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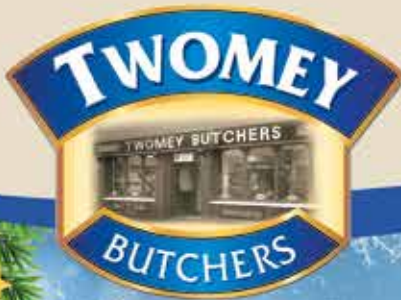
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week's edition. Due to print processes, late submissions will be published in the following edition.

As always submissions as Gaeilge are always welcome too!

We love hearing local stories, opinions and events - current or historical, if you would like to submit an article as bearla nó as gaeilge, please feel free to email us here on leevalleyoutlook@macroom.ie, we would love to hear from you.

Go raibh maith agaibh, Peter & Gráinne

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Macrooom lights up for Christmas

On Friday evening last Macrooom Town came alive with festive cheer as the community gathered to celebrate the much anticipated Christmas Lights Switch On event.

The atmosphere in town was brilliant with everyone filling in the streets to witness the enchanting display that marks the official start of the Christmas season in Macrooom. Many crafts and food traders on site all welcomed those that made the effort to attend this occasion.

The evening began with the highly anticipated arrival of Santa Claus, who made a grand entrance alongside Mrs Claus and their trusty Elf. Their arrival was further celebrated by the talented Aideen Johnson dancers, who all travelled through town and up to the square in the amazing Santa Polar Express, bells ringing and lots of singing. The moment the lights flickered to life the square erupted into applause, in appreciation of the efforts of those who make it happen each year.

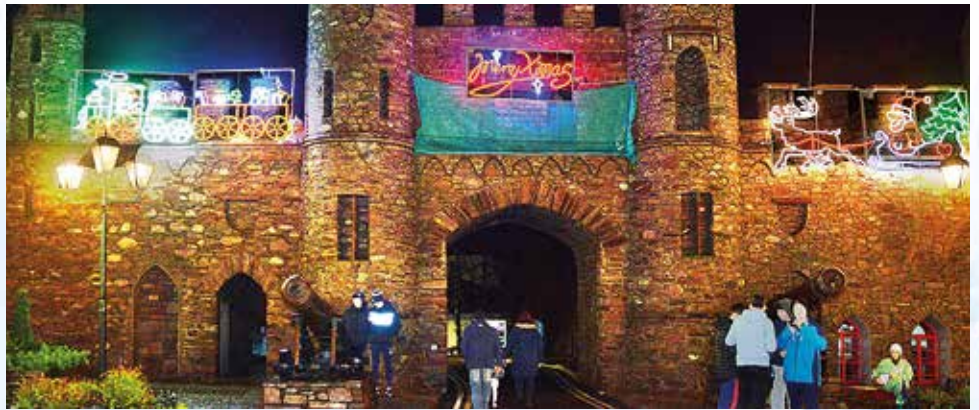
Next up was the special treat of the Charity Tractor Run with up to 50 tractors many dressed with sparkly fairy lights rolled up the streets. These beautifully lit tractors were part of a fundraising initiative by Cork Marts raising much needed funds for local charities. Their presence had kids and many adults wide eyed in amazement, and it added greatly to the community and Christmas spirit evident on the night.

The snow machine with snow falling in the centre square adding a magical touch to the event. Children and families gathered around the huge Polar Bear who stood as a festive focal point inviting everyone to capture and snap the wonder of the evening and create lasting memories.

The event was a resounding success with the bringing the community together in a celebration of Christmas spirit, charity, and enjoyment. Macrooom is very proud of its annual lights display and we are very grateful to the Macrooom Tidy Towns volunteers who have worked many nights the last few weeks to ensure that we were able to host this event, and fill the town with joy, wonder, and a sense of unity that will last throughout the festive season.

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Switching on the Lights in Macrooom. Pics. Peter Scanlan

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Please support the Macrooom Shopping Voucher Scheme this Christmas 2024.

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GUIDE PRICE: €950,000



NEW TO MARKET

SHANACLOON, BALLYMAKEERA, MACROOM, CO. CORK

Killian Lynch Auctioneers are pleased to offer this C.0.51 acre site subject to planning permission. The site which has road frontage onto a minor public roadway is situated in a much sought after area only a C.2 minute drive from Ballyjourney village, C.15 minutes drive from Macroom town and C.45 minutes from Cook city. The site has fantastic views over the village and surrounding countryside.

GPS: 51.935076, -9.160558

GUIDE PRICE: €65,000



UNDER OFFER

HILLVIEW, WEST SQUARE, MACROOM, CO. CORK, P12WV09

Killian Lynch Auctioneers are pleased to offer this pristine 4 bedroom townhouse situated in the heart of Macroom town centre. The property which comprises of C.1158 sq ft living accommodation is renovated to an exceptional high standard throughout and is oozing with character. This pristine property will make an ideal first time buyer home or a home for a retired couple looking to have all local services and amenities at their doorstep. BER: B3 (106648801)

GUIDE PRICE: €225,000



NEW TO MARKET

19 CEDAR CLOSE, TANYARD WOOD, MILLSTREET, CO. CORK, P51P9H0

Killian Lynch Auctioneers are pleased to offer this pristine 4 bed semi detached house with mature manicured gardens. The property which consists of c.1625 sq ft living accommodation is in fantastic condition throughout & would make for an ideal family home. Other features of this home include a modern kitchen, fitted wardrobes in three bedrooms, stairs to a fully floored attic & a garden decking. It also has an excellent BER rating of B2 making it an energy efficient house & qualifies it for a green mortgage. Located only walking distance from Millstreet town, c.20 minutes drive to Macroom & Mallow, c.25 minutes drive to Killarney & c.45 minutes drive to Cork city. Viewings highly advised. BER: B2(113886998)

GUIDE PRICE: €260,000



NEW TO MARKET

5 OAK BROOK, TANYARD WOOD, MILLSTREET, CO. CORK, P51E2K1

Killian Lynch Auctioneers are pleased to offer this stunning 3 bedroom semi detached house with front and rear gardens. The property which is in turn key condition comprises of C.1195 sq ft living accommodation throughout and would make for an ideal family home. Ideally location within walking distance to Millstreet town, C.20 minutes drive to both Macroom town and Mallow town, C.25 minutes drive to Killarney and C.45 minutes drive to Cork city. Ber: C1

GUIDE PRICE: €225,000



NEW TO MARKET

GORTNAPEASTA, CLONDROHID, MACROOM, CO. CORK

Killian Lynch Auctioneers are pleased to offer this C.0.51 acre site subject to planning permission. The site which has had previous planning granted in 2023 for an dwelling house, ref no 23/4492 has road frontage onto a minor cul de sac public roadway and has views over the surrounding countryside. Located C.3km west of Clondrohid village, C.10 minutes west of Macroom town and C.30 minutes drive west of Cork city.

<https://planning.corkcoco.ie/efan/AppFileRefDetails/234492/0>

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GUIDE PRICE: €55,000



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NO. 8 THE GREEN, LIOS NA FEA, MACROOM, CO. CORK

Killian Lynch Auctioneers are pleased to offer this 3 bedroom semi detached house with front and rear gardens. The property which is in good condition throughout, comprises of C.1050 sq ft living accommodation and would make for an ideal home for a first time buyer or young family. Ideally located only C.200 yards from the Macroom bypass interchange junction, C.10 minutes walk to Macroom town centre and C.30 minute drive to both Cork city and Killarney

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NEW TO MARKET

GURRANLEIGH, CROOKSTOWN, CO. CORK

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Planning reference: ncc.20/04135

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Macroom and District Lions Club

Saturday 28th September 5 Abseilers braved Croke park to raise much needed funds for childhood cancer. Declan Sheehan, Aoife Lucey, Tony Kelleher, Mary Kate O’Keffe & Mai Buckley.

The weather was clear blue skies for the views, a big thank you to everyone who donated and helped in organising this event. We are delighted to announce that €4500 was raised.

November 14th - World Diabetes day.

A huge thank you to Member Brian Gallagher from the Macroom & District Lions club, supporting our care

in the community Brian was testing glucose levels to shoppers in Supervalu Macroom, Thank you to Ken and all the team for hosting this event.

Lions recycle for sight update - We are delighted to announce that so far we have boxed up 2,150 pairs of glasses to date ready to be refurbished and sent to under developed countries. The blue bins are still being filled and will help more people’s eyesights for 2025. If you know a place where a blue bin can be placed to collect unwanted glasses please call 0874370466

Dates for your Diary

Our Annual Christmas food appeal is kicking off on Friday 6th December from 9am in Dunnes stores Macroom, this will run all day Friday and Saturday 9am - 6pm. We are collecting non perishables foods for local charities. All donations are kindly accepted. The following weekend we will be in SuperValu Macroom Friday 13th, 14th & 15th December.

Last year was a huge success and we hope to do the same again for 2024. We look forward to seeing you



Members of the Lions Club receiving a cheque for childhood cancer from St Mary’s School Macroom of €700 for their total raised by the students.



Five Abseilers from Macroom Lions Club, Declan Sheehan, Aoife Lucey, Tony Kelleher, Mary Kate O’Keffe & Mai Buckley.



Mairead Brennan receiving a cheque of €4500 from Declan Sheehan President of the Macroom & District Lions Club



Anne Marie O Leary, Declan Sheehan, Martin Lucey, Tony Kelleher & Deirdre Buckley



Festive Season has taken over the volunteers at the Tidy Towns. Santa, Mrs Claus, the Elves and Santa’s helpers arrived on the November 30th for Santa’s Grotto. Santa’s Grotto takes place on the 7th, 8th, 14th and 15th of December from 11am-5pm and bookings can be made by contacting 087-1434770. Two hundred and fifty children have booked in so all involved will surely be kept very busy.

Biodiversity work continues all year round. There is a focus on education and many more attractive signs have been designed and purchased for erection in the coming weeks and months. These include Sycamore, Elder, Spindle, Fuchsia, Peach, Crab Apple, Hazel, Bird Cherry, Lilac, Hawthorn, Whitebeam, Whitethorn, Pear Williams, Horse Chestnut, Holly, Guelder Rose, Scots Pine, Gooseberry, Blackcurrant, New Zealand Holly, Portuguese Cherry Laurel and Broom. Also includes



Marion the Elf, Santa, Mrs Claus and Danny at Santa’s Grotto

some interesting facts about Ivy. Rainwater Harvesting Plants, part of a Tidy Towns pilot project has also been named for ease of identification.

On Saturday November 30th the Famine Memorial was Unveiled in a low-key ceremony at Mid-Day. It was attended by members of the Tidy Towns and the Mac Suibhne Family, and addressed by Joe Creedon, whom delivered a most interesting talk ‘as Gaeilge’

and referred to his own family connections with the management of the workhouse. This will be featured in a future edition of Lee Valley Magazine. Attendees retired to Kool Café for coffee and chat afterwards. Thanks also and a big well done to the Lee Valley Enterprise Board for organising a very successful Christmas Parade and Market for the turning on of the lights on Fri Evening November 30th in the Square. It was a delight to see so many coming out to be part of the event. Also, a big well done to Santa, Mrs Claus and the Elf for doing the all-important job of turning on the lights.

The tidy towns volunteers have been busy over the last few weeks preparing for Christmas, with Santa’s Grotto, taking down the hanging baskets, erecting Christmas Lights all over town, as well as the Christmas Tree in the Square. Regular work continues such as litter picking and general maintenance around town. Flower Beds have been cleared; soil enriched with leaf compost which was made in our Biodiversity Garden. Come and join us some Saturday Morning at 9am at our base in Masseytown and are always open to new people joining in and helping with the work. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Lisa at 087-1434770.

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Inver accelerates HVO offering at forecourt pumps

Inver Energy ('Inver') announces the expansion of its supply offer in Ireland with Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO), also known as renewable diesel, available at a further two forecourts in Co. Cork.

As a national importer of fuel products and with over 100 retail forecourts, Inver has increasingly been extending its HVO offer to meet the changing needs of its customers.

HVO is a drop-in replacement for regular diesel and does not require engine modification. By eliminating up to 90% of carbon emissions, it is a readily available solution for businesses and motorists looking to lower their carbon emissions today. Each litre of biofuel supplied by Inver, including HVO, is ISCC-certified, providing complete transparency and traceability

throughout the supply chain.

The two new locations, Inver Charleville and Inver Macroom, have been identified as key sites for expanding Inver's offer to consumers. John O'Leary, Managing Director, explained, "Inver Macroom and Inver Charleville are already established one-stop shops with convenience products and services tailored to the needs of locals and motorists. Now, with HVO at the pumps, we can further support customers looking to reduce their carbon emissions, reflecting changing customer demands and supporting the energy transition."

Making renewable fuels widely available to customers is part of Inver's commitment to supporting Ireland's energy transition. John said: "Since 2023, we have been successfully

supplying HVO primarily to commercial and industrial customers' fleets. We are now working on expanding that offer across our retail forecourt network."

This expansion brings the number of sites with HVO across the Inver network to six, and also includes: Inver Fermoy in Co. Cork, Inver Castletroy in Co. Limerick, Inver Johnstown, and Inver Castlecomer in Co. Kilkenny, with further sites to follow. Commercial fleets and motorists can purchase HVO at the pump with their existing fuel cards, making the transition to HVO convenient and efficient.

MACROOM GIRL GUIDES

Hi Digital with the Macroom Girl Guides

Macroom Girl Guides ran their first Hi Digital drop-in session in the Parish Centre in Macroom last week. This was well attended by parishioners from Macroom and surrounding parishes. A very enjoyable and informative morning was had by all.

Hi Digital is a joint project of Alone and Vodafone and is being run locally by members of Macroom Girl Guides. The programme links people on an individual basis to assist them with improving their digital skills. Each participant decides what they want to know and learns at their own pace. This is a great way to share intergenerational experiences.

Ardilaun Ladybirds were working on the Performing Arts badge at their meeting last week, they played charades, made musical instruments from recycled materials, and started making festive crafts.

Ardilaun Brownies found out about Thanksgiving as part of their Cultural Diversity Badge and some of the Brownies are preparing for their enrolment.

Ardilaun Guides attended the Christmas market and switching on of the lights in Macroom on Friday 29th November. A great night of festive fun was had by all the guides.

MacEgan Senior Branch also attended the Christmas market in Macroom and had a stall at the market as

part of their fundraising campaign for next year's IGG international camp "Camp Orbit", which is being held in Kildare in August 2025. Baked goods, lucky dips and mystery prizes were on offer at the stall which was very well received by everyone that called to the stall. MacEgan Senior Branch would like to thank everyone who baked cakes and biscuits and who gave items for the stall. MacEgan Senior Branch would also like to thank the organisers of the market who gave us great help on the night.

For further information on joining our Ladybird, Brownie, Guide or Senior Branch units please contact macroomguides@gmail.com



Ardilaun Ladybirds making festive crafts at their recent meeting



Members of Macroom Girl Guides at the Christmas Market in Macroom on Friday 29th November



Hi Digital Buddies with Macroom Girl Guides



MacEgan Senior Branch at the Christmas Market in Macroom on Friday 29th November



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The Transition Years took part in ‘An Phiarsaigh Debating Competition’ against Roscommon Community School on Zoom lately. This competition is organised by Gael Linn for students that are not attending Irish medium schools. Students take part in this competition to improve their Irish and also to improve their confidence and awareness in speaking the language. The motion was ‘Irish people understand the climate problem’. De La Salle were against the motion. Andrew Granville, Alex Brophy, Sean Lynch and Sam Leavy Kelleher had very strong opinions and discussed the topic in great detail. The students and their teachers, Ms Mc Sweeney and Ms Torpey really enjoyed this new experience. The next debate will be also on Zoom the week after the Christmas exams and the motion to be discussed is ‘Transition Year is a waste of time’. Unfortunately, we are against this one!

