakwood) which were constructed under a Public Private Partnership.

Around the same time, Cork County Council launched two other social housing schemes on the Millstreet Road which the Council had constructed through its 'turnkey' housing model. These were Árd an tSuláin (12 units) and An Goirtín Rua (14 units). It is heartening to know that our housing lists are gradually being reduced, as families get homes of their own.



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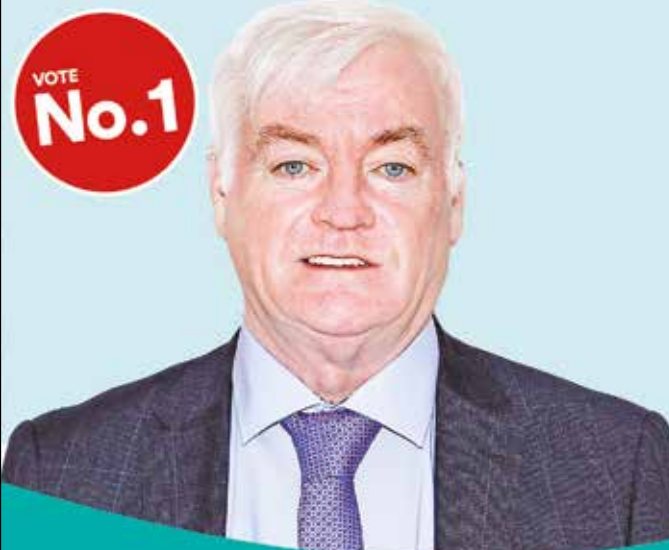


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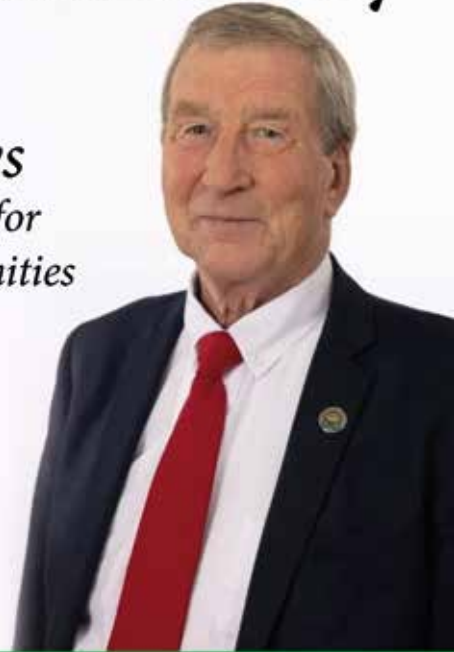


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- EU MUST RETURN TO ITS ROLE AS HONEST BROKER IN CONFLICT -

"Today is an important day for the people of Palestine and a proud day for Ireland," said Fianna Fáil MEP, Billy Kelleher as the Irish Government confirmed it would recognise the State of Palestine on May 28th.

"Symbolism matters in politics and in diplomacy. There will be people who dismiss this action by the Irish Government, but it is an important statement of Ireland's convictions and its independence as a sovereign nation.

"The Irish people have long held the cause and the plight of the Palestinian people close to their hearts. Our people don't need to look too far back into our history to know what oppression looks and feels like.

"In 2018, I visited the West Bank. I saw what Israeli

occupation looked like. It was and remains both an outrage and a violation of international law and morality.

"Ireland can rightly be proud of its decision today. I am proud of the role my party, and in particular the role of our party leader, and Tánaiste, Micheál Martin, has played in bringing this decision about.

"Israel has a right to exist and defend itself. However, it cannot have a veto over a future Two-State solution. Hamas is a terrorist organisation and must release all hostages. International law must be adhered to. These are all non-negotiable.

"For years, I have called for the EU to go back to being an honest broker in this conflict. The response of President

Von Der Leyen last year was not acceptable. The EU must come to the table with solutions and not empty rhetoric. All EU member states should follow the lead of Ireland, Norway and Spain and recognise the State of Palestine.

"I look forward to Ireland continuing to lead on a European stage on the issue of a peaceful settlement between Palestine and Israel," concluded Kelleher.



Think Globally, Act locally - THE LIVING SOIL

Hi! Chris Barrett here again. Today I have the pleasure of speaking with Dermot Robinson, who together with his family grow chemical-free vegetables in Cloughduv. You may have been fortunate enough to see their use of the land for yourself during one of their many Farm Walks which are held annually. Their vegetables are freshly picked and sold in Macroom Market on a Tuesday and Coal Quay on a Saturday.

Dermot believes that the full range of life under our soil has not yet been fully discovered. Rather like the current James Webb telescope which can see far more than the Hubble Space telescope which was launched in 1990, we have a lot more to learn about the detailed intricate composition of soil.

Currently we know that soil consists of bacteria, viruses, fungi and nematodes on a microscopic level, which is not so different from our human composition. Plants create a microbiome to suit themselves and have very similar nutritional needs to our own.

This relationship can be seen if we take and sniff a handful of healthy soil. Our brain responds to endorphins and we can enjoy the feel-good factor. These exciting events cannot be observed by the human eye either in ourselves or in the soil and we often fail to appreciate the many links between us and the soil.

Without the use of a microscope we can observe earthworms, grubs, insects, spiders, beetles, centipedes, woodlice etc which depend on plants, bacteria and each other for survival. Basically, soil has its own ecosystem composed of what we can and cannot see. A healthy soil is fundamental to our survival. It is better able to recycle nutrients and make them available to plants, crops, flowers, shrubs and

trees. It helps to filter water and prevent flooding. It makes the land more resilient to drought. In addition, all living material consists of carbon which is retained in healthy soil. As gardeners we know earthworms do a lot of our work for us. However these earthworms require bacteria, fungi and plants to function at their best. If soil remains covered for too long, earthworms will not be present. Paving, tarmac and crushed building rubble not only create an impermeable surface but also destroy the sponge underneath.

Soil is undoubtedly resilient and has survived for millions of years, but the excessive use of nitrogen fertilisers reduces the soil's organic matter and integral structure.

These nitrogen fertilisers significantly change the microbiome of the soil and its ph which in turn increases the need for other soil ingredients such as lime, which is added to counteract the acidifying effect of the fertiliser. This doesn't seem very different to me from a human patient having to take a second medication to counteract the effect of the first.

To improve your own soil, kitchen compost, your home-made compost (as described in previous Lee Valley Outlook articles by Donal O'Leary, the Composting specialist of 'Waste Down'), and farmyard manure are great to be incorporated once they are well-composted. Ideally it should be stored under cover so that the rain does not wash away the nutrients. The compost adds its own biological life and organic food for soil life.

Spraying pesticides to clear weeds by using chemicals such as Roundup has a very detrimental effect on all soil organisms as well as insects such as bees. Fungicides, pesticides and herbicides all affect more of life than their intended target. Bees

cannot navigate their way back to their hive if they are affected by certain pesticides. To quote Albert Einstein, "If the bee disappeared off the face of the Earth, man would only have four years left to live." We should never underestimate our pollinators and our responsibility for their health. Healthy soil can also act as a cushion against climate change induced weather by improving water-holding capacity and nutrient recycling, in addition to the sequestration of carbon. It is up to us to show our children and grandchildren respect for the wonders of soil life. Teachers have a responsibility not to reinforce negative perceptions, e.g. by ensuring that soil is not referred to as dirt by children.

Rather we can all show children the pleasure to be gained from the cycle of planting seeds including the harvesting and re-sowing of the resultant seeds. The link between healthy soil and healthy food needs to be demonstrated. Readers may be interested in a book *Dirt The Ecstatic Skin of the earth* by William Bryant Logan. To conclude, we know that food grown locally and seasonally in good soil is known to be beneficial for us and for the planet. While I was speaking with Dermot, we were joined briefly by Grace O'Sullivan, our local MEP, who negotiated between 2019 and 2020 to get Soil Legislation into the EU.

It was debated and 'A monitoring Framework for Healthy Soil' ensures there is now Soil Legislation in the EU. I am very grateful to Dermot and Grace for speaking with me today. If you would like to follow up with this or any other article on similar environmental topics, please contact me chrisleevalley@gmail.com



The darker soil at the top of each picture is the top soil, where roots can reach and where there is the majority of life hence the darker colour ie organic matter. The white strands of fungal mycelium holding soil almost like plant roots



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MACROOM SCHOOLS HISTORY EXHIBITION 2024

Macroom History Group organised the 2nd Schools History Exhibition on Monday 20 May, 2024 in the Castle Hotel. St Mary's, Macroom Youthreach and McEgan College showed 14 exhibits; the latter two were joint efforts with three girls presenting McEgan's project and two boys and two girls Youthreach's. Grace Mehigan and Katelyn Cronin from St Mary's spoke on their topics: Aisling Ní Cheallaigh, Oliwia Raba and Aoife Kelleher for McEgan and James, Jack and Chloe O'Driscoll and Toyosi Odlinium spoke on their subjects.

The Exhibition is modelled on that of The Young Scientist of The Year gigantic event in Dublin but Macroom's is non-competitive. The aim is to encourage participation. As part of their junior certificate cycle, students have to complete a history project on some local topic or matter connected to their home place or family. The value lies in looking at what interests the students, getting them to interrogate their locality or family's past; the area of research is widened and can draw on many more sources. Appreciating local history hopefully leads to a better understanding of the world. As American historian David McCullagh wrote: '(H)istory is who we are, and why we are the way we are'. All of us are part of history and we all have stories and histories to tell. This year some of the findings were enlightening.

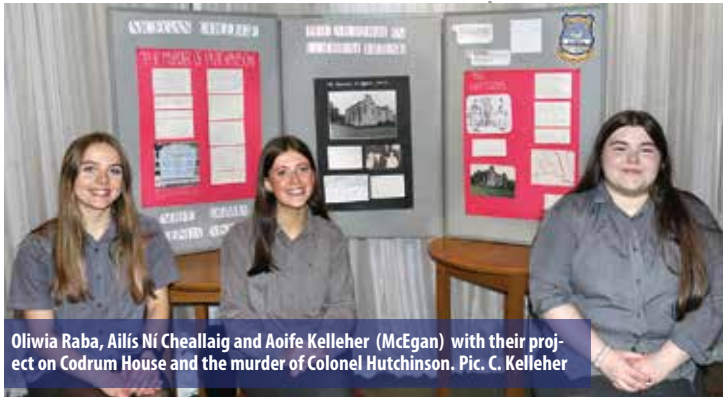
Among the topics covered were Macroom Mountain Dew Festival, Mountmassey House,

The Civil War, stories of how World Wars 1 and II affected family members and Colonel Hutchinson's murder in Codrum House and Malachy Duggan's infamous role. The Mountmassey piece offered a new explanation as to how Macroom's anthem, 'Mountmassey The Flower of Macroom', originated. Other Macroom projects were Bealick Mill, Macroom's Railway and Ballincollig Gun Powder Mill. Fittingly, Macroom Railway was researched by Youthreach as the old Railway/Bus Station will be its new home. Hopefully the project posters will find a permanent home there. There was a great project on Art O'Leary with its background of Penal Law times in Ireland. Ambushes covered were those at Liscreasaigh, Kilmichael, Cúl na Cathrach and Lissarda. Places/buildings investigated were Bawnatemple, Carrigadrohid, and Nenagh Castle – this student has strong connection with the area. The Kilmichael Ambush project had interesting new information on Auxiliary Guthrie who escaped from the ambush scene but was caught in Annahala Bog and shot there. He was eventually buried in Inchigeela; his pregnant wife was in Macroom at the time, and believed for a long time that he would come home. Those involved in his shooting suffered too from keeping silent about the issue and from taunting by locals at school etc. War has ramifications on many levels. Sadly, similar scenes and worse are currently played out every day in Ukraine, Gaza and many other places.

