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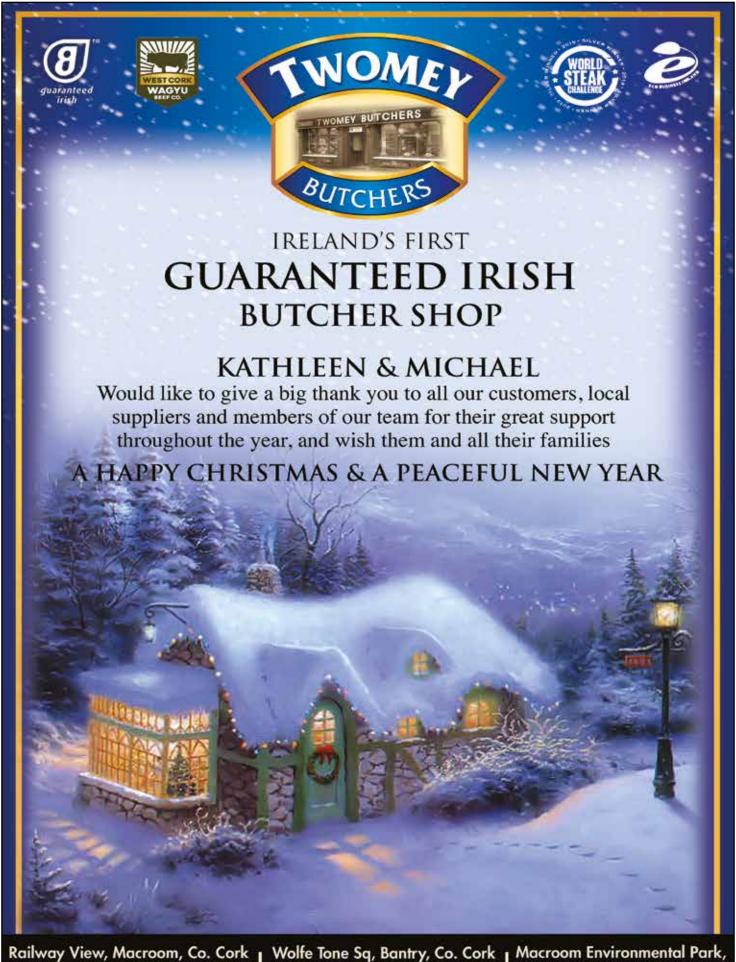


Santa arriving into Carrigadrohid Village amid a cloud of smoke and fire. Pic. Peter Scanlan









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A Heartfelt Thank You Go raibh mile maith agaibh

As we come to the close of another year, I would like to extend my deepest thanks to everyone who has contributed to the Lee Valley Magazine in 2024. Each article, each piece of local information, and every story shared has been invaluable in keeping our community connected and informed. Your contributions are what make this publication so special, and they truly reflect the vibrant spirit of our area.

Thank you goes to our local schools for keeping us updated on their activities—your efforts help us all stay involved in the lives of our young people. I would also like to express my gratitude to Brendan Kenneally for his tireless work on the sports updates, keeping us all in the loop about local teams and achievements. And of course, thank you to Peter for his continued professionalism with the photography in the magazine, these photographs bring the pages of our magazine to life.

As we approach the holiday season, I want to wish you all a safe and happy Christmas, filled with joy and warmth. I look forward to returning on January 9th with fresh updates and stories. The Lee Valley Outlook team can't wait to hear from new contributors who will help make the magazine even more vibrant in the year

Thank you once again for all your support, and we look forward to hearing from you in the new year!

Warmest regards, Gráinne & The Lee Valley Magazine Téam



Christmas Mass Times

OVENS/FARRAN

Reconciliation Service: Sunday 15th at 6pm Christmas Eve: Ovens: 6pm & 9pm.

Farran: 7.30pm

Christmas Day: Ovens: 8.30am & 11.30am Farran: 9.45am

KILMURRY PARISH

24th Dec Christmas Eve: Canovee Church @ 6:30pm Kilmurry Church @ 8:00pm

Cloughduv Church @ 9:30pm

Christmas Day: Canovee Church NO mass Kilmurry Church @ 10:00am Cloughduv Church @11:30am

MACROOM PARISH

Confessions: Tuesday 17th December : 7.30 pm Parish Penitential Service (St Colman's Church Macroom) Tuesday 24th December: 12 noon- 3.00pm (St Colman's Church Macroom)

12 noon-12.30pm (St John the Baptist Church Caum) **Christmas Masses:**

Tuesday 24th December (Christmas Eve Masses)

6.00pm and 8.00pm (St Colman's Church Macroom) (Note: Polish Mass 8.30 pm in St John the Baptist Church Caum)

Wednesday 25th December (Christmas Day)

8.30 am and 11.30 am (St Colman's Church Macroom) 10.00 am (St John the Baptist Church Caum)

AGHINAGH PARISH

Confessions : Tuesday 17th December: Macroom Parish Penitential Service at 7.30pm

Confessions will be heard after all Masses in Aghinagh parish on 21st/22nd December

Christmas Masses:

Tuesday 24th December (Christmas Eve):

7.00pm Ballinagree and 9.00pm Rusheen

Wednesday 25th December (Christmas Day): 9.30am

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Jocal ()ocals

The Local Vocals Choir held a heartwarming Christmas Sing A Long event in the Fr Ryan Hall to raise funds for Macroom First Responders, featuring an evening of music, community spirit, and festive cheers.

The evening kicked off with a delightful cheese and wine reception setting the tone for a relaxed and enjoyable evening. Young and old came together with everyone joining in singing their favourite Christmas carols. The special highlight if the evening was the performance of Richard Lucey renowned traditional accordion player captivating the audience with a fantastic selection of reels, jogs, and slides. The event was a wonderful success with a shared commitment to support the vital work of the local Macroom First Responders, and help to ensure they can continue to provide lifesaving services in the Macroom area. Thanks to those who sponsored the wine, cheese and the spot prizes and to anyone that helped in any way.



Representatives from Local Vocals presenting Macroom First Responders with the proceeds to their Christmas Sing A Long.



On Sunday December 8th our Chairman Martin Coughlan and Secretary Lisa Manning received a very generous donation from the Macroom Malayalee Group.

The Macroom Malayalee Group was formed during the challenging days of COVID by some Keralite (Kerala in India) friends with the sense of creating a comforting space for the Malayalee Community to come together as a family. Over time, this group blossomed into something much better, a community where they celebrate their culture, share their joys, support one another and nurture the talents and bonds of their children through cultural events and activities. Thanks very much for the generous donation, it is very much appreciated.

Macroom Men's Shed members were amongst hundreds of 'shedders' from all around Ireland who came together with the Irish Men's Sheds Association (IMSA) and partners Flogas to set a new Guinness World Record title for the largest display of Kettles! The record of 1089 fully working kettles, ranging from brand new to over 70 years old, was set at the IMSA national conference and Shedfest in Mucklagh, Co Offaly, in front of a live audience and was livestreamed to shedders around Ireland and the world. Kettles are one of the most important tools in any men's shed in supporting social connection, which is why the association decided to go for the Guinness World Record. A minimum of 1,000 kettles was needed and had to be in perfect working order. The kettles had come from sheds, schools, offices and other community groups all over Ireland. Flogas also donated 500 brand new kettles to support the attempt, and these will now be distributed to Sheds Countrywide. Master of Ceremonies for the event was Marty Morrissey.

As 2024 draws to a close we look forward to seeing what 2025 will bring us. During the last year Macroom Tidy Towns and Macroom Men's Shed have been very



Tidy Towns Chairman Martin Coughlan and Secretary Lisa Manning receiving a very generous Donation from Members of the Macroom Malayalee Group

busy. We won our very first Gold Medal in the National Tidy Town's Competition. We gained a 14-point increase in marks from 2023 to 377 which was a major increase at this level. We competed in the Cork County Council Anti-litter competition. We looked back with interest on the Minutes of our first AGM in 1984 which made for an interesting read and showed us how far we have come since then making us all so proud of what we have achieved over the years. In the past year we received our very own Eircode at P12 N243. We attended many events including the 125th Anniversary of Cork County Council and the Opening of the Briery Gap and Macroom Lions Club 'Meet the Clubs Day'. We worked with West Muskerry Athletic Club to celebrate their 40th anniversary with a road

We completed our Famine Memorial Project at the Riverbank, a project funded by the proceeds of a book by the MacSuibhne family. In 2024 we completed the largest ever project undertaken by the Macroom Tidy Towns, the new Cycleway/Pathway in Tom Creedon Park. We were given permission to use a Shop Window on 8 Main Street to highlight some of our activities and awards, so please keep an eve out for that. Work continues the Coleman's Park Amenity/Biodiversity Area and hopefully this will be completed early next year with further planting. We had a viral moment when an impromptu live music sesh took place in the Hub after a Saturday Morning's Work, with six different nationalities present, which has had 19,200 views.

The Tiny Feet Fairy Garden was a Finalist in the Cork County Council Best of Cork Awards in the Best Tourist Attraction (Free Admission) Category.

The Men's Shed went on many trips throughout the year, they visited the newly refurbished Camden Fort, Carrigaline Men's Shed, Crosshaven and Cork Harbour to name a few.

GOOT GOORS

We would like to say thanks to the many people who have helped in any way during the year. These include; St Joseph's Primary School for helping with a litter pick around town in conjunction with their Green Flag, to Matt Murphys Pharmacy for the use of the Shop Window on 8 Main Street, to the Murphy Sisters for the planting and minding of the flowers in Dan Corkery Place. Thanks to Catherine Ross Murphy for supplying the volunteers with some delicious home baking during the year, to TP Cotters for sponsoring food for last years Christmas Party, Castle Hotel for their continuous support throughout the year, Laszlo in Lidl for Bedding Plants and Milk, Sugar for the Men's Shed, to Hazel Bourke and Room 22 for planting tulips and daffodil bulbs, Cygnum for erecting a new bridge at Bealick Mill, Inver for their generous donation to the Fairy Garden and Men's Shed, to Denis Hurley of Lee Valley Clothing who Sponsored Jackets for Macroom Men's Shed, to Pat O Connor in Killarney Antiques for donating Failte sign for the Fairy Garden, Greg's Garage Masseytown for new Caps, Kool Café and Macroom Games Night for a fundraiser, Larry Buckley in Mai Fitz's Lissarda for Sponsoring T-Shirts for the Men's Shed and Macroom Malayalee Group and to all the other people that have maintained flower beds, swept the streets or carried out litter picks in their local areas, watered flowers, or carried out other tasks or initiatives that all contribute to the overall effort. Your help and support in so many ways is much appreciated.

We are indebted to the Council for the financial support received which is vital in order to sustain activities such as the 65 large hanging baskets throughout the town. Míle buíochas to the volunteers that backbone the weekly organisation and activities of Macroom Tidy Towns and organise the work behind the scenes such as funding applications, sponsorships, financial management etc.

Finally, Tidy Towns would like to wish everybody a very Happy Christmas and New Year and hope that this support will continue and grow and help Macroom to prosper and become an even more beautiful town.





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Waiting for the real Santa in Carrigadrohid. Pic. Peter Scanlan



Santa absolutely delighted for being asked to turn on the Lights in Carrigadrohid. Pic. Peter Scanlan



With Santa and Grandad in Carrigadrohid. Pic. Peter Scanlan



Waiting for the real Santa in Carrigadrohid. Pic. Peter Scanlan











Carrigadrohid Tidy towns volunteers enjoyed meeting Santa on December 8th



Santa gets a warm welcome in Carrigadrohid. Pic. Peter Scanlan



MACROOM TINY FEET GARDEN



What a busy few weeks it has been for the volunteers in Tiny Feet Fairy Garden.

ever-popular Santa's Grotto in the Fairy Garden back for a third year. With over 300 kids coming through the

gates in Masseytown over the first three weekends in December. Planning for this event started during the summer and bookings opened at the Start of September. As much as possible was purchased locally, to support local Families and Businesses. We couldn't have asked for much nicer weather during the event.

We want to say thanks to Dave in connections for all his help with the purchasing of the presents, to Ken in Super Valu for his Kind Sponsorship and Donation, to Mary Creedon in Mary's Toymaster for her Donations of Colouring Books and Crayons. To Andy Collins in Computek and Rosanna Lenci for designing and printing the Santa Posters. To Macroom Fire brigade for lending us the Fire brigade and Aiden Coughlan for driving Santa, Mrs Claus and Marion the Elf up town on the 15th of December as a thanks to the support the community has shown us, with the very important elves following behind in a vintage car.

The event wouldn't have been possible without the help of our amazing and dedicated volunteers, who worked tirelessly over the last couple of months either through been Santa, Mrs Claus, Elves, Santa's helpers, putting the grotto and tunnel together, wrapping presents, Advertising, taking bookings. To Mickey Burns, Brian O Sullivan, Michael Crowley, Shelia Murphy, Martin Coughlan, Paul Kingston, Tim Flangan, Colm Burke, Emer Kenneally, Emily Brown, Danny Lynch, Marion Murphy, Sean Cremin, Anna Konrad, Julie Collins, Molly Kelleher, Aoibheann Foley, Tony Daly, Patricia Balik and Joe Cronin thanks very much for all the hard work.

MACROOM GIRL GUIDES

It has been a busy two weeks for Macroom Girl Guides with a lot of activity happening across all units in the build up to Christmas. All units went on their Christmas outings and had their Christmas meetinas.

Christmas Good Turn: As our Christmas Good Turn, the Ladybirds, Brownies, Guides and Senior Branch made Christmas cards for the elderly in Macroom. The cards will be distributed between the nursing homes, the Community Hospital and Macroom Citizens Sullane Haven before Christmas.

Ardilaun Ladybirds and Ardiluan Brownies went to the panto on Saturday 07th Dec. The girls went to see "Little Red Riding Hood" in the Everyman Theatre in Cork City. Members of Mac Egan Senior Branch also joined the units to help on the day. A very exciting and enjoyable morning has had by everyone.

Ardilaun Brownies enjoyed a workshop on Climate Change during their meeting on Thursday 12th Dec. Clodagh, Ciara, and Emily from" Climate Cairde" came to visit the unit. "Climate Cairde" is a TY mini company from St. Mary's Secondary School in Macroom. The aim is to deliver a child friendly workshop on climate change to primary school children. The Brownies enjoyed the visit and are hoping to see Clodagh, Ciara, and Emily again soon.

Ardilaun Guides and MacEgan Senior Branch members

had their annual Christmas outing to the live screening of Cinderella from the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London. Cinderella was choreographed by Frederic Aston, Founder of the Royal Ballet, to the musical score by Sergie Prokofiev and was premiered in December 1948. It has been ten years since Cinderella was last performed at the Royal Opera House. When asked about their trip the guides had the following to say, Gráinne wrote: Last week the other Guides and I went to Mahon Point to watch the ballet. We saw Cinderella, it was performed by the Royal Ballet, and it was such a nice experience to see all the dancers and their costumes. I personally liked all the Fairies of the Four Seasons: their costumes were lovely, and their dancing was so nice. This was my second ballet with Guides, and it was a very good experience, just like the first one but this time maybe even better!

Abi said that the ballet was brilliant and the performers outstanding. It was very easy to understand what the story was about. The details added during the intervals as to how the sets were built and the costumes designed made the performance better. I would recommend it

Yemisi wrote: We all looked forward to going to watch the ballet. The journey to Cork was pleasant with Christmas lights everywhere. I loved the dance, and the emotion expressed even if there was nobody

talking just the accompanying music and the short little break at each interval was very realistic. The time went really fast, but we were all excited and enjoyed every moment of it. I look forward to more of that.

Abbey thought that it was brilliant. All the dancers were so good, and I would definitely go again next year. It was a great experience.

MacEgan Senior Branch

For our Christmas outing MacEgan Senior Branch decided to go ice skating. At our planning meeting we all voted to go ice skating in Pairc Ui Chaoimh. Nine of our Senior Branchers attended. After a busy week at the panto with Brownies and Ladybirds and the ballet with all the Guides it was great to have an outing for just our Senior Branch. It was a slippy start for some of us but by the end of our 50-minute session, we were all fit to be professional figure skaters. We all had such a great time, and it was a brilliant way to finish for the holidays! From all of MacEgan Senior Branch we hope you have a merry Christmas

Macroom Girl Guides would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas.

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



Ardilaun Ladybirds, Ardilaun Brownies and MacEgan Senior Branch at "Little Red Riding Hood" in the Everyman Theather on Sat 07th.



MacEgan Senior Branch go ice skating on Fri 13th Dec 2024 in Winterlee



Ardilaun Guides and MacEgan Senior Branch at the screening of Cinderella in Mahon Point on Tues 10th Dec 2024



Macroom Girl Guides with their Christmas Cards for their Christmas Good Turn 2024

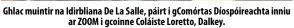






DE LA SALLE College Macroom







De La Salle Senior footballers who were defeated by Dingle

Transition Year

Ghlac muintir na Idirbliana páirt i gComórtas Díospóireachta inniu ar ZOOM i gcoinne Coláiste Loretto, Dalkey. Ba é an rún a bhí ann ná "Is cur amú ama í an t-Idirbhliain" agus bhíomar i bhfabhar.

Caithfidh mé a rá gur bhaineamar taitneamh agus tairbhe as!

The TYs took part in a debating competition today against Loretto College, Dalkey on Zoom. The motion was "TY is a waste of time" and we were in favour. I must admit that we all enjoyed and benefited from it! Macroom Charities Appeal

As is tradition now for over 30 years our transition years will be present around the town to help raised funds for local charities. On Tuesday the 17th and Thursday 19th December De La Salle students will be in key locations around town and would greatly appreciate any support at all.

Guest Speakers

Dr Helen O'Keeffe gave a very informative presentation on the Arts & Humanities Degree Programmes to our leaving cert students.

Martin O Sullivan, Project Engineer with Irish Rollforming, 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.

Sports Round up

Ruthless De La Salle dispatch Kanturk to march on to semi-finals

De La Salle Macroom: 7-19 Coláiste Treasa Kanturk: 3-4 On a wet day in Supervalu Páirc UÍ Chaoimh, De La Salle Macroom u16 footballers advanced to the semifinals of the Cork u16 B Football Championship after prevailing against Coláiste Treasa of Kanturk. The conditions put a dampener on what was expected to be a tight clash, but the result never looked in doubt. It was the Macroom side who had the better start, with wing forward Rory O'Sullivan hitting the first goal and point of the match. The slippery conditions led to a lot of mistakes on both sides. Donagh Moss was quickest to react to one such mistake when he pounced on a breaking ball and rattled it into the back of the net. The Kanturk opposition, however rallied and kicked 3 points in a row to leave the game at 2-4 to 3 points after 20 minutes.

Then came a period of dominance for Macroom, with the excellent Eoin Holland, Ronan O'Sullivan and

Brendan O' Leary netting a goal each to leave the De La Salle side 17 points to the better at half time.

De La Salle continued in the same vein after the short whistle with fine scores coming from Eoin Holland and Michael Cregan. However, 2 goals in quick succession from the Kanturk side saw the game come to life again. Some substitutions from Macroom left them with more energy in the forwards, with Ronan Duggan, William Murray, and Andrew Granville all adding to their tally, as well as an excellent long-range kick from wing back Oisin McNulty. As the referee sounded the final whistle, Macroom were convincing winners in what was a very one-sided contest. They are now playing in the Cork u16 B Football Championship semi-final, date to be confirmed.

DLS Macroom: B Ronan, S Dromey, D Lyons, M Kelleher, C Murray, U O'Tuama, O McNulty, D Moss, B O' Leary, R O'Sullivan, M Cregan, J Prendeville, R O'Sullivan, D O'Shea, E Holland. Report by Tadhg O' Driscoll, 3rd year.