Tá Club Gaeilge nua eagraithe sa scoil seo i mbliana. Bíonn sé ar siúl gach Luain ag am Ióin. Bhí spórt ar siúl againn nuair a bhí an aimsir go deas. Le cúpla seachtaine anuas, bhí imeachtaí ar siúl cosúil le bingo, rince seit, ceilí, ciorcal comhrá agus gearrscannán gaelach. Roimh an mbriseadh lár téarma, bhí cóisir Óiche Shamhna againn agus táim dóchasach go mbeidh Cóisir na Nollag spraoiúil againn roimh dheireadh na mbliana. Mar a deir an seanfhocal, ‘Beatha teanga í a labhairt’. Tá fáilte roimh gach duine idir dháltaí, múinteoirí, cúntóirí agus foireann na scoile! At the beginning of the school year, Ms Mc Sweeney and Ms Torpey set up an Irish club. This is held every Monday at lunch time. Sporting activities took place for the first three weeks when the weather was fine. Indoor activities such as bingo, set dancing, ceilí steps,



De La Salle Transition Years meet Cllr. Coughlan

and a short Irish film took place in room 18. Before the mid term break we had a Halloween party and we expect to have a fun Christmas party the final Monday of the term. As the seanfhocal says, ‘A language only lives if spoken’. Everybody is welcome, between students, teachers, SNAs and the school team!

Autism Hub

This year as a charity fundraiser before Christmas, students in De La Salle’s Autism Hubs are partaking in a swimming challenge. Each week they go to the local pool in the Castle Hotel and have decided to challenge themselves to swim 350 lengths between them, the equivalent of just over 5.5km before we break for Christmas. Students will aim to fill a fundraising card and collection buckets will be placed in the school staffroom to raise as much money as we can for the students chosen charity - ‘Autism Assistance Dogs Ireland’. This charity do such fantastic work in opening up a whole new world of opportunity and possibility for autistic children and their families. The students are excited to start counting their lengths and work together to achieve their goal. All the teachers and SNAs are very proud of them and know they will succeed.

Careers

Martin O’ Sullivan, Project Engineer with Irish Roll Forming gave a very informative presentation to 5th Year students in De La Salle College. Martin gave a great insight into the various types of Engineering.

Transition Year

“Teen Talk” was held in the Cork Radisson Blue hotel and attended by 500 students from 33 schools. Teen Talk is a national award-winning event which provides

a platform for students to engage with important topics such as resilience, mental health awareness, Nutrition and maintaining a positive mind-set. Our 4th year students got to hear some great and insightful talks from people such as

Marie Crowe RTE Sports Journalist, Phil Healy Irish Olympian, and Psychotherapist Dr Richard Hogan. Students also got a chance to meet local Macroom Cllr. Martin Coughlan who is currently deputy lord mayor of Cork.

It was a great day and hopefully students came away with some positive and inspiring moments and a more of an awareness of the importance of sleep, nutrition and mental health for teenagers.

English Trip

De La Salle 5th and 6th years went to the newly renovated Briery Gap Theatre in town to watch the film “Small Things Like These”. It is part of their Leaving Cert curriculum, and this was a great chance for them to experience it to

Sports roundup

De La Salle senior footballers qualified from the group stages of the Corn Uí Mhuiri for the first time since 2017. Despite putting up a 16-point win against IS Killorglin it was not enough to give the Macroom boys the points difference to top the group as Patriciaan Academy Mallow knew how much they needed that same evening to pass us out and achieved that feat.

Our U 16 footballers had a big win over Coláiste Treasa Kanturk putting them through to the Cork PPS U16 B semi-final.

Our U17 hurler lost out to Comeragh College in the Munster PPS championship second round.



Image above: Kilbarry NS pupils with their shoeboxes for the Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal.

Image left: “For the briefest of moments, you showed me your beauty”.

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MCEGAN COLLEGE

Lunchtime Clubs: Mondays at lunchtime there's plenty of debating & voicing of opinions happening in Speech and Drama Club. This is a vibrant space where students explore their creativity through engaging drama activities, in-school debates, and preparation for public speaking and debating competitions. It's all about building confidence, teamwork, and self-expression in a fun and supportive environment! When asked for their thoughts on the club well the students were delight to tell me. Alex- " I love speech and drama club because it's really interactive and it has helped me gain confidence and friends from other years". Eileen- "it has made me feel more confident speaking in front of people". Lily- "the club has been really fun! It has made me come out of my shell more and has made me want to continue with debating in senior cycle". 3rd year debaters Rory Murphy, Emma Rose Twomey and Lily Madigan recently represented the school in 'The Speak Up' Debating competition in Ballincollig. The team placed 3rd overall after engaging in a fascinating debate on confidence v ability. Well done Ms. McCarthy & Ms. Hurley on getting the club up and running.

TY Film Workshop: Students Oliver Kern, Taylor Connolly, Filip Marquis de Silva, Amy Harrington, Ellie O'Sullivan, Rahel Kaemmerer-Fertig, Irene Delgado, Carmen Martinez, Maria Marrodan, Carlota Rauzel, Victor Guevara, Siba Burhan and Lisa Bhebhe were very busy this week with film making. Thomas Quain from 'The Rubbish Film Festival' spent two days with the TY sustainability students. The workshop on film production was both very exciting and informative. The students then got to use these skills to make a short film. The core message of this short film is sustainability. The students' creativity was shining through as they highlighted the importance of sustainability in today's world. The film will be premiered in March 2025 in Fota at the Film Festival. Geoscience: Maria McNamara research Palaeontologist at UCC spoke to senior cycle students recently about the importance of the our earth's resources for our future and the wide variety of careers GeoScience has



McEgan Senior Students who went to MTU Cork's recent open day. Diarmuid, Cian, Bobby, Noe, Oisín, Graham, Artur, Aaron & Gavin

to offer. This fun interactive workshop had students literally jumping to simulate an earthquake and deciding what the earth's most valuable resource is. Ethical mining, flood prevention, sustainable energy sources were among the topics debated. The workshop also encouraged students to consider Geoscience subjects at 3rd level as it is an expanding area for employment into the future.

Basketball: Heading to Division D Finals. Well done to our senior boy's basket ballers who won the Semi Finals Cork D Division. After an opening round defeat earlier in the year, the team had a five-game unbeaten run to reach the South regional Finals. Well done to all involved. Bodhan Zhebchuk, Horhii Poklonskyii, Elijah Roberts, Aaron Forde, Bobby Murphy, Kaden Tate Mckeown, Graham Lynch, Luke Madigan, Ivan Peznov, Noe Koller, Zhenya Losovyj, Promise Uzor, Caleb Oshiafi, Diamond Salami. Coaches Mr. Cronin & Mr. Devane.

Big Brother Big Sister: At McEgan College, we run the Big Brother Big Sister mentoring programme for our first-year students. The aim is to provide additional support to young people who have made the transition from primary to secondary education. The programme

matches first year students with fourth year students. They meet once a week from October and participate in a range of activities together to foster a supportive relationship in the school. First year and TY students partaking in McEgan Colleges BBBS programme received training recently from Susan Delaney of Foroige.

Past Student News: Congratulations on LCA Examination results

Emily Barrett and Abby McCarthy who completed the LCA programme with us in June 2024 were recently notified from Leaving Certificate Applied National Association that due to receiving the highest credits in the LCA examination last June they are to receive the Fergal Quinn Award. The girls together with their families and some staff members are invited to the award ceremony on 25th January 2025 in the Shamrock Lodge Hotel, Athlone, Co. Westmeath. These two girls are such worthy winners, a credit to their families and to our school community. They always were so dedicated to their schoolwork, homework, school life and a pleasure to have in McEgan College. A huge well done to you both from us all.



Maria McNamara research Palaeontologist at UCC with 6th Year students checking out the seismic effect of the whole group jumping on the floor at the same time.



Making Rainbows using Skittles Science experiments in Room 22 recently. Sebastian, Piero, Seanie & Donal pictured with teacher Ms. Condon



Mollie O'Donoghue, Ethan Kelly, Abi Duggan, Angel Kelleher, Caoimhe Aylward, Evelyn Stanley, Ruby O'Dea, Sofia Kolesnyk, Daniel O'Connell, Emir Idrisov, Kaitlin Creed, Yemisi Abiodun 2nd years recently enjoyed an oil pastel workshop with Declan O Meara, funded by JCSP (Junior Cycle School Programme).



Rory Ehan, Jack, Lily, Emma, Alex, Cecil, & Avril, student members of the debating speech & Drama club who attended a recent debating competition in Le Chéile Secondary School Ballincollig with teachers Ms. Hurley & Ms. McCarthy.

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SIÚLÓID I GCILL AIRNE

le hEibhlín Ní Bhriain agus Julia Paterek

Chuamar go dtí Cill Airne ar siúlóid. Shiúil muid timpeall an cheantair agus chuig an gcaisleán Ross, bhí gach duine ag labhairt lena chéile ar an tsiúlóid mar sin bhí sé an-deas, bhuaileamar le madra gleoite darbh ainm Borris a bhí álainn, ansin chuamar go dtí an siopa agus an t-ionad siopadóireachta, bhí sé an-mhaith! Míle buíochas lena múinteoir a chuaigh linn ar an turas iontach seo.

CUAIRT Ó SIBLY

Ar an Aoine an 15ú de Shamhain, tháinig Matthew Collins, bunaitheoir 'The Sibly Company' isteach chuig rang Eacnamaíochta Baile na hIdirbhliana. Labhair sé leis na daltaí faoi conas gur thosaigh sé a ghnó. Bhí sé macánta leo maidir leis na dúshláin a bhaineann le gnó a thosú agus maidir leis an tairbhe atá á bhaint aige as anois. Mhínigh sé an tábhacht a bhaineann le sneaiceanna sláintiúla a ithe in ionad cinn shiúcúla ar nós na liathróidí próitéine, agus sneaiceanna dátaí atá á dhíol ag a ghnólacht. Bhí deis ag na daltaí na sneaiceanna dátaí a bhlaiseadh agus thaitin siad go mór leo! An chomhairle a chur sé ar na daltaí ná gach deis sa saol a thapú ar bíonn go leor le foghlaim i gcónaí. Táimid fíorbhuíoch as gur thug sé cuairt ar an scoil!

DIOLACHÁN PIÓTSA

le Comhairle na nDaltaí

D'eagraíomar Díolachán Piótasa le déanaí chun airgead a bhailiú do rud éigin deas a cheannach don scoil. Rinneamar €213 brabús as an díolachán. D'oibríomar go dian ar an lá sa chistin agus ag dáileadh amach an piótasa ag am lóin. Beimid an cur an t-airgead seo le hairgead eile atá againn chun rud éigin a cheannach! Má tá aon smaintint ag daltaí na scoile, abair linn!!!

MOVEMBER

Tá Máistir Ó hAireachtáin agus Máistir Ó Laoire ag

glacadh páirt i Movember arís i mbliana. Tá sé seo chun aird a tharraingt ar shláinte na bhfear agus taighde a dhéanamh ar an ailse. Bhí lá gan éadaí scoile againn chun bearradh ár gcroiméil a cheiliúradh ar an Aoine 29ú Samhna. Fáilte roimh shintíúis. Go raibh maith againn as bhur dtacaíocht.

CÚRSA OILIÚNA PAS SHÁBHÁILTE

Eagraíodh Cúrsa Oiliúna Pas Shábháilte do 20 dalta sinsearach i gColáiste Ghobnatan. Cuireadh an cúrsa ar fáil saor in aisce ag an gCónaidhm Thionscal na Foirgníochta (CTF/ CIF). Ritheadh é óna 8:00r.n. go 4:00i.n. Tá an Pas Sábháilte faighte ag na daltaí anois, a thugann deis dóibh taithí oibre/ post samhraidh/ printiseacht/ cúrsa bainteach leis an tionscal Foirgníochta a dhéanamh. Bhí an láithreoir, Tom Gillespie, an-eolasach ar fad, ní hamháin don eolas cuí a chuir i láthair, ach le go leor scéalta agus samplaí óna thaithí a roinnt leis na daltaí.

LÁ OSCAILTE MTU

D'fhreastail grúpa daltaí ó bhliain a 6 ar an Lá Oscailte i MTU Baile an Easpaigh le déanaí. Bhí deis acu atmaisféar an campas a bhlaiseadh, ceisteanna a chuir ar léachtóirí agus caint le hionadaithe an choláiste ag seastáin éagsúla, agus suí isteach ar leachtanna chun foghlaim faoi na cúrsaí a chuirtear ar fáil ann. Míle buíochas le Bean Uí Thuama a d'eagraigh an turas seo.

TAITHÍ OIBRE

Bhí daltaí ó bhliain a 4 ag tabhairt faoi Thaithí Oibre an tseachtain seo caite. Táimid thar a bheith buíochas as na fostóirí sa cheantar a ghlacann lenar daltaí chun eispéreas iontach don saol oibre a thabhairt dóibh.

SEACHTAIN FHEASACHTA COLÁISTE

Bhí Seachtain Fheasachta Coláiste le déanaí. I gColáiste Ghobnatan ritheadh gníomhaíochtaí ar seo le linn na ranganna Treoir, ó bhliain a 1 go 6. Bhí ar ghrúpaí éagsúla fáil amach cad iad na coláistí agus ollscoileanna atá sa tír, cá háit a bhfuil siad, imscrúdú a dhéanamh ar ábhair Ardteistiméireachta, agus an úsáid dóibh don choláiste. Anuas ar sin, bhí orthu taighde a dhéanamh ar fhéidearthachtaí gairme, taighde a dhéanamh ar

chúrsaí sa choláiste, agus imscrúdú a dhéanamh ar na coláistí/ ollscoileanna i dtaobh áiseanna, tacaíochtaí & srl. Bronnadh duais ar dhalta amháin ó gach bliain ghrúpa don obair is fearr.

CISPHEIL NA GCAILÍNÍ

Gach rath ar an bhfoireann faoi 16 atá ag imirt i gCraobh an Chontae inniu.

MARGADH NA NOLLAG

Tá muintir na hidirbhliana ag eagrú Margadh na Nollag a bheidh ar siúl 11ú Nollaig idir 10.00 go 12.30. Beidh an t-airgead bailithe ag dul don charthanacht Brú Columbanus. Soláthraíonn Brú Columbanus lóistín "sa bhaile" do ghaolta na n-othar atá go dona tinn in Ospidéal Chorcaí agus san Ospis, go háirithe do ghaolta leanaí breoite. Is carthanas neamhspleách é Brú Columbanus a bhraitheann go hiomlán ar thabhartais agus tionscnaimh tiomsaithe airgid chun costais reatha an tí a chlúdach. Cuirtear an lóistín ar fáil saor in aisce. Má féidir leat féin nó gnó spótduais a thabhairt don chrannchur, déan theagmháil linn. Tá fáilte roimh chách!

GLUAIS

- liathróidí próitéine – protein balls
- croiméal – moustache
- pas shábháilte – safe pass
- léachtóirí – lecturers
- feasacht – awareness
- soláthraíonn – provides
- othar – patients

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Macroom Business Association's December meeting



Sean O'Sullivan Cork LEO addressing the large attendance at the Macroom Business Association's December meeting held in the AIB. Next meeting on 4th February 2025 at Granvilles, Castle Street at 8am.



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ST MARY'S NEWS

Science Week

"Science week took place between the 11th to the 17th of November. We worked closely with all the teachers in the Science Department to make the week very enjoyable for our junior students. On Monday the 11th we held our annual science week colouring competition for first year students. The overall winner of the competition was Anna Lehane. There were many lunchtime activities held throughout the week, such as a Building Challenge for second years and our winners were Aleksandra Stepien, Katherine Toale, Grace Deasy and Lucy Coughlan. We had a Scavenger Hunt for first years and the winners were Lily Hoare and Rebecca Carroll. On Friday we had Quingo for 3rd years and the winners were: Abbey Bradley, Eva O' Callaghan and Sophia Collins." Report by Taylor Casey, TY Promo Team

European Parliament Euroscola Competition 2024

This year's Euroscola competition focussed on the topic of digital addiction. The impact of social media platforms on the health of users, especially young people, is of great concern and the European Parliament has urged the European Commission to propose new EU rules to tackle digital addiction. This competition asked students to create a one-minute video clip explaining their ideas on what the EU can do to tackle digital addiction. One winning school and one runner-up was selected from each of Ireland's three European constituencies. Another one schools were highly commended for their entries. Massive congratulations to Emily Mehigan, Chloe Lehane,



Emily Mehigan, Chloe Lehane, Ms. O' Donoghue, Cara O'Brien and Katie Purcell winners of the European Parliament Euroscola Competition 2024



Ellen Murray, one of our 4th year Intermediate Individual BT Young Scientist projects looking at how the use of grammatical gender in the Irish language and genderless nouns in English affect thought and perception.