The Exhibition took place because of the wonderful co-operation of teachers Ms Gray (St. Mary's), Ms Hurlley (McEgan) and Ms Cronin and Ms Bonner (Youthreach). Their skill, enthusiasm and commitment were impressive and made the hard work involved pleasant and interesting. Their endeavours and encouragement resulted in excellent projects. Youthreach kindly prepared the posters and certificates. Brendan O'Brien was a polished MC and he presented a Certificate of Merit to each participant. Parents and grandparents attended which added to the excitement and enjoyment of the evening. Afterwards, the participants enjoyed a tasty meal beautifully prepared by the Castle Hotel kitchen. Other hotel staff - Paul, Trish and Kay and others were very kind and helpful. Brendan thanked Macroom Cope Hub attendees for distributing our posters. Inchigeela National School with much time, effort and inconvenience provided stands and Tony Kelleher (Lions Club) kindly helped. Finally Mick Walsh and Douglas Kidd ensured that the Exhibition took place and were ably assisted by other members of Macroom History Group.

Congratulations to all involved and looking forward to 2025's Exhibition.

C. Kelleher.



Oliwia Raba, Ailís Ní Cheallaigh and Aoife Kelleher (McEgan) with their project on Codrum House and the murder of Colonel Hutchinson. Pic. C. Kelleher



Laura Moore with her project on Kilmichael Ambush.



Three St Mary's students with their Certificates of Merit.



Grace Mehigan with her mother Sharon at the Macroom Schools History Exhibition. Pic. C. Kelleher



Katelyn Cronin speaking on her project on Cúl na Cathrach Ambush with Brendan O'Brien in the background who introduced the History Exhibition. Pic. C. Kelleher



James and Jack O'Driscoll with Macroom Youthreach's project on 'The Railway and Macroom'. Pic. C. Kelleher



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2024 All-Ireland senior football championship Sam Maguire Cup - Four groups of four teams Group 1: Galway 2, Armagh 2, Derry 0, Westmeath 0 Group 2: Dublin 2, Mayo 2, Roscommon 0, Cavan 0 Group 3: Donegal 2, Clare 0, Tyrone 0, Cork 2 Group 4: Kerry 2, Louth 2, Monaghan 0, Meath 0.

Sam Maguire Cup**Round 1 (first named team at home)**

Group 1: Galway 2 Derry 0 : Armagh 2 Westmeath 0

Group 2: Mayo 2 Cavan 0 : Dublin 2 Roscommon 0

Group 3: Clare 0 CORK 2 (1-11 to 1-13) : Donegal 2 Tyrone 0 (0-21 to 0-14)

Group 4: Kerry 2 Monaghan 0 : Louth 2 Meath 0

Round 2 (first named team at home)

Weekend 1/2 June

Group 1: Derry 0 v Armagh 2, Westmeath 0 v Galway

2 Group 2: Roscommon 0 v Mayo 2, Cavan 0 v Dublin

2 Group 3: Tyrone 0 v Clare 0, CORK 2 v Donegal 2

Group 4: Monaghan 0 v Louth 2, Meath 0 v Kerry 2

Round 3 (neutral venues)

Weekend 15/16 June

Group 1: Galway v Armagh, Derry v Westmeath

Group 2: Dublin v Mayo, Roscommon v Cavan

Group 3: Donegal v Clare, Tyrone v CORK Group 4:

Kerry v Louth, Monaghan v Meath

Clare 1-11 Cork 1-13

Cork footballers travelled to Ennis deeply conscious of their Munster championship defeat last year at the same venue and resolved not to slip up again as victory here was absolutely essential if the Rebels hoped to get out of their group. Cork did survive the test but not with any degree of ease and they endured some stressful moments in the second half after looking like being impressive winners in the first quarter.

There was a slow start to the Clare game and the first score did not come until the sixth minute when Cork's Conor Corbett had a fine point to be followed points by Colm O'Callaghan and Brian Hurley. Clare got their first point from a free after 11 minutes. Cork scored a smashing goal after 17 minutes when O'Callaghan parted to Seán Powder who palmed the ball over the head of the advancing Clare goalkeeper into the net. Points were exchanged leaving Cork leading by 1-4 to 0-2 after 20 minutes.

In the run up to half time Clare began to get to grips with their problems, kicked two of the next three points and had Cork under pressure. A fisted point from Chris Óg Jones helped Cork to a 1-6 to 0-4 lead at the break.

On the resumption, Clare had a point, Cork missed an open goal on 38, Clare had another point but Paul Walsh for Cork pointed after 42 minutes, 1-7 to 0-6. A minute later it Clare's Aaron Griffin had a goal, points were exchanged and it was hectic stuff now with the Clare supporters in the small 3500 attendance sensing possible victory. A point from a Clare 45

brought Clare level at 1-7 aside on 58 but in fairness to Cork, the players refused to panic or capitulate. Tommy Walsh fisted a point and sub Steven Sherlock landed a point from way out but Clare had a point to cut the gap to a single score again with four minutes left.

Mark Cronin pointed a Cork free to give the Rebels a two-point advantage going into added on time, points were exchanged before Cronin pointed to push Cork 1-13 to 1-10 ahead. A Clare point reduced the lead down to two points but despite late intense Clare pressure, Cork survived.

Scorers for Cork: B Hurley 0-3 (0-1 f), S Powter 1-0, S Sherlock (0-1 f), M Cronin (0-1 f) and P Walsh 0-2 each, T Walsh, C O'Callaghan, C Corbett, C Óg Jones 0-1 each.

Cork: Christopher Kelly (Éire Óg); K Flahive, D O'Mahony, M Shanley; R Maguire, T Walsh, M Taylor; I Maguire, Colm O'Callaghan(Éire Óg) ; P Walsh, S Powter, B O'Driscoll; Chris Óg Jones (Iveleary) , C Corbett, B Hurley (capt).

Subs: M Cronin for S Powter (57), S Sherlock for C Óg Jones, R Deane for C Corbett (both 59), E McSweeney for B Hurley (67), J O'Rourke for P Walsh (73).

Cork v Donegal, Saturday June 1st at Páirc Uí Rinn, 2.30pm start With three teams qualifying out of the group of four, this win will set Cork up nicely for their encounter against Donegal, who in late January last simply tore Cork asunder in Ballybofey on a 1-20 to 2-6 scoreline in the Allianz National League opening game.

HURLING - MUNSTER HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP 2024 – ROUND ROBIN

April 21st Waterford 2-25 Cork 1-25

April 28th Cork 3-24 Clare 3-26

May 11th Cork 3-28 Limerick 3-26

May 19th Tipperary 1-20 Cork 4-30

June 15/16th Cork travel to play the winners of the Joe McDonagh Cup final between Offaly and Laois in the All Ireland preliminary Quarter final.

Final Round Robin points: Limerick 6, Clare 6, Cork 4, Waterford 3, Tipperary 1.

Limerick and Clare contest the Munster Final in Thurles on June 9th, Cork advance to qualifiers, Waterford and Tipperary are out of the competition.

Tipperary 1-20 Cork 4-30

After an outstanding Cork performance, illuminated by Alan Connolly's three goals, the Rebels had their biggest championship win over Tipperary since 1898. There was massive Cork support at the game in the 44,000 attendance at Thurles and after an even first half, Connolly struck for a goal just before the break to send Cork to the dressing rooms ahead by 1-15 to 1-12 and buoyant, and they tore Tipperary apart in

the second half.

Their reward was continuing Rebel interest in the All Ireland series and if they can maintain their rate of improvement then they will trouble any of the teams still in contention for honours.

The first half was evenly contested and after only 15 seconds Tipperary had the sliotar in the Cork net. Cork reacted well and had seven of the next ten points, Shane Barrett's second point in the tenth minute putting Cork ahead for the first time, 0-7 to 1-3. Cork went into a 0-12 to 1-7 lead but Tipperary fought back and led 1-12 to 0-13 on the half-hour before a clash between Cork's Ethan Twomey and Ronan Maher necessitated both players having to be replaced. When the action resumed, Cork outscored Tipp by 1-2 to nil, Connolly's vital goal, after a strong surging run, the final score before the whistle for the interval giving Cork a 1-15 to 1-12 advantage.

After the first four points of the second half were evenly shared, a short Tipp puckout was turned over by Connolly who carried and got a lovely shot away to beat Barry Hogan. Though Tipp replied with a long-range free by Ronan Maher and Conor Bowe's second point, the third Cork goal, set up for Connolly by Luke

Meade, came just after that and finished Tipperary. That goal made it 3-17 to 1-16 and eight unanswered Cork points followed – four of them from the stick of Kingston in the space of less than three minutes.

Cork were rampant, a fourth goal followed as Shane Barrett set up Patrick Horgan for a lovely finish and Horgan had another later goal disallowed incorrectly. A great day for Cork, and for the Mid Cork players, and how the supporters celebrated!

Scorers for Cork: P Horgan 1-9 (0-4f, 1 65), A Connolly 3-1, S Kingston 0-4, S Harnedy, D Fitzgibbon 0-3 each, S Barrett, B Hayes, R Downey 0-2 each, N O'Leary, D Dalton, C Lehane, L Meade 0-1 each.

Cork: P Collins; N O'Leary, E Downey, Seán O'Donoghue (Innischarra); T O'Mahony, R Downey, Mark Coleman (Blarney); E Twomey, D Fitzgibbon; D Dalton, Shane Barrett (Blarney), S Harnedy; P Horgan, A Connolly, B Hayes.

Subs: L Meade for Twomey (31, injured), S Kingston for Dalton (45), G Millerick for O'Donoghue (52, temporary), C Lehane for Harnedy (59), J O'Connor for Barrett (62), T O'Connell for Fitzgibbon (64), S Twomey for Connolly (68).

LGFA - 2024 MUNSTER LGFA CHAMPIONSHIP

The Munster Ladies Senior Football Championship was run on a round robin format and unbeaten Kerry won through to the Munster final against champions Cork, who lost one group game to the Kingdom.

Kerry 2-15 Cork 0-13

Kerry were crowned TG4 Munster Senior A ladies football champions for the first time since 2017 at Mallow.

The Kingdom started well before falling behind to

Cork, but a goal from Emma Dineen just before half-time got them back in contention.

When she raised her second green flag with nine minutes to go it was the killer blow, as they led by six points at that stage and there was no way back for Cork. Add in a simply outstanding display from Danielle O'Leary, who scored 10 points for Kerry and was the deserving winner of the player of the match award, although Kayleigh Cronin pushed her close.

Danielle O'Leary (who was to finish with 0-10)

opened the scoring for Kerry in the fourth minute and had made it 0-3 to nil before Katie Quirke got Cork off the mark after 14 minutes and from the restart, Rachel Leahy got their second point to make it 0-3 to 0-2.