Corn Uí Mhuirí

De La Salle Senior footballers bowed out of the Corn Uí Mhuirí at Dr. Crokes GAA after an enthralling game against Pobailscoil Chorca Dhuine. The result reflected a frustrating year for the Macroom boys despite some excellent performances all year. Having qualified in second place on points difference from the group stages with two wins and a draw, De La Salle were entered into a draw where one team would go through to the quarter-finals in January and 4 would contest a preliminary guarter-final. Facing a strong Dingle side, with Kerry minors throughout their team, it was always going to be a tight game and goals were going to be influential in the result. De La Salle were leading at half time and stretched that lead to 3 points into the second half. The boys from Dingle broke against the run of play and netted to bring the teams level. The goal gave the Kerry side a new lease of life which saw them dominate the next 15 minutes and stretch out to a three point lead. As this Macroom side have shown over the years they are a resilient group and fought back to within a point but time ran out before they could get the equaliser. This group are out of the Munster competition but are yet to play their Simcox Cup first round, if they go into the Cork Competition with the same resilience there is a great chance they could go all the way.

De La Salle Student Leadership team interview. Simon Condon and Donagh Moss, who are two members of our De La Salle student leadership team. This is the first year in which De la salle included a

leadership team in their transition year program.

1. What is involved in being a Lasallian leader?

We as a team are involved in raising awareness to De La Salles ethos, to all De La Salle students. For example we created a PowerPoint presentation to show to all the Junior cycle students what it means to attend De La Salle with a main focus on the school's 5 core principles which are, Concern for the poor and social justice, Faith in the presence of God, Respect for all persons, Inclusive community and Quality education.

2. Why do you think having a leadership team is important for this school?

This school is a De La Salle school, so it is important to promote its history and culture and because there are no brothers left in De La Salle School to teach these ways since they left in 1991. We are an associated school, and it is very important to continue to teach the ways of St Jean Baptiste De La Salle.

3. What made you want to join the Lasallian leadership team?

I wanted to be a part of this team because I wanted to do as much as possible in transition year in order to help the school and spreading the culture. We think that it's important to focus on what the original Christian brothers focused on.

4. How do you go about spreading the 5 core principles of the school?

We teach about them in classes such as Religion, putting up pictures and posters of the 5 core principles around the school and we display these principles in our everyday lives and encourage others to do the same.

5. What is your personal favourite thing about being a Lasallian leader?

Simon-"My favourite thing about being a Lasallian leader is being able to encourage others to live the way St Jean Baptiste De la Salle wanted them to live." Donagh- "I liked when Br.Tommy and Mr. Walsh came down to meet us for their annual meeting. I also really enjoyed presenting our PowerPoint to the younger junior cycle classes as I enjoy teaching them the ways of De la Salle."

AGHINAGH DEFIBRILLATOR GROUP

We at Aghinagh defib group would like to wish all our members and our community a very happy Christmas and a peaceful new year during the year we held defib training in Rusheen hall in May for the parish and it was great to see the numbers that took part, all members of the club went and visited

all the organisation and groups within the parish and gave a short demo and talk on the use of defibs and what an important asset they are to the parish, we would like to remind our community to take note of all the locations of the defibs in our parish a list is at the back of each church in the parish. The following

are locations The Shop Ballinagree, Annagannihy cross, Tigh ui Laoghaire Bealnamorrive, Leades cross, and Bawnmore creamery there is also a defib at Aghinagh GAA Rusheen.



CLINICS THROUGHOUT MUNSTER



MCEGAN COLLEGE

Soccer Blitz: The 5th Year Leaving Cert Applied class recently held a soccer blitz as part of a project in their Leaving Cert Programme. Twenty four 5th class boys accompanied by their teacher attended McEgan to partake in the blitz. The LCA students displayed a great variety of skills in the organising and running of this initiative. The Leaving Cert Applied is a distinct, two year Leaving Certificate programme aimed at preparing learners for adult and working life. It emphasises forms of achievement and excellence which the established Leaving Cert has not recognised in the past. It is suitable for students who enjoy doing project work and independent research. One day a week work experience is a central component of the programme.

Basketball Disappointment: It was a disappointing end to the Senior boys Campaign when they were beaten in the Final of Div 5 Competition. Thanks to mentors Mr. Brian Devane & Mr. James Cronin who trained the Boys and to the team who gave their all on the day.

Room 22: Christmas Dinner Celebration: On Thursday, December 11th, Room 22 students and the SNA team came together to celebrate the festive season with a traditional Christmas dinner. The event was a wonderful display of teamwork and festive spirit as both students and staff collaborated to prepare a mouth-watering feast of roast turkey and ham, complete with all the traditional trimmings. Laughter, delicious food, and festive cheer filled the room, making it a memorable occasion for all involved. A heartfelt thank you to the amazing SNA team for their care, dedication, and support throughout the year. Their contributions helped make this celebration truly special. Wishing everyone in the community a peaceful Christmas and a wonderful 2025 from all in Room 22!

Macroom Christmas Market: The historic Town Hall in Macroom was buzzing on Tuesday December 10th, as TY students showcased their entrepreneurial skills. The students representing nine mini-companies, offered a wide variety of goods to marketgoers. From handcrafted items to innovative creations, there was something for everyone. This hands-on opportunity allowed the students to directly engage with customers, selling their products and gaining valuable real-world experience. It has been a great for the students to experience the bustling dynamics of the business world. A huge thank you goes to teachers Tim Dennehy, Alan Ryan, and Hazel Bourke, whose guidance and mentorship were instrumental in the students' success. Thanks is also to Gráinne Carmody from Enterprise Ireland and the Macroom Town Council for supporting the event and providing such a fantastic venue for the budding entrepreneurs.

Comedy Masterclass: Massive thank you to comedian Bernard Casey for the amazing drama workshop he did with our students recently. Students from 1st, 2nd, 3rd year and LCA5 got the opportunity to work on their communication, teamwork and improvisation skills in a range of unique activities. The students showed their fantastic acting skills with confidence and enthusiasm

prompted by Bernard. Definitely some future actors among us in McEgan.

Message from Principal Ms.Lynam: Mile buíochas do na mic léinn, na tuismitheoirí agus don fhoireann ar fad. Beannachtaí na Nollag oraibh go léir. Athbhliain faoi mhaise daoibh.

As 2024 draws to a close, I would like to wish all our staff, students and parents a very Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year. A super busy September to December saw us welcome six additional teachers and 3 SNAs. A special mention to one of our own past pupils Aoife Galvin who now joins our Home Economics dept. Aoife has settled very well into her new role as a teacher.Our school's population continues to grow and thrive in a warm, welcoming, and educationally stimulating environment which caters for a wide range of diverse needs. Our first years have settled very well into life as a McEgan student. They enjoyed a great bonding trip to Zipit in Farran Park for some serious tree climbing accompanied by their tutors Mr. Ryan and Mr. Twohig and Year head Ms. Noonan. Our senior students relished the Italian delighted of Verona and Lake Garda. Some fabulous memories were made.

To all our staff and students who organised and ran, so effectively the numerous initiatives and activities during the first half of this academic year, we are extremely proud of you.

Happy Christmas to all and wishing you a safe and peaceful holiday.

Patricia Lynam, Principal.



2nd Year Engineering Students display their Helicopter Projects. Students engaged with 3D printing, Laser Cutting, Benchwork and Electronics while completing this project". Front L-R Alex, Kaitlin, Ryan, Georgia. Back L-R Lily, Jack, Conor, Josh, Oren, Conor



Enjoying an early Christmas Dinner . Wishing everyone in the community a peaceful Christmas and a wonderful 2025 from all in Room 22, McEgan College!



McEgan College students who enjoyed an acting class with Comedian Bernard Casey recently.



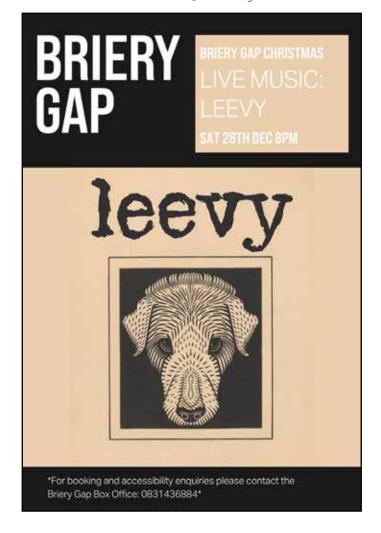
McEgan TY students were delighted to reunite with retired History & English Teacher Michael Healy who called in to wish then well in the Macroom Christmas Market.



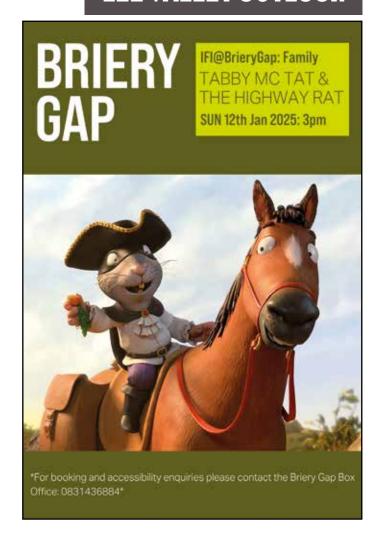
McEgan LCA 5 students who organised a soccer Blitz for 5th class students on Thursday 12th Dec pictured here with the winning team.



Billy Eklof who was the delighted winner of a large Hamper at a recent charity raffle organised by TY mini company, Chitchatchums, Company members Tara Twomey & Abbie Power also in photo(missing is 3rd company member Leah Buckley).



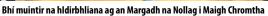






NUACHT Ó CHOLÁISTE GHOBNATAN







Foireann na gCailíní a shroichint Craobh an Chontae le déanaí

FOCAL ÓN BPRÍOMHOIDE

Thar ceann bhainistíocht na scoile ba mhaith liom an deis seo a thapú chun Nollaig Shona a ghuí ar gach ball de phobal na scoile - foireann, scoláirí agus tuismitheoirí. Ba bhliain ghnóthach í 2024, lán le forbairtí agus dul chun cinn, rud a léiríonn na héachtaí iontacha atá bainte amach ag scoláirí na scoile ag leibhéal acadúil agus seach-churaclaim. Le deanaí d'oscail an Pháirc Uile-Aimsire béal dorais linn anseo i gColáiste Ghobnatan. Is iontach an áis í seo dúinn mar scoil agus táimíd an- bhuíoch gur féidir linn leas agus úsáid a bhaint as. Ba mhaith liom buíochas a ghabháil agus tréaslú leis an nGrúpa Forbartha as an obair chrua atá déanta acu chun an tionscadal seo a chur i gcríoch. Is cinnte go mbeidh 2025 spreagúil do Choláiste Ghobnatan leis an nuacht le déanaí gur ceadaíodh cead pleanála don síneadh scoile a bhfuiltear ag súil leis le fada, agus tá na hoibreacha le tosú ag deireadh an tsamhraidh. Soláthróidh an fhorbairt seo ár gcultúr iontach teagaisc agus foghlama i dtimpeallacht den scoth don todhchaí.

Ba mhaith liom buíochas a ghabháil lenár scoláirí a scríobhann agus a thuairiscíonn ar imeachtaí na scoile don iris Lee Valley, chomh maith le hIníon Ní Ríordáin a eagraíonn na scéalta gach coicís. Tugann sé seo an deis dúinn nuacht agus dea-scéalta na scoile a scaipeadh. Gan amhras is féidir coimeád suas chun dáta leis na nithe seo chomh maith ar mheáin shóisialta na scoile, a bhíonn fíorghníomhach i gcónaí.Mar fhocal scoir, ba mhaith liom arís Nollaig Shona shíochánta agus Athbhliain faoi mhaise a ghuí ar ár bpobal scoile uile. Gearóid Ó Creimín

Príomhoide Gníomhach

CRAOBH AN CHONTAE - CISPHEIL FAOI 16 le Claire Ní Aodha

D'imir na cailíní fé 16 i gCraobh Cispheile an Chontae ar an Déardaoin 5ú Nollaig in aghaidh Coláiste Fionnchua i Staid Neptune i gCorcaigh. Cluiche thar a bheith siamsúil, corraitheach agus cóngarach a bhí ann le dhá bhabhta d'am breise fiú! Faraor ní raibh an t-ádh linn ar deireadh mar chailleamar le pointe amháin. An scór a bhí ann ná 22:21. B'éacht iontach é an chraobh a shroichint agus táimid thar a bheith bródúil as an bhfoireann! Bhí bliain iontach againn ag imirt cispheile ar son na scoile. Míle buíochas le hIníon Ní Bhriain, Iníon Ní Chonchúir agus Iníon de Brún as an obair chrua a chuir siad isteach i rith na bliana.

PEIL NA GCAILÍNÍ

le Caoimhe Ní Thuama

D'imir an fhoireann shinsir i gcluiche leathcheannais na Mumhan in aghaidh Meánscoil na Toirbhirte, Lios Tuathail i bhFoidhrí le déanaí. Lá fliuch a bhí ann ach d'imir na cailíní go buaic a gcumais! An scór deireanach a bhí ann ná 3-15 go 4-0. Maith sibh a chailíní!

MARGADH NA NOLLAG - COLÁISTE GHOBNATAN

Ar an 11ú Nollaig, d'eagraigh muintir na hidirbhliana, faoi stiúir Iníon Ní Chonchúir, Margadh na Nollag den scoth! Beidh an t-airgead bailithe ag dul chuig an gcarthanacht Brú Columbanus. Soláthraíonn Brú Columbanus lóistín "sa bhaile" do ghaolta na n-othar a bhíonn go dona tinn in Ospidéil Chorcaí agus san Ospís, 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. Míle buíochas le gach duine as bhur dtacaíocht - go háirithe na hurraitheoirí don chrannchur - Siopa Uí Luasa, Enchanted Flowers, An Gadaí Dubh, Folláin, An Siopa at the Mills, Deasy's CarePlus, 9 White Deer agus Lely Baile Mhistéala san áireamh.

MARGADH NA NOLLAG – CLÁR FIONNTRAÍOCHTA

Ar an 10ú Nollaig bhí daltaí na hIdirbhliana ag díol earraí ag Margadh na Nollag i Maigh Chromtha mar chuid den Chlár Fiontraíochta. Míle buíochas le hIníon Ní Chéilleachair as a tacaíocht.

CEARDLANN SCANNÁNAÍOCHTA

le Finín Ó Conaill

Le déanaí d'fhreastail muintir na hIdirbhliana ar cheardlann scannánaíochta in Óstán Ghobnatan. D'fhoghlaimíomar faoi na seatanna éagsúla gur féidir a thógaint, conas an trealamh a úsáid agus conas seit a cruthú. Bhaineamar sár thaitneamh as an gceardlann agus ba mhaith linn buíochas a ghabháil le hIníon Ní Chonchúir a d'eagraigh é.

EACHTRAÍ NA NOLLAG

Ar an 9ú Nollag chuaigh daltaí na hIdirbhliana chuig Óstán Ghobnatan lena nOide Ranga Iníon Ní Shuilleabháin agus Comhordaitheoir na hIdirbhliana Iníon Ní Chonchúir le haghaidh dinnéar blasta na Nollag. Chuaigh daltaí ón tríú bliain agus ón Idirbhliain chuig Páirc Uí Chaoimh chun scátáil oighir a dhéanamh an Aoine seo caite. Bhain bliain a sé taitneamh as dinnéar na Nollag álainn in Óstán Ghobnatan an Mháirt seo caite. Bhí bliain a cúig ag scátáil oighir an ar Máirt chomh maith.

Nollaig Shona agus Athbhliain faoi shéan agus faoi shíocháin daoibh!!!

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FIREWOOD CHRISTMAS 2024 DELIVERY

The Christmas spirit of generosity is alive and well in Macroom, Thank God. Geraldine Murray Lucey and her friends organised a block collection and delivery. The firewood was delivered on the 15 of December with many family members and friends involved. The early Christmas gift was warmly received by all and the delivers had good fun too. Denis Lucey and Ted Kelleher (Dromree) donated blocks and fire-logs. Among the many helpers were Denis Coakley, Denis, Geraldine and Liam Lucey; Aidan Curtin, Gerard Murphy, Billy Wiseman, Tom Cotter and Michael Twomey; Concubhar Murray, Jim O'Mahony, Merrill and Sanuki Kapahola; Maggie Conor and Doireann Lucey; DJ, Joe and Austin Curtin and Nishchit. Well done to all for a great and practical day's work.





Christmas delivery of blocks for the elderly at Christmas.

Con Kelleher.

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ST MARY'S NEWS





TY Show Barbie Unboxed had 3 sold out shows at the Briery Gap at the end of November

6th year wellbeing day trip to Killarney with Ms Murphy and Ms O' Donoghue

6th Year Wellbeing Day

Our 6th years went on a wellbeing day in November to Killarney. They started with mass in the Friary before spending some time shopping in Killarney. They had brunch in the Plaza Hotel at Café du Parc and finished the day with a tour of Muckross House. Thank you to Ms O' Donovan, Ms Murphy and Ms O' Donoghue for this lovely day out for the girls.

News from the Religion Department

We had great fun in Religion classes putting together 100 boxes before Halloween for Team Hope, these boxes will make their way to very deserving children in Africa and parts of Eastern Europe. Last year's boxes from Cork were distributed in Ukraine. Our annual St Vincent de Paul Food Drive on December 4th saw students bringing bags of non-perishable food items to school. This food will be greatly appreciated by those in our community who are experiencing difficulties.

We would like to thank all families that got involved in these worthy causes. Finally, all students were given the opportunity to attend the sacrament of reconciliation in St. Coleman's Church on December 10th. We would like to thank Fr Joe most sincerely for organising this for our students.

BT Young Scientist

One of our group projects for the BT Young Scientist Cara O'Brien and Éabha Ní Chonaola with their project on: Perceptions And Attitudes Among Irish Public, Landowners And Farmers Towards Birds Of Prey In Ireland: A Case Study On Hen Harrier Conservation In Ballyvourney. Another group project is by Hollie Ronayne and Szonja Mora and they are doing their project on An Investigation Into Dynamic Ticket Pricing And Cost Barriers To Concert Attendance. The girls are working on their projects for the BT Young Scientist Exhibition at the RDS in Dublin from January 8th - 11th.

Christmas Day

"St. Mary's Christmas Day was everything we hoped for - absolutely perfect. We all arrived at school in our festive Christmas jumpers, and the smell of Trish's cooking filled the halls. We headed down to church at 11am for our carol service. We clapped and sang along, the excitement for Christmas dinner building as the carols played on. Finally, the time came, and we all headed back to school to enjoy the delicious Christmas dinner, expertly prepared by Trish. We sat at tables with our year groups, enjoying our meals to the sound of music blasting and laughter filling the room. And of course, Santa made an early appearance, declaring us all to be on the nice list and handing out presents to the winners of the raffle. After the meal, we headed up to the P.E. hall, where the student council organised the talent show. The day was a massive success. Thank you to the student council and Ms O' Donoghue for organising a lovely day. A special thank you to Trish for getting up early to prepare the dinner for all of us and all by herself. Merry Trishmas, everyone!" Report by Pia El Asmar TY Promo Team

TY Update: TY Show: Barbie Unboxed!

"St. Mary's TY Students have put a fun, fresh spin on

Barbie in their latest stage production. With colourful sets, creative costumes, and a lot of energy, they bring Barbie's world to life. The cast has given the production a playful and thought-provoking performance that shows off the creativity and talent of the students while offering a fresh take on familiar themes. The girls are extremely proud of their amazing achievement of selling out the Briery Gap Theatre for all three nights of the show. The audience has nothing but praise for the girl's incredible performance. The students have had an amazing experience in putting together the show with the help of director, Angela Doherty and TY Coordinator, Mr Quill. We hope that everyone enjoyed the show just as much as the girls did!" Report by Emma Sweeney TY Promo Team

Macroom Christmas Markets

"Selling our products at the Macroom Christmas Market was an exciting and rewarding experience for all the TY mini-companies participating in the Student Enterprise programme. The atmosphere was festive, and it was a great opportunity to showcase our creativity and hard work to the local community. We were thrilled by the support we received and the success of our sales on the day. A big thank you to the organisers who made this event possible and to everyone who came out to support us. It was an incredible experience that taught us valuable skills and boosted our confidence as young entrepreneurs." Report by Pia El Asmar TY Promo Team



 $4 th \ and \ 5 th \ year \ students \ and \ Ms \ Murphy \ donating \ food \ collected \ to \ St \ Vincent \ de \ Paul$



Ms Foley's 6th year Biology class enjoying St Mary's Christmas Day



Cara O'Brien and Eabha Ni Chonaola will be taking part in the BT Young Scientist in January 2025



Aisling Lehane, Amy White and Lillie Chambers at the Macroom Christmas markets as part of their TY Mini Company module



Hollie Ronayne and Szonja Mora will be taking part in the BT Young Scientist in January 2025



We would like to thank all our members for your continued support throughout the year.