Cara O'Brien and Katie Purcell who have won this competition and will travel to the European Parliament in Strasbourg to take part in Euroscola and experience a day as an MEP. They will join their peers from across Europe, engaging in the EU decision-making process through debates, negotiating with their colleagues, voting and adopting resolutions on topical European issues. This is such a fantastic opportunity, well done girls and thanks to Ms O'Donoghue for helping the girls with this competition.

Maggie Gough Competition

This year we had a very exciting Maths week in St Marys! The Irish Maths Teachers Association 'Maggie Gough' was one of the competitions run during the week. All 2nd, 4th and 5th years from the school entered. Of the approx 16,000 entries nationwide, Chloe Lehane, a 4th year student, achieved 94/100 and has been awarded a Maggie Gough medal from the IMTA based on her outstanding results. Well done Chloe.

BT Young Scientist

Two of our 4th year individual projects are by Chloe Lehane and Ellen Murray. Ellen's project is called: "Eochracha Agus Droichid" - A Sociolinguistic Investigation Into How Grammatical Gender Affects The Thought And Cognition Of English And Irish Speakers. She aims to examine if and how the use of grammatical gender in the Irish language and genderless nouns in English affect thought and perception. Chloe Lehane's project is titled "The Silent Struggle: An Investigation Into Irish Women's Attitudes Towards A HRT Scheme For Menopausal Symptoms".

Her project aims to assess the potential impact of the National HRT scheme and lack of awareness and support of women's health issues in Ireland.

Camogie Update:

"Super well done to this amazing group of girls who pulled off an outstanding victory in their Munster Senior Quarter final in Tramore Monday November 25th. They made the long journey to Tramore & played their hearts out in what was one of their best displays of camogie ever in St. Mary's. At full time the score was level: 3.10 to 2-13. Extra time ensued & incredibly at half time of extra time still nothing separated the teams - it was 3.14 to 3.14. Drawing to the end of full time it was level again 4-14 Tramore to 3-17 to Macroom but our girls were not leaving it behind, Sarah Kelleher broke away & went on a solo run for goals. The Tramore goalkeeper brought off an amazing save sending the sliotar off for a 45'. Lily O'Shea stepped up & confidently put it over the bar in the dying seconds of the game. Full time score 4.14 to 3.18 at the final whistle. Captained by Grace Kelleher who led the team by example & special recognition to our goal keeper Shauna Keane, who is only in second year. Thanks to our sponsors Matt Murphy's Pharmacy. Huge thanks to Liam Slattery for his selfless dedication to our school & our girls and to Ms McSweeney for her devotion to camogie in St Mary's. They now face Pallaskenry at home in their Senior Munster semi-final." Report by Ms McSweeney



Our Senior Camogie panel who won the Intermediate County A final and beat Tramore in the Munster Quarter Final after extra time



Mr. McLaughlin presenting Chloe Lehane with her medal for her outstanding results in the IMTA Maggie Gough Maths Competition




Winners of our 1st year scavenger hunt for science week, Lily Hoare and Rebecca Carroll

MACROOM FLOWER & GARDEN CLUB

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Ireland in 1924: A nation reeling and recovering

The Ireland of 1924 was far from the stable and thriving country we know today. It was a nation still bearing the deep scars of war. The War of Independence had only ended three years earlier, followed almost immediately by a brutal Civil War that tore communities apart and pitted friends and families against each other. Ireland's infrastructure was in ruins, with roads, bridges, and buildings destroyed during years of fighting. Many communities were left in despair, grappling with the loss of loved ones and the destruction of their homes and livelihoods.

In the midst of this, strikes and labour unrest were widespread, as workers protested poor conditions and low wages. Thousands of political prisoners filled the jails, and hunger was widespread. Unemployment was rampant, and many young men and women left the state, seeking better lives abroad. Yet in the face of these overwhelming difficulties, Cumann Lúthchleas Gael - offered a rare source of pride and brought communities together.

Kilmurry's triumph in 1924: A glimmer of hope – a sense of healing



Front row (l-r): Denis J. Long, Paddy Long, Jerry Hallihan, Murt Kelleher, Dan Long
Middle row (l-r): William Desmond, Jerh O' Mahony, Tim Walsh, Charlie Foley (captain), Jack Murphy, John Crowley, Patrick Mahony
Back row (l-r): John T. Murphy, President, Tim (Tadhg) Murphy, Tom Foley, Jimmy Lordan, Dan Donovan, John Carroll, Jackie O' Mahony, Daniel O' Connor, Con Murphy (vice-president)

Final Score Line: Kilmurry 1.02 to Nils: 0.02

Honouring the legacy

To mark the centennial anniversary, Kilmurry hosted a celebration in memory of the 1924 champions. Families of the original team were invited and they travelled from near and far – from Dublin, Kerry, and across Munster – to join us for this special occasion, bringing smiles, stories, and shared pride.

The evening was filled with nostalgia and heartfelt memories as we honoured the legacy of the 1924 team. We were thrilled to have the opportunity to honour them and celebrate their legacy alongside their families.

We extend our sincere thanks to local historians Michael Galvin and Seán Crowley (who we proudly claim once again as one of our own) for their

a team of young men battling adversity to a proud community with a legacy of strength. The players of 2024 have not only brought home a trophy - they have brought home the spirit of 1924, proving that the legacy of Kilmurry lives on.

As Kilmurry's young players look ahead, we hope they will continue to carry forward the lessons and pride of those who came before them, honouring the legacy of a club that has been a constant source of strength, inspiration, and community pride. We look forward to competing in the Intermediate Grade next year. Congratulations to the champions of 2024; may they be the start of a new legacy for Kilmurry, one that echoes proudly for another hundred years. Cill Mhuire Abú!



Members of the Long family, relatives of the late Paddy Long, who played with the Kilmurry Team who won the Co. Final in 1924



The O'Leary family, relations of Jackie and Ger O'Mahony RIP, who played with the Kilmurry Team who won the Co. Final in 1924, Peter Lyons, chairman and Donal McSweeney Cultural Officer, Cork Co. Board.



The Crowley family, whose father John, RIP, played with the Kilmurry Team who won the Co. Final in 1924

INNISCARRA GAA & CAMOGIE CLUBS

Inniscarra GAA and Camogie Clubs will hold the annual Seamus Noonan Memorial Poc Fada on St. Stephen's Day, starting at Blair's Inn at 12.00 noon. We also invite families to partake starting at 11.00 a.m. Entry fee - Adults €10, juveniles €5

MACROOM GRADUATION

Macroom girl Ella Murray Dobbie graduating S.E.T.U with Degree in Criminal Justice Studies at the end of October





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MACROOM UPDATES



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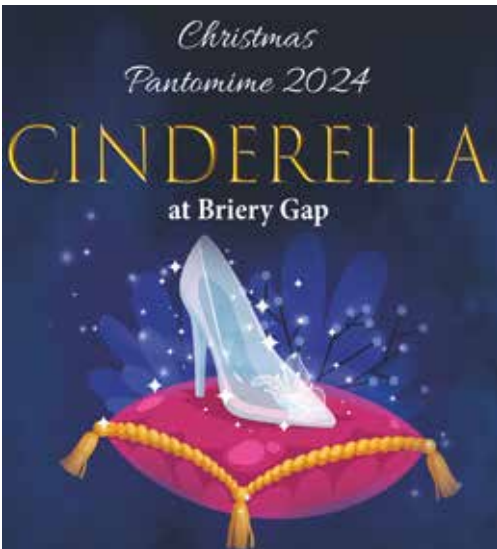
Pupils of Reidh na n'Dori School making Sausage Rolls.



Macroom FC U-13A Schoolboys



Pupils of Reidh na n'Dori School making Sausage Rolls.



Back; Arianna Dineen, Alan Lynch, John McCaffery, Carmel McCarthy, Irene Kavanagh. Front; Pat Mullane, Kelly Ann Healy and Padraig O'Driscoll. Pic. Peter Scanlan



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- December 5th Canovee National School BINGO Extravaganza, in Canovee School Hall @ 7pm
- December 5th Macroom Flower & Garden Club, Gala 50th Anniversary Dinner, "Golden Memories" @6.00p.m. The Castle Hotel Macroom Co. Cork. Tickets €50 Further details 087-9821708

- December 7th Helena's Annual Penny Dinners collection in Coachford village, opposite Dairygold between 10am and 11:30am. If you can't make it on Saturday you can drop items to Kathleen's Shop or Coachford Post Office anytime during the week.

CANOVEE OLD SCHOOL COMMITTEE FUNDRAISER

The committee of the newly renovated old school in Canovee organised an event on November 26th 2024 with dual purpose. The primary object of the event was to promote the old school as a venue for use by the public. The main room can be used for parties, meetings and/or classes. There is ample room for meeting tables, yoga mats or even bouncy castles with a kitchen for catering facilities. Bookings can be made through their facebook page, canoveeoldschool or through any committee member.

The second reason for the event was to hold a Floral Demonstration in aid of Seomra Elaine, the

new autism classroom in Canovee NS. In a room packed full of enthusiastic amateur florists, Maureen O'Riordan (Kelleher), ably helped by Deirdre Young, both Canovee women and both working in Betsy's Macroom, demonstrated 5 amazing and elegant floral arrangements. Entry was €10 which covered refreshments and raffle, and donations were collected for the school. It was a beautiful evening with neighbours, friends, and fabulous flowers. The committee would like to thank Maureen and Deirdre for their time and expertise, and all the generous spot prize sponsors, Betsy's Flowers, Jim Cunningham

(Carrig Inn), Coachford Hair & Beauty, Mai Fitz's, Super Valu and Matt Murphys Pharmacy. The committee will present a cheque for €1,087 to the school in the coming weeks.

On behalf of Seomra Elaine, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended and supported the recent floral demonstration fundraiser. Thanks to your generosity and participation, the event was a tremendous success, and we are thrilled that so much-needed funds was raised to enable us to continue our work with our wonderful children. Go raibh mile maith agaibh go léir.



Enjoying the Canovee Old School Floral Demo in aid of Seomra Elaine



Some of the beautiful floral arrangement's put together at Canovee Old School's Floral Demonstration recently



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MACROOM MUTUAL ASSISTANCE GROUP



'Semper Paratus' Mutual Assistance Group is a Private Members Club (PMC) with a membership who have common interests in homesteading, gardening, preparedness, off grid living, self sufficiency

and equitable justice.

At the moment the membership is small, but the Founder Members have worked on a Constitution and our motto is 'Semper Paratus'- Ever Ready, this is what our group is all about; being ready for anything.

It is all too easy to believe that things won't change; there will always be super markets to provide for needs, and the light will come on when the switch is flicked, but is that the way it will always be? Think back to the storms we have had recently and in the past that

took down the electricity supply. As good as the ESB are at keeping the power on, nature can damage the network to such an extent, that even the ESB with all its resources can not fix faults quickly.

The Group is looking for new members. Prospective Members need to have skill sets that match the Group's over all objectives, for example, among our members, we have engineers, students of law, individuals with security skills, gardening/preserving skills and butchery skills to name a few. Prospective Members could access this knowledge pool and add to it. Vetrinarians, Medical Doctors, Carpenters, Builders, ex-military and other skilled people would be most welcome. We are seeking to establish a diverse group skill set where we can come together to help members when they need it. There is also the important learning experience where member's diverse skills can be passed on to other members.

We also encourage equitable barter and skills exchange to avoid the use of monetary exchange, in line with the PMC objectives of trading goods for

goods and skills for skills, so that we can use what nature gives us, rather than the cumbersome and inequitable monetary system.

It is all too easy to be lulled into a false sense of security; that 'normality' is a constant, it isn't, as we saw with the 'pandemic' of recent memory, 'normality' is something that can be disrupted very easily, people who were not prepared ended up behaving irrationally. Now, imagine a protracted power cut, lets say a cyber attack on the grid that ESB engineers could not repair, what would you do? The right preparedness would make such an event a minor inconvenience rather than something that destroys every aspect of comfortable living.

Our Group seeks to develop a community of members who have resilience, sustainability and a certain 'rugged individualism' that has always sustained humanity through the toughest of times. If this is you, get in touch! moonandsun@protonmail.com

CLONDROHID NEWS

CARRIGANIMA REMEMBRANCE TREE 2024: This tree will be going up in Carriganima village from December 7. If you would like to have a loved one's name placed on a Ribbon, please send name and 1st line of address/ town land to Sheila on 0877838753 or Martin on 0879843830 by either text, or phone call or by email at carriganimacd@gmail.com.

PASTORAL COUNCIL: The Pastoral Council will be renewed in 2025. If you would like to be an active member please contact Fr Jim 026 61933 or

0858471249

BINGO IS BACK IN CLONDROHID: Those who love their Bingo will be delighted to hear that Clondrohid Community Hall will once again be hosting Bingo. Its been too long. But Bingo is Back. Wednesday nights at 8.30pm. Everyone welcome, a great social night guaranteed.

C.A.R.T. BUS TO MACROOM: Departing Carriganima 10am via Clondrohid village, Returning at 1pm. For more info contact cartcarriganima@gmail.com

LOCAL VOCALS CHRISTMAS SING A LONG: This will take place at the Chapel Hill School of Art on Thursday Dec 12 at 8pm. Cheese and wine reception at 7.30pm. Donations appreciated with proceeds to Macroom Community First Responders

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CANOVEE NATIONAL SCHOOL

A Season on Generosity, Community and Festivities

Canovee National School is buzzing with excitement as the festive season approaches. With numerous events lined up, the school has been a hive of activity, full of energy, generosity, and a sense of community spirit.

One of the highlights of the past month was the Old School Fundraising Floral Demonstration, a beautiful event that raised an impressive €1087 for Seomra Elaine. This success was made possible through the dedication and hard work of the Old School Committee, and we are incredibly grateful for all their support. Their tireless efforts in organising and facilitating the event truly paid off, bringing the community together for a wonderful cause.

Looking ahead, the school is busily preparing for its annual Christmas Show, which will take place on December 17th. This much-anticipated event promises to showcase the incredible talents of our students and fill the church with the magic of the season. It's always a highlight for both students and parents, and this

year's show is expected to be as memorable as ever.

Before that, we have the Bingo Extravaganza on December 5th in the school hall. This promises to be an exciting event for all involved, with lots of fun activities, entertainment, and an opportunity to come together as a community. We encourage everyone to mark their calendars and join us for a fantastic evening. A special thank you goes to John Moynihan of JM Energys for his generous sponsorship of the jackpot and mini jackpot prizes, worth €500. His contribution plays a vital role in making our events even more enjoyable, and we are truly appreciative of his ongoing support.

We would also like to extend our thanks to Donie McCarthy Coaches, Macroom Credit Union, and all of our wonderful sponsors who continue to support the school. Their generosity ensures the success of our events and helps create memorable experiences for both students and their families.

Canovee NS is truly fortunate to have such a supportive

community behind us, and we look forward to celebrating the upcoming events together. Here's to a festive season filled with joy, community, and plenty of fun!



Seomra Elaine in Canovee School

Decorating Seomra Elaine in Canovee School



Canovee School; Seomra Mr Cullinane walking Cassie on a Friday afternoon



Canovee School; Seomra Ms O'Driscoll watching the snow

BALLYVONGANE NS

On 12th November, we attended the Cork Pops Concert at City Hall. We really enjoyed this and we were lucky enough to get front row seats! Afterwards, we called in to Anglesea Street Fire Station and got a tour. We saw fire engines up close, got to spray the hose and use some of their cutting equipment! We celebrated Science Week 2024 in Ballyvongane with some experiments. We investigated what density

means in the world around us by experimenting with different liquids. Students also learned about diffusion and how liquids and gases spread or diffuse into an area.

The Senior Room are learning lots about the geography of Ireland and have been studying rivers and counties.

We are organising a non-perishable food collection

in aid of Cork Penny Dinners from 6th to the 9th of December. All donations can be left at the back of Bealnamorriue Church. On 17th December in Bealnamorriue Church, we will put on a production of the Nativity which has been written by our students.



Ballyvongane Students at Anglesea Fire Station



Science Week and investigating diffusion

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DROMLEIGH NS

Dromleigh N.S. was delighted to find out we had two published authors in the school in recent weeks. Students had both Halloween and Christmas short stories appearing in recent issues of The Primary Planet and The Southern Star.