With 16 minutes gone Cork were back on level terms through Melissa Duggan, Quirke got her second from a free to put Cork in front for the first time after 19 minutes play and Laura O'Mahony, put Cork two up as the Rebels improved. Quirke pointed from



another free, with Aoife Healy and O'Mahony also scoring to make it 0-8 to 0-3 after 28 minutes. Quirke then got Cork's ninth point in a row as the Rebels were enjoying the better of the play but then came the vital Kerry blow with a fist goal from the tall Emma Dineen, to see Cork lead by 0-10 to 1-4 at the break.

O'Leary, Kerry's only point scorer in the first half, added another 30 seconds into the second, with Lydia

McDonagh replying for Cork. O'Leary hit another and then another on 40 to level the scores, O'Leary put Kerry back in front after 41 minutes, and the Kingdom made it 1-11 to 0-11 in their favour after 49 minutes. On 51 minutes Kerry's, second goal to make it 2-11 to 0-11 and they held on to take the Munster title for the first time since 2017.

Cork: S Murphy; M Duggan (0-1), D Kiniry, A Ryan; S Leahy, A Healy (0-1), D Kiely; M O'Callaghan, A

O'Mahony; Emma Cleary, L O'Mahony (0-2), Amy McDonagh; Lydia McDonagh (0-1), K Quirke (0-7, five frees), R Leahy (0-1). Subs: Sorcha McGoldrick for S Leahy (39 mins), K O'Driscoll for A McDonagh (42), S Kelly for A O'Mahony (44), L Hallihan for L McDonagh (52), S O'Leary for D Kiely (58).

CAMOGIE

The Camogie Munster Senior Championship games were run off as double headers with the Munster GAA Senior Championship. Cork travelled to Thurles to play Waterford in the Munster Final, before the Tipp v Cork senior hurling championship game.

Cork 1-16 Waterford 0-14

Cork were crowned Munster senior camogie champions after a hard-fought win over Waterford (who defeated them last year in Munster in Cork before losing to the Rebels later in the All Ireland final).

Amy O'Connor's first half goal proved to be a crucial score, with Laura Hayes, Fiona Keating and Meabh Murphy also impressing for the winners.

Waterford opened the scoring in the second minute, Amy O'Connor got Cork off the mark from a free after seven minutes.

Waterford were enjoying the better of the opening exchanges, 0-4 to 0-1 in front, after 11 minutes. Cork had points from Saoirse McCarthy and from Laura Hayes and with 13 minutes gone Cork were back on level terms when Sorcha McCartan scored and Fiona Keating put them in front a minute later for the first time, 0-5 to 0-4. An Amy O'Connor made it five in a row for Cork and a brilliant run from Hayes set up O'Connor to find the back of the net, to make it 1-6 to 0-4 and it was 1-9 to 0-6 with two minutes to half time, Mackey and O'Connor for Cork, but Waterford

finished the half with a brace, Rebels leading by 1-9 to 0-8 at half time.

A free from O'Connor increased Cork's lead and she added one from play to make it 1-11 to 0-8 after 32 minutes, Carton, who had scored all of Waterford's points bar one, added two more from frees, to make it 1-11 to 0-10 after 35 minutes and Carton cut the gap to a goal with 41 minutes gone and The Deise then cut the gap down to two.

Cliona Healy of Aghabullogue pointed for Cork to put three between the sides again with 15 minutes to go, points were exchanged and the gap was three points with five minutes to go. Again there was an exchange of points but Cork finished in style with points from Clodagh Finn and Orlaith Mullins to secure the title by 1-16 to 0-14.

Scorers for Cork: A O'Connor 1-6 (4f), K Mackey, C Finn 0-2 each, S McCarthy, L Hayes, S McCartan, F Keating, C Healy, O Mullins 0-1 each.

Cork: A Lee; Maeabh Murphy (Ballinora), M Cahalane, P Mackey; I O'Regan, A Healy, L Hayes: A Thompson, S McCarthy; H Looney, F Keating, S McCartan; A O'Connor, K Mackey, O Cahalane. Subs: C Healy (Aghabullogue) for H Looney (ht), C O'Sullivan for S McCartan (52), C Finn for O Cahalane (54), O Mullins for K Mackey (57), Glen Dimplex All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship round 1 Group 1

Antrim 2-10 Derry 3-17; Limerick 0-4 Kilkenny 1-19; Tipperary 1-19 Waterford 2-13

Group 2

Cork 1-15 Wexford 1-6; Clare 1-14 Down 1-5; Dublin

1-11 Galway 0-17

Páirc Uí Rinn played host to Cork's opening defence of their All-Ireland title, where they ran out 1-15 to 1-6 winners over Wexford. As the rain lashed, Katrina Mackey and Amy O'Connor provide powerful performances for the home side.

O'Connor got the game's first score from a dead ball inside the opening minute. After further scores from O'Connor, Mackey and Saoirse McCarthy, Wexford finally got off the mark thanks to a strike from Shelley Kehoe, but Cork's momentum continued and the home side went in 0-8 to 0-2 up as the referee blew for half-time.

Early in the second half, Ciara O'Connor converted a penalty she had won herself to give her Wexford charges a real shot in the arm, but while they were competitive throughout, Cork always had an element of control. Seven minutes into injury time, Clodagh Finn's goal embellished the Cork victory.

Scorers for Cork: A O'Connor 0-7 (0-5 f), K Mackey 0-4, C Finn 1-0, S McCarthy 0-2 (0-1 f), C Healy and H Looney 0-1 each.

Cork: A Lee; Maeabh Murphy (Ballinora), M Cahalane, P Mackey; I O'Regan, L Hayes, N O'Callaghan; A Thompson, A Healy; O Cahalane, F Keating, S McCarthy; A O'Connor, K Mackey, S McCartan. Subs: Cliona Healy (Aghabullogue) for O Cahalane (39), C Finn for N O'Callaghan, H Looney for S McCartan (both 48), O Mullins for A O'Connor (52).

MUNSTER U20 HURLING

Munster semi final:

Clare 2-16 Cork 1-23

In a Munster semi-final at Ennis Cork overhauled a late Clare comeback to keep their All-Ireland title defence alive. The Banner looked headed for the exit door when trailing by 0-18 to 0-12 but inspired by two Diarmuid Stritch goals, they reeled off 2-3 to move three ahead with three minutes of normal time to play. Ben O'Connor's side dug deep to rattle off the next 1-3 by the hour mark, with a debut goal from substitute Barry O'Flynn proving the winner in front of 3,072 fans.

It sets up a Munster final against Tipperary and a chance for revenge following their group-stage defeat.

Scorers for Cork: W Buckley (0-9, 3 frees); J Leahy (0-7, 6 frees); B O'Flynn (1-0); D Healy, Barry Walsh (0-2 each); H O'Connor, T Wilk, A O'Sullivan (0-1 each).

Cork: P O'Sullivan (Fr O'Neills); D Cashman (Bride Rovers), K Lyons (Ballygarvan), D O'Sullivan (Ballinhassig, capt); James Dwyer (Ballincollig), C Tobin, Ben Walsh (Killeagh); M Finn (Midleton), Tadgh O'Connell (Ballincollig); D Healy (Lisgoold), W Buckley (St Finbarr's), H O'Connor (Newmarket); D Cremin (Midleton), Barry Walsh (Killeagh), J Leahy (Dungourney). Subs: T Wilk (Cobh) for O'Connell (25), O O'Regan (Erin's Own) for Dwyer (46), R O'Sullivan (Na Piarasigh) for Cremin (48), A O'Sullivan (Ballinhassig) for Finn (53), B O'Flynn (Sarsfields) for Leahy (57).

Munster Final:

Tipperary 1-19 Cork 0-21

A Darragh McCarthy winning point saw Tipperary snatch a dramatic Munster U20 hurling title from Cork at Limerick and advance to an All-Ireland final against Offaly. Cork were denied victory by an umpiring error when William Buckley's shot was fumbled in the air by the Tipp goalkeeper who rammed the ball up into the net inside the crossbar - in clear view of everybody and of the TG4 tv camera. Play was allowed to continue and no score was awarded, much to Cork's chagrin, but such is sport with human error always a possibility and this error cost Cork their Munster and All Ireland crowns.

It was pity that the Rebels lost in this fashion as they had played well and with great heart against a team which had defeated them soundly in the group stage. The sides were level an 11th time with William Buckley's free in the fourth and final minute of added time but in the few remaining seconds, the Toomevara star's 10th point proved the difference.

The teams were level seven times in the first half before Tipp took a one point lead at half time, 0-10 to 0-9, Cork wasting a 20m free with a futile short pass. Cork with two points went one up on the resumption before Tipp jumped back into the ascendancy with a 1-3 burst, 1-14 to 0-12. Cork had more chances and with their speedy subs began to wear down Tipp as they reeled off four in a row, with corner-back Darragh O'Sullivan pushing forward for a brace to cut the gap to one. They were left to count the cost of 16 wides, including 11 in the second half alone.

McCarthy won three frees and converted each to keep Tipp just ahead until two points from sub Ross O'Sullivan and Buckley's free levelled for Cork deep in added time.. McCarthy's super point separated them in the end.

Scorers for Cork: Jack Leahy 0-6 (4f); Diarmuid Healy, William Buckley (1f) 0-3 each; Darragh O'Sullivan, Ross O'Sullivan 0-2 each; Ben Walsh, Mikey Finn, Timmy Wilk, Hugh O'Connor, Barry Walsh 0-1 each.

Cork: Paudie O'Sullivan; Denis Cashman, Kevin Lyons, Darragh O'Sullivan; Ben Walsh, Cillian Tobin, James Dwyer; Mikey Finn, Timmy Wilk; Hugh O'Connor, William Buckley, Diarmuid Healy; Jack Leahy, Barry Walsh, David Cremin. Subs: James O'Brien for Cashman (43), Adam O'Sullivan for Finn (44), Ross O'Sullivan for Leahy (47), Barry O'Flynn for Dwyer (60+1).

All Ireland U17 Hurling

Cork 1-10 Wexford 2-16

Cork minor hurlers, 3rd in Munster, contested the Electric Ireland All-Ireland MHC preliminary quarter-final against beaten Leinster semi finalists Wexford at Thurles and their 2024 campaign came to a disappointing end.

While the opening 20 minutes were evenly contested, once Wexford hit the front with a goal from Adam O'Connell Byrne, they began to assume a tighter grip on proceedings. They led by six points at half-time and the lead was never less than six in the second period.

Wexford pushed on in the closing stages. Adam Lee made a great save to divert the ball over the bar, but



Wexford had another goal from Seán O'Brien before Cork had a consolation strike at the death, sub Joe Twohig reacting to prod the ball home after Barrett's shot was deflected onto the bar.

Scorers for Cork: M O'Brien 0-6 (0-4 f), J Twohig 1-0, MT Brosnan, A Lee (Cloyne), L Hennessy, O O'Connell 0-1 each.