Wishing you and your families a Happy and Safe Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

We look forward to serving you in 2025 and beyond.

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First Christmas Tractor Run in Macroom

On Friday 29th November, the very first Christmas Tractor Run took place in Macroom. Hosted by Macroom Mart in aid of a number of good causes, namely Macroom Community Hospital, Macroom Senior Citizens and the Critical Community Ambulance.

The event was very well supported by local farmers, contractors, mart customers and hauliers, with about fifty-five entrants between, tractors, trucks and 'rigs', all decorated with Christmas lights and decorations. There was a great atmosphere and sense of community surrounding the event. A number of prizes were

given out on the night: Random Entrant, Best Dressed Driver, Best Decorated Tractor, Best Decorated Vintage Tractor, Best Truck, Best Staff Entry, and Best Helper. A number of spot prizes were handed out also. The Tractor Run itself raised in excess of €1,000.00, with donation buckets still collecting. We wish to thank all that helped out on the night – Mart Staff, Lee Valley Enterprise Board, The Men's Shed, Muskerry Macra na Feirme, and Broomhill Vintage Club.

The first Christmas Tractor Run of many.



Best Dressed Helper – Choe McSweeney – New Holland, Ballymakeera







ohn OʻConnell — John's Ford Transit "Rig", Grenagh



Best Dressed Driver – Thomas Bradley, Macroom Haulage



Best Tractor - Jenny Kelleher - New Holland 8560, Ballinagree.





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The Family and Staff at Matt Murphy's would like to wish you all a Morry Christmas and a Happy & Healthy New Year

Opening Hours: 8.30am-6.15pm monday to Friday Saturday 9am-6pm

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MACROOM FLOWER & GARDEN CLUB

Macroom Flower & Garden Club celebrated their 50th Anniversary Dinner at The Castle Hotel on Thursday 5th of December 2024.

A large attendance were present including founding member Mrs. Betsy O Riordan, Mrs. Mary O Keeffe Ballincollig Flower Club & Past President of The Association of Irish Floral Artists, Honorary Members Mrs Katie Dinneen, Mrs. Sheila Kelleher, Life Vice President Mrs Mary Murray. The cutting of Anniversary cake was a wonderful milestone for the Club and was documented by a photo opportunity. A superb 4 Course Dinner was served by the excellent staff at The Castle Hotel. Following the meal, Chairperson Nora Gallagher addressed all present and thanked Members Guests and friends for attending such a special occasion. President Winifred Lynch gave an up to date account of Club activities with both Winifred Lynch and Secretary Marie O Sullivan completing Advanced Floral Art Course in Thurles recently. Delegates attend Meetings on a National level and Betsy O Riordan recalled the foundation of the Club in 1974 and thanked the many Members who contributed to the Club over the years and paid tribute to past Members who are no longer with us. Mary O Keeffe in her address gave an account of the importance of education, once the Association was established, in 1973. Clubs were growing in the various parts throughout Ireland. Courses are run enabling Members to become Judges, Teachers, Demonstrators and Speakers. Members and visitors

also play an important role supporting the many activities throughout the year. A presentation was made to Margaret Ahern AOIFA who has delighted audiences at Gala and Club Demonstrations, and is now retiring from Demonstrating. Chairperson thanked The Castle Hotel Management and staff for the beautiful meal. She thanked Mary Kenneally for organising sponsorship of the beautiful pens to mark the special event, and thanked Winifred Lynch and May Murray for their constant support preparing for Demonstrations. The Officers and Committee wish to extend gratitude to all who helped in any way to make the night a memorable occasion. Wishing all our Members and friends a Blessed Christmas and & Happy & Peaceful New Year.



Mrs Sheila Kelleher Honorary Member of Macroom Flower & Garden Club and Mrs Betsy O Riordan Founding Member attend Gala Dinner at The Castle Hotel December 5th 2024



Officers and Committee of the Macroom Flower Garden Club 50th Anniversary Gala Dinner. Pic. **Peter Scanlan**



Margaret Ahern AOIFA Demonstrator 2nd from Left with Club Committee members of the Macroom Flower Garden Clubs' 50th Anniversary Gala Dinner, Pic. Peter Scanlan



Macroom Flower Garden Club 50th Anniversary Gala Dinner; Mrs Mary O'Keeffe, Past President of the Association of Irish Floral Artists, Nora Gallagher Chairperson, Winifred Lynch President, Nuala O'Connell Treasurer, Marie O'Sullivan Secretary, and Mrs Betsy O'Riordan Founding Member cutting the cake. Pic. Peter Scanlan

Macroom and District Lions Club

Macroom & District Lions club held their Annual Christmas food appeal, 6th & 7th of December we were collecting in Dunnes stores.

13th, 14th & 15th December we were in SuperValu. Thank you to all those that contributed to our collection to help local charities, this will go far to help those in need. The generosity of our community always blows us away. It's the community that makes these events a huge succuss year on year. Thank you to Dunnes stores & SuperValu for allowing us in to make the food collection and of course our volunteers in orange.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all from the members of the Macroom & District Lions Club.



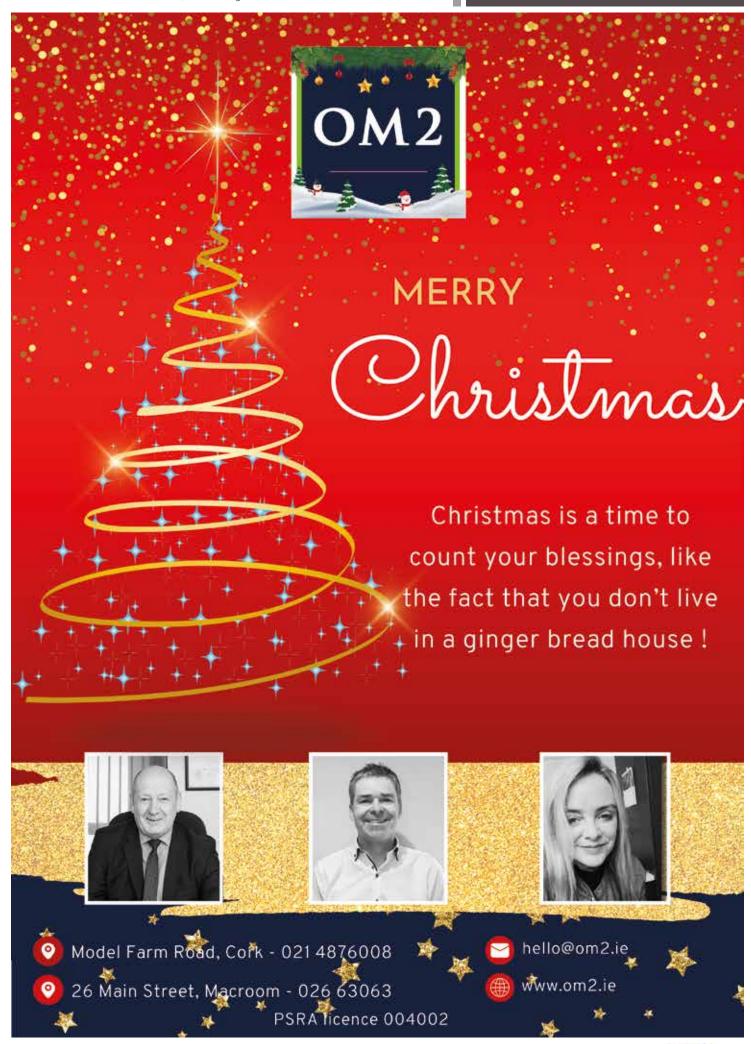
Macroom & District Lions Club - Food appeal

MACROOM PLOUGHING MATCH

The annual Macroom Ploughing Match will be held (weather permitting)on Sunday Jan 5 commencing at 11am, on the lands Of The Dennehy Family Coolineagh, Aghabullogue P12 WK23. Results in Coolcower House Macroom P12 E135 at 9pm. A great day out for all the family and a great catch up with friends. So come along and support this long established club and see ploughing at its best

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ROUND UP FROM BALLINAGREE VINTAGE 2024

We started off in March where we had a homecoming parade for the first of our all Ireland champions to return to the village our local girl Jessie McCarthy won an Ireland medal in the u10 rings for girls in Dublin. J

essie is a great example of the youth in our community always willing to help us in Ballinagree vintage as well as all the other organisations in our community.

A very successful St Patricks day parade was held in the village where the vintage club had a new viewing stand and the biggest number of floats and organisations taking part, the parade was overseen by Lord Mayor of Ballinagree Jenny Kelleher and the grand marshal was Jackie Spilllane. Ballinagree vintage went on and attended the Macroom and Millstreet parades.

On the 29th of June the new Lord Mayor was elected in the Laine Bar Joanne O Riordan was unveiled as the new Mayor and her duties began the next day at the annual Ballinagee vintage day to a big crowd ,the official opening was undertook by local buffalo man Johnny Lynch and Ballinagree national school who won the sciath na scoila at the start of June a great family fun day was had and as a result of our day Ballinagree vintage was in a privilege position to donate €1000 to Bantry stroke unit and €3000 to Ballinagree church roof renovation fund.

On the 6th of July Ballinagree vintage was represented by Sarah Twomey at the Coachford family festival Sarah was a wonderful ambassador for our club.

On the 19th of September Ballinagree vintage held a home coming parade for all Ireland ploughing champions JJ and Jeremiah Delaney who had great success at the national championships.

On the 24th November Ballinagree vintage was presented with a perpetual cup for our late chairperson Flor O Driscoll the cup was donated by our safety officers Billy O Connell and Chris O Leary and presented to our club chairperson Johnny O Sullivan by Mrs O Driscoll to be held in trust by Ballinagree vintage until we hold the first Flor O Driscoll tractor/

car run next year.

On Sunday the 1st of December all roads led to Ballinagree for our annual tractor and car run this year all monies raised will go to the Dunmanway day care cancer unit in CUH, after the run and teas and coffee served by members in the marquee a very successful auction was held in the Laine bar where buyers were a plenty and auctioneer Jackie Spillane did an outstanding job, after all money were tallied the sum raised on the day was €17,150 there will be a cheque presentation in the new year date to be confirmed .

We at Ballinagree vintage would like to thank each and everyone who supported us during the year, and a special thanks to all our members for their continued help and support.

Ballinagree vintage would like to wish everyone a very happy and peaceful new year and we look forward to

Joanne O Riordan - Sec Ballinagree vintage



Ballinagree vintage making a presentation to Bantry stroke unit



Ballinagree vintage making a presentation for Ballinagree roof restoration

CLONDROHID NEWS

MOVEMENT OF CONTINUOUS PRAYER: Marriage and Family Life, next 24 hours of prayer Friday Nov 27 to Saturday Nov 28. Please remember your hour.

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.

SINGING IN THE TAVERN: This group of entertainers who meet for a chat and a sing song every second and fourth Monday nights in the Tavern Clondrohid will meet on Monday night December 23 from 9pm. They would love to see you there.

CLONDROHID DEV GROUP: They would like to wish all in Clondrohid and surrounds a very happy Christmas and best wishes for 2025. They would like to thank all those who helped out during the year, without your help the village would not be as neat and tidy as it is.

They welcome the new CE worker James and wish him well in his new position. Looking forward to working with him in 2025, for the betterment of the village.

The annual Christmas Party will take place in the Hall the last Sunday in Jan., with all the usual trimmings, something to look forward to.

CLONDROHID ACTIVE RETIRED: This happy group of people have a full programme of events available to them every week. Registration will take place in the new year, new members always welcome. They recently hosted a Flower Demonstration with Catriona of Enchanted Flowers. A very enlightening and entertaining evg was had by all. Thank you Catriona for giving them time with your busy schedule.

They celebrated their Christmas Dinner in the Abbey Hotel last Friday night, which was a great success. Lovely food, etc., great fun was had by all . Thanks to Hotel for its lovely set up and meal, and thanks to everybody who supported it. A raffle was held on the night, and proceeds will go to the Cart Bus.

This Group would like to wish all their members and all in the Parish a very happy Christmas and best wishes for 2025

CARRIGANIMA ENTERTAINMENT: Seanie is all set for Christmas with a big line out of entertainment.

Saturday Dec 21, The Diamond Sisters will entertain

Sunday Dec 22, Santa will arrive by Truck (for a change) at 3pm. Millstreet Singers will provide entertainment and welcome to all but especially the children. Children are encouraged to bring along their musical instruments and join in the festive spirit. There will be complimentary hot chocolate and mulled wine. It can't get any better !!!!.

Sunday Dec 29 The Little Creatures will be on stage from 9pm

Tuesday Dec 31 (New Year's Eve). Ring in the New Year with Anthony Dineen

A Christmas draw will take place in the New Year with brill prizes.

So take your pick, support one, support all. See you

GAA LOOKS BACK ON THE YEAR 2024: There was again a lot of activity within Clondrohid GAA Club during the past year.

In under 21 football Clondrohid defeated Aghinagh in first round but lost out by one point to eventual county winners Kilmichael in semi final.

Clondrohid junior A football team played 3 championship games with disappointingly only one victory in last game versus Kilmichael.

In junior C football Clondrohid won division 4 league final versus Canovee which was a very welcome win for this group.

In championship Clondrohid defeated Ballincollig after extra time only to be defeated by Naomh Aban in next round.

Clondrohid minor footballers played 4 championship games with 2 wins - plate final versus St. Peters still to be played.

Clondrohid under 15's won the Feile Peil competition giving great displays in some dramatic wins.

In division 2 (15 aside) Clondrohid u/14's defeated some strong west cork teams to reach the championship final where Coursey Rovers proved too strong.

Clondrohid u/12 team defeated Grenagh in Plate League Final.

Club Cul Camp made a welcome return this year with over 80 children participating.

Club underage player Ross O'Brien won Munster and All Ireland under 14 road bowling titles. Brian Corcoran played senior hurling championship

games with Muskerry.

Amy and Lydia McDonagh played with Cork Senior ladies football team.

Former club players Dr.Aidan Kelleher and Barry Corkery continue their involvement with Cork Senior football team as team medic and selector respectively. In facilities upgrade a new electronic scoreboard was installed in club grounds with major sponsorship from MJK Oils.

Fionnabha Metal Recycling sponsored a new set of junior A jerseys.

Erneside Engineering sponsored new under 14 training tops.

On a historical note a plaque was unveiled in Clonturk Park Dublin to commemorate the early All Ireland finals being played there - including the 1891 All Ireland senior football final Clondrohid v Young Irelands.

LOTTO: Results for Dec 11 - €70 Kathleen Twoomey Carriganima, Brandy: Teresa Scannell Ballyvourney, Denny Dineen Curra Glen, Ella McGarvey c/o Bingo, Whiskey: John O'Sullivan The Terrace, Olan Buckley Kilnagurteen, Claire Dineen Macroom.



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ST JOSEPHS NS -

We have had a very busy few weeks here in St. Joseph's. We had 6 pupils from 5th and 6th Classes who participated in the Lifetime Lab Science Quiz in UCC. They worked extremely hard in the weeks prior to the quiz and they received medals for their participation.

Mr. O' Mahony organised a Green Schools Workshop for 6thClass with David MacIlwraith based on the sustainable development goal – water and sanitation. The girls really enjoyed the workshop and spent time designing products that would help in working towards this goal. They will spend the next few weeks creating these designs out of recyclable materials. We are looking forward to seeing their finished products. We were delighted to get the news that Kimberly in 6th Class won a prize in the Credit Union Art Competition. Congratulations Kimberly!

Our Junior Infants were delighted with their recent trip to visit to Kool Café where they all got hot chocolate. This was after having a great time in class working on "The Restaurant" during AISTEAR. Getting the real life experience was hard to beat! A huge thank you to Kool Cafe for their patience and warm friendly smiles. The children all reported it was a great trip to town and said they should go every week!!

A huge thank you to our fantastic Parents' Association

who put our Christmas Hampers for our school raffle together. There are 2 hampers to raffle off in each classroom. We would also like to thank all of the parents who donated to the raffle, it is much appreciated.

Our girls from 4th to 6th Classes have been busy preparing for the Christmas Carol Service in the Church with Ms. O' Keeffewhile Junior Infants and our 1st Classes have been working on their Christmas plays with Martina Ring.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!



Kimberley Crowley - a winner in the Credit Union Art Competition



5th/6th class girls who competed in the Lifetime Lab Science Quiz in UCC



A trip to Kool Cafe for hot chocolate for our Junior Infants



Junior Infants are busy practicing for their Christmas Show!

BALLYVONGANE NS

We were delighted to welcome Elaine from Autism Assistance Dogs Ireland to Ballyvongane NS. Elaine explained all about how their programme works to the students and we got to meet Savana, one of the Assistance Dogs. Savana was very popular with everybody!

Our Lego Club concluded at the end of November. There was lots of engineering, creativity and teamwork on show over the four weeks and we raised funds for the school. We attended First Friday Mass and December 8th Mass at Bealnamorrive Church and enjoyed singing and doing the Readings.

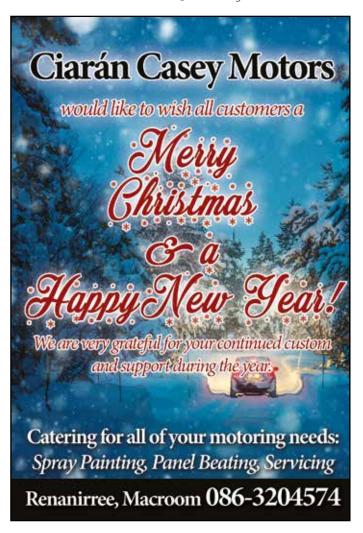
We have done lots of Christmas baking and Art with Tina and Ms O'Connell. We have been busy all December preparing for our Nativity Play on December 17th at Bealnamorrive Church. Rehearsals have gone well and we are excited to perform in front of parents and members of the community.



Ballyvongane NS Lego Club concluded at the end of November. There was lots of engineering, creativity and teamwork on show











Canovee National School would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended our Bingo Fundraiser on December 5th. Your incredible support helped make the night a great success, and we truly appreciate everyone who came out to join us. It was an enjoyable evening for all ages, filled with fun and laughter-even in the face of an unexpected power cut!

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all our sponsors, with special thanks to main sponsors John Moynihan of JM Energy Savings and Donie McCarthy Coaches, Ballyvourney. Your generosity and support are vital to the success of our events and the continued growth of our school community. A big thank you to our bingo caller, Gary O'Brien, who kept the energy high and the game moving smoothly. We also want to recognise everyone who helped make the night possible, staff and 6th class students, you played an essential part in ensuring everything ran smoothly.

CANOVEE NS

In other festive news, Jingles the Elf has arrived in rang agus Haon agus a Dó, and is already up to his usual mischief! The children are having a great time spotting his playful antics each day.

The children in Seomra Elaine were treated to a magical visit to Santa at The Rainbow Club in Mahon on December 13th. We are especially grateful to Sgt. Mick Kelleher, who ensured that everyone got there and back safely—and in style, with sirens on! Your help made this memorable experience even more special for the children.

Our senior students are currently competing in a Chess Tournament, bringing together skill and fun in a spirited challenge. We look forward to hearing how they get on!

Friday, December 13th, was Christmas Jumper Day in aid of St. Vincent de Paul, and we are thrilled to report it was a huge success. The generosity of our students and their families will help make Christmas a little brighter for those in need.