Our annual Christmas raffle takes place in the school on December 18th. An amazing array of cash prizes, vouchers and hampers on offer. Tickets can be bought in advance from Co-op Superstores Terelton, The Kilmichael Shop and The Yellow House Coffee Bar. Contact the school on 026-46212 or office@dromleighns.ie for further information.



Celebrating Science - Participants in the Lifetime Lab Science Quiz from Dromleigh N.S. with Lord Mayor of Cork, Cllr Kieran McCarthy



Authors from Dromleigh N.S. proudly displaying their stories featured in The Southern Star and The Primary Planet publications

Kilmurry Active Retirement

'Supporting and Safeguarding our Family and Finances'

Thirteen members from our association and many more from our neighbouring associations were among the packed attendance at this AIB sponsored event in the Castle Hotel, Macroom on the 26th of November. One of our members posted on our chatroom later, 'it was a very informative meeting and very interesting, vital for our age group' which sums it up better than I could. Starting the proceedings, Macroom branch manager, Alberto Martin, said that when he took up his role, what surprised him most was the lack of financial preparedness of so many customers for the inevitable. Consequently, the branch had organised an event last year which was very well received, and this was expanded following consultation with local active retirement associations. The first speaker was Sean Cahill from C.W. Ashe Solicitors. He focused primarily on the fair deal scheme. He emphasised that many people will not qualify for the scheme due to lack of timely planning. Any property or funds that you dispose of by gift at least five years before you apply for the scheme is not counted. But if you leave it too late and must apply within five years of the disposal, it is as if you had not disposed of it, it is taken into account and that may well disqualify you from the scheme.

I think that making plans does not bring death a day sooner, and planning can greatly ease the financial worries of loved ones left behind. Many work hard all their lives and then let those earnings disappear from their families when, in many circumstances, there may be an alternative. People do tend to retain resources for the contingency that they may end up needing a nursing home. That may be what ends up disqualifying one from the fair deal scheme. A private nursing home can cost about €1500/week(78k/year). At that rate it won't take long to burn through the nest eggs of many, at which point you may then qualify. It appears that having savings is not always an advantage when it comes to nursing homes, unless of course you are not there long, or if you have so much that you won't qualify anyway.

Another of the issues mentioned by Sean was the Advance Healthcare Directive (AHD). An AHD is a written statement about the type of medical or surgical treatment you want or do not want, if in the future, you are unable to make these decisions. An AHD is only used if you lose capacity, and you can no longer communicate your wishes yourself. I have been wondering about this but have done nothing yet. I don't think I would want aggressive treatment if the prognosis were poor, yet, I think, I would want more than just palliative care to treat my symptoms. We are all different. While I like living, I have lived almost

25000 days already and so far, they have all ended the same way. On the day I die, that will be different. It will be interesting I think, perhaps it will make an exciting change, and I would not want to miss it. I wouldn't want to be distracted from the process by some fellow breaking my ribs trying to get my worn-out heart going again... unless of course it is not worn out. While most don't want to consider such things the alternative is that someone else will decide, and that may not be fair on them. It can lead to disagreement and family disputes, which is not the legacy we would want to leave.

Following Sean, next up was John Vaughan from Crowley & McCarthy Accountants who concentrated mostly on the complexities of gift and inheritance taxes. He explained the new tax exemption bands, 400k for a child, 40k nieces/ nephews/brothers/sisters, and 20k for others. Then the tax rate applied is 33%, but special tax reductions (90%) may apply in particular circumstances for farms and businesses.

Then Helen Harrington from AIB outlined the extensive range of supports available from the bank. She emphasised how convenient it is, for the surviving partner, if the account is in joint names. Otherwise, the administration process applies before the survivor/beneficiaries can get access to the funds, which takes some time. However, one thing I learned on the night, is that an exception is made for funeral expenses. If the bank is made aware of the death, they can pay the undertaker directly from the deceased's sole account. This is often a big cost and one that the family is often concerned about. This is a good facility, and knowing about it should relieve some stress at a very stressful time. At one point Helen said that she liked answering questions, and it proved lucky that she did! At the end she summed things up well, if you have any concerns or want help with financial arrangements, just ask them.

On behalf of our members and I am sure all those present, I would like to thank AIB for their initiative, and for providing, free of charge, this important and valuable service to the local community. Well done all at AIB, Macroom.

Christmas celebration

Forty-eight of us had a great night on Sunday 26th November at the Lee Valley Golf and Country club. The best praise I can give it is that it was just as good as last year. Many thanks for looking after us so well in every way. This year we had Kevin McSweeney from Ovens, and also a member of the active retirement there, entertain us. Kevin told me he played for a while with the Mighty Avons. I remember well moving (I can't dance) to that Cavan band. Larry Cunningham was the singer then. While Kevin was

great as usual, where could we get entertainment such as that our own members provided? Certainly, another night that will be remembered. We are very grateful to Sgt. Kelleher for facilitating us again this year with the Garda community bus.

Upcoming Activities

We are coming to the end of this term's ongoing activities, such as the buff bones, Zumba, candle making, etc. On December 11th we will be off on our coffee crawl, the last of this season. Our dance to music sessions is continuing with Rose McCarthy on Fridays and finishing on the 20th of December. I wouldn't be surprised if some festive cheer breaks out at some point.

We are then taking a break for family time over the Christmas, and we won't be organising activities in January, as some don't trust the weather, while others do and are escaping it to warmer climes. We will be starting back in February and will be having our AGM then and new members are always welcome.

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 up there is support for that too. For more information contact Aidan at 0894057676 or aidanbarry@outlook.com



Jim Smith Kilmurry Active Retirement getting his Christmas sorted at the AIB event

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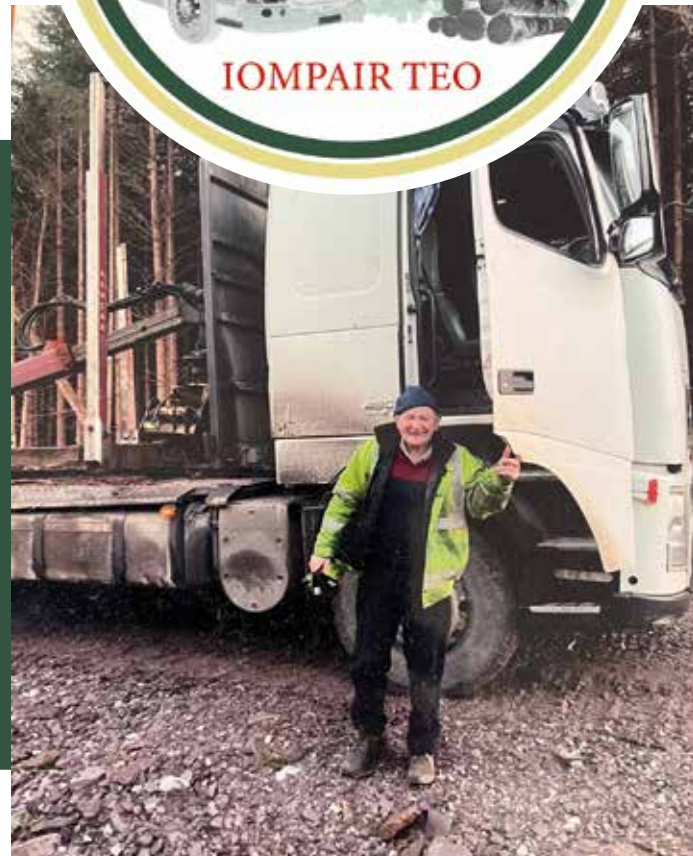
50 YEARS OF SUCCESS



After surviving many economic recessions over the years, the Twomey family in Renanirree are delighted to be celebrating 50 years in business, which is a remarkable milestone by any standard.

Denis Twomey Snr and his wife Nora purchased their first truck in 1974 when Denis Snr saw an opening in the market to provide a service of hauling timber, having worked for Graingers Sawmill who were

located adjacent to him at the time. Denis Snr and Nora worked very hard to develop their business while also rearing 4 young children, Siobhan, Denis, Richard & Mairead. The business continued to grow over the years when they then formed the company – Donnacha O' Tuama Iompair Teo. In 1987, Denis Snr and Nora bought their first Forestry machine and continued to grow the harvesting side of the business over the years.



The dedicated staff of Donnacha O'Tuama (Iompair) Teo

Donnacha O'Tuama (Iompair) Teo, Renanirree, Macroom, Co. Cork.



Denis Jnr & Richard began working in the business at the age of 16 years and then took over the running of the business in 2005. They currently own three haulage trucks which are still hauling timber to Graingers Sawmill now known as GP Woods, Enniskane & Lissarda and also own five forestry machines for harvesting and extracting timber in the woods. In 2010 a new workshop was built where repairs and

maintenance of the machinery and trucks are carried out. In 2021, they expanded to the wholesale of firewood & kindling of which Denis Snr and the younger generation are very much involved. Donnacha O' Tuama Iompair Teo are very grateful to all their past and present hardworking, dedicated employees who are a very important part of the 50 years of success.



Denis Snr with his grandchildren- the up and coming generation of the company.

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Christmas Memories

A Candlelight musical concert

Terelton NS Parent Association are hosting "Christmas Memories" A Candlelight musical concert in Toames Church on Wednesday December 18th @ 7pm, featuring students from Cork ETB School of Music. A raffle will also be held on the night. Tickets are €10 each or a family ticket is €40. Tickets are available from Terelton NS during school hours or please text Therese @ 087 6221659. This is strictly a ticketed event so please buy your tickets early to avoid disappointment! All support is greatly appreciated.

The Chocolate Swappers String Quartet to Shine on the

Late Late Toy Show 2024

Excitement is brewing as four talented young musicians from Macroom, Cork are set to take to the stage on one of Ireland's most cherished television events, The Late Late Toy Show. Representing the Cork ETB School of Music, Leila Foley, Conan Clery, and Sophia Corkery from Terelton NS, along with Áine Lucey from St. Mary's Macroom, make up the exceptional ensemble known as The Chocolate Swappers String Quartet.

This gifted group will showcase their musical prowess during the live broadcast on Friday, December 6th. The quartet's journey to Ireland's biggest TV stage is a testament to their dedication, teamwork, and passion for music.

The Late Late Toy Show, known for its magical atmosphere and celebration of Irish talent, is the perfect platform for these young artists to share their love of music with the nation. Their participation also shines a spotlight on the invaluable work of Cork ETB School of Music, in particular their teachers, Lisa O'Brien and Yvonne McCarthy, in nurturing young talent. This event promises to be an unforgettable milestone for Leila, Conan, Sophia, and Áine as they proudly represent their schools and community.

Mark your calendars for what promises to be an evening of festive joy, music, and inspiration. Don't miss The Chocolate Swappers String Quartet and countless other talented young stars on The Late Late Toy Show on Friday, December 6th!



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DANIEL (DAN) CORKERY

By Kathy O'Sullivan

Arthur Schopenhauer (1788-1860), a German philosopher, once said 'There are very few who can think, but every man wants to have an opinion; and what remains but to take it ready-made from others, instead of forming opinions for himself?' Daniel Corkery was definitely one of the few who could think, being described by Macroom man, historian John A. Murphy (1927-2022) as having an interesting independence of mind.

Born on the 20th of September 1883 in the parish of Clondrohid, Daniel (Dan) was the youngest of two sons and one daughter of James Corkery and Johanna (née Buckley). He went to primary school in Macroom. In those days, primary school involved a wide-ranging and extensive education, with a perusal of exams from the time revealing that exams in subjects such as Maths and English were more complex than some university exams today. These subjects were essential for shopkeeping, which was Dan's livelihood. Typical of Dan's quietly determined nature, when his shop was destroyed by British forces in April 1921, he ensured it was rebuilt.

Like many men in the area, Dan joined the Irish Republican Brotherhood in the early 1900s. This was a secret organisation, that wanted an end to British rule in Ireland and for an Irish republic to be established. He subsequently joined the Irish Volunteers in 1914, quickly being made an officer. The Irish Volunteers was a military organisation established in 1913, in response to the formation of its Irish unionist counterpart, the Ulster Volunteers in 1912. Its main objective was 'to secure and maintain the rights and liberties common to the whole people of Ireland'. Dan was one of the founding members of the Macroom branch of the Irish Volunteers in 1915, as well as Commanding Officer of the Volunteers that paraded in Macroom on Easter Sunday 1916. This led to him being swiftly being imprisoned, being moved from place to place, including Frongoch in Wales. Frongoch was originally used for German prisoners of war, but they were moved to make way for the Irish fighters of Easter 1916, among whose number were Michael Collins, Tomás MacCurtain and Terence MacSwiney. With leaders such as Michael Collins, who was also imprisoned there, giving lessons in guerrilla tactics, the internment camp became known as Ollscoil na Réabhlóide, the University of Revolution.

Released at the end of July 1916, imprisonment didn't deter Dan – he was sent to Dundalk gaol for six weeks for continuing to organise the local Volunteers. None of this could have been easy for his wife, Mary Murphy (1884–1923), who he married in 1915. However, as the head of Cumann na mBan (an Irish republican women's paramilitary organisation formed in Dublin in 1914) in Macroom, she knew what he was fighting for, as it was her battle, too.

During the War of Independence, Dan was OC (Officer Commanding) of the 7th Battalion, 1st Cork Brigade. This meant he was one of the main IRA officers during the Coolavokig ambush on 25th February 1921. The IRA flying column had been unsuccessfully attempting to ambush the British Auxiliaries in the area for a couple of weeks beforehand, which meant their position became known, leading to a force of 70 Auxiliaries and 7 RIC (Royal Irish Constabulary) constables moving in. The 62 IRA volunteers included units from the 1st, 7th, and 8th battalions of the 1st Cork Brigade, and was divided into sections under Sean O'Hegarty, Dan Corkery and Dan 'Sandó' Donovan. The four-hour battle was important because it signified the end of



1916 veterans marching in Macroom in 1936.
Source: Irish Examiner archives.

British patrols and raids in the area.

Dan entered politics, while continuing to fight for freedom. He was elected in July 1921 to the second Dáil, as a Sinn Féin TD for what was then the 8-seat constituency of Cork Mid, North, South, South-East, and West. Being Dan, he wasn't afraid to speak his mind, as we can see in this speech 6 months later, in January 1922, against the treaty:

'I rise to vote against this Treaty; I believe if I voted for this Treaty I would be voting against the independence of my country; I am not prepared to do that. I believe, also, if we go into this British Empire we will go in there as a prop to hold up a rotten Empire. We have heard a lot here of the alternative to this Treaty— terrible and immediate war. Well, I have the honour of representing Mid-Cork in this Dáil, and I think this guerilla warfare was started in Mid-Cork; I believe the first lorry was attacked in Mid-Cork; the people have been with us all the time up to the Truce and they never flinched though they often heard the angry crack of the rifle and machine gun. The people down there do not want war, but they are not half as much afraid of war as the people from other counties who have not fired a shot yet. I am against this Treaty.'

Having been interned more than once, and having had first-hand experience of fighting, his viewpoint was that freedom had to mean complete, not partial freedom. He was re-elected for the same constituency in the election of June 1922, though didn't take his seat in the third Dáil, in common with other anti-Treaty

TDs. He had the courage of his convictions. Dan was once again elected in August 1923, this time for the new constituency of Cork North, while in prison. This must have been an extraordinarily difficult time for Dan, in a long list of difficult times, as he was also in prison when his wife, Mary, died a month earlier. He was granted a one-day parole for his wife's funeral. This must have weighed heavily on his mind, given that he and Mary had three young children, two sons and a daughter.

Dan participated in the mass hunger strikes in 1923. The hunger strike stems from an ancient Irish tradition of shaming an enemy, by publicly fasting in protest at their actions. It had a legal basis in the Brehon Laws, the statutes which governed life in early medieval Ireland. In October 1923, more than 8,000 political prisoners went on hunger strike. They were opposed to the Anglo-Irish Treaty and were protesting their internment without trial. The Free State government did not issue a general amnesty to the internees until 1924 (Dan was released in 1924), leaving many republican prisoners interned long after the ending of the war. Although the fighting was mostly over, the bitterness of the Irish Civil War continued.

True to form, Dan once more topped the poll in Cork North in June 1927, when he stood as an independent republican candidate, following this with another resounding electoral success when and again came top when he stood for Fianna Fáil in the September 1927 general election. Losing his seat in 1932, he quickly regained it the following year. Changes in constituency boundaries resulted in his failure to be elected for Cork West in 1937.