Cork: A Lee (Carrigtwohill); CD O'Connor (Millstreet), D Fleming (Mallow), L Kelleher (Douglas); K Beechinor (Éire Óg), C Noonan (Kanturk), J Murphy (Mallow); O O'Connell (Carrigaline), J Hegarty (Ballinora); MT Brosnan (Glen Rovers), M O'Brien (Douglas), L Murphy (Barryroe); A Lee (Cloyne), E O'Shea (Ballinhassig), J O'Brien (Douglas). Subs: C Garde (Lisgoold) for Hegarty, D Cosgrave (Coursey Rovers) for O'Shea (both half-time), L Hennessy (Ballymartle) for Murphy (40), P Barrett (Midleton) for A Lee (Cloyne) (42), J Twohig (Valley Rovers) for Brosnan (56).

Munster U17 Football Final

Cork 1-6 Kerry 2-18

Kerry got the better of Cork in a one-sided affair at Pairc Ui Rinn.

The young men from the Kingdom dominated from start to finish and put their neighbours to the sword in a game that was a far cry from the earlier contest between the pair which Kerry won by two points just weeks earlier in Tralee.

Kerry started brightly and kept their foot on the gas for the entire 60 minutes, with Gearoid White in particular impressing from half-forward, while Ronan Carroll was a menace at full forward. The Rebels had their moments but they were just beaten by a superior outfit on the day.

It was a worrying performance by a Cork team which was so clearly inferior to their neighbours and Cork have now lost to Kerry in Senior, U20 and U17.

Scorers for Cork: Danny Miskella (1-3); B O'Shea, S Whelton (0-1 each).

Cork: James O'Flaherty (Douglas); Aaron Keane (Kinsale), Niall O'Shea (Urhan) capt., Joe Mouret (Douglas); Cathal McCarthy (St Colum's), Cian O'Connor (Ballincollig), Ollie Harrington (Kilmeen); Harry Cogan (Glanmire), Jack Trench (Ballinora); Cian Cooney (Clyda Rovers), Ben O'Shea (Mallow), Seán Whelton (St James'); Danny Miskella (Ballincollig), Dylan O'Neill (Carbery Rangers), Humphrey Canty (Newcestown).

Subs: Billy Ryan (Glennville) for O'Connor, Danny O'Donovan (Castlehaven) for O'Shea (both HT); Ben Delaney (Carrigaline) for Trench (39); Finn O'Dwyer (Cullen) for Canty (43); Cian Ahern (Ballincollig) for Harrington (55).

McCarthy Insurances 2024 County Football Leagues Div One: Nemo Rgrs 11, Carrigaline 10, St Finbarrs 9, Cill na Martra 9, Newcestown 8, Castlehaven 8, Éire Óg 6, Douglas 6, Carbery Rangers 5, Ballincollig 2

Cill na Martra 2-12 Douglas 1-11

A week out from hosting Comórtas Peile na Gaeltachta, Cill na Martra had a deserved victory over Douglas in the McCarthy Insurance Division 1 Football League.

Douglas got the opening score of the game courtesy of a point by Dylan Ward. However, Cill na Martra responded with a goal from a Micheál Ó Deasúna penalty kick. The Gaeltacht Mhuscraí men got on top and Daniel and Shane Ó Duinnín contributed with well-taken scores.

In the 20th minute goalkeeper Ó Deasúna, kicked a point from long range for Cill na Martra, and then repeated the effort. Douglas replied but with points from Ciarán Ó Duinnín and Jason Mac Cárthaigh the

home side led by 1-9 to 0-6 at half-time.

Three minutes of the second half, Cill na Martra had a second goal, Daniel Ó Duinnín the scorer with low drive to the net. Cill na Martra were at this stage in firm control, and Tadhg Ó Corcora, Shane Ó Duinnín and Seán Ó Foirréidh had points. Douglas fought on, reduced the deficit to four points but Cill na Martra retained control.

Scorers for Cill na Martra: M Ó Deasúna 1-2 (1-0 pen), D Ó Duinnín 1-1, S Ó Duinnín 0-3, J Mac Cárthaigh 0-2 f, D Ó Conaill, C Ó Duinnín, T Ó Corcora, S Ó Foirréidh 0-1 each.

Cill na Martra: M Ó Deasúna; A Ó hUídhir, F Ó Faoláin, D Ó Conaill; D Ó Buachalla, C Ó Cróinín, C Ó Foirréidh; S Ó Foirréidh, G Ó Goillidhe; C Ó Duinnín, J Mac Cárthaigh, F Ó hEalaithe; E Ó Conaill, D Ó Duinnín, S Ó Duinnín. Subs: T Ó Corcora 40, A Ó Loingsigh 45, M Ó Cathasaigh 57.

Cill na Martra have Played 8, Won 3 Drew 3 and Lost 2 and their last league game is against Newcestown

St Finbarrs 1-17 Ballincollig 1-9

Newcestown 3-8 Ballincollig 1-8

Ballincollig have completed their nine game league schedule and will be relegated to Div Two for next season with only 1 win to credit credit.

Carrigaline 2-9 Éire Óg 0-9

Two second half goals were vital as Carrigaline defeated Éire Óg in Division 1, the South East side having trailed by three points at the break.

Éire Óg stormed in front early on through well-taken scores from Rian O'Flynn and Brian Hurley and when Carrigaline had a point, O'Flynn immediately replied for the Ovens men. Carrig had two points to draw level but Éire Óg finished the half well with points from Mark Griffin, O'Flynn and Hurley to lead 0-6 to 0-3 at the break.

Carrigaline started well on the resumption and outscored the Muskerry side by 1-6 to 0-1 (Brian Hurley free) to go into a commanding lead.

A second goal left Carrig leading 2-9 to 0-7 with eight minutes left to play, Éire Óg finished with points by Conor McGoldrick and Sam O'Driscoll to leave two goals between the sides at the end.

Éire Óg: R O'Flynn 0-3, B Hurley 0-3 (0-1 f), M Griffin 0-1, C McGoldrick, S O'Driscoll 0-1 each.

Éire Óg: P7, W2, D2, L3 and have games against Newcestown and Castlehaven to complete their schedule.

Div Two: Clonakilty 12, St Michaels 12, Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh 11, Dohenys 10, Valleys 8, O Donovan Rossa's 8, Knocknagree 7, Fermoy 4, Clyda and Kiskeam 0 each.

Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh 2-18 Kiskeam 0-8

Béal Átha: Darren Ó Coill: Seán Ó Donnchú, Barra Ó hArgain, Ciarán Ó Nuanáin; Nollaig Ó Laoire, Éanna Ó Duinnín, Gavin Ó Laoire; Daire Ó Briain, Cian Ó Duinnín; Daire Ó Ceallacháin, Seán Ó Muineacháin, Donagh Seartan: Liam Ó Críodáin, Seán Ó Luasa, Conchuir Ó Loinsigh.

Scorers: Ben Seartan 2-3, Donagh Seartan 0-4, Sean Ó Luasa 0-3, Conchuir Ó Loinsigh 0-3, Nollaig Ó Laoire 0-2, Éanna Ó Duinnín 0-1, Seán Ó Muineacháin 0-1, Colmán Ó Tuama 0-1.

Valley Rovers 0-12 Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh 3-12

Béal Átha followed up their win over Kiskeam with an unusually easy win over Valleys at Brinny in the McCarthy Insurance Football League Division 2 encounter.

Valleys started well and led 0-3 to 0-1 when Sean

Ó Muineacháin had the first Béal Átha goal in the seventh minute. Valleys levelled but the Gaeltacht side had three unanswered points as they led by 1-4 to 0-4 after 19 minutes and the goal was still the difference at half time, 1-7 to 0-7. Valleys had two early second-half points but Conchuir Ó Loinsigh's goal had Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh back on top and Sean Ó Luasa had three consecutive points to open up a 2-10 to 0-9 gap after 40 minutes.

Ben Seartáin had a point followed by a goal after 50 minutes, and with Valleys now trailing by 3-11 to 10 the outcome was assured.

Scorers for Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh: C Ó Loinsigh 1-3, S Luasa 0-5 (0-3 f), B Seartáin 1-1, S Ó Muneachaini 1-0, C Ó Duinnín, N Ó Laoire, D Seartain 0-1 each.

Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh: D O'Coill, C O' Duinnín, B O'h-Orgain, S Ó Donnchu; G O' Laoire, E Ó Duinnín, N O' Laoire; D O' Briain, Darmuid O' Ceallachain; Matt O' Riordan, D Seartain, S O' Muneachaini; Dara O' Ceallachain, S Luasa, C O' Loinsigh. Subs: C O' Nuanáin, B Seartáin, B O Suileabhain, Dara O' Ceallachain.

Béal Átha have one game remaining, away to St Michaels. Their record is: P8 W5 D1 L2

Div Three: Kanturk 11, Mallow 10, Rockchapel 9, Castletownbere 8, Bishopstown 8, Macroom 6, Newmarket 5, Kilshannig 5, Aghada 5, Nemo Rangers 1

Macroom 1-16 Mallow 1-18

A golden period in the five minutes before half time and again in the same length of time on the restart, brought Mallow from four points in arrears to level at half time and 1-2 in front before the 35th minute! Macroom who had been leading deservedly by 0-8 to 0-4 were now 1-10 to 0-8 in arrears and they were chasing the visitors from there to the finish. Macroom's goal from Dylan Twomey came late on and left only three points between the teams but this was enough for Mallow to take the points and move into 2nd place in the table with only two rounds of games to go.

Macroom: Brendan O'Connell: Ciarán Condon, Tony Dineen, Don Creedon: Jack O'Riordan, Mark Corrigan, Caleb Dinneen: Patrick Lucey, Cillian O'Donovan: Mark Hunt, Alan Quinn, Conor O'Sullivan: Michael Cronin, Dylan Twomey, Eolan O'Leary. Subs used: Cormac Buckley, Shane Meaney Macroom's record: P7 W 2 D 2 L 3. With 6 points and with 2 games to go, away to Newmarket and at home to Castletownbere, Macroom need points to keep out of the relegation zone.

Div Four: Naomh Aban 11, Iveleary 9, Glanmire 9, Boherbue 9, Aghabullogue 8, St Vincents 8, Bantry Blues 6, Bandon 6, Ilen Rovers 2, Glanworth 0.

N Abán 1-11 Boherbue 1-11

Naomh Aban stay on top of Div Four with two games, v Ilen and Bantry to play. Their record is: P7 W5 D1 L1

Glanworth 2-6 Aghabullogue 3-12

Aghabullogue footballers are moving nicely up the table and were good for a struggling Glanworth side in North Cork. Aghabullogue started badly conceding two early goals but had improved by half time when they were 2-5 to 1-4 in arrears. Aghabullogue put in a much better second half performance, conceding only a single point while 2-8 to their own tally.

Mathew Bradley, Cialan O'Sullivan and Aaron O'Sullivan were the goalscorers. Team: John Buckley: Tom Long, Michael Dennehy, Conor Smith: Paul Ring, Dhani Merrick, Breandáin O'Sullivan: Pádraic O'Sullivan, Colm Gillespie: James Lane, Evan O'Sullivan, Aaron O'Sullivan: Mathew Bradley, David Thompson, Luke Casey.



Aghabullogue 4-15 Ilen Rovers 1-7

Aghabullogue were always in control, led by 1-5 to nil after 15 minutes and by 2-9 to 0-1 at half time. Ilen did battle back late on but they were well beaten by a much better team on the day.