This week is set to be action-packed! On Tuesday night, we will hold our Christmas Concert at the Church, showcasing the wonderful talents of our students. Wednesday will see our Christmas PJ's and Movie Day, organised by the Student Council, giving everyone a chance to relax and enjoy the festive spirit. On Thursday, we will celebrate our amazing grandparents, starting with mass at 10:30am, followed by tea and cake in the school hall.

Finally, we'll enjoy a well-deserved break from 12pm on Friday, December 22nd, until we return in January, ready for a new year of learning and fun.

A very happy Christmas from all the students and staff at Canovee National School! Thank you for your continued support, and we wish you all a joyful and peaceful holiday season. Beannachtaí na Nollaig agus go raibh míle maith agaibh go léir!





Canovee School Jumper day in aid of St Vincent De Paul



Canovee School Jumper day in aid of St Vincent De Paul



Canovee Christmas concert rehearsals

Happy 70th Birthday Gerard

Gerard Lyons recently marked a special milestone, celebrating his 70th birthday in the charming Canovee Old School function room. Surrounded by family, friends, and fellow volunteers from the Carrigadrohid/Killinardrish Tidy Towns, the occasion was one filled with joy and gratitude.

The afternoon was a heartwarming gathering, complete with delicious cake, lively songs, and lots of laughter. Gerard, a pillar of the Canovee community, was delighted to share this moment with those who have become like family over the years. His unwavering dedication to his community was reflected in the many friends and volunteers who turned out to honor him. Gerard has long been an active volunteer, offering his time and efforts to the Tidy Towns initiative, which has helped improve the local environment for everyone. In addition to his work with Tidy Towns, Gerard has been

Members of Carrigadrohid Tidy Towns Mary, Vincent, Gerard, Gráinne, Mary and Rosemary celebrating with their fellow volunteer Gerard Lyons on the occasion of his 70th birthday!

a stalwart supporter of Canovee GAA and has been instrumental in maintaining and supporting Canovee Church.

His contributions to the community have made a lasting impact, and the celebration of his 70th birthday

was a reflection of the love and appreciation felt by all who know him. Here's to Gerard, a true community champion!.









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Students from Dromleigh N.S. have been busy in the lead up to Christmas. They recently took part in an extremely enjoyable drumming workshop. They also

took part in a "Jolly Jog" led by the pupils from the

DROMLEIGH NS

Congratulations to our two pupils who were prizes winners in the recent Credit Union art completion "The Joys of Life".

Staff and pupils would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Follow us on Facebook 'Dromleigh N.S Kilmichael' or online www.dromleighns.ie



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Students from Dromleigh school who took part in a "Jolly Jog" led by the pupils from the senior room.

Kilmurry Active Retirement -

A Christmas memory revisited.

It was a day in the middle of December 1965. Christmas was just over a week away. I was eight, going on nine. My mother was a very calm and collected woman not easily disturbed or upset. She was always working. She had to look after her brood of eight, less those that may have been off at boarding school or on further studies that day, and then there was the farm, milking - just six cows at the time - but we helped at that, and with the pigs, the calves, the weanlings, the replacements and the bull, but for some reason she always looked after the couple of hundred hens herself. It was she who managed our shop, which my father had taken over from my uncle. The neighbours would be coming with that long Christmas list, and she would need to have the Christmas boxes ready to be distributed, having been prepared in proportion to past custom and perhaps in anticipation of, or enticement to, improvement in the future. But most important and what always took precedence was to get food on the table when my father would get home for a quick turn round as he could be off again, having always more calls to do, he being one of very few in the area who had a job off the land. Childhood memories may not be dependable, but my recall is that my mother rarely if ever sat down to eat herself on a weekday, but in the process of landing peeled spuds and the like on our plates she could divert a piece to her mouth.

Through all of this, she always seemed content and happy, often consulting with herself as if progressing some internal roll call, or a to do list, or talking to the dogs or cats that seemed to inhabit the vicinity around her feet, and occasionally instructing but more often pleading with us. She was the one constant, in contrast to sporadically occurring fun, competition, fights, and our attempts to generate interesting mayhem.

On that morning though, there was something, I thought, very strange. I had noticed my mother was sitting down and in tears. Concerned, I soon learned that two great friends to her since she came to the area on marriage had sent a message. He had suffered disease and had needed frequent radiation treatment, which could be expected to threaten fertility. After a long courtship, true love could not be denied, so they left our area and married. Now on that day, nearly a dozen years later, my mother had received the news that her friend, then being nearly forty, had given birth, and both she and baby were well. My mother was just so thankful and so moved at such a blessing and how fitting at Christmas. Reassured, I suppose I ran out to play. I don't think I had given it a thought since.

Then this past weekend, I went back up the country to celebrate with my family my eldest sibling's eightieth birthday. Perhaps it was listening to my sister, telling us that on the day born she was taken a mile and a half to the church, by pony and trap, to be baptised. Or maybe it was imagining my mother's joy at the birth of her firstborn that triggered the memory of that other December birth. It has come to mind often since.

Many Christmases have come and gone. I confess that my thoughts most Christmases were on practical matters of no importance now or perhaps even then. When I sought relief from my busyness I turned to distraction through mindless activities or entertainments that I cannot recall. I suppose putting the best on it I would say that I enjoyed those Christmases -but could I say I found the kind of joy in them that brought me to tears? Oh, I have my excuses, a busy life, so much to do. But now in retrospect - a busy life, -more so than my mother - hardly.

My mother felt joy, on that occasion, without doing anything, without going looking for it. It was her feeling the joy of course, but the cause of that joy was the good fortune of others. Perhaps, there is a lesson here. If we haven't felt real joy lately, then perhaps we search for it or expect it in the wrong places. Perhaps we can try to stop expecting it in our own lives and look for it in the lives and good fortune of others, those we love, and those we don't even know. Is that even possible? We know it is. Even great drama can bring us to tears. So much more so can real life. When we empathise, we identify with others, we feel with them. Our capacity to identify can lead to compassion, love, or joy. If we can shift our focus from ourselves, we may discover that joy finds us. It starts with gratitude.

I often hear people say Christmas is just a time for children. Perhaps they perceive that children readily feel joy while it is difficult for us. But Christmas is for all. With increasing commercialisation, we are often sold too that Christmas is for giving. Not so. We have been told, and I think we know, it is first and foremost a time for gratitude and for joy. Joy in the wonderful wonders of the past, in the present, and those that are yet to come. So, my wish for you is that you find the joy that brings you to tears this Christmas, and often throughout the New Year.

Activities finishing up

With Christmas coming we are finishing up activities. On Friday 6th December we had the last session of card and candle making. I have seen the work of some of the thirteen members and it is indeed most impressive. There is great interest in it again for next year. Thank you to Helen Quill our tutor, you certainly brought out the artist in our members. Thank you too to CETB for funding tutoring costs and Cork County Council Arts department that covered nearly all other costs. The artworks are so valued by the artists that there is nothing that they are prepared to sell. If you want such artistic products you may have to do the course next year. On Wednesday 11th December

we had our last coffee crawl for the term, and how successful it was. I am told we had forty-eight there, the highest number on our coffee crawl so far. It was not to a coffee shop on this occasion, but we were certainly very well looked after with all sorts of treats at Cuan Mhuire, Farnanes. It is a great charity, in our own community, and doing great work when needed most. Thank you to all involved and thank you for allowing us to come. That evening our Zumba with Yvonne Murphy finished. Very successful as usual and there is great appetite for it too again next season. Thank you, Yvonne. On December 13th our dance to music sessions with Rose McCarthy finished up, some festive cheer broke out along the way, and it ended with a lovely candle lit meditation, the candles made by our own members. It was popular as is usual with very high attendances, throughout. Thank you, Rose.

Upcoming Activities

We are 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 or that too.

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



Siobhan and Bernie, two of Kilmurry Active Retirement card and candle makers.

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INDEPENDENCE MUSEUM KILMURRY

Seasons greetings to one and all from Kilmurry Historical & Archaeological Association Ltd (K.H.A.A). 2024 has been another successful year for K.H.A.A with many events and projects undertaken.

In February, Aindrias Moynihan, T.D launched our exhibition on General Liam Lynch. Following the launch of the exhibition Neil Donovan gave a talk on Michael Fitzgerald, volunteer who died on hunger strike in October 1920.

During March, we held our annual A.G.M and Harriet Burgess and Kevin Corcoran hosted a talk on The Gearagh.

Following on from a successful graveyard talk in 2023, K.H.A.A highlighted again the importance of local graveyards in the district when in April, Sean Crowley, local historian, gave a talk on the significance and history of Kilbonane graveyard.

Throughout the year we have welcomed several group tours and school tours to the museum. In June, we welcomed students from Kilmurry National School. The children learnt about their local history and were shown artefacts relating to everyday life from previous decades. Later in the month, Karen O'Riordan gave a lecture on tracing your family history.

K.H.A.A hosted a walking tour of Crookstown for Heritage Week in August. During this event local people shared stories of village life, businesses, past and present which included Crookstown Hall, The Cornerstone Pub, The Fish Yard, O'Regan's, Cahill's, Bellmount Mills, Clifford's, McSwiney's, The Forge and Crookstown Post Office. Speakers included Joe McCarthy, George Lehane, Michael Goulding, Mary O'Sullivan, Deirdre Fitton and Mary O'Mahony. The final speaker was Sile Healy Hunt who gave a lecture on the history of Moviddy graveyard.

On the 24th of August, the official opening of the museum courtyard took place with an outdoor concert with local artist such as Newcestown Ceoltóirí, Terry Datson, Noel Howard Snr & Noel Howard Jnr. The development of the courtyard was an ambitious project for KHAA and is a great facility for the museum and the local community. This project would not have been undertaken without the generous funding from Eirgrid under their Clashavoon Dunmanway Community Benefit Scheme.

Following a successful summer of events, our autumn events commenced in September when Gerry White gave his 2nd lecture in his trilogy of lectures on the Treaty Debates/Irish Civil War. We hope to have Gerry back in early 2025 for the 3rd lecture in this series.

Our field trip to Cnoic an Tobair took place on the traditional feast day of 8th September where for generations people had from far and wide visited the holy well and prayed the rounds. A group of

over sixty people made their way to the hilltop site where Bridget Goulding and Terence McSwiney gave an outline of the religious significance, history, archaeology, and folklore associated with the area. This field trip was so popular that Bridget Goulding took the students of 5th and 6th class, Kilmurry National School to Cnoic an Tobair the following week where they learned about the history and folklore of the holy well.

K.H.A.A rounded up our yearly events when we hosted our annual Rebel Rally Run. Our first destination was Inniscarra Dam where Plant Manager, Frank Barry gave us a tour of the dam outlining its history from its construction in the 1950s right up to the present day. Our next stop was Kilcrea Abbey where Michael Goulding outlined the history of the friary which was built by the Franciscans in the mid-15th century.

Throughout the year, there have been many visitors to the museum and our heritage room has been busy with stay-fit classes, yoga classes and dancing classes taking place. The room is used by several local groups for their social activities.

We would like to thank all our volunteers and members for their support during the year and we look forward to seeing you in 2025.



KHAA talk at Cnoic on Tobair. Pic Mary O'Mahony



Museum Courtyard Opening. Pic Mary O'Mahony



KHAA talk at Inniscarra Dam. Pic Mary O'Mahony



KHAA talk at Kilcrea Abbey. Pic Mary O'Mahony

WARM WORDS & COSY VIBES: A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

Carrigadrohid-based poet Rosie Murphy celebrated the launch of her debut poetry collection, let it bend, with a lively and welcoming evening at The Quay Coop in Cork City on Friday 29th November. The event drew an enthusiastic crowd, eager to hear from a fresh voice in Irish poetry and to support a local writer making waves.

Rosie, who also owns The Yoga Nook studio in Carrigadrohid, performed selected pieces from the book, showcasing her knack for capturing raw emotions and the quiet power of everyday moments. let it bend explores themes of love, resilience, and vulnerability, offering readers a relatable and deeply heartfelt collection.

On the night, Rosie was joined by Cork writer and mental health advocate Daragh Fleming, who led a candid discussion about her inspirations, modern masculinity, creative process, and the journey of putting together her first book. Guests praised the relaxed and intimate atmosphere, with many commenting on the emotional depth of Rosie's poetry. The book launch was an exciting milestone for Rosie, and the response has been overwhelmingly positive. Copies of let it bend were in high demand on the night, with attendees keen to take home her work.

let it bend is now available for purchase at www. theyoganook.ie and promises to be a meaningful addition to any bookshelf. For those who missed the launch, it's the perfect time to support a local author and discover a collection that speaks to the heart.

Rosie Murphy lives in Carrigadrohid, where she also runs The Yoga Nook, a holistic wellness studio offering yoga and bodywork. Her



poetry brings a fresh voice to the Irish literary scene, and let it bend is just the beginning of an exciting creative journey.





Inchigeela Hall: Sunday social dancing continues with great success. Next evening's band is the very welcome Finbarr Dennehy Band who play on Sunday, 22nd of December. On Stephen's Day, we will be stepping it out with the Michael Collins Band. On New Year's Eve, Dermot and Jack Ryan Band visit Inchigeela Hall. All dances are from 3.00pm until 5.30pm. Enjoy!

Bingo takes place each Friday at 8pm. Recent bingo contributed the raffle proceeds to Cork Penny Dinners. Well done to all.

Cards take place every Sunday night at 8.30pm

Christmas Lights: There was a festive atmosphere in the air as the Christmas Lights were turned on in the village last Wednesday. Children and adults alike sung carols. It was worth the recent efforts of all throughout the village. Thanks to everybody who came and all involved.

This was followed by the annual Christmas market in Creedon's Hotel. The proceeds of which were also donated to Cork Penny Dinners.

Fundraising Night: Croí na Laoi held a mostentertaining fundraising night of music in Creedon's recently with Joe as MC. Castletown Choir performed a variety of seasonal music and song while Deirdre Ní Mheachair & Conor Moriarty entertained during the interval with a lively rendition of jigs and reels on fiddle and accordion.

Racing: Congratulations to local members of the syndicate whose horse had a great win in Thurles. Prince of Air was bought from the stables of Philip Rothwell in Co. Wicklow. We will have an interest in him now (if not a few bob!)

Croí na Laoi Christmas Booklet: The booklet is out shortly. It contains a variety of interesting material contributed to by local writers. It will be available at the local post office & Creedon's Hotel. We are grateful to the contributors & sponsors in making this happen.

Féilire Béal Átha': The 2025 calendar is available to buy at present in Siopa Uí Dhuinnín. Congratulations to the winning photo taken by Carmel Dineen. Thanks to John Moynihan of JM Energy Savings for sponsoring the calendar.

Tráth na gCeist/Christmas Quiz: The ever-popular table quiz will take place on the 30th of December at 8pm. Book your table of 3 in Árd na Laoi, Tigh Seartain or Siopa Uí Dhuinnín. All proceeds from the quiz go to Bantry Hospice and proceeds from the raffle go to Buíon Píobairí Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh.

Mercy Hospital Fundraiser: Bring your unwrapped gifts and a donation to the Áras in Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh on Saturday the 14th and 21st where they will be wrapped for you. This unique fundraiser for the Mercy Hospital is being held with the help of local women. The Áras will be open from 10am-3pm both Saturdays with the last collection at 4pm.

Septic Tank: The question of the village septic tank arose again recently after the flooding in Ballingeary village. Sewage was spread about in the flood. For years now, local delegates have pleaded with authorities and public representatives to rectify this disgraceful, public health issue. The septic tank was constructed more than half a century ago. The village has expanded since and the tank is no longer fit for purpose. How long more can a deaf ear be given to this by authorities?

Uibh Laoire Active Retirement Association:

The Christmas party in Creedon's Hotel was a great success with over 70 people in attendance. A lovely meal was provided and entertainment provided by local musicians. Everybody joined in with their own party pieces. Thanks to Joe for hosting a memorable

Wishing all contributors, advertisers, staff and readers a very happy Christmas and a prosperous new year.

AIB: Supporting and Safeguarding your Family and Finances

AIB Macroom, C.W. Ashe & Co Solicitors and Crowley & McCarthy Accountants hosted the second annual community event titled 'Supporting and Safeguarding your Family and Finances' in the Castle Hotel, Macroom on 26th November.

The event aimed to empower people with the tools, knowledge and first steps to begin their advance planning journey.

Sean Cahill, Solicitor at C.W. Ashe Solicitors, discussed Enduring Powers of attorney, the Fair Deal scheme, as well as the Assisted Decision-Making Act (ADMA) and the Decision Support Service.

John Vaughan, Chartered Accountant with Crowley and McCarthy Accountants, explained inheritance tax and gave us an update from the recent finance budget. Helen Harrington, Customer Operations Team Lead in AIB Macroom presented the range of supports available within the Bank to help customers in times of illness, stress or difficulties, who may need additional care and support.

Thanks very much to the three members of our panel, to the Castle Hotel for their hospitality and to everyone who attended on the night.

We are looking forward to our next meeting in 2025, Nollaig Shona!





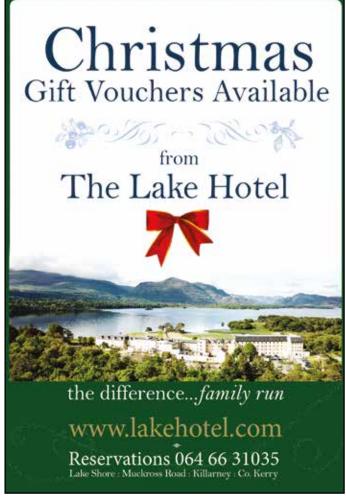
Peter Lyons, chairman, Michael Galvin who gave a short talk on the 'Ireland of the 1920's', Sean Crowley, who gave a brief account of each of the players who played in the 1924 team and Donal McSweeney Cultural Officer, Cork Co. Board.

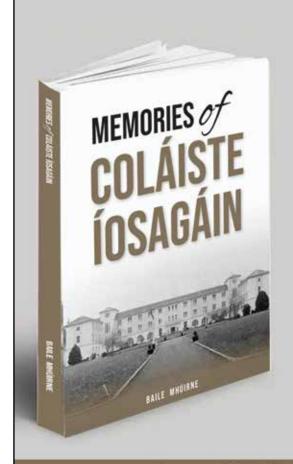


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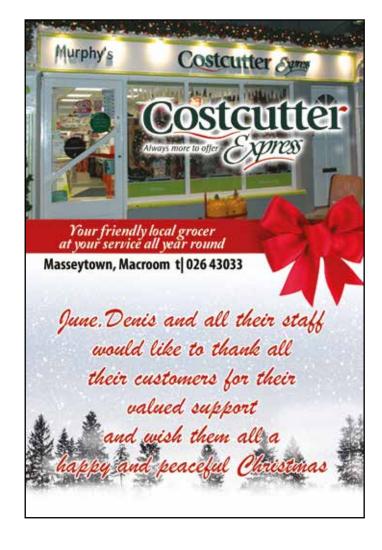
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Macroom Citizen's Information Centre, Cork County Library Services and PTSB all benefiting from the recent Dementia Awareness Community Training.

Just 20 months ago, there were no dedicated services for People Living with Dementia in the Macroom area.

Today, thanks to the tireless efforts of The Alzheimer Society of Ireland and Friends of ASI Macroom, the community has access to three essential services that have made a world of difference for People Living with Dementia, as well as their families and friends.

A Network of Supportive Services

- 1. Day Centre Located at the Ionad Lae Centre in Ballyvourney, this facility provides a safe and nurturing environment for day care.
- 2. Macroom Memory Café Held at the Next Door Café in the Castle Hotel, Macroom, on the last Monday of each month (11 am to 1 pm), this café offers an informal, relaxed setting for socialising and sharing experiences.
- 3. Macroom Social Club Based in the Macroom Hub, this club meets on the third Saturday of each month (11 am to 1 pm) to foster connections and

create joyful experiences for attendees.

These services provide warm, welcoming spaces for People Living with Dementia, their families, and friends to come together, exchange ideas, socialise, and learn.