August 1921 meeting of the second Dáil, of which Dan was a member.



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Dan was a Fianna Fáil member of Seanad Éireann between 1938 and 1944, for the industrial and commercial panel, and was a member of Macroom urban district council from the 1920s to his death on April 23rd, 1961. Apart from politics, he was also an avid GAA (Gaelic Athletic Association) man, a talented footballer. He won county championship medals for Macroom from 1909 to 1913, even playing on the Cork team that won the Munster title in 1907. What is noteworthy is that he remained active in Macroom GAA after the Civil War, as sport helped bring opposing political sides closer to reconciliation.

A second marriage, to Madge, a cousin of his first wife, Mary, was also tragically short, as they married in 1929, and Madge passed away a short year later, in 1930. Dan threw himself into doing what he could for his community and constituency. He promoted afforestation, and was always supportive to farmers, having grown up on a farm, and having signed an electoral promise to his constituents, along with fellow Corkman, Seán Moylan, in 1933:

'The land of Ireland belongs to the Irish farmers who fought for it'

He also helped implement the home-grown tomato policy of the 1930s. The 1930s were catastrophic for agriculture and many other industries, worldwide. In Ireland, cattle prices fell, as did exports, and farms and livestock were subject to forced sales, due to debt. The home-grown tomato policy hoped to encourage self-sufficiency, instead of relying on imports.

Dan also helped found and promote The Irish Press, a national daily newspaper published between 1931 and 1995. In keeping with his interest in the GAA, the first issue was published on the eve of the 1931 All-Ireland Senior Hurling Championship Final between Kilkenny and Cork (Cork won the title, a 5-8 to 3-4 victory over



Dan Corkery.

Kilkenny, in a second replay of the final). The Irish Press quickly established a reputation of holding official Ireland to account, with its editor prosecuted by an Irish Free State military tribunal in Dec. 1931 for publishing articles alleging that Gardaí had mistreated the opponents (Anti-Treaty republicans) of the Irish Free State government. Indeed, the Irish Press was not allowed to be on the train which delivered newspapers from Dublin to the countryside!

What isn't perhaps as well-known is that Dan was instrumental in setting up Mallow sugar factory. Mallow sugar factory closed in 2006, with 320 workers losing their jobs when Greencore shut the plant, under an EU Commission scheme to eliminate unprofitable sugar production, when the plant was actually profitable. In 2010, the EU Court of Auditors held

the closure to be 'needless', precisely because it was profitable, and cost more to close than it would have to keep it open. A 2018 report in agriland.ie found that equipment from Ireland's closed sugar factories in Mallow and Carlow was sent to aid the resurgence of the sugar industry in southern Ukraine.

Dan was a courageous man, who cared deeply about the Irish people in general, and his community in particular. This was evident in his statement to the Bureau of Military History:

'It would not be right to conclude this statement without paying tribute to the civilian population, particularly in the poorer and mountainous districts where small farmers fed and housed the columns - often making their own rations available without thought of recompense. The men and women engaged on intelligence work for us supplied accurate information regarding enemy activities, and, in many cases, at great personal risk...'

This simple and heartfelt acknowledgement of the sacrifice of ordinary people for freedom for themselves and future generations gives pause for thought. It is to be hoped it awakens some of those who slumber, while around them the structure so courageously created and guarded is being disassembled.

Let us give the final word to Dan, who understood that politics is meant to serve the people, not the politicians, in a statement that rings prophetically true a century later. He understood that no one should accept living with no heating, fuel, food and lowered living standards because of politicians' choices. What a compassionate statesman:

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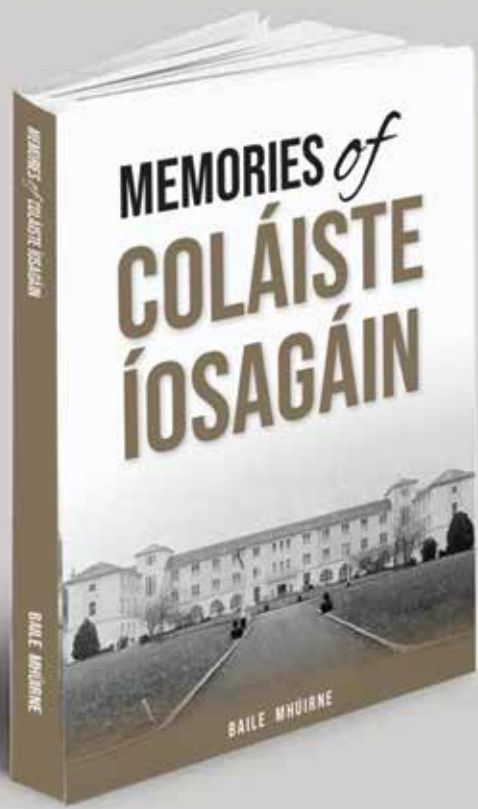
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Cork College of FET, Macroom Centre's Cancer Coffee Morning

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A sincere thank you to everyone who joined us from the local area, from schools, clubs, and other service providers in the area. Even with the adverse and treacherous weather conditions that morning, we were humbled with the amount who still joined us on the day. With Dr. Con Kelleher kindly taking photos throughout the morning.

Bernie Angland and Padraig O'Driscoll along with all the Macroom Centre staff and their QQI Level 5 students have raised almost €4,000, for Cancer Services in CUH. During the morning we took a moment to reflect on the extraordinary work of all the Oncology staff in CUH and acknowledge how so many have unfortunately been affected by cancer. All this money will go to the Breda McGrath foundation where the money goes to families of Cancer patients needing some assistance. Claire Concannon, the Head of Communications and Marketing of CUH Charity came for us to present her with the money raised.



L-R: Helen Ryan – Principal of Morrison's Island Campus, Orla O'Riordan, Bernie Angland – Macroom Centre Co-Ordinator, Padraig O'Driscoll, Sarah Woulfe, Sandra McGrath – Deputy Principal Morrison's Island & Eilis O'Callaghan

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Hi! Chris Barrett here again.

Today I have the great pleasure of speaking with the prize-winning Landscape and Equine Artist, Micheal O' Muirthile who is combining his appreciation of local artists with practical and much appreciated support for them by providing free exhibition space at his studio at 41 Main Street, Macroom.

Macroom has a history of Art Exhibitions. I remember space previously provided by the Town Hall, the old Briery Gap Library, and by John Quinlan, upstairs above his shop on the Western side of town.

Michael himself, is in the strange position of being the final artist to display his work in the old Briery Gap Library before fire damage closed it for the best part of a decade.

He phoned Ann Dunn the day after, from Kerry, to ask if she could retrieve his work as he was out of Macroom. She said she was unable to get into the building due to a fire. It took her a while to convince him that she was not coddling him. And fortunately, a few months after he had intended, he had his art works back again!

Having spent a lifetime involved with art, Micheal bought the shop on Main Street with the aim of spending more time with art, and sharing his passion with others.

He had always been interested in the shop where he lives now, and so he was particularly enthused when his daughter told him that it was for sale.

The shop which is opposite Chapel Hill, dates back to 1820. It has survived famine times, and has a wonderfully preserved frontage of two timber framed display windows, which are either side of two colourfully glazed doors. This increasingly rare and beautifully preserved historical world is accessed through retractable railings, and affords a welcome opportunity to experience architecture which has been lovingly brought back to its former glory with sensitive attention to detail. Inside, the old patterned floor tiles seem as good as they were when first laid, except for a line of marks reflecting the time when the building was sub-divided as dictated by the needs of a hairdressing salon.

It seems that early on, the building at 41 Main Street Macroom, was a public house, becoming a shop in the 1900s and most lately the afore-mentioned hairdressers.

Micheal has renovated the area behind the shop for his own private living space and it is now an impressive stylish family home. The work he undertook raised the BER, taking it from a G rated to an A rated house which is no mean achievement. There are some grants available which assist in renovating buildings like this, but mostly the resident must bear the cost.

It seems to me that this is a wonderful example of how the charm of an old building can be preserved and yet reach the highest standards of modern living.

In a town like Macroom where accommodation is needed urgently, yet where empty properties are hidden above and behind shop fronts, Micheal has

set a wonderful example of how renovation can be achieved in a manner that benefits artists, residents and architecture. The feel good factor associated with beautifully restored rather than destroyed history is palpable when you enter, and remains in the memory when more boring ubiquitous buildings are readily forgotten.

Michael's Art Studio is open to the public on Tuesdays and Saturdays and true to his dream, at those times, he shares his Studio space to help promote local artists and their art.

Unusually and to the great gratitude of the artists and public, he does not charge any commission or other fees to the artists involved. Due to a lack of space he has to limit the display area for visiting artists to approximately six pieces in one of the front windows and another four pieces inside. Each artist is given a full calendar month to display their work.

Micheal's own work which depicts landscapes, portraiture and equine art is much sought after and costs between forty five and fifty nine euros for limited and stamped edition prints, with originals costing upwards from four hundred. His work reflects his love for local scenes as well as retaining the shop front in a style as close to the original as possible.

Micheal's enthusiasm for promoting local artists has been very well-received and he is always on the look out for more local artists. He is acutely aware that there are many varied and talented artists around Macroom and he is interested in promoting them all. This selfless sharing brings a much needed service for the town of Macroom which previously enjoyed the availability of other galleries which no longer exist. Particularly now that pedestrianisation is on the cards, people will relish the opportunity to wander into his studio to purchase a piece of art as a unique present, or as a much loved gift for themselves. All of this can start with a look at the monthly changing window display.

The work on display in the right hand window has already included rural scenes by Bernice Corcoran, and a picture of the Gearagh in watercolours by Noran Lehane. Demelza Nowell has produced watercolours of landscape, myth and folklore. Ann Mechelink has shown her circular weaving here, James Driscoll did mainly photography of local scenes. Liam Forde specialised in portraits and landscape, and John Flynn, under the influence of folklore, produced imaginative work on the stones of Ireland. Una Keating created landscapes in felting and Siobhan Duggan produced oils and watercolours of the local area. Katie Buttimer reflected local scenes in oil, acrylic and watercolour. Both Inga J. Luse and Annette Connolly brought us abstract work using acrylics.

If you have missed some of these amazing artists you may be able to find their work online, but it would be better still to study, in person, the achievements of an artist in the window of 41 Main Street, especially on a Tuesday or Saturday when you are also warmly welcomed inside Micheal's studio.

For those of you who are not familiar with Micheal O' Muirthile, the following information should be of particular interest whilst for others it will bring back fond memories of past art experiences around Cork.

Before Micheal chose to live in Macroom, he lived in Ballytrasna for about thirty years. Prior to that he lived in the Blackrock area, and before that in the old Marsh area of Cork city. Remembered by his National school peers as a 'doodler', he was about 17 when he was commissioned to do a crest for a clay pigeon organisation.

Later in the 1970s, he went on to do a series of portraits commissioned in relation to the Irish Language. In the 1980s he got involved with Community Arts with a company called 'CAFE' (Creative Arts for Everyone) which fostered networking and linking with Community Organisations e.g The Triskel which went on to produce 'OPEN ART SURGERY' in the early 1990s which highlighted the fact that there was a tunnel coming to the Mahon Peninsula. The 'No.2 BUS PROJECT' highlighted what was seen and unseen from the bus and murals were done with the GAA and Youth Development Projects. Around the 1980s Micheal became an art teacher with the 'Circle of Friends' art group in Canovee. About the same time, he won the Munster MOYGLARE award three times in a row, finally winning the National prize for depicting race-horses in action. The Cork Civic Trust awarded him a prize for scenes of Cork city. His own favourite was an oil painting of a folly on Ben Dunne's property in Mahon. Micheal won the PURCELL Award in Kerry about five years ago for an oil painting of a peaceful cottage near Killarney, a copy of which I am proud to own. Micheal's work has appeared in the quarterly 'Little Gems' magazine, 'Cork and County Living', and 'Ireland's Heart', which shows a picture of Thoor Ballylee castle in Gort.

The painting of Thoor Ballylee was commissioned by the last child to leave the Blasket Islands, whose name is Gearoid O' Cathain. When Gearoid launched his book, 'The Loneliest Boy in the World', that picture was included because Gearoid was aware that President Michael D Higgins was a poet with an enduring interest in W.B. Yeats and that his book was being presented to the President.

Micheal's original painting of Thoor Ballylee now proudly hangs in Aras an Uachtarain, a fitting tribute to a man who has given so much to so many.

I am very grateful to Micheal for sharing so much with the readers. If you would like to contact him, you could call to his studio on a Tuesday or Saturday or contact him [E: momuir@gmail.com](mailto:momuir@gmail.com)

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Co-Op Superstores County Hurling Championships

Premier Senior Hurling County Final: Imokilly 1-23 Sarsfields 0-17

Munster semi final: Sarsfields 1-25 Feakle, Clare 1-17

Munster Final: Sarsfields 3-20 Ballygunner, Waterford 2-19

Senior A Hurling County SAH Final: Glen Rovers 3-17 Blarney 1-13

Premier Intermediate Hurling Co Final: Watergrasshill 2-16 Carrigaline 0-19

Munster Final: Watergrasshill 1-21 Cashel King Cormacs 0-14

Relegation play off (replay): Kilworth 3-14 Aghabullogue 2-13

Aghabullogue hurlers were relegated to Intermediate A status for next season after losing a tough relegation play-off replay at Glantane. With so much at stake, both sides went at it real hard, plenty of yellow cards dished out by a busy referee, but Kilworth prevailed in a marvellous second half that had nine minutes of injury time.

Kilworth opened the scoring with a fine point, but they were rocked a minute later when a move involving Colm Gillespie and James Foley set up Luke Casey for a smashing Aghabullogue goal and it set the tone for the rest of a cracking contest.

Points soon had the winners level but with John Corkery, Gillespie and Shane Tarrant on song, Aghabullogue were well up for it as they led 1-3 to 0-3 after the opening quarter.

Aghabullogue, playing with the strong wind, had points from Cian Furey, two from Bradley, and one from Daniel Dinneen put them 1-7 to 0-5 clear at the break.

The second half produced real full-blooded championship engagement with both sides giving their all in pursuit of salvation. Two points for Kilworth had them motoring, 1-7 to 0-7 on 35, Aghabullogue replied with a point from Mathew Bradley, but in the 38th minute a Kilworth sideline cut was flicked to the net and a point followed a minute later to level the scores, 1-8 apiece. Kilworth went in front, Daniel Dineen levelled for the Muskerry men, all square on 46. Again Kilworth went a point up, again Aghabullogue levelled through Mathew Bradley from a free. Two points in quick succession saw Kilworth go clear and they struck for their second goal in the 51st minute to make it 2-12 to 1-10 and Aghabullogue may have been in trouble now but they were up for the challenge.

An Aghabullogue point from Mathew Bradley was matched by one for Kilworth, and in the 58th minute Bradley again pointed for the Mid Cork men. With the clock on 60 minutes, a goal from Daniel Dineen had Aghabullogue to within a point of their opponents, 2-13 to 2-12 now, but Kilworth hit back instantly with a third goal at the other end to regain control. John Corkery had an Aghabullogue point which was answered to maintain the four point advantage for the North Cork side and it was Kilworth who prevailed and they will be competing in Premier Intermediate again next season.

Scorers for Aghabullogue: M. Bradley 0-7 (0-6 frees), D. Dineen 1-2, L. Casey 1-0, S. Furey, S. Tarrant, C. Furey 0-1 each.

Aghabullogue: Finbarr Foley: Tom Long, Cillian Timmons, Breandán O'Sullivan: Colm Gillespie, David Thompson, Michael Dennehy: Cianie Furey, Seán Furey: John Corkery, Daniel Dineen, Luke Casey; Mathew Bradley, Shane Tarrant, James Foley. Sub: Brian Dineen 48.

Changes in fortunes:

Kilworth were beaten in the County Premier final last year and their manager commented, "We were beaten in the final last year and here we were now battling relegation. Yes it was tough today, but we survived, that's the important thing." A year ago Aghabullogue were promoted to Premier grade after their Intermediate A championship triumph.