Aghabullogue: Ian O'Sullivan, Ciarán O'Connell, M Dennehy, C Smith: A O'Sullivan, T Long, B O'Sullivan: Ryan Dennehy, Pm O'Sullivan: Cialan O'Sullivan, E O'Sullivan, J Lane: L Casey, D Thompson, M Bradley.

Aghabullogue have P7 W4 D0 L3 and have remaining games against Bantry and St Vincents.

Iveleary 1-13 Glanmire 0-10

Iveleary remain in strong contention in Div Four with two games to go. They got a stiff challenge from Glanmire but aided by the strong wind they led by 0-10 to 0-4 at half time. A golden goal from Sam Pickering about the 40th minute was invaluable and the home side kept the advantage to the end.

Iveleary: Joe Creedon: Alan O'Brien, Dan O'Donovan, Barry Murphy: Kevin Manning, Ciarán O'Riordan, Sean O'Leary: Conor and Barry O'Leary: n Kevin Jones, Brian Cronin, Sean O'Riordan: Sam Pickering, Liam Kearney, Kevin Jones. Subs: Timmy Roberts, Brin Riordan, Oisín Herlihy.

Iveleary: P7 W4 D1 L2 games to come: v Bandon and Boherbue

Div Five: Buttevant 14, Kilmurry 10, Adrigole 10, Kinsale 8, Millstreet 6, Dromtariffe 4, Glenville 4, Mitchelstown 3, Ballydesmond 3, Na Piarasaigh 2.

Kilmurry 1-12 Dromtariffe 0-8

Kilmurry 1-7 Buttevant 3-9

Kilmurry had a fine win over Dromtariffe but were defeated then by a good Buttevant side at Kilmurry. Liam Wall scored 1-5, Ryan Leahy 0-3, Tomas Collins 0-2, Barry Griffin and Joe McGinn 0-1 each.

In the next encounter against Buttevant, Kilmurry started well and could have had a goal before the visitors struck for their first goal. Buttevant then had

two more goals before half time at which stage they led by 3-3 to 0-3. Buttevant remained in control of proceedings in the second half and the Kilmurry goal from Liam Wall came too late in the game to change the outcome.

Kilmurry scorers were Liam Wall 1-3, Joe McGinn 0-4.

The line out v Buttevant was: Jason McDonald: Eoin Keane, William Ronan, Gearóid O'Mahony: Darragh Linehan, Tomás Collins, Daniel Cahalane: Conor Kelleher, Lawrence Aisling: Alexander Aisling, Rory Duggan, Liam Wall: Joe McGinn, Greg Barrett, Ryan Leahy. Subs Barry Griffin and Joe O'Mullane. Kevin Barrett played against Dromtariffe.

Kilmurry's league record: P7 W5 D0 L2=10 points and they have two games to play, away to Kinsale and Millstreet.

Div Six: Gabriel Rangers 10, Ballinora 8, Aghinagh 7, Cobh 5, Mayfield 4, Kildorrery 4, St Nicks and St Michaels 0 each.

Aghinagh 2-10 Gabriel Rangers 4-10

Aghinagh and Gabriel Rangers played out a very open and entertaining county league match in Rusheen. A goal for Gabriel Rangers in the first minute signalled their intent but it was immediately cancelled out by a blistering shot from Liam Twohig. It was tit for tat for the next fifteen minutes but Gabriel Rangers pulled away in the second quarter to lead 2-7 to 1-5 at half-time. The second half was keenly contested and it was 2-9 to 1-8 at the three quarter stage and all to play for. A third goal for the west Cork side at this stage gave them a cushion they never relinquished but a late Liam Twohig penalty was just reward for Aghinagh's efforts to close the gap at the end of the game.

Aghinagh: Kevin Cotter, John Lynch, Donagh O'Riordan, Olan Cummins, Declan Ambrose, Aodh Twomey, David Kelleher, Tadhg Sheehan (0-1), Gearóid O'Sullivan (0-1), Thomas Morgans, Con

Buckley, Seán Kelleher, Dara McCarthy (0-1), Liam Twohig (2-6), Micheál Horgan (0-1).

Subs: William Coakley, Dave Barry, Dylan O'Riordan, Donal Corkery, Seán O'Riordan.

Aghinagh must play Ballinora and Mayfield in their remaining games.

Ballinora 1-15 St Nicks 0-7

Cobh 0-10 Ballinora 0-13

Ballinora's remaining games are v Aghinagh and v Kildorrery

Div Seven: Canovee 8, Cullen 8, Castlemagner 6, Argideen 6, St James 4, Urhan 2, St Finbarrs 0, Ballyhooley 0.

Canovee 3-17 Cullen 3-13

Canovee retained their 100% league record with a hard fought victory over a good Cullen side at Carrigadrohid. Canovee had wind advantage in the first half and led at the break by 2-7 to 0-7. Cullen, a hard physical team, put on fierce pressure in the second half and near the end were in pursuit of a goal to draw level before a punched point from Eoghan Lehane opened up a four point gap to ensure victory for the home side. James Moynihan, Paudie O'Leary and Jack Kelleher were the Canovee goalscorers from opportunities created by the unselfish work of the other attackers and the points were shared by Jack Kelleher, Js Moynihan, Mark Healy and Paudie O'Leary. Canovee: Ben Cheasty: Cian Cronin, William Ahern, Eoghan Lehane: Evan Dodd, Ryan Delaney, Patrick O'Neill: Michael Dunne, Ciarán Canty: Shane O'Riordan, Mark Healy, James Moynihan: Paudie O'Leary, Jack Kelleher, Daire McMahon. Subs: Blake Ring, Shane Hughes, Derrick O'Shea, James O'Neill, Paul Healy.

Canovee have played and won their four games to date and will play Castlemagner, Argideen Rangers and Urhan in their remaining fixtures.

COMORTAS PEILE NA GAELTACHTA

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Cill na Martra ad Naomh Abán Juniors will get the weekend off to a rousing start on Friday evening at 7pm and Beal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh will have their first round game with Béal a' Mhuireadh on Saturday morning at 11.15 am in the senior championship. The winners must play the next round on Saturday evening at 7.15pm.

Naomh Aban will hoist games all day Saturday in Páirc Iosagáin and An Portach Baile Mhuirne and Béal

Átha'n Ghaorthaidh will also host three games on Saturday, assistance from fellow clubs in Gaeltacht Mhuscraí in the orderly running off of the Comórtas for which Cill na Martra has expressed its deep appreciation.

Sunday will see the two semi finals in Soisear grade in the late morning and the two Sinsear semifinals in the late afternoon/evening, Cill na Martra in action at 7.45pm. The semi finals of the Soisear na mBan will be played at Baile Mhuirne at 11.30 and at Béal Átha at 2pm. Naomh Abán B and Naomh Fionnbarra ladies will be in action on opposite sides of the draw. Naomh Abán A will be in action in Craobh Idirmheanach na nBan at 3.45pm.

On Bank Holiday Monday there will be finals in Ladies Junior at 10am, Ladies Senior at 12 noon, Men's Junior at 2pm and Men's Senior at 4pm.

COMORTAS PEILE NA GAELTACHTA – CRAOBH CLUICE MHUSCRAÍ

Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh 2-14 Naomh Abán 2-12 aet.

Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh were slight favourites as they play in the SAFC, a grade higher than Naomh Abán, and they just about deserved their hard

earbnded win but they had to earn it.

For the winners, Conchuir Ó Loinsigh hit 0-8 with five coming from play, Daire O'Briain stood out and also netted a goal but it was super sub Ben Seartan who made the difference scoring 1-3, with one point coming from a free. Cork U20 footballer Ed Ó Mír was outstanding for Naomh Abán as he finished up with 0-10 (0-6 f). The hardworking Darragh O'Laoire contributed 2-1.

Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh: Muirís Ó Conchuir: Seán Ó Donnchú, Barra Ó hArgáin, Ciarán Ó Nuanáin: Nollaig Ó Laoire, Éanna Ó Duinnín, Matt Ó Riordáin: Colman Ó Tuama, Daire Ó Briain: Cian Ó Duinnín, Seán Ó Muineacháin, Donagh Seartan: Liam Ó Críodáin, Daire Ó Briain, Cian Ó Duinnín. Fir Ionaid: Ben Seartan, Daire Ó Ceallacháin, Diarmuid Ó Ceallacháin, Cian Ó Duinnín, Sean Ó Luasa, Gar Ó Loinsigh Naomh Abán: Gearóid Ó Luasa, Colm De Róiste, Seamus Ó Mathúna, Eanna Ó Críodáin, Niall Ó Ceallaigh, Dara Ó Loingsigh, Mark Ó Críod, Kevin Ó Donnchú, Jack Ó Donnchú, Seamus Ó Hendy, Conor Ó Críodáin, Darragh Ó Laoire, Ed Ó Mír, Daniel Ó Ceallaigh, Wayne McCarthy

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COMORTAS PEILE NA GAELTACHTA

2024 igCill na Martra Cill na Martra will be hosting the Comórtas Peile na Gaeltachta this June Bank Holiday weekend and preparations are being completed to ensure a memorable weekend for all the visitors from the Gaeltacht areas all around the country. The annual Comórtas is a festival of Gaelic football and very importantly an annual social gathering of peoples from the areas where Irish is still a living spoken language and Irish culture is vibrant. On the football front, Cill na Martra as hosts to the tournament have received a semi final slot in the Senior championship to be played on Sunday and Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh will represent Gaeltacht Mhuscraí after their thrilling recent win over Naomh Abán in the Muskerry final.

Cill na Martra ad Naomh Abán Juniors will get the weekend off to a rousing start on Friday evening at 7pm and Beal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh will have their first round game with Béal a' Mhuireadh on Saturday morning at 11.15 am in the senior championship. The winners must play the next round on Saturday evening at 7.15pm.

Naomh Aban will hoist games all day Saturday in Páirc Iosagáin and An Portach Baile Mhuirne and Beál

Átha'n Ghaorthaidh will also host three games on Saturday, assistance from fellow clubs in Gaeltacht Mhuscraí in the orderly running off of the Comórtas for which Cill na Martra has expressed its deep appreciation.

Sunday will see the two semi finals in Soisear grade in the late morning and the two Sinsear semifinals in the late afternoon/evening, Cill na Martra in action at 7.45pm. The semi finals of the Soisear na mBan will be played at Baile Mhuirne at 11.30 and at Béal Átha at 2pm. Naomh Abán B and Naomh Fionnbarra ladies will be in action on opposite sides of the draw. Naomh Abán A will be in action in Craobh Idirmheanach na nBan at 3.45pm.

On Bank Holiday Monday there will be finals in Ladies Junior at 10am, Ladies Senior at 12 noon, Men's Junior at 2pm and Men's Senior at 4pm.

COMORTAS PEILE NA GAELTACHTA – CRAOBH CLUICE MHUSCRAÍ

Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh 2-14 Naomh Abán 2-12 aet.

Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh were slight favourites as they play in the SAFC, a grade higher than Naomh Abán, and they just about deserved their hard

earned win but they had to earn it.

For the winners, Conchuir Ó Loinsigh hit 0-8 with five coming from play, Daire O'Briain stood out and also netted a goal but it was super sub Ben Seartan who made the difference scoring 1-3, with one point coming from a free. Cork U20 footballer Ed Ó Mír was outstanding for Naomh Abán as he finished up with 0-10 (0-6 f). The hardworking Darragh O'Loire contributed 2-1.

Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh: Muiris Ó Conchuir: Seán Ó Donnchú, Barra Ó hArgáin, Ciarán Ó Nuanáin: Nollaig Ó Laoire, Éanna Ó Duinnín, Matt Ó Riordáin: Colman Ó Tuama, Daire Ó Briain: Cian Ó Duinnín, Seán Ó Muineacháin, Donagh Seartan: Liam Ó Críodáin, Daire Ó Briain, Cian Ó Duinnín. Fir Ionaid: Ben Seartan, Daire Ó Ceallacháin, Diarmuid Ó Ceallacháin, Cian Ó Duinnín, Sean Ó Luasa, Gar Ó Loinsigh Naomh Abán: Gearóid Ó Luasa, Colm De Róiste, Seamus Ó Mathúna, Eanna Ó Críodáin, Niall Ó Ceallaigh, Dara Ó Loinsigh, Mark Ó Críod, Kevin Ó Donnchú, Jack Ó Donnchú, Seamus Ó Hendy, Conor Ó Críodáin, Darragh Ó Laoire, Ed Ó Mír, Daniel Ó Ceallaigh, Wayne McCarthaigh

Réitheoir: David Murnane, Maighchromtha.

TOM CREEDON CUP

Macroom played host to Glanmire in the quarter final of the Tom Creedon Cup on a very Sunday morning and revelled in the conditions.

Macroom had a super start and led by 1-4 to 0-1 after only five minutes and never lost their dominance to lead by 2-11 to 0-4 at half time. Macroom remained focussed and piled on the points in the second half

while defending well to win by 2-22 to 0-11 at the finish. Macroom are now through to the semi final against Ilen Rovers. On the other side of the draw, Adrigole play Naomh Abán with the winners playing Boherbue.

Macroom: Brendan O'Connell: Ciarán Condon, Johnny Murphy, Jack O'Riordan: Shane Meaney,

Mark Corrigan, Caleb Dinneen: Patrick Lucey, Cillian O'Donovan: Ethan O'Gorman, Seán Kiely, Conor O'Sullivan: Michael Cronin, Dylan Twomey, Eolan O'Leary and Mark Hunt, Liam Holland, Darragh Kiernan, Sam Kelleher.



Macroom Premier Intermediate vs Glanmire in Tom Creedon Cup

U18

Macroom U18 C3 team defeated Ballincollig on a scoreline of Macroom 5.16 Ballincollig 3.07

Team: Noe Kollar, Shane McCarthy, Donagh Murray, Martin Fitzgerald, Regan Wong, Cathal Neville, Jack White, Jamie Murphy, Jack O'Shea, Euan Molyenex, Odhran Creed, Michael Olskey, Jack Leavy, Evan O'Sullivan, David Neville, Gearoid Quinn, Thomas Hopkins, Charlie Magee, Darragh O'Donovan.

Scores: Jack Leavy 3-3, Evan O'Sullivan 1-5, Jamie Murphy 0-3, Jack O'Shea 0-2, Eunan Molyenex 0-1, Darragh O'Donovan 0-2, Charlie Magee 0-1



Macroom U18 C3 vs Ballincollig



U14 P1 Macroom v Ballincollig 25/05/24

Macroom hosted Ballincollig in the Castle Grounds on a wet Saturday morning. Conditions were very slippery adding to the challenge. Macroom scored first, with a point by Dylan O'Shea, followed by a couple of points for the visitors, before David Bradley scored an excellent goal. Another point by Conor Angland added to their tally and Ballincollig replied with three goals of their own to finish the half on a scoreline of 1-03 to 3-07.

As the rain intensified, so too did Macroom's work rate and they took the game to Ballincollig. Hard

work throughout the team earned some well worked points by Ryan Brophy, Dylan O'Shea and Dylan O'Connell and saw Ballincollig save two goal chances off the line. In the end the visitors prevailed on a scoreline of 1-07 to 3-09.

David Bradley, Con Moss, Ciaran Murray, Ryan Brophy, Lochlainn Phelan, David Twomey, Aled Hopkins, Conor Angland, Will Buckley, Dylan O'Shea, Leo Slattery, Sean Burke, Oliver Prezpina, Tadhg O'Driscoll, Dylan O'Connell, Tristan Mullane, David Condon

U10

Macroom u10s who played a go game in the castle grounds vs St Oliver Plunketts, it was a wet morning to finish but good football played by both teams

Cork Underage Development Squads

Well done to Donagh Moss who played with the Cork u15 development squad who beat Meath in Meath at the weekend. Well done also to Sam Leavy, Eoghan Healy and Billy Murphy who lined out against Kerry also at the weekend.



U14 P1 Macroom v Ballincollig 25/05/24



Macroom U10 after a Go-Game in Castle Grounds

U13

On Wednesday last Macroom u 13s made the short journey to Ovens to play Eire Og. Macroom started well and played some great football in the first half. The concession of two goals though left the half time score level at 2 points to 2 - 1. The second half continued in similar fashion with Macroom dominating possession and kicking

some great scores. A well worked team goal had Macroom leading by 1 - 9 to 2 -3 with ten minutes remaining. Eire Og finished strongly however and an unanswered 2-3 left them winners at the final whistle on a scoreline of 4 -6 to 1-9. A good performance by Macroom and all the panel got plenty of game time. That's the end of the grading league and Macroom move on to the business end of the season in good

shape.

Team: Keenan Deasy Jack Barry Lochlainn Phelan Sean Bourke Cian Kelleher Ruari Lucey David Twomey Majik Krzepina David Siju Conor Angland Oscar Grace Nazaar Zherzerum Dara Creed Bobby o Brien Eoghan o Sullivan Peadar Creedon Dara Kelleher Luke Kelly



Last Man Standing competition. Thanks to everyone who entered.



Macroom minor squad after a great victory away to Nemo at the weekend



Well done to Donagh Moss who played with the Cork u15 development squad who beat Meath in Meath at the weekend. Well done also to Sam Leavy, Eoghan Healy and Billy Murphy who lined out against Kerry also at the weekend.



U8s played in a blitz in Canovee last weekend. Great games and great fun had by all.



MACROOM SOCCER CLUB

Volunteer Appreciation Event

The club held a hugely enjoyable volunteers appreciation night at Murray's Bar Function room last weekend. Awards were presented to our MSL team player of the season Thomas Morgans and top goalscorer Dylan Twomey. Youth team awards went to Luke Ring (player of the season) and Evan Cunningham (top goalscorer). The league winning U17 side from 2023 were also recognised as part of a recent civic reception hosted by Macroom Municipal District Council. The council Cathaoirleach, Councillor Ted Lucey was on hand to present certificates to each member of this squad. Thanks to Murray's Bar for the use of their function room and for sponsoring food on the night. Many thanks also to Castlevie Chinese Restaurant for providing the excellent spread of food. Thanks to all who came along, especially our volunteers who run our club and their partners who support them, in what was an excellent night. We would appeal also to all to please support Macroom FC sponsors.



Macroom FC U17 (2023/24) were awarded certificates of achievement from Macroom/Millstreet Municipal District Council after winning the Cork Youths League. Presentations were made by Chairman of Macroom/Millstreet Municipal Council, Cllr Ted Lucey (back row, 3rd from left), entered.



Macroom FC MSL player of the year Thomas Morgans receiving his trophy from management of Philip O' Donovan, Darrin Ring and Stephen Buckley entered.



Macroom FC MSL top scorer Dylan Twomey with Darrin Ring, Stephen Buckley and Philip O' Donovan



Top scorer for Macroom FC Youths was Evan Cunningham. He received his award from manager Darrin Ring.



Macroom FC Youths player of the year Luke Ring pictured with family members and club Chairperson Denis Murray.



Some of the u8's at the Canovee Blitz last Saturday



De La Salle U14c Hurling, Cork Colleges, County Champions 2024. With their Manager and Coach, Ms. Michelle Healy



Macroom U14 girls are Division 1 champions



U13 girls at a home game vs Wilton



Our senior ladies team after a recent win against Boher Celtic



Well done to Chloe Hubbard, player of the match in the SFAI interleague final with Cork. They beat Limerick Desmond 2-0.



De La Salle U16 B Football, Cork Colleges County Champions 2024 with their Coach Mr. Fiachra Landers and selector Mr. Longentered.

Kilmichael Pitch & Putt



Winners from left John Casey, Kevin O' Donovan, Frances Riordan, Chairman Philip Dawson, Dan Kiely, Michael O Callaghan & Captain Barry Crowley



All who participated the Kilmichael Pitch & Putt League competition which was help over four weeks

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Samhradh buí na nóinín glé geal,
Thugamar féin an samhradh linn.
Thugamar linn é ón gcoill chraobhaigh,
Thugamar féin an samhradh linn.
Samhradh buí ó luí na gréine,
Thugamar féin an samhradh linn.
Bábóg na Bealtaine, maighdean an tSamhraidh,
Suas gach cnoc is síos gach gleann,
Cailíní maiseacha bán-gheala gléigeal,
Thugamar féin an samhradh linn.
Cuileann is coll is trom is caorthann
Thugamar féin an samhradh linn.
An fuinseog ghléigeal bhéil an Átha
Thugamar féin an samhradh linn.
Samhradh, samhradh, bainne na ngamhna,
Thugamar féin an samhradh linn.
Samhradh buí na nóinín glé geal,
Thugamar féin an samhradh linn.*

Tá nach mór mí na Bealtaine curtha dínn againn agus dár leis an bhféilire tá An Samhradh againn ach ní fheadair an aontaím leis an ráiteas san! Cén fáth a deir tú?? Bhuel ní léiríonn an fhuacht is fliuchtar na h'aimsire atá againn faoi láthair dea-h'aimsir an tSamhraidh! Arís is dócha go mbaineann sé le cúrsaí athrú aeráide, ach cé go bhfuil saíneolaithe réamhaisnéiseoirí na h'aimsire ag rá linn gur téamh domhanda ba chúis leis an aimsir athraitheach, measaim gur dhearúid an ghriain Mhúscraí mar thar aon rud eile ní teas againn anseo. Tá sé scamallach is cumtha liath ar an spéir ó mhaidin go h'oidhe. Agus tá sé fuar. Ní rachadh cúpla lá gréine ar seachrán anseo!

Mar sinn féin níor chur an báisteach isteach ormsa agus mo chairde nuair a fheastalíomar ar cheolchoirm do-creidte leis an laoch féin Bruce Springsteen an tseachtain seo chaite i bPáirc Uí Chaoimh. Bhí sé ar intinn agam an bus a thógaint ón 'Charraigh' nó sráid bhaile Baile Mhic Íre. Chuireas ticéad an bus ináirithe dom féin ar an idirlinn agus 'away' liom sa ghluasteán chun na carraige. Bhíos lán de ghiodam, is sceitimíní orm ag tnúth le Brús a chlosaint is a fheiscint beo, don chéad uair. Bhí ticéad agam uair cheana féin sa bhliain 1986, nuair a bhí sé ag canadh i mBaile Shláine i gContae na Mí. Ach faraor nár goideadh uaim é an oíche roimh ré is mé ag freastal ar cóisir na mbanaltraí i mBaile Átha Cliath mar a raibh cónaí orm ag an am. Bhuel sin scéal do lá eile is baolach.