Raising Awareness and Building an Inclusive

Central to the mission of Friends of ASI Macroom is the commitment to raising awareness about dementia. To date, the group has organised several training workshops empowering over 60 individuals across local businesses, sports clubs, and community groups. This training initiative is more than just education—it is a movement toward fostering a community grounded in empathy, support, and inclusivity. The remarkable enthusiasm and dedication displayed by participants highlight the community's passion for making Macroom a place where People Living with Dementia feel understood and valued.

An Inspiring Legacy

The work of Friends of ASI Macroom exemplifies the profound impact that local groups can have when driven by purpose and compassion. The growth of these services and the focus on building dementia awareness are transforming Macroom into a supportive and inclusive community—one step at a time.

This voluntary group has shown tremendous dedication, creativity, and support towards People Living with Dementia.

Together, we can continue to build a community where People Living with Dementia and their families feel supported, valued, and included. If you would like to join their efforts and make a difference, consider volunteering!

For more information, contact Laura Curtin at 087 3736496 or email friendsofasi@alzheimer.



Employees from O' Flynn Medical, Macroom Golf Club, Macroom Citizen's Information Centre, Macroom E Enterprise Centre, McCarthy Insurance Group, OM2 Auctioneers and Ionad Lae Baile Bhuirne actively participating in the recent Dementia Awareness Community Training.



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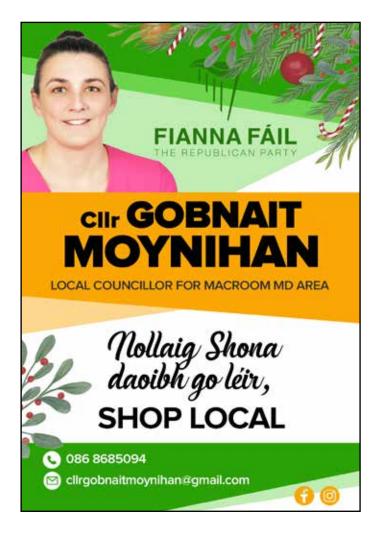


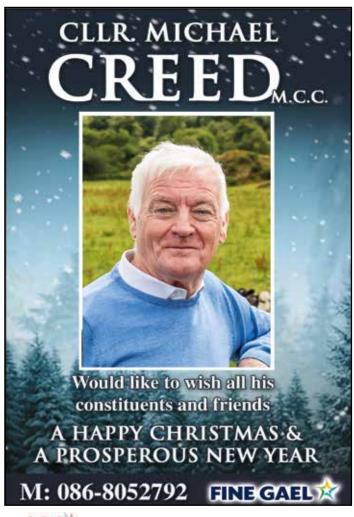
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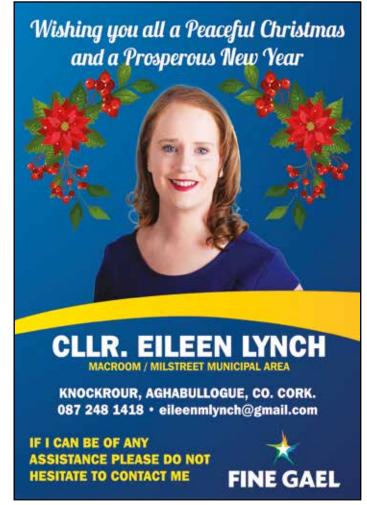
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MACROOM AND DISTRICT, PAST AND PRESENT, VOL. II, (December 2024)

Con Kelleher launched his new book on Thursday 5 December in Murray's Bar. This is the fourth book by the author and, as with previous volumes, it deals with various aspects of the town and area. Two young historians are featured - Ms Chloe Lehane (St Mary's and Kilvoultra) and Gavan Browne (De La Salle and Carrigadrohid). A large crowd filled Murray's function room for the occasion.

Jerry Kelleher, brother of the author, was M.C. After an interesting and nostalgic contribution that recalled significant people and events of the past such as Patsy Barry, the Castle Grounds, processions, playing in The Square, Macroom Golf Club and Pat Lynch's shop in Main Street, he hosted the evening with aplomb. Con Kelleher then explained that the book was a compilation of articles mainly published in the 'Lee Valley Outlook Magazine' but augmented by material already published in Kilmurry Museum's first journal and from a recent UCC thesis presented by him - chapter 1. The piece on Tom O'Leary and his family is new. Chloe wrote about the killing of her great-great grand-uncle Michael Dineen by the Auxiliaries during the War of Independence and Gavan's topic was the history of Carrigadrohid Castle; he emphasised the part Bishop McEgan played in the war against Cromwell. He also outlined the very unusual feature that the castle is built on a rock in a river - only one other in Europe is built on a similar site. Both delivered concise and informative outlines of their research - based on their history Class-Based Assessments for the Junior Certificate. Their excellent deliveries impressed the audience.

Speaking about the book, Con explained why he

thought a new book is important in that it records in an accessible form a wide range of matters, past and present. The book has two introductory chapters and then features article on Prof. John A. Murphy, Ms Margaret Corkery, the Healy family and Gurteenroe House and Tom O'Leary (vet.) and his family. Other issues and places covered were the Covid epidemic, Gáirdín Ghobnatan, Ballyvourney, recent changes in Macroom, refugees, and Macroom construction 2021-22. There are two articles on angling in Macroom and two on football - detailing the 1971 and 1972 country-counting winning teams. In '72 three Macroom players - the late Tom Creedon, Tim O'Sullivan and Leo Goold won All-Ireland medals with Cork. Medicine makes an appearance with a piece on concussion.

History items include chapters on the Carrigaphooka Ambush (1921), the Kilgobnet Killings (1922) and the Coolavookig Ambush (1922). Philip Kelleher's (North Square) assassination when serving with the RIC in Longford (1920) is also described. Various talks given to the Macroom History Group are cited - the talk by Ms Marcella Ní Críodáin was a 'tour de force'.

Any work on Macroom depends on the generosity of people imparting their knowledge and insights; this was highlighted by the author and he thanked them for providing much of the material.

The book is dedicated to the author's two siblings who died recently - Mary in 2023 and Michael/Mickey in 2024. Mary was a scholar and had deep book knowledge of national and international history matters; Mickey had an incredible appreciation and knowledge of many local people, places and happenings. Both invaluable were points of reference and great sources, and are deeply missed on this and many other levels. May they Rest in Peace.

Denis made his room available free of charge at very short notice and

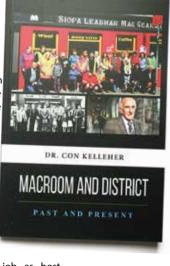
did a wonderful job as host.

Ken Leonard, Macroom SuperValu, donated many goodies and Teresa Kelleher's (my wife) sandwiches were gladly eaten with gusto. Macroom History Group members Mick Walsh, Brendan O'Brien, James O'Callaghan and Pat Sheehy were essential to the orderly running of the meeting, and I thank them sincerely. To close the meeting, Brendan O'Brien and Seosamh Ó Críodain led the singing of 'Mountnassy, The Flower of Macroom'.

The books sold well and highlights of the night were Chloe's and Gavan's presentation and the singing of 'Mountmassy'. The book is on sale in many Macroom outlets, and in Clondrohid and Ballyvourney.

Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for 2025, Nollaig Shona agus Athbhliain faoi mhaise.

C. Kelleher.





Turkeys, Trees and Plum Puddings

By Con Kelleher

Christmas: Christmas is in many ways the highlight of the year. Despite the lessening of religious fervour in present-day Ireland, Christmas has retained its magic by intertwining religion, nostalgia, tradition and commercialism. In the latter case some businesses such as jewellers and toy-makers depend heavily on Christmas sales. Some businesses use the seasonal cheer to sell more and more. Others Christmas traditions continue to flourish and include the turkey Christmas tree and plum pudding. Other traditions are Santa and presents, Christmas cards and carol singing. This articles looks at some of the origins of the first three.

Christmas means 'Christ - mass' and was so called because Christ's mass was celebrated on the 25 December and the term was first recorded in 1038 (English Heritage website). Pre-Christianity, mid-winter festivities revolved around the winter solstice on the 21 December. Tara, Co Meath was the most sacred and important ancient site in Ireland; it was the site where High Kings were crowned, whence they ruled and where buried. At Newgrange, weather permitting, sun can penetrate and illuminate the royal crypts on 21 December. In the Roman Empire, Saturnalia was the winter festival; it honoured Saturn, chief of the gods and was celebrated with food, drink and merriment. A Lord of Misrule oversaw activities and etiquette was inverted; for example, rank did not count and masters served their servants and slaves. Celebrations lasted for five days. When Christianity came, it adapted the customs of winter celebration and associated the birth of Christ. In medieval times, most people lived in the country and life was governed by the seasons and church feast days. Very few people could read and superstitions were strong. The church had trouble balancing religious piety and celebrations/merriment for festivities, and the pendulum swung.

Nobody knows for certain the day or date when Christ was born. Three reasons are given why December 25 was selected. Sextus, the Roman Christian historian, dated Christ's conception on March 25, suggesting that he was born on December 25. As stated above, highlight of Saturnalia, Sol Invictus - The Unconquered Sun - was on the same date; and it also coincided with the birthday of Mirtha, an Indo-European deity of light and loyalty whose cult was popular in Rome at the time. The Christian church began formally celebrating Christmas in 339 and it only became a major Christian festival in the 9th century (Why is Christmas in December? - Brittannica). The Eastern Orthodox celebrates Jesus's birth on January 6.

Turkeys: In Britain from the Middle Ages a boar's head was the centrepiece of the Christmas feast but travel and commerce brought change. Turkeys were first domesticated in Mexico and Spanish sailors first brought them to Europe in 1519. William Strickland is credited when introducing the turkey to England in

1526 for which he was awarded a coat-of-arms that featured a turkey. While peasants' diets at the time were frugal, aristocrats and the wealthy had meats and wines to celebrate big occasions. King Henry VIII (1492-1547) swopped turkeys for the prior favourites geese on his Christmas dinner table and boosted their previous lowly status (Because the new bird was often brought and sold by Turkish traders or came through Constantinople/Istanbul, they acquired the name 'turkeys'.) Fashions trickled down and as people prospered, they adopted the practice of the upper classes and elites. Another background factor was the 14th century Bubonic Plague/Black Death that ravished European and Asian populations from 1347-56. It is estimated that a 1/3 of Europeans died during the epidemic, killing between 25-50 million people (History.com), perhaps 33% of the population. The world's population was much smaller then. One of the few beneficial consequences was that for those who survived, there was more and better food to share, with greater access to meats that contained protein. As diet improved more fowl became available. Charles Dickens Christmas Carol tells the story of Ebenezer Scrooge, a rich miser who is converted by Christmas 'spirit' and contrary to all previous behaviour gave his low-paid (or no-paid) clerks presents of turkeys to celebrate the season.

While the Great Irish Famine (1845-51) was the seminal event in modern Irish history, Irish eating habits did not



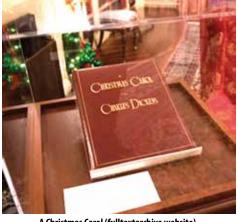


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begin to change significantly for most until after 1900 (Julianna Adelman, 'The Cambridge History of Modern Ireland'). This was accounted by the emergence of the tenant farmer as a result of Land Wars and Land Acts, the evolution of an Irish middle class and a general rise in prosperity. In time, domestic water, electrification, the fridge and the motor car presaged huge changes in food production and consumption. All this affected people eating turkeys at Christmas. First turkeys were produced in small numbers on farms and later specialisation developed. Large and small fairs and spaces had turkey sales and these were held in Macroom. Farm-reared turkeys were sold from home (Cork Ex. 16 Dec. 1967). If not mistaken, a Dan O'Regan regularly sold fowl and eggs in The Square and sold many turkeys there. In 1970 Macroom Mart had 600 turkeys on sale (Cork Ex., 19 December 1970). In the 1960s, Paddy Barrett, Railway View, killed and plucked turkeys in Barrett Place in a shed that was full of feathers, excitement and noise. Turkeys were also prepared in Neville's Massytown; they had moved its there from New Street in the 1960s. down if memory serves me correctly. Michael Corkery had a large turkey farm in Millstreet where he reared turkey chicks to six weeks in specially heated houses and then sold them to Whittakers who had them further reared to maturity. John R. Neville was a shrewd Macroom businessman and saw an opportunity for selling fowl and eggs, Produce, including turkeys, were sourced in West Cork and locally; when ready, turkeys were plucked by locals and provided a welcome Christmas boost for many families. With feathers flying and 'the pressure on, the buzz and excitement was palpable. Nevilles sold locally and outside, including Smithfield Market, Dublin (Martin Neville, 15 Dec. 2024). Now most turkeys come oven-ready but many people still like to buy free-range farm-reared turkeys. Turkeys can be purchased pre-packaged in supermarkets and butchers.

In our home we always had turkey and ham for Christmas, with stuffing and roast potatoes. The legs were regarded as the choice pieces and were reserved for our parents. Of course, the meat lasted several days. Plum pudding was another part of the ritual.

Turkeys continue to be Irish Christmas favourites but more choice is available and this year our family's



A Christmas Carol (fulltextarchive website)

democratic decision was to have a goose. Polish people typically have carp, mushrooms and vegetables such as beet and Barszcz soup. Ukrainians usually have Kutia, borshch, holubtsi, dumplings, fried fish cabbage and other vegetables and drink uzvar. The French like roast turkey too, with stuffing seasoned by chestnut and accompanied by roast apples. With modern communications, there is widespread interchange of what individuals, families and groups eat for Christmas. Christmas Trees: 'In 1419, a guild in Freiburg put up a tree decorated with apples, flour-paste wafers, tinsel and gingerbread. In "Paradise Plays" that were performed to celebrate the feast day of Adam and Eve, which fell on Christmas Eve, a tree of knowledge was represented by an evergreen fir with apples tied to its branches,(time.com).'

Before Christianity, the ivy and fir trees were honoured in places such as Egypt and Scandinavia – the Vikings worshipped trees before being Christianised. The modern history of the Christmas tree began in the North Germany/Latvia area in the 15th century. Reformist Martin Luther is reputed to have popularised the tradition by adding candles to the decorations. But it was Queen Victoria who boosted the custom in Great Britain and Ireland. Her husband Albert was German and brought the idea. A newspaper sketch of her family around their Christmas tree did the rest.

This year in Ireland about 750,000 Christmas trees

were planted; c. 300,000 will be exported. For this a 'phyto-sanitary certificate' is needed and this involves much extra labour and paper work (RTÉ website, viewed 15 Dec. 2024). As a result and as growers are aging, younger people are less inclined to become involved. About 50,000 less Christmas trees were planted this year in Ireland. Joe Flynn, Wexford treegrower thought that shortly, more trees will be plastic rather than real. Twomey's Macroom and other local outlets seem to be as busy as ever and long may the 'real' tree market flourish.

Plum Pudding: The plum pudding is another feature that appears in Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol'. Its roots go back to medieval England sausages when 'fats, spices and fruits were mixed with meats, grains and vegetables and packed into 'gut linings, to keep as long as possible. (History, The History of Christmas Pudding, Nate Barksdale, updated 5 October 2024.) It was first recorded in the early 15th century and called 'plum cottage'. The 'plum' is a term for any dried fruit and was usually currants or raisins. In 1647 the puritanical Cromwell banned Christmas pudding, the Yule tree, carol-singing and nativity scenes - they smacked of Druidic paganism and Catholicism. The monarchy was restored after the Commonwealth, and fifty years later King George 1 had plum pudding served for Xmas dinner. The custom became entrenched in Victorian times when a template of British behaviour was promulgated by the media and novelists and that included a 'classical' Christmas dinner. As with all things British at the time, the fashion transferred to Ireland. Here, there are some local 'aughuisíns' and traditions added to the making/serving of plum pudding. These include baking it on the Sunday (Stir Sunday) before the first Sunday in Advent; thirteen ingredients only are included (representing Jesus and the twelve apostle); all family members should stir the mixture - making a wish while stirring will come true by Christmas morning; holly on top can represent Christ's crown of thorns or good luck and setting the pudding alight can reflect Christ's Passion or add a bit of theatre.

Whatever about the above, I hope you have a lovely Christmas dinner, a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2025 and beyond.

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Was Annie Moore from Ireland Who was only fifteen years Chorus Isle of Hope, Isle of tears Isle of freedom, Isle of fear, But its not the Isle you left behind That Isle of hunger, Isle of pain Isle you'll never see again But that Isle of home is always on your mind.

> In a little bag she carried All her past and history And her dreams for the future

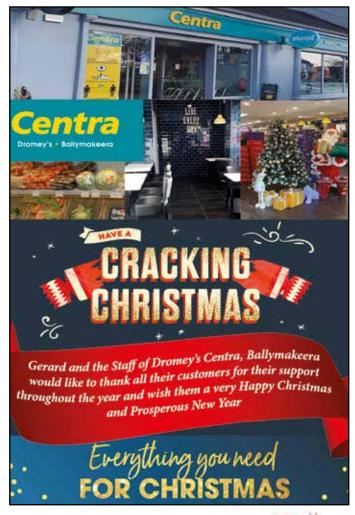
In the land of liberty and courage is the passport When your old world disappears But there's no future in the past When you're fifteen years. Chorus When they closed down Ellis Island In 1943 17 million people Had come there for sanctuary And in springtime when I come here And I stepped onto its piers I thought of how it must have been when you are 15 years Chorus

The most heartbreaking song ever written by Brendan Graham about emigration thank you for

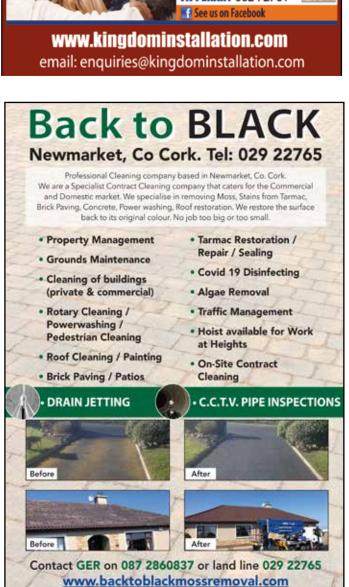




















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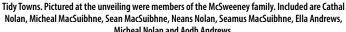
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MACROOM TIDY TOWNS' FAMINE MEMORIAL UNVEILED







Tidy Towns. Joseph Creedon speaking at the unveiling

A memorial to the victims of the Irish famine, and in particular the many men, women and children who perished on the banks of the Sullane River in Macroom, has been unveiled.

The architect-designed, cut stone memorial was erected by Macroom Tidy Towns with funds raised from sales of 'Muskerry through the MacSuibhne Lens', a nostalgic photographic collection which was compiled over several years by the MacSuibhne family. Speaking at the unveiling, local historian and Macroom Tidy Towns volunteer, Joseph Creedon, said his grandfather and granduncle were deeply involved with the poor house in Macroom. His granduncle was the Secretary and his grandfather was the Clerk there from 1890 to May of 1921 when the poorhouse was burnt to the ground.

"When we speak about the Great Famine that occurred here from 1840. I don't think we should underestimate the serious impact it has on us to this day. It is said that no other famine had such a profound impact on any other country as the Irish Famine. It was the worse famine in any country in the 19th Century. Either through emigration or death, Ireland lost a quarter of its population and this area around Macroom was one of the hardest hit."

A minutes' silence was observed and afterwards, Mr Creedon referenced sections from Máire's Famine in Muskerry which described the heart-breaking living conditions in the region at the time as entire families died on the riverbank, unable to get into the Poor House. The mismanagement of the scale of the crisis saw ship-loads of aid arriving into Cork Harbour from America and at least 15 other nations and the ship's officers being entertained at banquets. Meanwhile, ship-loads of grain and other farm produce left the Port for the UK market as the nation starved to death. "Famines continue to this day across the world, particularly at this time in Gaza. Between 1860 and 2016, 128 million people have died from hunger across the world. We recall former president, Mary McAleese, crying when she visited Somalia. We are conscious of those in our own community now who have made Ireland their home. I remember speaking to Máire when the first migrants fleeing famine and war came to Lynch's Lodge. She was livid that she didn't know in advance that they were coming as she wanted to be there to welcome them to our community."