Intermediate A Hurling Final: Lisgoold 2-18 Erin's Own 2-13

Premier Junior Hurling Final: Russell Rovers 3-13 St Catherine's 0-15

Munster Final: Russell Rovers 3-12 Kilrossanty, Waterford 1-7

County Junior Hurling Final:

Tracton 1-15 Kilavullen 1-10

Co-Op Superstores Cork Junior B Hurling Championship

County Semi Final: Kilbriain 2-12 Aghabullogue 1-13

Replay Ordered: Aghabullogue 0-20 Kilbriain 0-14

County JHB Final: Fr O'Neill's 1-14 Aghabullogue 0-14

Fr O'Neill's 1-14 Aghabullogue 0-14

A superb third quarter display from Fr O'Neill's which turned a five point deficit into a two point lead was the major factor in the victory of the East Cork side in the Cork County Junior B Hurling Championship final played under lights at a wet Páirc Uí Rinn. In an exciting final quarter, Aghabullogue fought back hard but could not undo the damage done earlier and were three points adrift at the finish.

The first half exchanges were tame and the teams managed to share only two points between them, tellingly Aghabullogue hit seven wides in the same period. Fr O'Neill's then went in front and the sides proceeded to share the next four points evenly between them, Aodhán Healy on target for Aghabullogue from frees. A further two frees from Healy eased Aghabullogue into a 0-5 to 0-4 lead and then Niall Barry Murphy struck over another point to put his side three clear.

Aghabullogue now led by two, the biggest gap so far between the teams, and the Mid Cork champions extended that to three with Healy's fifth free, 0-7 to 0-4, before the half-time break.

Fr O'Neill's scored first on the restart but within three minutes, Aghabullogue scored three more points to increase their lead to five points, two from Aodhán Healy frees and one from Daniel Dineen from play.

The Aghabullogue dominance was quickly ended. Fr O'Neill's fought back, 0-10 to 0-6 on 35, followed by points on 40, 43 and 45 to cut the gap to a single point, 0-10 for Aghabullogue, 0-9 for Fr O'Neill's and within a minute, the East Cork side's star performer, young Tadgh O'Donoghue Brosnan, scored a wonder goal to put his side two points clear. Aodhán Healy pointed a free to reduce the deficit to the minimum, Fr O'Neill's matched this and then scored another to go there clear, 1-11 to 0-11 on 49.

Three times in the final ten minutes Aghabullogue scored to reduce the deficit to two points, Aodhán Healy, Odhrán O'Connell and Aodhán again, each time Fr O'Neill's hit back to maintain the three point gap and that was the difference between the teams at the finish.

Scorers for Aghabullogue: A Healy 0-10 f, O O'Connell, N Barry Murphy, D Dineen, A O'Sullivan 0-1 each.

Aghabullogue: Ian Barry Murphy; Denis Quinlan (c), Aidan Barry Murphy, Daniel O'Leary; Oisín O'Connell, Killian Barry Murphy, Jerome Corkery; Daniel Dineen, Niall Barry Murphy; Shane Bermingham, Seán O'Connell, Odhrán O'Connell; Barry Kendellen, Aodhán Healy, Aaron O'Sullivan. Sub: Paudie Twomey 43.

Semi Final Replay: Aghabullogue 0-20 Kilbriain 0-14

Aghabullogue made the most of their second opportunity as a 0-20 to 0-14 win over Kilbriain earned them a place in the Co-op SuperStores Cork JBHC final.

Kilbriain had been deemed to be 2-12 to 1-13 winners when the sides first met in a semi-final at Newcestown. However, following an objection by Aghabullogue relating to the score-keeping in that game, Cork County Board's Competitions Control Committee ordered that the game had to be played again.

At Páirc Uí Rinn and the Coachford side led from wire to wire to set up a meeting with Fr O'Neills in the decider on Friday at 7.30pm.

As has been the case throughout the campaign, Aodhán Healy was the primary scoring outlet for Aghabullogue and he was among the points early on along with Odhrán O'Connell and Dan Dineen as they moved into a 0-3 to 0-0 lead.

Though Pat O'Mahony, Eamonn Lyons and Séamus O'Sullivan scored as Kilbriain came back to within a point, 0-4 to 0-3, but five in a row for Aghabullogue, with Aaron O'Sullivan and Niall Barry-Murphy getting on the scoresheet, had them firmly in control.

By half-time, the mid-Cork champions held a 0-13 to 0-6 advantage, though Lyons had scored the last point of the first half for Kilbriain and a double from him on the restart had the deficit down to five.

Healy replied with a pair of points of his own, though, and while Oisín Gillain had a point for Kilbriain, Barry McElligott fired over two in a row for Aghabullogue to make it 0-17 to 0-9 with 13 minutes left.

Points from Lyons and Conor Hogan did help Kilbriain to back to within five again but the goal they needed was never forthcoming and Healy, O'Connell and Paudie Twomey were all on target for Aghabullogue to see them win by six.

McCarthy Insurances Cork County Football Championships

Premier Senior Football Final:

Castlehaven 0-16 Nemo Rangers 0-11

Munster: Dr Crokes 1-15 Castlehaven 1-8

Senior A Football Final:

Carrigaline 0-16 Knocknagree 1-11

Premier Intermediate Football Final:

Kilshannig 2-10 Aghabullogue 1-9

Munster IFC: Kilshannig 0-6 Austin Stacks 1-12

Intermediate A Football Final: Glanmire 2-10 Boherbue 0-15

Munster Junior Football

Semi Final at Fethard, Co Tipperary

Kilmurry 4-23 Cashel King Cormacks 1-2

Munster Final: Furies Kerry v Kilmurry, Dec 7th at Rathkeale, 6 pm throw in.



Munster Club JFC semi-final:

Kilmurry 4-23 Cashel King Cormacs 1-2

Victory for Kilmurry by a huge margin in the All Munster Club JFC semi-final in the Fethard Town Park 4G, the 30-point winning margin clearly demonstrating the huge gap in standards between the two teams. Cashel were understrength and made no secret of the fact that they were far more interested in winning the Munster Intermediate hurling final against Watergrasshill a week later and were not going to risk injuries to any of their hurlers by playing them in a competition they were unlikely to win..

It was unsatisfactory really for Kilmurry who travelled a long distance in winter weather to play a poor practice game – not the best preparation for a Munster final against the Kerry champions. Kilmurry led 0-11 to 1-0 at half time and the eventual result was beyond doubt at this stage- the Cashel King Cormacs goal in the 24th minute merely a very temporary setback.

All four Kilmurry goals came in the second-half. Top-scorer Liam Wall grabbed the first in the 36th minute, two minutes more elapsed before Wall set up Ryan Leahy for Kilmurry's second green flag. Cashel then lost a defender to a black card in the 40th minute, and while he was off the field sub Joe O'Mullane crashed home a third goal. Lawrence Asling completed the rout six minutes from time and Cashel were down to 14 men again in the 58th minute after receiving another black card.

The Cork champions, suffered injuries to John O'Mullane and Rory Duggan and will be hoping for a full panel available when they face Furies of Kerry in what will be Kilmurry's third Munster Junior Final in a row. A change of luck will also be hoped for.

Scorers for Kilmurry: L Wall (1-4), Lawrence Asling 1-3, James O'Mullane 0-6, R Leahy and Joe O'Mullane 1-1 each, J McGinn 0-4 (frees), Lloyd Asling 0-2, B Hinchion and K Kelleher 0-1 each.

Kilmurry: Jason McDonnell; Owen Keane, William Ronan (Capt), Lloyd Asling; Brian Hinchion, Tomás Collins, Alexander Asling; Kyle Kelleher, James O'Mullane; Liam Wall, Lawrence Asling, Rory Duggan; Ryan Leahy, John O'Mullane, Joe McGinn. Subs: Joe O'Mullane 20, Darragh Linehan 42.

McCarthy Insurances Cork Junior Football Championship

County Quarter Final:

Inniscarra 4-8 Castlemagner 1-8
Semi Final: Inniscarra 2-9 Kilmacabea 1-9
County JAFC Final: Inniscarra v Ballygarvan

Inniscarra 2-9 Kilmacabea 1-9

Inniscarra, Mid Cork champions this season for only the second time ever, are through to the County Junior A final after a merited win over West Cork champions Kilmacabea at Páirc Uí Rinn, the original venue at Ahiohill deemed unplayable. Inniscarra will now meet Ballygarvan in the county final.

Kilmacabea scored first from a free but Inniscarra were buoyed by a super goal from Dan O'Connell in the 6th minute, the long serving clubman winning a high ball in before turning and billowing the net. Kilmacabea responded with two points in rapid succession but they were stunned again when Inniscarra got through for a second goal in the 11th minute, this one resulting from a strong run through from wing back Jack O'Dwyer who then fired in real bullet of a shot to make it 2-0 to 0-3. Again Kilmac responded with two more points before Inniscarra had their first

point in the 20th minute, Dan O'Connell on target from a mark. Kilmac had Scarra under fierce pressure but the Mid Cork champions defended magnificently against much vaunted opponents but the West Cork side did kick over two points to make it level at half time, Inniscarra 2-1 to Kilmacabea's 0-7.

Cork All Ireland hurling captain Seán O'Donoghue kicked two points for Scarra on the resumption and Shay Dineen added another to open up a three point lead but Kilmac got through for a goal in the 43rd minute to level the scores at 2-4 to 1-7. Kilmac needed a score as the rain fell down and in the 43rd minute they worked a fine goal to level the scores once again.

Inniscarra's Liam O'Connor, not started because of recurring injury problems, now entered the scene and put his suicide baxck in front in the 44th minute, David O'Keefe added another point a minute later but Kilmac came back with two points in a row, level again at 2-6 to 1-9 in the 52nd minute.

The West Cork side lost a player to a red card (2nd yellow), Liam O'Connor pointed a free, Scarra lost a player to a red card, again 2nd yellow offence. In the 58th minute Liam O'Connor had a point to open up a two point gap and in injury time had his fourth point, this one from a mark, Scarra were three clear and held their lead to the final whistle.

Scorers for Inniscarra: D O'Connell 1-1 (0-1 m), L O'Connor 0-4 (0-1 f, 0-1 m), J O'Dwyer 1-0, S O'Donoghue 0-2 (0-1 f), D O'Keefe, S Dineen 0-1 each.

Inniscarra: Dominic Kelleher: David Keane, Liam Ryan, John O'Callaghan (capt): David O'Keefe, Cormac Dineen, Jack O'Dwyer: Seán Sheehan, David Coughlan: Frank Horgan, Shay Dineen, Sean O'Donoghue: Tadgh Lyons, Dan O'Connell, Dylan O'Sullivan. Subs: Liam O'Connor 38, Mark McLoughlin 53, Jack O'Sullivan 64.

Junior B Football Championship:

County JBFC: Kilmurry 0-14 Glenbower 1-3 SEE KIL TWITTEER

Semi Finals: Douglas 2-12 Kilmurry 1-11: Ballinhassig v CGoleen

Douglas 2-12 Kilmurry 1-11

Kilmurry's bid to reach the county JBFC final came to an end when the Muskerry champions went under to city side Douglas in the semi final.

Douglas went into an early 0-2 lead, Kilmurry levelled with points from Denis O'Mullane, and when Douglas went back in front, O'Mullane levelled again on 13. Points were exchanged, Seán O'Leary on the target for Kilmurry. O'Mullane put Kilmurry back in front, Douglas equalised, James Kelleher had a Kilmurry point but Douglas kicked over three points in a row. Denis O'Mullane had his fourth point of the half but Douglas matched it with a late point to lead by 0-9 to 0-7 at the break.

Kilmurry started the second half with a huge boost, a goal from Denis O'Mullane in the 32nd minute to level the scores after Douglas had scored a point immediately on the restart. Points from Barry Griffin and Oisín McDonald opened up a two point gap but the city side responded, 1-9 to 0-11 on 40. Denis O'Mullane pointed for Kilmurry, Douglas replied, but then struck for a vital goal to take the lead, 1-11 to Kilmurry's 1-10 in the 45th minute. Seán O'Leary equalised for the Kilmurry men, but a second Douglas goal followed on 49, and only one further score came in the last ten minutes, a point for Douglas in the 60th minute to make victory secure.

Kilmurry: Cian Desmond: Max O'Leary, Kevin Barrett,

Patrick Grainger: Seán Curzon, David O'Halloran, Seán O'Leary: Oisín McDonald, Colin Kelleher: Barry Griffin, James Kelleher, Jed Hartnett: Fergal Wall, Denis O'Mullane, Michael J Grainger. Subs: Brian Jacob and Jack Devine on 31, Mark Dromey 48, Stephen O'Donoghue 55

U21 Hurling Championship

Farho Mid Cork A Final: Ballincollig 2-21 Éire Óg 2-11
County A quarter-final: Ballincollig 2-12 (18) Shandrum 0-19,

Mid Cork Farho U21 BHC semi final: Aghabullogue 1-18 Cloughduv 2-14

Final: Ballinora 0-21 Aghabullogue 0-17

County QF/SF: Ballinora 3-16 Clyda 0-17

County Final: Ballinora v Youghal

Farho Mid U21 C Hurling:

Final: Ballincollig B 2-15 Inniscarra B 0-12

County QF: Ballincollig B 0-18 Kilbree 1-13

Semi Final: Castlemartyr v Ballincollig

U 21 A Football

Muskerry Champions: Ballinora

County Quarter Final: Ballinora 1-11 Aghada 1-5

Semi Final: Ballinora v Bishopstown Dec 8th.

Under U21 B Football

Muskerry Champions: Kilmurry

County QF: Kilmurry 3-15 Glanmire 4-1

Semi Final: Ballinhassig v Kilmurry

Under 21 C Football:

Muskerry Champions: Kilmichael

County QF: Glenbower 3-15 Lyre 1-7

Semi Finals: Kilmichael 3-16 Kildorrery 1-5
Kilmeen v Glenbower

U21 C 13 a side County Semi final

Kilmichael 3-16 Kildorrery 1-5

On a wet blustery day in Kanturk, Kilmichael saw off the challenge of Kildorrery. Kildorrery started well with a goal and a point from Cian Coughlan, but back came Kilmichael with Tom Browne kicking a number of fine points and Cian McCarthy scoring a cracking goal. Kildorrery fought back with a couple of points and then 5 minutes before the break, Dylan Connolly in the Kilmichael goal made a vital save to deny Luke Keating. Kilmichael then hit a purple patch to add on 1-4, Tom Browne the goal scorer, leaving the score at half time Kilmichael 2-10 to Kildorrery 1-3.

Kildorrery fought hard in the 2nd half but found scores hard to come by with Kilmichael picking off scores on the break including a goal by Zach Ryan to finish worthy winners. The Kilmichael half back line of Isaac Wood, Conor Horgan and Michael Downey stood out with Brian and Danny Horgan excellent at midfield, Diarmuid Kelleher was very effective at centre forward and Tom Browne and Ciarán Foley doing a lot of damage up front. Kilmichael: Dylan Connolly: David Lynch, Dylan Lynch: Isaac Wood (0-2), Conor Horgan, Michael Downey: Danny Horgan (c), Brian Horgan (0-3): Cian McCarthy (1-1), Diarmuid Kelleher, David Riordan: Tom Browne (1-8), Ciarán Foley (0-2). Subs: Conor McCarthy, Zach Ryan(1-0) Sam Wood.



Colleges GAA



Canovee Junior C's Win Mid Cork; Muskerry Board Treasurer Diarmuid Kirwan presenting the Junior C Mid Cork trophy to joint captains Gearoid Lucey and Micheal Quinlan.



Canovee Junior C's Winners of the Mid Cork

Corn Uí Mhuirí SAFC - Group 4:

Group 4: Patrician Academy Mallow 5, De La Salle College Macroom 5, Mitchelstown CBS 2, Intermediate School Killorglin 0

Corn Uí Mhuirí: DLS Macroom 4-15 IS Killorglin 1-8

A brace of goals each from dynamic attacking duo Denis O'Mullane and Tim Sweeney inspired De La Salle Macroom to the victory they required to advance to the knock-out stages of the Munster Colleges SFC following a comfortable Group 4 (Round 3) victory over IS Killorglin at Crokes in Killarney.

On the basis of previous group results DLS were favourites and the Cork youths justified their ranking even if it took a decisive burst before half time to get them on the road to victory. Killorglin finished the competition with three defeats from their three outings.