Só is mé ag feitheamh ar an mbus i mBaile Mhic Íre 'iontas na n-iontas' stop gluasteán ós mo chóir is d'fhéach lad amach na bhfuinneoige, "Téanam ort linn", "An bhfeileann tú ag imeacht chun Brús", "Táim 'arsa mise, "ach táim ag feitheamh ar an mbus". " Ná bac leis an Bus mar tá spás go leor anseo duit", agus gan a thuilleadh machnamh ritheas chun an chairt agus isteach ann d'ímíos, ag suí go sásta i lár a baill agus gan a thuilleadh moille 'away linn'.

Bhí ardghíúmar ar chách ar bord. Bhí cur is cúiteamh ar an t'amhrán is fearr, is gach duine againn ag canadh an curfá ba annsa linn nó sinn ar aon ag canadh d'aon ghuth. Bhraitheas go raibh mé im dhéagóir arís, leis an spórt is craic is comhlúadar.

Níor thugamar aon áird ar tuar na h'aimsire mar bhí toirneach tintreach agus díle báistí tuartha, go tháingamar i ngearracht don páirc féin, nuair a d'oscail na scamaill is báisteach ag stealladh ós na flaithis.

Bhí na sluaite ag brú ar aghaidh i dtreo an staidiam agus iad ag iarraidh na locháin uisce is pluda faoi chois a sheachaint, sinn go léir ag iarraidh ár gcótaí báistí, hataí is giobail eile a chur orainn chomh tapaídh is suaireach is a fheadfaimis chun éalú ón báisteach is ón fliucha ach mo léir bhí sé gan tairbhe mar is léir go rabhamar cosúil le francaigh báite fliuch. D'fhágas slán le mo chomrádaithe meidhreach taistil sa tranglam is na sluaite is mé ag iarraidh bualadh le mo chairde féin chun mo thicéad a aimsiú. Bhuailéas leo go gairid ina dhiaidh san agus isteach linn i measc na sluaite báite eile. Níor chur an fearthainn isteach ná amach ar an ócáid mar chan an réalt gach amhrán níos fearr ná an cheann eile is sinn go léir in aon ghuth leis.



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A Word of Victory

"The king's heart is like streams of water in the hand of the Lord; He turns it whichever way He wishes. Every man's way is right in his own eyes, but the Lord weighs and examines the hearts [of people and their motives]. To do righteousness [what is right] and justice is more acceptable to the Lord than to offer Him sacrifices repeatedly" (Proverbs 21:1-3).

Welcome back dear student, well next week's elections are fast approaching. Last week we spoke on how love never fails. There is so much hatred and division being stirred up currently and we know who is behind it – Satan. Jesus said, 'a kingdom or house divided shall not stand' (Matthew 12:22-28). Division, strife, and hatred come only from one source; it is the operation of hell itself. So, beware dear friend, for it seeks to infiltrate every crevice of life and contaminate all that is pure and holy. Marriages, childhoods, families, workplaces, and communities can all be affected. The enemy has no power to inflict – but only what people give him: access by agreement. It's important not to get dragged into the sin of anger and offence, judgement, and strife (Ephesians 4:26-5:10). God's love overcomes in every situation, so because the devil cannot love, he seeks to destroy it. But Love never fails (1 Corinthians 13:8). Face the upcoming elections with this in mind.

The Scripture above is not often taught on. Many people build themselves, or others up, based on achievements and outward show. God chastised Samuel when he was impressed with one of David's brothers. He told Samuel – 'you're only looking at him from the outside (the flesh) – I have rejected him, for I look at the heart' (1 Samuel 16:7). God examines our hearts! Our motives, attitudes, and beliefs are weighed by His standard – His Love, and His Word. It's a warning for us – because right now the god of this world Satan is twisting and perverting truth, and people are sucked in by lies, ungodly motives and outward fakery. Don't ask yourself what great works these politicians or leaders have done – pray and ask the Lord – 'what kind of heart has this person? Is integrity, honesty, righteousness, and justice at work here?' Let God direct your steps as you vote.

Currently we are reaping the rewards of decades of corruption, greed, and injustice in our nation. People ask, 'why can't problems be fixed?' Because of the control by ungodly people in high institutions who have lined their own, and the pockets of their friends for gain. They may have an outward appearance of godliness, but it's not backed up by the fear of God, because if it were, they would have shouted 'STOP' long ago (2 Timothy 3:1-5). When election time comes around they are very quick to take their lead - not from the Lord or His precepts - but from what's trending on Twitter. They know little of spiritual matters, because if they did they would be hollering from the rooftops of society in repentance.

This is not every politician – of course there are godly women and men, but they need to take a courageous stand for what is right, even if it's not popular opinion. And it's not just those involved in politics – but the entire civil service, and also the church at large. Those who carry out laws: whether administratively; in policing; in education; and in health. You have a voice – and God has placed you here for such a time as this! (Esther 4:14). Instead of listening to the angry screams of the ungodly about being on the wrong side of history – friend: make sure you are NOT on the wrong side of God.

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9TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

MAM

Who died on the 3rd June, 2015.

*My Angel up in Heaven,
I wanted you to know,
I feel you watching over me,
Everywhere I go.
I wish you were with me,
But that can never be
Memories of you in my heart,
That only I can see.
My Angel up in Heaven,
I hope you understand,
That I would give anything
If I could hold your hand
I'd hold you oh so tightly,
And never let you go.
And all the love inside of me
To you I would show.
My Angel up in Heaven
For now we are apart,
You will always live inside of me
Deep within my heart.*



*Always remembered and loved by
Her daughter Laura.
Always on my mind, forever in my heart.*

9TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**ANNETTE
O'MAHONY**

Clondrohid, Co. Cork
Who died on the 3rd June, 2015.

*Our lives go on without you
but nothing is the same.
We have to hide the heartache
When someone speaks your name.
Sad are the hearts that love you,
Silent are the tears that fall.
Living without you is
the hardest part of all.
You did so many things for us,
Your heart was so kind and true,
And when we needed someone
We could always count on you.
The special years will not return,
When we are all together
But with the love in our hearts
You walk with us forever.*



Sadly missed by her loving family,
Parents John & Eileen, Daughter Laura,
Partner Paul (Long), Sisters Sheila and
Mags, Brothers Denis and John, Brothers-
in-law Seanie and Denis, Nephews Eric
and Jayden and Nieces Chloe and Shauna.
Anniversary Mass in St. Abina's Church
Clondrohid Fri 31st May at 8pm.

**FIRST ANNIVERSARY
AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**



In loving memory of

DAN MURPHY

Clondrohid, Macroom, Co Cork
Who died on 2nd June 2023

A year on since we lost our beloved Dan,
his wife Marguerite his sons Neilus, Daniel,
Colin, his daughter Caoimhe, Neilus's
finance Gemma and his grandson Robbie
plus the extended Murphy and Buckley
families would like to sincerely thank all
those who supported and sympathised
with us on our sudden sad loss of Dan.
We want to express our sincere gratitude
to everyone who gave us their support
so willingly over those sad days and have
sustained us in countless ways since. To
Dan's many friends who offered their
support, sympathy, prayers and shared
memories of Dan with us thank you. Your
kindness and support brought us great
comfort at the saddest of times.
Special thanks to the paramedics and to
the doctors and nurses and staff of ICU of
Cork University Hospital.
Thanks to all those who provided food and
refreshments in our family home and to all
those who helped before and during the
days of the funeral.

Our most sincere appreciation to all those
who travelled from near and far in such
large numbers, to all those who sent mass
cards, enrolments, letters of sympathy,
online condolences, and floral tributes.
Special thanks to Fr. Jim Greene for his
support and prayers during our sad loss
and for celebrating a beautiful funeral
mass. Thanks to the choir for such
beautiful singing and music during the
mass.

Thanks to Tarrant's Undertakers who acted
with such professionalism and sincerity.
As it would be impossible to thank
everyone individually, please accept
this acknowledgment as a token of our
gratitude. The holy sacrifice of the mass
will be offered for your intentions.

*Your life was love and labour
Your love for your family true
You did the best for all of us
We will always remember you.*



Mass to remember Dan on his first
Anniversary will be on Saturday 1st June
in Clondrohid Church at 11.30am

**FIRST ANNIVERSARY
AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**



In loving memory of

**MARGARET
CLARKE**

Lisnagat, Bandon
Died June 5th 2023

As we lovingly remember Margaret on
her first anniversary, William, Sinead,
Cathal and Margaret's extended family
wish to express our deep gratitude and
appreciation for the support shown to us
during our sad loss.

A special thanks to our family, friends,
neighbours, Margaret's work colleagues,
and those who sympathised, sent
cards, expressed online condolences
and attended the funeral services. Your
support and messages of sympathy gave
us great comfort.

We would like to thank Fr. Michael
Kelleher, Mons O'Callaghan, Fr. Cremin
and Fitzgerald's Funeral Directors for
their kindness and professionalism
during our difficult time. Most sincere
gratitude to Prof Seamus O'Reilly, Prof
Martin O'Sullivan, Dr McGibney and their
fellow teams, staff at CUH, Orclid Clinic,
Glandore Centre and
South Infirmary Victoria University
Hospital. A further thanks to Dr Ailish
Bohane and all at Ballymodan Family
Practice, Horgan's Pharmacy and all at
Bandon Hyperbaric Oxygen Centre. A
special thanks to Marymount Hospice, we
appreciate your care and kindness shown
to Margaret and our family.

Please accept this acknowledgment as an
expression of our sincere appreciation.

Margaret's Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated on Sunday, June 2nd at
11.30am in St John the Baptist Church,
Newcestown.



*Deep in our hearts you will always stay,
Loved and remembered every day.*

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6th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

CONNIE O'LEARY

Gougane Barra, Macroom, Co. Cork
Who died on May 28th 2018

In loving memory
of a Special Dad

*Dad, we miss you everyday
You were so special and unique
A guiding light throughout our life
You were our strength
when we were weak.
Happy memories flood our minds
whenever we think of you
But you can never be replaced
that much is sadly true.
The fact that you're no longer here
Still fills our hearts with pain
We wish we had just one last chance
to talk with you again.
We shall always remember
the closeness that we had
We love you and miss you so much
... Our kind and thoughtful Dad.*



Sadly missed and remembered by his
daughters Pauline and Helen
and their families.

**PRAYER TO
ST. ANTHONY**

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

FIRST ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of
FR. PAT O'CONNELL
Hexham & Newcastle Diocese
and late of Clounavrick, Macroom

*Our hearts are full of memories
With pride we speak your name
Though life goes on without you
It will never be the same
We miss your smile, your joking ways
We miss things you used to say
And when old times we do recall
It's then we miss you most of all.*



Always remembered by your loving sister, Chris, nieces and nephews, relatives and friends.

Anniversary Mass in Rusheen Church on June 8th at 8pm and St. Colman's Church, Macroom on June 16th at 11.30am

10TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of
PÁDRAIG O'RIORDAN
Raleigh South, Macroom, Co. Cork
Who passed away 10th June 2014

*In the early sunlight
of a morning new,
We awake from sleep
and think of you.
As morning becomes noon
and night follows evening,
You bask in our happiness
and support us while grieving.
Through the changes of seasons,
with each new year that begins,
We cherish your memory,
held deeply within.
In the late moonlight,
of a night sky blue,
We close our eyes
and dream of you.*



Lovingly remembered by his parents Martin & Ellen, sister Lisa & brothers Stephen & David.
Anniversary Mass on Saturday 8th June, 7.30 p.m. in St. Colman's Church, Macroom.

5TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of
CONOR BUTTIMER
Coolcower, Macroom, Co. Cork
who died on June 11th 2019.

*His smiling way and pleasant face
Are a pleasure to recall,
He had a kindly word for each
And died beloved by all.
Some day we hope to meet him,
Some day, we know not when,
To clasp his hand in the better land,
Never to part again.*



Always remembered by your wife Sheila, Elaine, Pat, Suzann, Colette and their families.

Anniversary Mass on Tuesday June 11th at 10.00 a.m. St Colman's Church Macroom

4th & 33rd ANNIVERSARY



Remembering our dear mother
JOAN DESMOND
Whose 4th anniversary occurred on
28th of May 2024
Also our dear father
DIARMUID DESMOND

Whose 33rd anniversary occurred on
19th of May 2024
Danganasillagh, Ballymakeera,
Macroom, Co. Cork.

*Those who knew; Will remember,
Those who loved; Will never forget.*



Always remembered by your son Patie, daughter Gobnait, son-in-law Connie, and grandson Tadgh.

3RD ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of
MARY ANNE KELLEHER
Mountcross, Clondrohid, Macroom
Who died 6th June 2021

*Mass is being offered for her soul
and for all her family and friends*



May she rest in peace.

10TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of
PÁDRAIG O'RIORDAN
Raleigh South, Macroom, Co. Cork
Who passed away 10th June 2014

*Your presence we miss
Your memory we treasure
Loving you always
Forgetting you never.*



Remembered always by Micheal, Margaret & family.

St Gobnait pray for him.

2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of
CONNIE (CON) MOYNIHAN
PARKINILLANE, KILNAMARTYRA
WHO DIED 7th JUNE 2022

*A heart of gold stopped beating,
two shining eyes at rest,
God broke our hearts to prove,
he only takes the best.*



Loved every minute, Missed every day by his wife Mary, Natalie, Shane, Dan, Leah, Kayla, Caiden and Dylan.

3RD ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of
DAN VAUGHAN
Candromey, Kilnamartyra
Who died on 8th June, 2021

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



Always loved and remembered by Ann and family.

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FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

JOHN DOWNEY

Mashanaglass, Macroom, Co.Cork

Who died on June 2nd ,2023.

As we lovingly remember John on his first anniversary, his wife Nora, his daughters, sons and their families, brother, sister, brother in laws, sister in laws and their extended families wish to express our gratitude and sincere thanks to all our friends and kind neighbours who sympathised with us during that difficult time.

Especially those who travelled to attend the funeral and removal.

A special thanks to Carers Caroline and Trish, staff at The Sullane Family Practice and The Cardiology Unit Cork University Hospital.

Thanks to The Priests of the Parish, to Fitzgeralds Undertakers, the Sacristan, the Vocalist and the Organist.

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

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually please accept this acknowledgment as a token of our sincere thanks and gratitude.



FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

JERRY MURPHY

Cooligrenane, Inchigeela, Macroom.

Who died on 7th June, 2023

As we lovingly remember Jerry on his first anniversary we, his wife Mary, his sons Brendan, Michael, Anthony, David, daughter-in-laws Deirdre, Norma and David's fiancée Nuala, his grandchildren Darragh, Caoilainn, Cadhla, Jack and his sisters Mary, Nuala, Nora and extended family would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to all those who sympathised and supported us during and since Jerry's sudden passing. No words will ever come close to expressing our thanks to our wonderful family, friends and excellent neighbours. Those who called to our home and who brought endless amounts of food and just being there for us day and night will forever live in our memory. To everyone who attended the funeral, sent Mass cards, text messages, online condolences and who sent floral sprays thank you. Heartfelt thanks to the priests Fr. Anthony O'Mahony, Fr. Charles Kiely, Fr. Diarmuid Murphy, Fr. Donal McIlraith, Fr. Pat Stevenson, Msgr. O'Donnell, Fr. Joe O'Mahony and Bishop Buckley for concelebrating his Funeral Mass together with the choir and a very special thanks to Tracey and Richard, Jerry's great friends, who sang and played so beautifully. Thanks to Cyril Casey for his advice, support and professionalism, nothing was too much trouble for that we're eternally grateful. To Jerry's dear friends in Eircom and Inchigeela National School and the GAA for their guard of honour thank you and to Creedon's Hotel who provided refreshments. As it would be impossible to thank each of you individually, please accept this acknowledgment as a token of our appreciation and gratitude. The holy sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions.



In grateful appreciation Mary & family. Jerry's anniversary Mass will be held on the 9th June 11.30 Mass In St. Finbarr & Holy Angels Church, Inchigeela.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

TADGH LYONS

(formerly Canovee)

Forest, Carrigadrohid, Co. Cork

As we lovingly remember Tadgh on his first anniversary, we, his wife, Maureen, sons, Mark, Martin, Barry, Paul and Damien and daughter Anne Marie together with our families wish to express our sincere gratitude and heartfelt appreciation to all who sympathised with us on our very sad loss.

Heartfelt thanks to our extended family, relatives, neighbours and friends for their support in the past 12 months and during the 2 years Tadgh battled his illness. Thanks to all those who rang Tadgh and called to the house during his illness. Thanks to everyone who sent mass cards, letters, enrolments and online condolences. Thanks to the many people who brought food, refreshments and supplies to the house and all who helped in and around the house throughout the funeral. Thanks to all those who travelled long distances to be with us and to those who sat with Tadgh during the nights he was at home prior to the funeral.

Special thanks to the staff of the Bon Secours Hospital in particular Mr. Brian Bird, his team, and the staff of St. Veronica's ward and St. Bernadette's ward. Our heartfelt thanks to Dr. John O Riordan G.P. for the wonderful care he provided to Tadgh and for all nurses and staff in Sullane Family Practice for their kindness and support throughout his illness. Sincere thanks to Coachford Pharmacy who were always available to support and advise the family.

Special thanks to the staff of Marymount Hospice for the support they provided to Tadgh and for their ongoing support to the family. In particular the nurses who called to the house during Tadgh's final days. To the Daffodil nurses who attended at night in particular Rebecca Ni Mhurchu who nursed Tadgh in such a dignified and compassionate way in his final days.

Heartfelt thanks to Fr. Peadar Murphy for attending the house to support Tadgh and his family and for the beautiful funeral mass. It will never be forgotten. Thanks to Canon Bernard Donovan, Fr. Donal Roberts, Monsignor Kevin O Callaghan and Fr. Richie Wall. Thank you to Siobhan Nash for standing in as sacristan and for organising everything in the church. For Mary Crowley & Gillian Fitz-Gerald who sang wonderfully at the mass and made it so special, we are forever grateful.

Thank you to Davy Healy and Stuart Kingston who provided parking spaces in neighbouring fields and to the many people who helped to organise traffic and parking on the days of the Rosary and Removal. Sincere thanks to Fitz-Geralds Undertakers for their professionalism and advice to the family and to the Castle Hotel for providing refreshments after the funeral.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, we hope that this acknowledgement will be accepted as a token of our sincere thanks and gratitude.

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



Lovingly remembered always by his wife Maureen, sons Mark, Martin, Barry, Paul and Damien and daughter Anne Marie, daughters in law, son in law, grandchildren, great grandchildren, brothers, sisters, brothers in law, sisters in law, relatives, neighbours and many friends

Tadgh's 1st Anniversary mass will be held on Saturday 1st June at 6.30pm in St. John's Church, Canovee.

"We hold you close within our hearts until we meet again"

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8TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

PHIL LUCEY

Lackneave, Inchigeela
who died on 11th June 2016

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

*So rest in peace dear loved one
And thanks for all you've done,
We pray that God has given you,
The crown you've truly won.*



From her loving husband John, Family,
and Grandchildren.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

SEAN O'LEARY

Glen Park, Macroom
Who left us on 04 June 2023
And is now with his beloved
Maureen, and son, John.

**A much-loved husband, dad,
grandad, and friend to all**

*Because I could not stop for Death,
He kindly stopped for me;
The carriage held but just ourselves
And Immortality.*



Always loved by Maura & Donal,
his adored grandchildren, Willow & Milo
His friends & family, Kilmichael Pitch &
Putt, Macroom Men's Shed & SVdP.

Dad's anniversary mass will be in
Macroom Church at 10am on 05 June.

6TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**MAURA
O'SHEA**

Clondrohid and late of Mullinroe
Died on 3rd June 2018

*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.*



Always in our hearts and prayers,

Your cousin Clare,
nieces and nephews.

41st ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of our Dear Son

IAN FLEMING

Late of Crookstown, Co. Cork
Who went to heaven on the
28th May 1983

*Your hand we cannot touch,
Still we have so many memories,
of the ones we love so much,
Your memory is our keep sake,
which we'll never part,
God has you in his keeping,
we have you in our hearts.*



Always in our thoughts and forever in
our hearts. Love from Mom, Brothers
Paul, Brian and James, Sister Tina, Ellen
- Daughter in Law, Derry Son in Law,
Nieces and Nephews.

Also remembering Ian's Dad Jim
at this time - May they both rest together
in Eternal Peace.

3RD ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**BERTIE
CREEDON**

Mullinroe, Clondrohid, Macroom,
Co Cork.
Who passed away on 8th June 2021.

*God saw the road was getting rough.
The hill was hard to climb.
He gently closed your weary eyes
And whispered "Peace be thine"
Will those who think of Bertie today,
a little prayer to Jesus say.*



Always remembered by his loving wife
Nora, son Patrick, daughters Anna, Sheila,
Marie, Margaret and Norma, daughter in
law, sons in law, grandchildren, relatives
and friends.

Bertie's Anniversary Mass is on Sat 1st
June in Carriganima Church at 6pm

7TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**MATTIE
MCDONAGH**

Knockraheen, Carriganima,
Macroom, Co. Cork who died on the
9th of June 2017.

*Softly on a June morning,
You heard a gentle call,
You took the hand God offered you,
And quietly left us all.
Your presence we miss,
Your memory we treasure,
Loving you always,
Forgetting you never.*



Loved and sadly missed by your wife
Monica, Sons Eddie, John, Noel, and their
families.
Rest in Peace.

13TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**JERRY
TWOHIG**

Macroom, Co. Cork
Died 31st May 2011

*As each day dawns
We think of you.
As each night falls,
We pray for you.
And throughout our lives,
No matter where,
In our hearts you are always there.*



Always remembered by his loving Ann,
his children Edel, Amanda, Valerie,
Paul and Eddie.
R.I.P

16TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**BETTY
LALLY**

Kilcondy, Crookstown,
who died on 03rd June 2008

*Memory is a lovely lane,
Where hearts are ever true,
A lane I so often travel down,
Because it leads to you.*



Always remembered with love by Sean,
Karen, Seanie, Gabriel, Kathleen, Conor,
Eoin and Jack.

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THE MIRACLE PRAYER



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

THE MIRACLE PRAYER



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



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