Also speaking at the unveiling, Macroom Tidy Towns' John Lyons paid tribute to Seán and the late Máire MacSuibhne who volunteered as editor and photographic editor of the Lee Valley Outlook for 16 years and charted much of the news and sport in the region in words and images over that period.

"Seán and Máire made amazing contributions to the community. Seán's first book from the Dennis Dineen collection raised significant funds for Macroom Senior Citizens. All of the funds from Maire's Famine in Muskerry book went to the Bealick Mill Restoration Project. We were delighted when they approached us in Macroom Tidy Towns and ered the proceeds from their third book, a collection of 470 of Seán's own

"We are very thankful to the 35 outlets across the region who stocked and sold this book with us and to the many people involved in the design and construction of the memorial, including our project manager, Marin Coughlan, as well as IRD Duhallow who provided grant assistance for the publication of the book"

Project Manager and long-serving Macroom Tidy Towns Committee volunteer, Martin Coughlan, thanked the MacSuibhne family for donating the entire proceeds of the book to the memorial project. He thanked David McElroy, stone mason, for his excellent craftsmanship; John Lyons for all of his coordinating and for organising the plaques and the team who helped construct it, among them Michael Burns, Bria O'Sullivan and others.

"Seán and Máire were part of Macroom for so many years. It's great to see Seán here today looking so well and I'm sure Máire is looking down on us, and saying a prayer for us all."

JOSEPH CREEDON SPEECH AT THE UNVEILING

Go raibh maith agat John as cuireadh a thabhairt dom cúpla focal a rá ag seoladh an leachta anseo ar maidin agus ní bheidh ann ach cúpla focal fánach gealaim. Cuirim fáilte ar leith roimh chlann Mháire Mhic Suibhne ach go háirithe. Iarradh orm an cúram seo a dhéanamh mar bhí baint nách beag ag mo sheanathair agus mo sheanuncail le Tigh na mBocht ar an mbaile anseo i Maghchromtha. Rúnaí an tí ab ea mo sheanuncail agus Cléireach an tí ab ea mo sheanathair ó dheireadh an naoiú céad déag go dtí Aibreán na bliana 1923 nuair a dódh go talamh é agus é ag feidhmiú mar ospidéal ag an am.

Déanfad mo chúram as Gaoluinn mar b'shin teanga labhartha na gcréatúirí bochta a fuair bás den ocras ar bhruach an tSuláin in aice láimhe agus gur as Gaoluinn a labhradh Máire liom nuair a chastaí ar a chéile sinn. Nuair a labhraimid fén nGorta Mór a thit amach sa tír seo sna ocht déag daichidí ní dóigh liom go dtuigimid an drochthionchar atá ag an tubaist sin fós orainn. Deirtear nach raibh tionchar chomh mór ag aon ghorta eile ar aon tír eile is a bhí ar ár dtír. Ba é an gorta ba thubaistí é a d'fhulaing aon tír san Eoraip sa naoú haois déag. Chuaigh milliún duine béal an chuain amach agus d'éag milliún eile - b'shin ceathrú de dhaonra na tíre. Idir 1851 agus 1900 sheol 4.18 milliún duine ar an mbád bán agus d'éag 4.56 milliún eile, rud a d'fhág go raibh níos mó Éireannach thar lear ná mar a bhí fágtha sa tír de dheasca an ocrais agus eile.

Chun na huafáis a d'fhulaing ár sinsir ar bhruach na habhann anseo a léiriú, seo giota as an leabhar cuimsitheach a scríobh Máire "Famine in Muskerry: An Drochshaol": C. Creed again wrote in harrowing terms of conditions in Macroom in the 'Cork Examiner' of May 3rd. 'Macroom, this moment, is suffering beyond Skibbereen and Scull. 36 most miserably looking creatures having been removed from the market house walls and the body of the town, were obliged to take shelter on the strand by the bridge where they lay for some days to the disgust and danger of the community, exhibiting their dead, some with and some without shroud or coffin, for the purpose of procuring some means for the sustenance of the surviving portion of the group. Their lamentations at the dead hour of nightwould rend the heart of the most inhuman being in existence. The unfortunate and careworn mothers may be seen collecting watercresses and some such food by the banks of the river, which the children devour. Coffins are daily placed at the church gate, in the street for internment'...B'shin mar a tharla ar an láthair seo agus i morán áiteanna eile sa tír freisin.

Fadó sula raibh aon fhearas taifeadta nó eile ann chun cúntas a choimeád ar eachtraí a thit amach dheintí amhráin a chumadh fé chun é a choimeád i gcuimhne na ndaoine. Go bhfios dom níl aon amhráin ann fén nGorta ach ceann amháin i gConamara faoi Thigh na mBocht agus níl fágtha dó ach trí véarsa. Dar lem' mháthair ní rud súntasach ab ea é seo, níor labhartaí mar gheall ar an nGorta mar go ngoillfeadh sé an iomarca orthu é a thabhairt chun cuimhne. Bhí sé níos sláintiúla dóibh dearúd a dhéanamh air chomh mór agus ab fhéidir leo. Saghas goilliúint ó ghlúin go glúin nó Generational Trauma mar a thugtar air as Béarla. B'fhéidir i ndeireadh na dála go bhfuil an cúinne sin casta againn agus go bhfuilimid in ann tosnú ag labhairt faoin ré sin anois agus na cneácha a leigheas. Bhí cur amach ar an nGorta Mór mórthimpeall an domhain, chomh mór sin gur tháinig síntiús airgid ó threabh d'Indigh a bhfuil fós ar an saol, na Choctaws ó Oklahoma in 1849. Rud súntasach fúthu ná gur tháinig an síntiús uathu nuair a bhíodar féin ar an ngannchuid tar éis dóibh turas marfach 'bheith déanta acu féin. Díbríodh as a ndúthaigh féin iad in 1832 agus ath-Ionnaíodar i bhfad ó bhaile. Níl ansan ach mionsampla den chabhair a tugadh dúinn ó chúig thír déag mórthimpeall an domhain. Tá sé suntasach dom tagairt eile a léamh ó leabhar Mháire a léiríonn míthuiscint nó neamhthuiscint ár gcomharsan i leith ár gcruatan. 'Spring of '47 provided stark contrasts in conditions and practices. Shiploads of food arrived in Cork harbour, charity from America and at least 15 other nations. The ship's officers were entertained at banquets and sumptuous dejeuners', by Cork officialdom. Meanwhile, shiploads of grain and other farm produce continued to steam out of the harbour, bound for the English markets'.. Ní gá dom a thuilleadh a rá!

Tá gorta fós ag tarlú mórthimpeall an domhain. Cuimhnímid ar Éimin, an tSúdáin, an Aetóip agus neosfaidh an aimsir dúinn amach anseo faraoir faoi atá ag titim amach i nGaza i láthair na huaire. Idir



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cuimhin liom bheith ag labhairt le Máire nuair a tháinig na teifigh tosaigh go dtí Lynch's Lodge fé rún agus í ar deargbuile nach raibh sí ar an eolas fúthu mar gur theastaigh uaithi bheith thuas rompu chun iad a fháiltiú inár measc. Mar chomhartha ómóis d'ár sinsir a fuair bás den ocras le linn an Ghorta agus na milliún eile a d'fhulaing molaim go mbeadh nóiméad ciúnais anois againn dóibh le bhúr dtoil. Tréaslaím le gach duine a bhí bainteach leis an dtogra seo a thabhairt chun críche. Sheas sé in aghaidh na tuillte a chlúdaigh

an láthair seo coicís ó shin agus ábhar dóchais is ea é sin go mbeidh sé ann go dtí lá Philip an Chleite. Tuigim go bhfuil pleananna sa treis chun cosán siúlóide a fhorbairt le hais na habhann anseo, rud a chinnteoidh nach ligfear i ndearúd na huafáis a tharla in aice láimhe agus inár dtír féin ach oiread. Ba mhaith í Máire inár measc, ba cheannródaí í nár thug a cúl le cine agus nach í atá sásta inniu sna Flaithis le hais Dé agus le hais na gcréatúirí bochta uile a cailleadh.





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Co-Op Superstores County Hurling Championships



Kilmurry, Munster Final Champions Pic's. Ireneusz Sułek.

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

All Ireland semi final:

Sarsfields 0-18 Slaughtneil 0-17

All Ireland Final: Sarsfields v Na Fianna, Dublin

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

All Ireland semi final: Watergrasshill 1-21 Cathaoir

an Ri, Antrim 0-8

All Ireland Final: Watergrasshill v Tynagh Abbey,

Duniry Galway

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

All Ireland semi final:

Russell Rvrs 2-22 Ballinascreen 1-9

All Ireland Final: Russell Rovers v St Lachtain's

County Junior Hurling Final:

Tracton 1-15 Kilavullen 1-10

Cork Junior B Hurling Championship

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

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: Kilmurry 4-23 Cashel King Cormacks

Munster Final: Kilmurry 1-10 Firies Kerry 0-9 All Ireland Semi Final: Kilmurry v Naomh Pádraig of Donegal or Tara, London

Kilmurry 1-10 Firies 0-9

Kilmurry are Munster Junior Football Champions for the first time ever after their victory over Kerry champions at Rathkeale in the AIB Munster Club JFC final. This was Kilmurry's third final in a row and their determination not to be second best again was a vital factor in their display which earned them a deserved victory and won for Cork clubs the only football title of the season.

Denis O'Mullane and Seán O'Leary, two school going minors, made their debuts for Kilmurry and their presence and unknown track record at adult level clearly unsettled the Kerry men.

Rathkeale was a very cold and windy spot for this final and Kilmurry playing against the wind, had the opening point from Liam Wall free after 46 seconds which was soon matched by a point Firies.

Kilmurry got a major boost after five minutes play when Lloyd Asling started off a move which ended with John O'Mullane setting up Liam Wall for a confident finish to the Firies net from close range.

The Kerry champions were in control temporarily but Kilmurry held in and it was Kilmurry who scored next, Lawrence Aisling with a point after 21 minutes and Denis O'Mullane, from a free, brought Kilmurry level in the 25th minute, 1-3 to 0-6. Firies regained the lead with a point but Kilmurry levelled through a Liam Wall point from a free and Rory Duggan put them in front 1-5 to 0-7 in the 28th minute with the final score of the half

Kilmurry had wind advantaged in the second half and kicked over four points in a row to lead by 1-9 to 0-7 by the 43rd minute, John O'Mullane, Liam Wall, Kyle Kelleher and Wall again the scorers.

Firies had a point on 44 but Kilmurry quickly answered through Lawrence Aisling. Firies had a man black carded on 49 but so had Kilmurry shortly afterwards. A free yielded a point for Firies to reduce the gap to four points with three minutes remaining, Kilmurry had another man dismissed for a red card offence but they conceded nothing more and emerged deserving winners to the delight of the enthusiastic supporters.

Scorers for Kilmurry: L Wall 1-4 (0-3 f), Lawrence Asling 0-2, D O'Mullane (f), K Kelleher, Rory Duggan, John O'Mullane 0-1 each.

Kilmurry: Jason McDonnell; Brian Hinchion, William Ronan (c), Aaron O'Mahony; Seán O'Leary, Tomás Collins, Alexander Asling; Kyle Kelleher, James O'Mullane; Lloyd Asling, Lawrence Asling, Rory Duggan; Liam Wall, John O'Mullane, Denis O'Mullane. Subs: Joe O'Mullane 59.

100 years ago this year, Kilmurry won their first county title when they won the County Junior championship. The Mid-Cork side have added six more since, including one Intermediate title, and now they could add an All Ireland title to their first Munster crown as they have an All-Ireland semi-final to look forward to after Christmas on Sunday January 12th 2025 against Naomh Pádraig of Donegal or Tara of London in Parnell Park Dublin.





Kilmurry, Munster Final Champions Pic's. Ireneusz Sułek.

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 1-7 Ballygarvan 1-6

Inniscarra 1-7 Ballygarvan 1-6

A fairy tale comeback from Inniscarra saw them crowned McCarthy Insurance Group County JAFC winners for the first time ever after beating Ballygarvan in dramatic fashion in the county final at Páirc Uí Rinn.

The Mid Cork champions trailed by three points deep into added time before their lion hearted captain, the long serving John O'Callaghan, had a goal from close range to level matters and then Cork hurling captain Seán O'Donoghue scored the winning point from a free from an impossible angle, kicked into the strong wind. Inniscarra were delirious, Ballygarvan, who looked to have been heading confidently for victory, were heartbroken but such are the fortunes of sport. Ballygarvan opened with a goal after just 14 seconds after winning the throw-in and driving at the heart of the Inniscarra defence before calmly slotted the ball into the net after a slick interchange. The next score did not arrive until the 12th minute when Ballygarvan pointed a close-in free and Inniscarra were struggling to breech a disciplined Ballygarvan defence. Another Ballygarvan point from a free followed before 'Scarra hit back with two points in rapid succession, points from Liam O'Connor (free) and Shay Dineen, 1-2 to 0-2 after 22 minutes. The sides traded points, Seán O'Donoghue for 'Scarra, before a super long range effort gave Ballygarvan a nice four-point lead at halftime, 1-4 to 0-3.

Inniscarra started the second half well with Seán O'Donoghue kicking a classy point from out near the sideline but even though they were applying pressure, 'Scarra could not add to their tally. The wind favoured Ballygarvan and another converted free gave the South East men the advantage at the three quarter mark, leading 1-5 to 0-4, in what was a lowscoring third quarter. Ballygarvan further increased their advantage to 1-6 to 0-4 in the 50th minute and Inniscarra looked to be in serious trouble.

David O'Keeffe had a point on 51 for 'Scarra and another on 54 and a goal now separate the teams, 1-6 to 0-6 with Inniscarra piling on the pressure.

In the 63rd minute, a goal from close range from John O'Callaghan following a goalmouth scramble had Inniscarra sensationally in front and Seán O'Donoghue, one of the finest footballers in Mid Cork, kicked over the wonder point to give his side victory and gain them promotion to the County Premier Junior championship in 2025.

Scorers for Inniscarra: S O'Donoghue 0-3 (0-1 f), J O'Callaghan 1-0, D O'Keeffe 0-2, L O'Connor (f), S Dineen 0-1 each.

Inniscarra: Dominic Kelleher; David Keane, Liam Ryan, John O'Callaghan (c); David O'Keeffe, Cormac Dineen, Jack O'Dwyer; Seán Sheehan, David Coughlan; Frank Horgan, Shay Dineen, Seán O'Donoghue; Tadgh Lyons, Dan O'Connell, Liam O'Connor. Subs: Mark McLoughlin 42, Dylan O'Sullivan 46, Cameron Lynch 55, Jack Hayes 58, Timmy Murphy 60.

Junior B Football Championship:

County JBFC: Kilmurry 0-14 Glenbower 1-3 Semi Finals: Douglas 2-12 Kilmurry 1-11: Ballinhassig 1-13 Goleen 2-12 County Final: Douglas 0-8 Goleen 0-4

U21 Hurling Championship

Farho Mid Cork A Final: Ballincollig 2-21 Éire Óg 2-11 County A quarter-final: Shandrum 0-19 Ballincollig

County Final: Midleton 1-20 St Finbarrs 0-18

Mid Cork Farho U21 BHC

Final: Ballinora 0-21 Aghabullogue 0-17 County QF/SF: Ballinora 3-16 Clyda 0-17 Co semi final: Ballinora 2-18 (24) Ballygarvan 3-13

County Final: Ballinora v Youghal

Ballinora 2-18 Ballygarvan 3-13

Ballinora will play Youghal in the Co-op Superstores U21 B hurling final after a fine win over Ballygarvan in a thrilling semi final at the 4G at SuperValu Pairc Uí Chaoimh. Two Ballinora points deep in injury time from Seán Lyons and a Ben Mayer free won the game for the Mid Cork champions.

Ballygarvan scored first but Ben Mayer equalised from a Ballinora free and Andrew O'Sullivan fired in a goal in the fifth minute, to give the Mid Cork champions a lead of 1-1 to 0-1.

The Carrigdhoun side, aided by the strong wind, began to take a grip on proceedings midway through the half and scored an equalising goal in the 17th minute, but Ballinora responded well with Mayer shooting three points, two from frees, before Ballygarvan levelled matters with three points, went in front by two but Mayer scored again for Ballinora. A second goal a minute into stoppage time gave Ballygarvan an interval lead of 2-8 to 1-8.

Two Ballinora points on the restart, from Billy Carbery and Mayer, were answered by a point for Ballygarvan but availing of the wind Ballinora outscored Ballygarvan by 0-4 to 0-2, but at the three quarter mark Ballygarvan had a third goal, which put them ahead by two points.

This game was dictated by the wind as Ballygarvan, favoured by the elements in the opening half, played a more open game. Scoring opportunities were at a premium for Ballinora, as they were restricted to 1-1 from play in this period. The tide turned for the Mid Cork side after the interval as they dominated proceedings territorially.

A point for Ballygarvan, was answered by two more from Mayer frees for Ballinora and then Ciarán O'Donoghue finished his strong run with Ballinora's second goal, before a point for Ballygarvan levelled the scores and assured a dramatic finish with Ballinora getting the final two points.

Scorers: Ballinora: B Mayer 0-12 (0-10 f, 0-1 65), C O'Donoghue, A O'Sullivan 1-0 each, B Carbery 0-2, L Lyons (f), M Quirke, I Quirke, S Lyons 0-1 each.

Ballinora: D Murphy; A Laverty, D Byrne, C Woulfe;

C O'Flynn, J Byrne, I Quirke; B Carbery, M Quirke; S Lyons, R Quirke, L Lyons; C O'Donoghue, B Mayer, A O'Sullivan. Subs: D Holmes 45, S Twohig 56.

U21 C Hurling:

Muskerry Final: Ballincollig B 2-15 Inniscarra B 0-12 County QF: Ballincollig B 0-18 Kilbree 1-13 Semi Final: Castlemartyr 1-21 Ballincollig 1-14 Final: Castlemartyr 2-15 Ballycastle Gaels 1-15

U 21 A Football

Muskerry Champions: Ballinora County Quarter Final: Ballinora 1-11 Aghada 1-5 Semi Final: Bishopstown 4-7 Ballinora 2-6 County Final: Bishopstown 1-11 Beara 0-6

Under U21 B Football

Muskerry Champions: Kilmurry County QF: Kilmurry 3-15 Glanmire 4-1 Semi Final: Kilmurry 4-11 Ballinhassig 4-2 County Final: Kilmurry v St Nicholas

Kilmurry 4-11 Ballinhassig 4-2

Kilmurry are through to the final of the McCarthy Insurance County U21 B Football Championship after their win over Ballinhassig at Bishopstown.

Kilmurry conceded a goal after only four minutes play but Ballinhassig's early goal was answered by points from Lawrence Aisling, Joe McGinn and Denis O'Mullane to level the scores on 15. Another Ballinhassig goal in the 17th minute was followed by a Rory Duggan goal in the 19th minute, level again. Ballinhassig hit them with a third goal but again Rory Duggan found the Ballinhassig net in the 23rd minute and the Mid Cork champions were only a point adrift at half time, 3-2 to 2-3 the score in favour of the South East men.

Kilmurry put in a great second half performance, scoring 2-8 against 1-1 for their opponents, to demonstrate that they are worthy finalists against St Nicholas. Joe McGinn followed his point with a 34th minute goal, Oisín McDonald added a point to make it 3-5 to 3-1, Ballinhassig had a point from a free, their last score for 24 minutes!

Kilmurry were dominating now, with McGinn and Michael Fitton adding points, but the Mid Cork champions then had a man red carded in the 48th minute for an off-the-ball incident. Undaunted, Kilmurry stayed on top, McGinn, Joe O'Mullane and McDonald helped increase their lead, 3-10 to 3-2 and when Ballinhassig had a fourth goal, a late Kilmurry goal from Sam Dineen finished off any hopes of a late Ballinhassig revival.