DLS Macroom got off to the brighter start, and were three points up after ten minutes 0-4 to 0-1. Denis O'Mullane was the outstanding player on the pitch, while Sean O'Leary excelled at centre-back. IS Killorglin settled and with four unanswered points, the underdogs hit the front by a point, 0-5 to 0-4 by the 21st minute. DLS Macroom finished the half with a significant flourish, and scored 2-4 without reply so that by the break, they led by 2-8 to 0-5 and were in total control. The DLS goals came from O'Mullane and Tim McSweeney.

DLS Macroom needed to win by as much as possible as they had an inferior scoring difference to Mallow who would not be playing until later in the evening - a rather unfair situation which gave the North Cork boys an advantage knowing what they had to do to top the group.

IS Killorglin wasted at least three gilt-edged goal chances in the third quarter alone, at the end of

which they trailed by ten points 2-11 to 0-7. With Tom Browne a stylish operator on the '40, DLS Macroom finally finished off their opponents with further goals from top scorer O'Mullane and Sweeney in the final quarter. ISK struck the post with a penalty, but they enjoyed late consolation with a goal from play.

Scorers for DLS Macroom: D O'Mullane 2-4 (0-1f), T Sweeney 2-1, T Browne 0-4 (0-1f), J Hourihan, C Fuller O'Sullivan 0-2 each, S O'Leary, E Healy 0-1 each.

DLS Macroom: Cian Desmond (Kilmurry); Isaac Wood (Kilmichael), Cormac Bourke (Macroom), Sean Hennigan (Kilmichael); Ryan Sabas (Macroom), Seán O'Leary (Kilmurry), Eoghan Healy (Macroom); Mark Condon (Macroom), Jack O'Shea (Macroom); Owen McCarthy (Clondrohid), Tom Browne (Kilmichael), Sam Kelleher Leavy (Macroom); Tim Sweeney (Uibh Laoire), Denis O'Mullane (Kilmurry), James Hourihan (Clondrohid). Subs: Cian Fuller O'Sullivan (Macroom) ht, Ruadhán McKenna (Macroom) 43, Bobby Murphy (Macroom) 43, Colin Kelleher (Macroom) 55, Ray Griffin (Macroom) 57.

Irish Examiner commented: 'On Wednesday morning, heading into the final round fixtures in Group 4 of the Munster Colleges SFC, both Patrician Academy Mallow and De La Salle Macroom were deadlocked at the top of the table on three points each.

At 1.30pm, the ball was thrown in at Lewis Road in Killarney, with IS Killorglin the opposition, as the Macroom school, four points behind the other joint-leaders on scoring difference, knew any kind of victory would guarantee them progression to the knock-out stages.

However, only group winners would directly advance to the quarter-finals, and DLS Macroom had no idea how big a winning margin they required for that purpose. On the pitch, they went about their business diligently, eventually beating the Mid Kerry

school by 16 points (4-15 to 1-8).

Patrician Academy began their clash with Mitchelstown CBS in Kildorrery at 6.30pm. By that juncture, the Mallow outfit were exactly aware of what was needed to finish at the group summit. They had to triumph by 13 points. At the final whistle, they were victors by 14 (3-11 to 0-6).

Whatever the circumstances that meant both games were not played at the same time, it simply should not have happened. There was always the probability that top spot would come down to scoring difference. Equal opportunity was not given to both table-toppers.'

Corn Uí Mhuirí - Knockout Stages

Confirmed Quarter-Finalists

Group 1 winner - St. Brendan's Killarney

Group 2 winner - Hamilton High School Bandon

Group 3 winner - Mercy Mounthawk

Group 4 winner - Patrician Academy Mallow

Group 5 winner - Tralee CBS

One 2nd place team from groups of 4 will be drawn to go to the Quarter-Finals

Group 1 runner-up - St. Francis College Rochestown

Group 2 runner-up - Inbhear Sceine Kenmare

Group 3 runner-up - St. Pats Castleisland

Group 4 runner-up - De La Salle College Macroom

The remaining three Group runner-up teams listed above who are not drawn to play in the Quarter-Finals will be joined by Group 5 runners-up P.S. Chorca Dhuibhne in the Preliminary Quarter-Final Draw.

The draw for the Preliminary Quarter-Finals will take place on Tuesday December 3rd.

Preliminary Quarter-Finals - December 11th

Quarter-Finals - January 15th

Semi-Finals - January 25th

Final - February 8th

MACROOM SOCCER

U-14 Schoolboys Pat Cronin Cup

Macroom FC A: 4

Mayfield United A: 2

Our U-14A boys played Mayfield United. We scored first early in the match but Mayfield equalised quickly. Mayfield then scored from a penalty and at half time we were 2-1 down!

The boys went back out with a fighting spirit and quickly turned the game around with three goals to take the win!

With a fantastic comeback we won 4-2 to progress to the last 16. Well done to all involved. Goal scorers were Gena Lisovyj with a hat trick and Joe Healy with one.

Thanks to sponsor of jerseys Billy Murphy Taxis and to referee Craig Tilloston.

U-13 Jerry Hurley Cup

Springfield Ramblers: 2

Macroom FC A: 7

The U&13A boys made the trip to Cobh for an early kick off against Springfield Ramblers in the Jerry Hurley Cup.

All boys gave their all with some fabulous football played in very difficult conditions and with Macroom coming out victorious on a 7-2 scoreline. Thanks also to our Jersey sponsor Suleman Ahmed.

Captain for the day was Luke Guider with the goals coming from Tom Minehane with a hat trick, Sanan

Ahmed chipped in with a brace whilst Brian Lloyd and Jeremy Butler got one each. Well done lads. Keep up the good work.

U-12 Schoolboys Division 10

Douglas Hall C: 4 Macroom FC B: 2

The U-12B boys winning run came to an end in Douglas but, the team remain in contention just a point off the top of the table. Kegoikantse Dube and Jack Twomey got the goals. Well done to all and thanks to the U-11s who helped out.



LAOCHRA ÓG

Poc Fada 2024

A great turnout once again on Sunday last for our annual Shane Murphy Poc Fada. This year was very exciting as it was run from our new pitch in Ballymacorcan. A new route was also tried out this year and there was some great shots and some lost sliotars along the way! Thanks to all the teams who entered and supported our annual event.

Congratulations to our overall winners CONOR NASH AND LIAM HENNIGAN who received the Shane Murphy Memorial Cup.

This year's funds on the day went to our Pitch Development. Almost €1000 was raised. Thanks to Macroom Garda Siochana for the use of the bus for the day and to Jim Quirke for driving it for us.

Thanks to all who helped out with stewarding and providing refreshments. Thanks also to all who donated raffle prizes.



Laochra Óg Poc Fada 2024

Next year will be our 10th year running the Poc Fada where we are already planning something bigger and better, so mark yer calenders and watch this space!

Minor Camogie

Hard luck to our Minor camogie girls who bowed out of championship on Wednesday, we played Ballincollig in the semi final and unfortunately after the girls giving everything, we were beaten by a very strong Ballincollig team, and we wish them the best on Sunday in the County final. This great bunch of girls have been superb all season having given us great games of camogie and we look forward to doing it all again next season. Thanks to the girls for their time and commitment at trainings and games all along, and to all the parents and supporters who were with us all season. Thanks to our team sponsors Healys Spar, sponsors of this great team. And finally to Finbarr and the management who look after the team thanks for all the time and effort it's very much appreciated. Well done again to all the girls.



Tim Holland presenting Diarmuid Kirwan sponsorship for the Ross Oil Muskerry Junior Football Championship recently



The Aghinagh Junior Football team that were defeated by Inniscarra in the Ross Oil Muskerry Junior football championship replay against Inniscarra played in Grenagh recently



Boys from Scoil Réidh na nDoirí celebrating the recent victory of the U12 team in Suláin.



Macroom FC U-12B Schoolboys



Paddy and Bobby, who came first in their competitions in Castletown Youth Road Bowling at the weekend



Dan Cronin and Noely Murphy were recently presented as eventual winners of the Last Man Standing Fundraiser splitting the €500 jackpot. Macroom FC would like to thank all of those who took part in what was a hugely important fundraiser for our Munster Senior League team.



Pupils of Scoil Réidh na nDoirí who took part in the Cross-Country Races recently.



Geraldine Galvin winner of the Lady President prize with the Lady President Meabh Loughery and Lady Captain Eleanor Baldwin.



Lady Captain Eleanor Baldwin, presenting her prize to the winner Pauline Sheahan.



Una Horgan, winner of presidents prize to the ladies receiving her prize from the President Antony O'Riordan



Lady president Meabh Loughery, winner of the Cliona Enright trophy with Sinead and Bridgjin Enright and lady captain Eleanor Baldwin



James Neville Captain, presenting the Kelleher cup to the winner Liam Hennigan juvenile captain also included lady captain Eleanor Baldwin and lady president Meabh Loughery



James Neville Captain, presenting his prize to the winner John D'O'Sullivan.



Laura O'Riordan, wife of the president Anthony O'Riordan presenting his prize to the winner Vincent O'Mahony



Clodagh Walsh, winner of the Captains prize to the ladies with the captain James Neville and his wife Marie



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This year marks the 4th year of the food drive from the Motor Group, who have set up drop off points in their dealerships for staff, customers and general members of the public who are being asked to drop non - perishable items at any of the dealerships which will then be redistributed to Cork Penny Dinners during Christmas week. The drive will run from Monday, December 2nd to Friday, December, 20th.

Speaking at the launch of the food drive Audi Cork, Sales Manager, Richard Schoonbaert said, "As a group we are long-term supporters of Cork Penny Dinners and we understand the vital role the donations make to the charity and would encourage people to support where they can. We have drop off points in our dealerships located in Bishopstown, Cork, Fermoy & Skibbereen.

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Pictured are Patrick Horgan, Cork Hurler, Jean Murphy, Blackwater Motor Group Marketing Manager, Shane Kingston, Cork Hurler, Lisa Jordan, Influencer, Caitriona Twomey, Cork Penny Dinners, Peter O'Mahony, Irish Rugby Player & Richard Schoonbaert, Audi Cork Sales Manager

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CLONTURK PARK RE-VISITED AND THAT FOOTBALL FINAL OF 1891

By PO'C

It was Tim O'Connor who first put the thought into my head as we chatted about the history of Clondrohid GAA Club and their saga with the All Ireland Senior Football championship of 1891.

"Did you ever travel to Clonturk Park the venue for the Final against Young Irelands of Dublin?" he queried adding that he had made the visit and that the venue is situated in Drumcondra a mere 15 minutes walk from Croke Park. My curiosity was aroused and I decided immediately to make the trip. Arriving in O'Connell Street Dublin I boarded the bus for the Airport from which I disembarked at Fagan's Pub (a venue well known to Bertie Ahern and his many faithful colleagues) on Richmond Road Drumcondra. Crossing the road to the nearby Tesco Supermarket there it was Clonturk Park. It was the venue for the All Ireland Hurling and Football Finals of 1890, 91 and 92 and also the All Ireland Hurling Final of 1894.

The playing pitch at Clonturk Park is still in pretty good condition. It measures 150 yards by 80 yards approx. and apparently has changed very little since the Final of 1891. It was a marvellous feeling to walk across the green sod of this hallowed ground where our forefathers had played an All Ireland Final 130 years ago. It is now the home of Drumcondra AFC and is used for underage training and games.

Tolka Park, just across the road, was also used by Drumcondra during their halcyon period in the 1960's in the League of Ireland series. Tolka Park is currently the home ground of the current League of Ireland champions Shelbourne.

On the 23rd March 2024 the GAA unveiled a commemorative plaque at Clonturk Park to mark the staging of the seven All Ireland Finals played at the venue. The ceremony was performed by Daithi De Roiste Lord Mayor of Dublin and Jarlath Burns President of the GAA.

On the 10th September 1891 the first GAA Athletics meeting was held at the nearby Jones Road venue now known as Croke Park. The first official GAA game was played at Jones Road on 21st March 1896 while the All Ireland Finals have been played there since 1913.

Back to the year 1891, the records tell us that Cork were the Munster Football champion, Dublin the Leinster champions, Cavan the Ulster champions while the Connacht championship was not completed. The 1891 All Ireland Senior Football



Con O'Leary, captain of the Clondrohid team 1891

championship was the 5th staging of Ireland's Premier Gaelic Football knockout competition. From 1887 to 1891 the Club county champions were the representatives in the Inter County series. The County winners on record show the following - Cavan: Slashers. Cork: Clondrohid, Dublin: Young Irelands, Kerry: Ballymacelligott, Kildare: Mountrice Blunts and Waterford: Dungarvan. In the Cork County championship of 1891 Clondrohid defeated Nils 3-6 to 0-2 in the Final at Cloghroe with many complaints by the Nils over the pitch size prior to the game. The Munster Semi Final saw them get the better of Ballymacelligott at Killarney by 2-5 to 0-2. In the Final at Youghal they overcame Dungarvan 3-2 to 1-1. Interestingly, for those games, the Clondrohid team and supporters would have travelled by train from the nearby Millstreet and Macroom stations.

The concluding stages of the All Ireland Hurling and Football competitions were initially fixed for 21st February 1892 but these games were postponed by a week due to a heavy snowfall. The Final day arrangements were as follows: Football Semi Final -11am Dublin: (Young Irelands) V Cavan: (Slashers), (2) Hurling Final -12.15pm: Kerry (Ballyduff) V Wexford (Crossbeg) and (3) Football Final -1.30pm: Cork (Clondrohid) V Winners of Semi Final.

Clondrohid were the only team to go the All Ireland Final not knowing who their opponents would be

as Dublin had first to play the Ulster champions. Dublin duly won that encounter but the Hurling Final went to extra time and the Football final did not commence until after 3pm. The game was clouded in controversy from the start. The appointed referee failed to turn up and the substitute referee J T Whelan, a Dublin man, took charge. After a game full of incidents, the score at the final whistle was Clondrohid 2-9 Young Irelands 2-1. At 7.20pm that evening, as the Clondrohid team and supporters were about to board their train, came the news that Mr Whelan had disallowed the first Clondrohid goal leaving the Dublin team as victors. Remember, at that time, a goal exceeded any number of points. Clondrohid immediately lodged an objection. After much discussion at County Board and Central Council it was decided that the game should be replayed. It was finally arranged for Thurles on the 2nd Sunday of April 1893. Neither team put in an appearance at Thurles and the records list Dublin as the All Ireland champions of 1891.

Included on the team panel of 1891 were: Con O'Leary (Capt) Lackaneen, Dan Kelleher (Vice Capt) Moulahorna, Denis O' Leary (goalie) Lackaneen, Jack O'Leary Lackaneen, Corney Duggan Glantane, Jack Duggan Glantane, Jack Kelleher Moulahorna, Mick Kelleher Moulahorna, Con Kelleher Ardeen, Jeremiah Ahern Munifluigh, Dan Duggan Glantane, John Murphy Schranard, Timothy O'Shea Carriganima, Timothy O'Riordan Gurraneearney, Denis O'Sullivan Carriganima, Andy Desmond Coolacoosane, Pat Desmond Coolacoosane, Michael Quill Moulahorna, Jer Kelleher Moulahorna, Denis Corcoran Kilvoultra and Reddie Walsh Carriganima. The team Manager and Board delegate was Tim Creedon and the team trained at the football field on Tim Creedon's land at Gortavraner.

Interesting Finale: The Dublin young Ireland's team were based in Guinness Brewery. In conjunction with a local festival in Clondrohid 100 years later on 25th July 1993 a team from Guinness Brewery graciously accepted an invitation to partake in a mock replay of the Final. Both teams togged out in their County colours and on this occasion the Clondrohid boys were victorious on a scoreline of 1-18 to 0-10. Referee Paul Kingston had no reservations about the Clondrohid goal and declared them the worthy winners.



The Plaque on the wall at Clonturk Park to mark the All Ireland finals played at the venue.

Right: The Drumcondra AFC dressing rooms at Clonturk Park.




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A Word of Victory



"The words of the righteous are a life-giving fountain; the words of the wicked conceal violent intentions" (Proverbs 10:11).