Scorers for Kilmurry: J McGinn 1-4 (0-1 f), R Duggan 2-1, Dineen 1-0, O McDonald 0-2, L Aisling, D O'Mullane, M Fitton, J O'Mullane 0-1 each.

Kilmurry: Cian Desmond; Owen Keane, Jack Devine, Fionn Kelleher; Seán O'Leary Alexander Asling, Max O'Leary; Lawrence Asling, Conor Kelleher; Rory Duggan, Ryan Leahy, Oisín McDonald; Joe McGinn, Denis O'Mullane, Joe O'Mullane. Subs: Michael Fitton 39, Alan Desmond 56, Sam Dineen 60.

Under 21 C Football:

Muskerry Champions: Kilmichael County semi Finals: Kilmichael 3-16 Kildorrery 1-5 Kilmeen 0-11 Glenbower 2-7 County Final: Kilmichael 2-12 Glenbower 3-5

Kilmichael 2-12 Glenbower Rovers 3-5

Kilmichael Under 21footballers made history for the club when they added the county U21 title to their Mid Cork crown, deservedly defeating Glenbower Rovers from Killeagh in the final under lights at SuperValu Páirc Uí Chaoimh's 4G pitch. This is the first ever adult football county title won by Kilmichael and with some quality players in the ranks, this win should be a major boost for the prospects of the junior team in the years to come.

Tom Browne was in superb form for Kilmichael, scoring 0-8, 0-6 from play, and his contribution was needed as Glenbower Rovers' facility to find the net meant that they were always within striking range of the winners.

Glenbower had the first goal in the third minute, Kilmichael got on the scoreboard 60 seconds later with a Brian Horgan point from a 45. Tom Browne scored his first point and Ciarán Foley's goal made it 1-2 to 1-0 in the sixth minute of a hectic opening spell.

Glenbower got through for a point in the eighth minute, added another before Browne hit back with



Kilmichael-cork U21 C Football Champions 2024

three points in a row to make it 1-5 to 1-2 and Cian McCarthy increased Kilmichael's lead with a blistering shot to the Glenbower net in the 24th minute.

Kilmichael had a man black carded for a jersey pull, but limited the damage by containing the East Cork men to the break when the winners led by 2-5 to 1-3. On the restart, Kilmichael hit over 0-4 without reply, Browne, Horgan and Foley on target, but Glenbower came back with 1-1 to cancel the Kilmichael burst and leave the score at 2-9 to 2-4 after 50 minutes. Brian Horgan kicked his third point to steady the ship

for Kilmichael, points were exchanged, but Glenbower Rovers struck for a late goal to cut the gap between the teams to three points. Tom Browne killed off the Glenbower challenge with a point at the other end to ensure victory for the Kilmichael men and how the supporters hailed this great win! Scorers for Kilmichael: T Browne 0-8 (0-1 45, 0-1 f), C

Foley 1-1, C McCarthy 1-0, B Hogan 0-3 (0-1 45). Kilmichael: Dylan Connolly; David Lynch, Isaac Wood; Michel Downey, Conor Horgan, Dylan Lynch; Brian Horgan, David Horgan; Cian McCarthy, Diarmuid Kelleher, Dermot O'Riordan; Tom Browne, Ciarán Foley. Subs: Conor McCarthy 45, Zach Ryan 53, Sam Wood 60, Mark Calnan 60.

Corn Uí Mhuirí SAFC

Preliminary quarter-final: Pobalscoil Chorca Dhuibhne 1-12 De La Salle College, Macroom 0-14 De La Salle College, Macroom suffered their first loss in the competition having gone through the group phase unbeaten but forced into a quarter final qualifying round on scoring difference and the luck of the draw. They now exit the competition without reaching the quarter final stage and will be very disappointed.

It was a very exciting contest from start to finish with DLS looking like winners midway through the second half when they enjoyed a three point lead but the goal for An Daingen changed everything, the West Kerry boys went clear points clear and DLS just failed to draw level by the final whistle. An Daingean had two goal chances, scored 1-1 from them, De la Salle had two goal chances and got no return from their opportunities and paid the price.

PS Chorca Dhuibhne opened the scoring after five

Colleges GAA

minutes, Denis O'Mullane who levelled the contest. Tom Browne and Cian MacGearailt exchanged frees before DLS Macroom moved 0-5 to 0-2 in front by the 22nd minute, thanks an O'Mullane mark, and points from Tom Browne and Colin Kelleher. PS Chorca Dhuibhne had three points in quick succession but a Tom Browne free afforded Macroom a 0-6 to 0-5 half time lead.

PS Chorca Dhuibhne upped their game in the second half with two points to take a one point lead, but points from Tom Browne and O'Mullane restored Macroom's minimal advantage. In the 36th minute a penalty for at Kerry boys was sent over the bar and De la Salle responded tellingly with three points in a row, Browne, O'Mullane and Billy Murphy the scorers giving them a 0-11 to 0-8 lead with forty three minutes gone.

PS Chorca Dhuibhne, turned the three-point deficit into a three-point lead in six minutes thanks but were left hanging on as points from Denis O'Mullane and Tom Browne closed the gap to the minimum and in added time DLS were denied a match winning goal by a superb save by the Dingle goalkeeper.

Scorers for De La Salle College Macroom: DO'Mullane 0-6 (0-2 f, 0-1 m), T Browne 0-5 (0-3 f), S O'Leary, B Murphy, C Kelleher 0-1 each.

De La Salle College Macroom: Cian Desmond (Kilmurry); Sean Hennigan (Kilmichael), Cormac Bourke (Macroom), Isaac Wood (Kilmichael); Seán O'Leary (Kilmurry), Owen McCarthy (Clondrohid), Eoghan Healy (Macroom); Mark Condon (Macroom), Ruadhán McKenna (Macroom); Sam Kelleher-Leavy (Macroom), Tom Browne (Kilmichael), Billy Murphy (Macroom); Colin Kelleher (Macroom), Denis O'Mullane (Kilmurry), Tim Sweeney (Iveleary). Subs: Jack O'Shea (Macroom) and Jack Kelleher-Leavy (Macroom) both 48, Jamie Hourihane (Clondrohid) 50, Ruairí O'Shea (Macroom) 55.

2024 Mid Cork GAA Annual General Meeting

The AGM of Muskerry GAA was hosted by Ballinora, a club celebrating its one hundredth anniversary, and the Divisional Board Rúnaí Enda Linehan presented her fourth annual report to the members.

Tuarascáil an Rúnaí

The ninety-ninth Annual Convention will be held on Monday 9th December at 8pm. It is my privilege to present my fourth report on the activities of Roinn Mhúscraí for the present year.

We commenced the year in early January to confirm entries and formats for the league and championships in 2024. Al I league & championship formats had to be submitted to the county board for approval before the end of January. Once the leagues' structures were approved league fixtures and championship draws were completed in early

February. Delegates were told that the U21 footbal I championship would be played over 4 weekends in February and that clubs inter county players would be made avai lable for this. The U21 hurling would be looked at to be played in the latter part of the year. Junior Championships draws were made at our meeting in February and the round robin format was adapted once again. As in the previous year some remaining positions to be filled were discussed and clubs were asked for nominations but unfortunately these were not filled again for 2024. There is a little more uptake heading into 2025.

We also had more new referees in the division for

In 2024 the division had a fantastic year with Muskerry Teams on the field of play with county titles

and involvement in county finals. We had wins for Kilmurry (Premier Junior Football). Ki Imichael (U21 C Football), Aghabullouge (Junior B Hurling) to be played other clubs involved in county finals Blarney (Senior A Hurling), Canovee (Premier Junior Football). Other clubs in county competitions Inniscarra (Junior A Football), Ballinora (Junior A Hurling) lost in semi final, Kilmurry (Junior B Football), Ballinora (U21 A Football), Kilmurry (U21 B Football), Ballincollig (U21 A & C Hurling) Lost A Quarter Final, Ballinora (U21 B Hurling).

Our Muskerry Sports Star Awards also continued for 2024 under our continued sponsors EPH Controls. The Muskerry Board ran 21 competitions in 2024 and 296 games in both Football & Hurling League & Championship.

Championship Review:

Our Junior A Football competition still dominates interest in the division despite another Muskerry club in Canovee being promoted to Premier Junior for 2024, which left the competition wide open once again. Inniscarra v Aghinagh reached the A final. Inniscarra won and represented us in the county championship.

Junior B Footbal I we had Ki Imurry v Naomh Abán contesting the final. Ki Imurry won. Plate competition is yet to be completed.

Junior C Footbal I final involves Naomh Abán & Canovee.

U21 Footbal I we had 3 grades - The A grade final involving Ball incollg and Ballinora with Ballinora winning for the first time in their history. In the B grade final Kilmurry defeated Donoughmore and ion the C grade final Kilmichael defeated Macroom. Al I very competitive competitions.

In Junior A Hurling Ballinora were going for 4 in a row and we had a new pairing in Ballinora v Ballin collig in the final. Once again Ballinora were winners.

Junior B Hurling, Aghabul louge who were in the final in 2023 came out on top against Blarney this year and in the plate competition Iveleary were the winners. In U21 hurling we had 3 grades Premier/A, B & C grade. Premier/A grade Ballincollig & Eire Óg contested the final with Ballincollig winning. In the B Grade final Ballinora defeated Aghabullogue and in the C grade final, Ballincollig 2 defeated Inniscarra 2.

Muskerry Teams

champions Imokilly.

As a small thank you to players from our Intermediate to Junior clubs who make themselves available to play with either the Senior Footballers or Hurlers, we provided once again a training top along with socks

Muskerry Senior footballers - With some of the senior football management stepping away for 2024 the Runai went about getting a new management in place and once the new management were ratified, they started the process of compiling a full list of players they would like to have available to them from the Premier Intermediate to Junior clubs. They approached the managements and players of the relevant clubs to ask for the availability of the said

players for the Senior Football Panel and they got a great response from all clubs. It was agreed that there would be no weekly training sessions as players were already training with their own clubs and they felt this was sufficient. However it was hoped that maybe in the week of championship they could get the players together to have a kick around and a match plan, but this did not happen on many occasions. When a pitch was required clubs made their facilities available and we thank them for this.

For the championship we were in a group of 4 guaranteed a minimum of 3 games but this did not happen as Beara & Imokilly withdrew from the competition which left just Avondhu to be played on the 13th of June in Glenville. We came away from this game with a win, but it was a good hard game. Players were only getting to know one another in this game and as the game went on, they gave a better performance. As winners of the group stages, we now progressed to play Carbery in the semi final of the Divisional/College's competition. This game was played in Ovens where we started well but left Carbery back into the game. We won this game by the skin of our teeth and we now headed into the final of the Divisional/Colleges against Duhallow to see who would lift the Tadhg Crowley Cup. We had also played Duhallow last season in the unseeded final and lost on a very wet night. We were out to rectify that this year and had an amazing first half where we led at half time on a scoreline of 3-7 v 0-8. In the second half Duhallow came out and went on the scoring spree to bring them back into the game. The Duhallow goalkeeper, crossbar and post all denied Muskerry players the chance of getting more goals but when Chris Óg Jones scored a point into injury time it was the insurance point and earned our victory. This was the first time since 1970 that any silverware was won by Muskerry Senior Footballers. With this we progressed as the 7th seed going into the pot for the next round of the Premier Senior Football Championship. On this occasion we came up against Mallow. It was originally fixed for Sunday 29th September but due to weather warnings the game was moved to the following weekend in Kanturk. Going into this game the management were very positive as they felt they had a very strong group of players to pick from. However on the morning of the match the management were informed that the players from 2

prominent Intermediate clubs would not be made available to the Muskerry Senior Footballers and with the injured players also, this depleted our team completely. Even the players who turned up from the remaining clubs and made themselves available to play were disappointed that we did not have our best this is no disrespect to the other lads who came on to replace them but we had one player who had only played a part in one of the previous games and he played a full game and proved on the day that he is as good as any other senior footballer in the county even though he plays with a Junior club. Despite staying with them in the first half we were unlucky with some of our scores at the start of the second half and Mallow got the rub of the green with their goals. But our team kept going right to the finish and gave it their 100% on the day. Afterwards the players gathered in a circle, and they all felt that this was a huge improvement from the previous year and that if we all stay together for 2025, we could have one good go of it again. With the heart that these players showed during the Divisional Championship we hope that some will progress onto some of our Inter County panels in 2025 and we also wish Paul Ring (Aghabullouge) a speedy recovery. On behalf of myself, the board and the management of the Muskerry Senior Footballers we want to thank all the clubs, players and all the club's team managements for making their players available to us for this competition and we hope to have the medal presentation in January.

Thanks to the management of: Conor Hurley (Macroom), Diarmuid Riordan (Uibh Laoire), John Quill (Naomh Aban), Ricky Leisk (Inniscarra).

June 13th: Muskerry 3-16 Avondhu 3-13

August 9th: Muskerry 1-15 Carbery 1-14 Seeded Semi Final

August 30th: Muskerry 3-13 Duhallow 2-15 Seeded Final

October 6th: Muskerry 2-11 Mallow 3-15 Premier Senior Football Quarter Final

2024 was a year that positivity outweighed negativity where our Muskerry Senior hurling was concerned. In a division where we have so many dual clubs and the workload on our players gets tougher and more intense each year, injuries or club championship activity unfortunately prohibited us from fielding our strongest first 15 on the night that mattered most, in

our Divisional Final versus eventual Senior County

It must be stated that the majority of our hurling clubs and their teams management have been very supportive when possible and foremost our players have shown great commitment and respect towards our division and our team management. The opportunity to play Premier Senior Hurling is a great incentive for any player who wishes to improve and progress throughout their own personal hurling careers. Following a couple of training sessions in May our championship campaign commenced in Macroom on Tuesday 4th June. As was to be expected, with our first game together we took time to settle by hitting a number of wide's but a strong

second half performance saw us commence our

championship campaign on a win. Our next game v

Duhallow was to decide who would progress to the

Muskerry Senior Hurlers



Inniscarra County final team photo.

seeded semi finals and unfortunately at very short notice Duhallow withdrew leaving us very short of match practice. We managed to pick up 2 excellent challenge games against Ballincollig and Carrigaline respectively where we were victorious in both.

We moved on to our seeded semi final of Divisional/ Colleges v UCC on Sunday 11th August in Dungourney and this was a very competitive game of hurling where we took the lead after 20 mins of the first half and remained in front until the conclusion holding off a late UCC rally winning once again. This saw us qualify for the final of Divisional/Colleges seeded section v Imokilly on Sunday 1st September in Pairc Ui Rinn. On a night when we needed our strongest and best hurlers available to put up a strong challenge unfortunately holidays, injuries, club withdrawals saw us short at least 10 players (7 probable starters) and this was a challenge too far and we succumbed to an eventual heavy loss on the

As the year concludes and we have all witnessed the powerhouse that is Imokilly hurling and its clubs in winning their various club championships, hopefully we as a division can keep improving, competing and progressing in the years ahead.

Special Thanks to Barry Holland (Donoughmore), Pat Lane (Ballinora), Denis Murphy (Aghabullouge), Brendan O'Driscoll (MTU), Johnny O'Dwyer (Ballincollig) for their excellent help and commitment to me and Muskerry Hurling in 2024 - Diarmuid Kirwan Manager.

June 4th: Muskerry 3-15 Carbery 2-09

August 11th: Muskerry 3-18 UCC 2-15 seeded semi

September 1st: Muskerry 0-17 Imokilly 6-31

Championships: **MJK Oils Ltd Junior A Hurling:**

We had 9 teams involved in the A hurling championship for 2024. It had a group format with 3 teams in each. Following the group stages the quarter finals had Inniscarra v Donoughmore & Grenagh v Dripsey with Ballinora & Ballincollig awaiting the winners in the semi finals. Ballinora going for 4 titles in a row, came up against Grenagh in the semi final held in Ovens and Grenagh pushed them all the way to end but Ballinora finished with a little more to give. Ballincollig played Inniscarra in the other semi final with Inniscarra having Cork Senior Hurling captain Sean O'Donoghue available to play this would boost any second team, but Ballincollig had their homework done and were a much better team on the day. The final Ballinora v Ballincollig was played in Ovens on Sunday 20th October under lights. With atrocious conditions and some very good

the game ended in a draw. The replay was fixed two weeks later for Sunday 3rd November in Ovens once again. A huge crowd

We had 12 teams due to Ballinora winning the Junior B competition in 2023 and being promoted to Junior A for 2024 season. Canovee won the 2023 Junior A competition and went on to win the county and were promoted to Premier Junior in 2024. So, once again, we had the group format with 4 teams in each group. Progressing from the group stages the quarter finals

hurling by both teams and good referee decisions,

gathered once again for the replay, and we were not left disappointed again. Ballincollig started off well but will rue their missed chances with free taking and their defence switching off for a split second in letting Ballinora in for a goal which was the difference at the end of the game. Ballinora made history by completing 4 titles in a row. Ballinora progressed to the county championship but lost out to a much better Tracton team in the semi final. Ballinora will be heading for 5 in a row for 2025 but other teams in the division I'm sure will have something to say about that.

Oriel House Hotel Junior B Hurling: - 12 teams started off in the B hurling championship for 2024. The winners of Round 1 would progress to the championship proper, and the losers would play in the plate competition. The quarter finals had Aghabullogue v Cloughduv and Blarney v Ballincollig. Grenagh were to play Aghabullogue but conceded the game and Inniscarra played Blarney in the semi finals. Aghabullogue once again in the final this year hoping to go one better and win. They played Blarney on 19th October in Donoughmore a very close first half with Blarney unlucky not to score some goals, but Aghabullogue changed gear in second half and finished comprehensively on the day. They represented us in the county and despite having to play their county semi final twice following an appeal from their result of the first semi final they won the replay and progressed to the final against Fr O'Neills. The plate final competition was contested by Ballinora and

Iveleary with Iveleary winning the Austin Cremin RIP cup which was presented by his family on the night. Farho Intelligent Heating Ltd U21 Hurling Premier/A, B & C: -

4 teams played in the Premier/A grade. Ballincollig, Eire Og, Blarney & Inniscarra.

5 teams in B grade Cloughduv, Grenagh,

Donoughmore, Ballinora & Aghabullogue.

5 teams in C grade Donoughmore 2, Western Gaels, Lee Gaels, Inniscarra 2, Ballincollig 2.

With a county competition to be played this year all these competitions had to be completed by the 17th of November. This proved very hard for clubs who were still involved in adult team competitions for county & Munster championship. Some of the games had to be played mid-week to facilitate this and a huge thanks to clubs with lights who facilitated the playing of these games on their pitches and getting this competition completed. The Premier/A grade had two semi finals with Eire Óg & Ballincollig reaching the final. The final was played in Ballyanly on a Sunday afternoon with a great crowd in attendance. Eire Óg started the game well with an early goal and only a point separated the teams at half time. In the second half Ballincollig made a few positional changes which resulted in some goals and them going on to win comprehensively for the third time. Ballincollig were unsuccessful in the county rounds, losing out to Newtownshandrum by a point.

The B grade final involved Aghabullogue and Ballinora playing in Cloughduv on a very cold night. The game was point for point right up to the 58th minute then Ballinora got four points in a row and won on the night. They are now in the county championship v Clyda Rovers.

The C grade involved the second teams of Ballincollig & Inniscarra. This was a very close game with

Inniscarra in front by the minimum of 1 point at the 53rd minute but Ballicollig got a lucky goal and a few more points and Inniscarra had no answer to this, but they had a few opportunities but some of their shooting was wayward. Ballincollig have now reached the semi final of the county where they play Castlemartyr.