Welcome back dear student, here we are post-election and facing the close out of the year. Already lots of people are burnt out and the Christmas partying hasn't even begun. There used to be an advert for tea awhile back, with the parting shot that certain people are "all talk". It was funny because it's true. We have been listening to much talk, analysis, promises and fluster. We sure love to talk - often, just for the sake of saying something. Then there are the few who say little - when they talk it's worth listening to. "The wise say very little and those with understanding stay calm. Even fools seem to be wise if they keep quiet, if they don't speak they appear to understand" (Proverbs 17:27-28). Last week we spoke on the danger of unforgiveness and offence, and a major factor in all strife is - talk! Our enemy the devil is very talkative - constantly whispering evil trying to influence individuals to turn from God and do bad things. But we do not have to listen or pay heed to him! In fact, believers have authority over what we choose to listen to. Sadly, people don't know this and give in to the lies of the devil believing him. We see bad things happening and wonder how people could do such wickedness or behave so horribly - they are under the control of who they are listening to and engaging with. If it's not God's voice, they're in trouble. Porn, violence, rape, gossip, slander, and all kinds of evil are being pumped out of devices daily, and foolish people who engage and listen think there's no harm in any of it. No friend, we must set a guard over our eyes and ear gates for that is what they are - gateways (Matthew 6:22-23; Mark 4:24-25). Any farmer who does not have secure gates is asking for trouble right? In the same way we need strong boundaries and godly principles otherwise anything can happen.

There is a demon called Leviathan, one of the hordes of hell who attacks people's conversations specifically to disrupt relationships: marriages, workplaces, and friends. Folks often wonder why something they are trying to say is misheard or misunderstood by those they are sharing it with, causing offence. It's the effect of Leviathan. The Lord calls him the 'king over all the sons of pride' (Job 41:31-34). Pride is sin to God - it was the reason Satan got booted out of heaven (Isaiah 14:12-20; Ezekiel 28:12-19). He was in rebellion to God, and figured he could do a better job than the Lord. He managed to convince other angels to join him. Sin cannot dwell in God's Presence and so Lucifer (that was the devil's name in heaven) and those who sided with him were thrown out. Those other angels became what we know as demons. They are agents of Satan's army with specific orders to attack and bring chaos to the earth, destroying families, communities, and nations. When Jesus sent out His disciples to heal the sick they came back rejoicing at what they had discovered. "...even the demons are subject to us in Your Name!" (Luke 10:17).

Everywhere Jesus went He took authority over Satan - He cast out demons with 'a Word' (Matthew 8:16). He gave them no opportunity to speak, because that's what the devil does best - mouthing off proud, lofty words that cause chaos and fear. But we have the authority that Jesus paid for with His Blood (Luke 10:18-20). Lord, may we must use and choose our words wisely in agreement with God's Word to see deliverance and restoration.

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In loving memory of
BRIDGET COAKLEY

Mountmassey, Macroom, Co. Cork who died on the 4th December 2023.

As we lovingly remember our cherished mother BRIDGET on this her First Anniversary, deeply loved sadly missed and always remembered by her daughters Brid, Una, Marie and Clare, together with our families, grandchildren, sisters and brother would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to our relatives, neighbours and friends who supported us during this difficult time.

Thanks to all who sent Mass cards, condolence cards and letters of sympathy, who posted on RIP and to all who attended the Funeral Services. We thank Fr. Joe O'Mahony for his lovely Mass and homily, Canon Donal Roberts and Monsignor James O'Donnell. Thank you to Tracey Cronin and Jerome Coakley for the beautiful music. Thank you to those who cared for Mam, Ann O'Callaghan, her home help and neighbour, Dr. Des Murphy, Dr. Denis Curtin and the Staff of 1A at the CUH, Staff of Sullane Family Practice and Matt, Henry and staff of Murphy's pharmacy. A sincere thank you to Mam's wonderful neighbours in Mountmassey, especially Con & Marie Lynch for their support throughout the years and especially since our Dad passed. Thanks to Martin and Billy Fitzgerald for their sensitive and professional handling of arrangements. Thank you to the staff of the Macroom Golf Club for the beautiful meal. As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our deepest gratitude. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.



The angel of our lives became the guardian angel of our hearts, Happy 80th Birthday, Mam xx

First Anniversary Mass on Friday 6th December 2024 in St. Colman's Church, Macroom, at 7.30pm

FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of
DENIS LYNCH

Togher Ballymakeera Died 11th December 2023

On the first anniversary of Denis's death we Bertie & Joan O Leary and the extended Lynch family wishes to thank all who sympathised with us attended the prayers in the house, funeral mass and burial.

We would like to thank Fr Sean Mc Carthy for officiating at the ceremonies, Cor Cuil Aodha and Gerard Lynch sacristan.

Thank you to those who offered condolences online, sent mass cards and floral tributes, we thank you most sincerely.

Thanks to Dr. Collette Faul, Nora and Margaret at Ballyvourney health centre, the public health nurse Roisin, to his home help Joan & Nora, Sinead and staff at Deasys pharmacy Ballymakeera and the staff of the Ionad Lae Ballyvourney. Thanks to the Nurses, doctors and staff at Bantry hospital and the nurses and staff at Care Choice Macroom for the care given to Denis in the final few days.

Thanks to Cyril Casey and his team for the professional handling of the arrangements, to the grave diggers and The Abbey Hotel.

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

The Holy Sacrifice of mass has been offered for your intentions



First anniversary Mass for Denis will be Sunday the 15th December at 10am in Coolea Church.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of
BREEDA DUGGAN

Ballincollig, Cork.

On the first anniversary of Breeda's death, we, Gráinne and Órla, would like to express our thanks to everyone who sympathised with us. We would like to thank our family, our cousins who stayed by our side, our friends, our neighbours and everyone who got in touch. We would also like to thank Dr Eamonn O'Grady, Phil in Hickey's Pharmacy, the public health nurses, Westgate, St Finbarr's, MUH, CUH, Bishopscourt Nursing Home, Breeda's carers Eve and the exceptional Trish. Thank you also to Crowley's Funeral Directors, the Island Crematorium, Jim McCarthy, and especially Fr Kamil Bachara and the parish of Ballincollig who have made us feel part of the community in her absence.

Today, and every day, we remember Mum, her love for us, her humour, and her kindness.

11TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

PAUL MURPHY

Barrett's place Macroom

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



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

12TH ANNIVERSARY



Remembering with love our precious son and brother

SHANE MURPHY

Clondrohid, Macroom Whose Anniversary occurs on December 10th.

*Sad are the hearts that loved you
Silent are the tears that fall
Living life without you Shane is the hardest part of all.*



Loved and sadly missed always by your loving family

Anniversary Mass on Saturday 7th December, 2024 in St Abinas Church Clondrohid at 11am.

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE



Loving Memories of our Special Dad on your Birthday

TONY O'CONNELL

Masseytown, Macroom, Co. Cork.

*Our Heart still aches in sadness
Our Secret tears still flow
For what it means to lose you
No one will ever know.
Although you can't be here with us
We're truly not apart
Until the final breath we take
You'll be living in our hearts.
Dearest Dad to hear your voice
and see your smile
and just to sit and talk to you
would be our dearest wish today.
On this your birthday.*



Love from Joan, Rebecca, Marcella, Joanne, Colette, Anthony and families.

NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART




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

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6TH & 35TH ANNIVERSARIES



In loving memory of

MARY & JOHN MC CARTHY
Shanacloon, Ballymakeera
whose 6th & 35th anniversaries occur at this time.

*Your lives were a blessing,
Your memory we treasure,
You are loved beyond words,
And missed beyond measure.*


†

Lovingly remembered by your family, grandchildren & greatgrandchildren.

Saint Gobnait Pray For Them.

Mary and John's Anniversary mass will be on Saturday 7th December in Ballyvourney church at 6pm

2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

WILLIE TWOMEY
Lackabawn, Ballingearry.
Who died on the 8th December 2022

*When a light is as bright
as the light you shone
there's no such thing as truly gone.
When a smile is as precious
as the one you wore
your nestle in hearts forevermore.*


†

Saint Gobnait pray for him.

Lovingly remembered by Siobhán, Eoin, Caitriona, Janice and Ian.
And his grandchildren Freya, Senan, Ódhran, Dara and Kate.

Willies Anniversary mass will be on Sunday 8th December in Ballingearry church at 10am

4TH ANNIVERSARY



Treasured & Remembered with Love

DAMIAN DINEEN
Dirrinculling, Coolea


*It was much too soon to say goodbye,
because you were so special
and loved in every way,
all the special memories
are never far away.
Someday we will meet again
to laugh, rejoice and smile
but until then there will be tears
as we miss you all the while.*

†

Forever and always loved by Liadh, Eoghan, Liam & Lucy

Damian's Anniversary mass will be on Sunday the 8th of December in Séipéal Chúil Aodha at 10a.m.

4TH ANNIVERSARY



Always in our Hearts


DAMIAN DINEEN
Dirrinculling, Coolea
Whose anniversary occurs on 3rd December

*A smile for all, A heart of gold,
One of the best the world could hold,
Never selfish, always kind,
These are the memories you left behind.
You live in our hearts,
You walk by our sides,
And from heaven above,
you are always our guide.*

†

Forever loved, remembered and dearly missed by your Mom Bridie, Nuala, Gearoid & Padraig, brother and sisters in law, Dave, Margaret, Tracy & their families.

7th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of


MARY CRONIN
Candromey, Kilnamartyra
who died on 27th November 2017

*We think of you in silence,
We often speak your name,
But all we have are memories
And your picture in a frame.
Your resting place we visit
And put flowers there with care.
But no one knows the heartache,
As we turn and leave you there.*

†

Forever in our hearts,
Colman, Bernie and family

8TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

JEREMIAH O'DRISCOLL
Whose Anniversary occurs at this time.


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

†

Missed by his wife Ann, daughters Noreen, Patricia, Annette, Cathy, Pamela, his late son Flor and sister Mary.

Anniversary Mass on the 14th December in Ballinagree Church on Saturday at 8pm

6TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

TADG MANNING
Tír Na Spideoige, Inchigeela
Who died on the 6th December 2018


*Each time we look at your picture,
You seem to smile and say,
Don't be sad but courage take,
And love each other for my sake*

in ár gcroithe go deo

†

Remembered always by Noreen, Miriam, Brian and Tadhg

12TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

SEAMUS SCRIVEN
Dundarierke, Kilnamartyra
who died 15th Dec 2012

*Those special memories of you
will always bring a smile,
if only we could have you back
for just a little while.
Then we could sit and talk again
just like we used to do.
The fact that you're no longer here
will always cause us pain,
but you're forever in our hearts
till we meet again.*

†

Always remembered by Auntie Tessie & Denis, cousins: Jimmy, John, Noreen, Michael, Noel, Mary, Declan & extended families.

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In loving memory of

GOBNAIT TWOMEY

**Dromanallig, Ballygeary
Who died on the 13th of December
2022**

*Loved with a love beyond all telling
Missed with a grief beyond all tears
They say there is a reason
They say that time will heal
But neither time nor reason
Will change the way we feel.
For no one knows the heartache
That lies behind our smiles
No one knows how many times
We have broken down and cried
We want to tell you something
So, there won't be any doubt.
You're so wonderful to think of
But so hard to live without.*



Loved forever by all her family.

Remembrance mass will be in Saint
Finbars & Saint Ronan's Church,
Ballygeary on Sunday the 8th of
December at 10am.

2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

GOBNAIT TWOMEY

**Finglas, Dublin, agus Béal Átha'n
Ghaorthaidh,
who died on 13th December 2022.**

*Time moves on
but we will never forget
what you suffered
and what we lost.*



A loving sister, sister in law and aunt.
Forever in our thoughts.
Sean, Katie, Aron, Clíodhna
and Ruadhan.

2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**JOAN KELLEHER
(NÉE O'LEARY)**

**Aharas, Ballygeary, Co. Cork.
Who died on 11th December, 2022**

*A silent thought, a quiet prayer,
For a special person, in God's care.*



Always loved & remembered by your
family.

Suaimhneas' síoraí dí i measc na
n-Aingeal

9TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**MICHAEL (MICKEY)
BUCKLEY**

**Inchinahoury, Kilnamartyra,
who died on November 27th 2015**

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



Always remembered by Mom & Dad and
all the Buckley Family

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.

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

ALLY RING

**St Colmans Park, Macroom who
passed away on 3rd December 2023**

*You are more than a memory
silently kept
You are part of our lives
we will never forget.*



Always in our thoughts
Darrin, Aine, Adam & Luke

FIRST ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

ALLY RING

**St Colmans Park, Macroom who
passed away on 3rd December 2023**

*Close to our hearts you will always stay
Loved and remembered every day*



Fondly remembered and sadly missed by
your family and friends.

8TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**JEREMIAH
O'DRISCOLL**

**Whose Anniversary occurs at
this time.**

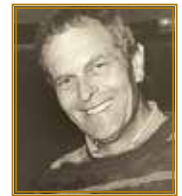
*As each day Dawns we think of you,
As each Night falls we Pray for you,
And throughout our lives no matter where,
In our hearts you are Always there.*



Missed by his wife Ann, daughters
Noreen, Patricia, Annette, Cathy, Pamela,
his late son Flor and sister Mary.

Anniversary Mass on the 14th December
in St Johns Church Ballinagree at 8pm

22nd ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of my dearly beloved
husband and father

**GERARD
(ROGER) HEALY**

**Late of Cork Street, Macroom
whose anniversary occurs on
2nd December.**

*Losing you will always seem unfair,
memories so sweet and sad of golden days
and good times shared.*



Always missing you,
your loving wife Eleanor

You are missed beyond words Dad,
Georgina & Kelly

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. SS

2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

CON O'REGAN

Clodagh, Crookstown, Co. Cork

Who died on the 4th December 2022

*We think of you in silence
We often speak your name
But all we have are memories
and your picture in a frame.
Your resting place we visit
And put flowers there with care.
But no one knows the heartbreak
As we turn and leave you there.*



Always remembered by your loving wife
Jenny and family.

20th ANNIVERSARY



Cherished memories of a loving
Husband, Father and Grandad.

**SEAN
MULLANE**

Late of Toonlane,

Ballymakeera, Macroom

Who died on December 12th 2004

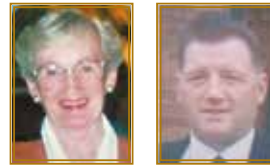
*Happy memories will keep forever
Of days when we were all together
Each of us in our own special way
Have special thoughts of you today.*



Always remembered by his loving wife
Margaret and Family.

Anniversary Mass in Ballyvourney Church
On Sunday 15th December 2024 at
11:30am.

**5th & 55th
ANNIVERSARY**



I guimhne ar

**MAIRÍN AGUS
BILL WISEMAN**

Cúil Aodha

a cailleadh an am seo den bhliain

*Ó fhás go haois, is ó aois go bás
Do dhá láimh, a Chríost, anall tharainn,
Ó bhás go críoch, ní críoch ach áth-fhás
I bParthas na ngráist go rabhaimid*



I ndíluimhne ón clann ar fad

4TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**JOHN
O'DONOGHUE**

Barretts Place, Macroom

Who died on 25th December 2020

*A true friend we could turn to
When times were good or bad.
One of the greatest blessings
The man we called Dad.*



Always remembered by
your wife Eileen and family.

4TH ANNIVERSARY



Remembered with Love

**DAMIAN
DINEEN**

Dirrincullin, Coolea
went to heaven on the 3rd
December 2020

*We thought of you today,
But that was nothing new,
We thought of you yesterday,
And will tomorrow too,
We think of you in silence,
And make no outward show,
For what it meant to loose you,
Only those you love you know,
Remembering you is easy,
We do it everyday,
It's the heartache of losing you,
That will never go away.*



Loved and Forever Missed by
Pat, Mary, Ann, Con Gearoid, Eileen
Aoibhinn, Rhóna, Úna & Conor.

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9TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving Memory of

**NORA
HERLIHY**

Gortnalicka, Clondrohid, Macroom

who passed away on

6th December 2015

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



Always remembered and loved by
Timothy, Matthew,
Nora Theresa, P.J., Margaret,
Miriam and extended families

5TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**PEGGIE
BUCKLEY
(NEE HEALY)**

Woodview, Farnanes, Co. Cork

Who died on the 12th December,

2019

*Never more than a thought away,
Loved and remembered everyday.*



Rest in peace Peggie.
Sadly missed by her nephews Donie and
Noel and extended family.

11TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of our dear Dad

**EUGENE
MC CARTHY**

Lower Bellmount, Crookstown

whose 11th anniversary occurs on
the 13th December.

*Fond memories of
a wonderful Father
who we think and speak of often,
no family gathering
escapes fun memories.*



Always remembered by his Family.

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