Ross Oil Junior A Football:



Kilmurry U21 B Team who won the county semi-final on Saturday

involved Eire Og v Ballingeary & Donoughmore v Ballincollig with Aghinagh & Inniscarra waiting for the winners in the semi finals. Aghinagh played Donoughmore in Coachford in front of a huge crowd with Donoughmore well in control in the first half however Aghinagh had more to give and came out on top to advance to the final. Inniscarra played Eire Óg once again this year in Ballincollig but the game had a delayed start due to a player being injured in a Ladies Football game prior to the game. This game was point for point and a close encounter then Inniscarra scored a superb goal this was the deciding score at the end of the game giving Inniscarra the opportunity to contest the final again in 2024. The final was fixed for 27th October in Grenagh this was Grenagh's first time hosting a mid-cork final. Little did they think that they would be hosting a second one a week later. This game was played with both teams

going for it with some great scores. At the end a draw

was a fair result, so it all had to be done again a week

later in Grenagh. Despite it being fixed for Saturday

some distressing news was filtering through about

the Aghinagh goalkeeper Kevin Cotter who had taken

ill and was in hospital after a serious operation. This

must have affected the team players, managements,

club members, family and friends. It must have been hard for all concerned to come out again on Saturday to play in the replay of the final. Both teams took to the field again and they say goals win matches and we got 3 goals from both teams which made for an exciting game. With Inniscarra up a point in injury time Aghinagh missed a free which would have taken it to extra time. This was not to be and Inniscarra were the winners. Inniscarra are now in the county semi final v Kilmacabea.

Ballincollig Credit Union Junior B Football:

15 teams entered this competition. Huge interest once again. Last year's winners Ballinora were promoted to Junior A and we still had a huge entry. Like Junior B hurling we the winners of round 1 progress to championship proper and loser go into the plate competition. With some very entertaining games we had Naomh Abán & Kilmurry in the final. Nothing could separate the teams on the first day, so we had a replay and after a once again entertaining game Kilmurry were the winners. Kilmurry are now in the semi final of the county championship. In the plate competition this has not been completed due to clubs being in other competitions and we hope to get it completed in early 2025.

Rochestown Park Hotel Junior C Football: - We had 10 entries at the start of the season but before round 1 could even be played we had 2 withdrawals for various reasons, and this was acceptable to the board. The remainder of the competition continued, and the final involves Naomh Aban v Canovee.

Macroom Motors U21 A, B&C Football: - We had 4 teams in A grade Ballinora, Ballincollig, Eire Óg, Naomh Abán.



In B grade we had 7 teams Donoughmore, Aghabullouge, Inniscarra, Kilmurry, Ballincollig 2, Grenagh, Canovee.

In C grade 8 teams Clondrohid, Macroom, Uibh Laoire, Blarney, Kilmichael, Aghinagh, Ballingeary, Cill na Martra.

This competition was played in February as the county board had an agreement with the management of the Cork U21 Football to release the inter-county players for those 3 weeks. It was a straight knockout competition and weather worked in our favour. In the A grade Ballinora won this grade for the first time ever and are now in the semi final of the county. Kilmurry won the B grade, and they too are in the semi final of the county. Kilmichael won the C grade and are now in the final on 13th-15th December.

Leagues:

We continued with the same league structure for 2024. In hurling Div 1-3 inclusive with 8 teams in Div 1&2 each team gets 7 games and in Div 3 5 teams and they each get 4 games.

In football Div 1-4 inclusive with Div 1 had 8 teams, Div 2 divided into East & West with 8 teams in each, Div 3 had 8 teams, Div 4 had 4 teams this division was for clubs who wanted games outside of the normal league for the extra players they had in their clubs. All leagues were completed. The Div 3 Hurling

league cup was presented to the board by the Lucey family remembering the late Conor Lucey RIP. The Div 4 Football league cup was presented by the Billy Twomey RIP family on the day of the league final. Div 1 HL Final – Grenagh 2-14 Donoughmore 1-12 Div 2 HL Final – Kilmichael 1-20 Iveleary 0-09 Div 3 HL Final – Ballinora 2-15 Lough Rovers 2-11 Div 1 FL Final – Donoughmore 3-12 Grenagh 1-08 Div 2 FL Final – Aghabullouge 2-08 Kilmurry 1-09 Div 3 FL Final – Gleann na Laoi 0-10 Naomh Abán 1-04 Div 4 FL Final – Clondrohid 0-11 Canovee 0-09

Venues

My special thanks must go to all our clubs who hosted our games during the year. Without your help our championship/leagues could not have been run as smoothly as they do and despite the huge number of games that were played in such an efficient manner. You were always willing to accommodate the board and especially this season I must commend clubs with lights on their pitches who facilitated games mid-week in late October and November. Also, my thanks to those people who volunteered to collect monies at the gate and who were stewarding for the smooth running of the games. Also, to those who provided refreshments for all at the Mid Cork Finals. I would also like to thank the Aghabullouge club and John Crean for sorting the meeting room each time we needed to have either a CCC or Board meeting

during the year.

Referees

I would like to thank all the Referees in the Cóiste for their wonderful service and commitment over the past year. They have gone above and beyond for the past few months, especially with the demand on them, it should be noted that without our referees we would not be able to progress with our games. A special word of thanks to Gene Buckley for taking his time to assess some of our referees during the year also. To Miah Moynihan who in the role as Referee Administrator for the first year, has been of huge support to me, especially when we had so many championship & league games to cover in a short space of time. Also, we continue to have Muskerry representatives on the county administrative committee Jim McEvoy Runaí (Blarney), Diarmuid Kirwin Mentoring (Eire Óg), Paddy Corkery Umpires (Eire Óg), Miah Moynihan Muskerry/Advisors (Grenagh) it is good to see plenty of representation from the Muskerry Division. Congratulations to Jim McEvoy on his appointment as County Referees Administrator, John Crean Cumann Reiteoirí Hall of Fame award 2024, also to the referees who represented the division in covering county finals and inter county games during the year.

MACROOM SOCCER



Macroom FC Coaches training session with Mid-Cork Coaching

Macroom FC U-11A Schoolboys in action against Mayfield

Coaching Session with Mid-Cork Coaching

Macroom FC would like to thank Mid-Cork Coaching for providing a very insightful training session for our coaches. As a club we are extremely grateful and proud to see how enthusiastic our coaches are to actively participate in these coaching sessions. A total of 32 coaches were in attendance over a two hour period which is fantastic to see. Thank you all for giving up your time on a very cold evening. Thanks also to the U-17 b

Schoolboys and the Seniors for being in attendance tonight. The future is bright at Macroom FC.

Under-16 National Trophy

Watergrasshill United: 2 Macroom FC: 5

Macroom advanced to the last 32 of the National Trophy after a hard fought win against a resilient Watergrasshill side.

Leading at half time after a Rodri goal early into the

game. Macroom squandered a number of chances in the first half and survived a number of scares of their own, only for outstanding goalkeeping by William Burke.

Watergrasshill equalised early into the second half, Macroom took the lead again through an outstanding strike of pure quality by Jayden Leahy. Once again, Watergrasshill responded with an equaliser of quality. Again Macroom had to dig deep and Micheal Dunne calmly converted a penalty to give them the lead.

Micheal Cregan increased the lead with another fabulous strike from outside the box.

At this stage Macroom were well in control and up stepped Ryan Tami to seal the game with a cooly converted finish. Overall a great game of quality goals and Macroom now move on to the open draw for the last 32 in the new year.

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U-13A Schoolboys

Mallow United: 0 Macroom FC: 2

Great 2-0 win for the U-13As away to Mallow United in cold conditions, all the boys put in a great performance against a strong Mallow team. Special mention to the super defence today who helped Patrick Watson keep a well deserved clean sheet.

The boys were unlucky not to score more with narrowly missed chances for Jack, Blake and Brian. Captain for the day was Jack Ryan. Tom Minehane and Sanan Ahmed got the goals.

Great teamwork by all the boys today. Well done all. Thanks to the parents for their support and our Jersey sponsor, Suleman Ahmed

U-12A Schoolboys

Macroom FC A: 2

Ringmahon Rangers A: 1

Sponsor: Haven Pharmacy Burkes





SPORTS MAD

Matthew Corkery Liam O'Brien

Ringmahon were the visitors for an early kick off. Macroom took an early lead when Matty Corkery broke through the Ringmahon defence before slotting home neatly with barely a minute on the clock. Macroom were forced into an early goalkeeper change when Damian Murray O'Riordan had to be replaced due to injury having made a solid start. Ringmahon settled and had much of the possession whilst also increasing their corner count. There pressure would tell when mid way through the half they equalised through a well struck free kick from outside the box. The sides would go in level at half time.

The intensity would continue in the second half where Ringmahon continued to attack and create good chances but the Macroom defence who were solid all morning were not to be outdone again. With time running out Tommy MacSullivan went on a brillant run on the right before crossing into the box where Liam O'Brien accepted the invitation and caught the ball perfectly with the inside of his foot on the turn and as the crowd watched on it hit the inside of the post and nestled in the top corner to put the home side ahead again. Ringmahon continued to push forward and created some nice chances to equalise but, ultimately Macroom would hang on to secure an epic 2-1 win much to the delight of the local supporters and parents.

A great experience for our boys this morning. Thanks to Ringmahon for an entertaining game. Captain for today was Liam O'Brien.

U-12 Schoolboys: Division One Springfield Ramblers: 0 Macroom FC: 2 Nathan Dunton

The U-12 Schoolbovs were on the road for a 10:00 Kick Off at The Stephen Ireland Astro against Springfield Ramblers.

The lads settled early and with some lovely passes and pressure they were dominating. A well deserved goal came ,when a lovely run of play led to a corner and a cross from Nathan Dunton landed in top left corner of oppositions goal, 1-0 up at half time.

Macroom started the second half confidently but, Springfield Ramblers pressed and through solid defence and some magic from our keeper Stephen O'Shea, we managed to maintain the lead. A burst up the wing from Eoghan Kelly and a lovely cross into the box was finished by Nathan Dunton. Springfield Ramblers battled all the way to the final whistle but we came away with a well deserved win.

Thanks to Dornan Engineering our kit sponsors and to all parents who travelled. Also thanks to Springfield Ramblers for the competitive match and the opportunity to play at a fantastic venue.

U-12B Schoolboys

Macroom FC B: 7 Ballincollig FC A 3

The U-12B Schoolboys moved back to the top of the league with an excellent performance.

Kegoikantse Dube bagged a hat trick whilst Luca Carrol and Brendon Bhebe each got a brace. Well done to all.

U-16A Schoolboys

Macroom FC A: 10 Springfield Ramblers B: 2

Macroom welcomed Springfield Ramblers to the Town Park for a 10:00 Kick Off. The game started with the usual teasing out of the opposition and ten minutes into the half, the visitors pounced to go one up which prompted a wake up call to our lads. They rose to this call and a minute later they were on level terms due to a great goal from Tadhq Carter, beating the goalie with a great lob shot.

Four minutes later the ever industrious Michael Kelleher made it 2-1 with a fantastic finish to the net. The 27th minute saw a great goal by Liam McLaughlin followed swiftly by another great goal in the 32nd minute. This one from Jack O'Riordan from long range, a dinger of a goal. Springfield added to their tally with a goal in the 34th minute. Macroom were up 4-2 until Tadhg Carter had other ideas and added another in the 35th minute, a carbon copy of his first goal to leave the half time score at 5-2 in favour of Macroom.

Coach Tadho stressed level heads and concentration for the second half. The guys listened and listened well. In the sixth minute of the second half, Liam slotted home his second of the day and this was followed in the 13th minute by a hat trick goal for Tadhg Carter. Not to be outdone, Liam McLoughlin slotted home to score his hat trick. The hardworking Eoin Underhill scored with a fantastic finish twentyone minutes into the half. The final say went to Tadhq Carter again. Tadhg claimed his 4th for the day in the 22nd minute of the second half.

Great credit goes to each and every one of the lads. Great team spirit, playing for each other and making Coach Tadhq a very proud man. Continued success to the lads. We didn't have two or three good players to mention today, we had a fabulous panel of fourteen young men. Thanks to the parents who watched the game, to the referee, Andrzej Juszczak a big thank you for a job well done and to Hugh Kelleher for the fabulous job having the pitch looking so well for a game in December.



Macroom FC U-12A Schoolboys



Macroom FC U-12 Schoolboys



Macroom FC U-12B Schoolboys



Macroom U16A



LAOCHRA ÓG

U16 Hurling.

Our u16 hurlers finished a fantastic year yesterday when they captured the U16 West League Final at our home pitch in Ballymacorcoran and to add this to the North Divisional Championship and County titles they already won this year .

This team have had a superb year winning the three titles and given their supporters some great days out. It was fitting to finish off the year winning at home on our fantastic new grounds.

Thanks to the parents and supporters whom have travelled far and wide this season cheering on the lads. A special thanks to our team sponsors Deasys Pharmacy Group Cork for their continued support.



U16 Hurlers v Kilmeen in Ballymacorcoran 1st December 2024.

MACROOM GAA CHARITY GAME

Under 33's played the over 33's in a Macroom GAA Charity match last weekend. The game was full of sport, fun and laughs and raised a whopping $\leq 1,745$ for charity. Huge thanks to all



Referee Hughie Kelleher and Macroom supporters



Both teams



Over 33's





Under 33's

Referee Hughie Kelleher and Macroom supporters

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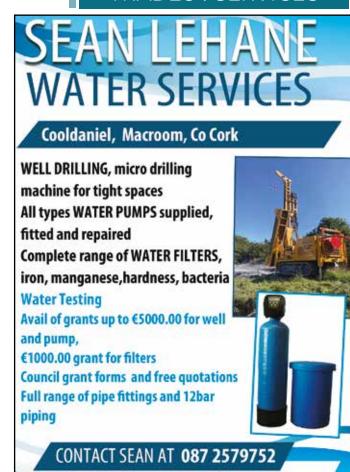
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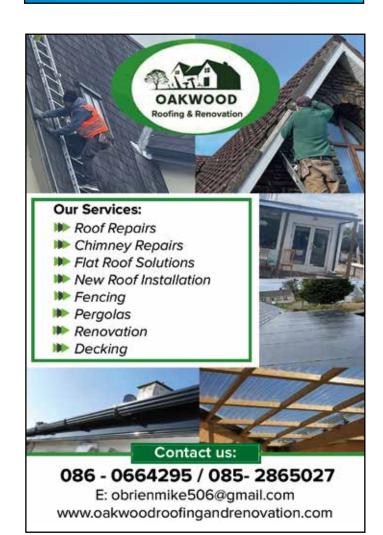




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"And while they were there, the time came for Mary's Baby to be born. She gave birth to her firstborn Son....there were shepherds in the fields nearby...suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's Glory surrounded them. They were terrified, but the angel reassured them...don't be afraid! I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Saviour - yes, the Messiah, the Lord, has been born today in Bethlehem...and you will recognize Him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger" (Luke 2:6-12 NLT).

Welcome back dear student, we have completed another year of Bible study in your pursuit of God. What a gift to know the Lord Jesus. I pray your relationship with Him has increased and blessed you. All He asks of us is to believe Him and seek Him more (Mark 5:36; Psalm 27:8). The first Christmas is depicted in many homes in the crib. The birth of Jesus our Saviour is the reason we celebrate Christmas. It's sad to see how the world tries to remove Christ from Christmas, calling it winter holidays, or x-mas - what a mockery (Psalm 1). Christmas is nothing without Christ. Yeshua - the true Hebrew Name of Jesus means 'God is Salvation'. The crib tells how God came down, born as an innocent baby just like us, and grew up to die so that our debt to sin could be paid in full. Man could never atone for sin, no matter how good a life is lived. But Jesus never sinned because He has God the Father's perfect bloodline, untainted by evil. He gave His Blood in exchange for our sins. There was no other way of Salvation (Acts 4:12). God's Love for us settled it - He gave Himself to save us (Isaiah 59:16). He chose Mary, a virgin who was probably aged about seventeen, to supernaturally conceive and carry His Son. Joseph, her fiancé, became guardian of Jesus. And so, the story of Salvation unfolded in a stable with the first witnesses, simple shepherds from the hills. This Baby would grow to become the Lamb of God, mankind's Redeemer.

Picture the tender scene: God Himself looking at His Son being born, all of Heaven rejoicing. God gazing upon this Child knowing the pain He would endure, all for Love; all so whoever would believe in Him could become the adopted sons and daughters of God (Isaiah 53:10; Romans 8:15). A lot more was going on in that nativity scene than meets the eye. Prophecy was being fulfilled; destinies were sealed (John 3:16). Our fate changed that night - no longer was the world without hope, for now our Living Hope was here Himself (1 Peter 1:3). Thank You Lord Jesus for Your Faithful obedience to

Dear one, make your life count and enjoy every day, because a great price was paid for you (1 Peter 1:19) I'm not talking about partying and drinking, but grow to recognise The King of kings! If you are suffering, know that God is there with you. He is the Healer of your pain, not the author of the chaos (John 10:10). Jesus is your Deliverer, your Refuge, your Friend (John 15:14-16). He will bring good from what the devil tried to destroy you with. For those grieving loved ones who've passed on - release them, and trust God with them for now, knowing one day you will meet again. But until then, stay connected to the Lord and His Word - let Him tell you of His Love. May God's Spirit of Peace and Joy, His Light and Salvation be with you and your family always. God bless you friend.

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The Alan Buckley Memorial Cic Fada takes place on December 27th in Kilmurry and all are welcome.

Wishing Kilmurry GAA the best of luck in the forthcoming All-Ireland Semi Final!

From Alan's parents Mary & Declan, sisters Lisa and Tara, and brother Sean.



ALAN BUCKLEY 1977-2010

Ar dheis Di go raibh a anam

4TH ANNIVERSARY

17TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

PÁDRAIG (CON PATSY) **CRONIN**



In loving memory of

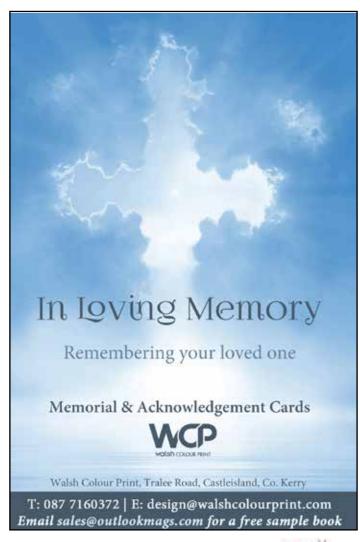
JOAN **CRONIN**

Dromanallig, Ballingeary who's 4th and 17th anniversaries occur around this time.

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



Sadly missed and fondly remembered by the Kelleher family, Goirtín na Coille



FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

MICHEAL (SPUD) **MURPHY**

63 Main St, Macroom, Co. Cork who died on the 26th Dec 2023.

We remember Micheal who died unexpectedly on the 26th of December 2023. Aged 61. His family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude for all who supported us and sympathised with us on our sad loss. Our sincere thanks to our extended family, friends and neighbours for their help and support. To all who travelled to attend the removal and funeral mass, cremation and the spreading of his ashes, your pressence and kind words were really appreciated.

A special word of thanks to Mick, Breda and family, Hurley who were great friends of Spud. Many thanks to Fr Joe, thanks also to Fr Donal Roberts who celebrated his funeral Mass.

Many thanks to those who sent Mass cards, messages of sympathy and online condolences. Our sincere gratitude to Dineens Bar, Denis, Margaret and Josie for the beautiful food after the cremation. We thank Billy and all the staff at Fitzgeralds Funeral Directors who were so professional and kind to us. A special thank you to Sarah who made tea and sandwiches and made sure everyone was looked after. As it is impossible to thank everyone individually please accept this acknowledgment as a token of our sincere appreciation.



Missed and lovingly remembered by his daughters Zoe and Nicola, son in law Denis, grandchildren Kayleigh, Holly and Blake, his brothers Pat, Jerry and Denis, his sisters Kathleen Joan, Margaret, Anne, Eileen and family.

First anniversary Mass will be held in Macroom Church on December 29th at 11.30am Rest in Peace.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

MICHAEL (MIKE) Kelleher

Connecticut USA and formerly from Dangansallagh, Ballymakeera, Macroom, Co. Cork

Passed away at home surrounded by his loving family on the 2nd of December 2024 aged 85.

Sadly missed by his wife Eileen and children Siobhán, Michael and Diarmuid, his sisters Joan and Síle, and brother Finbarr, and brothers in law and sisters in law and nephews and nieces.



The months mind Mass will be celebrated for his sweet soul on 4th of January 2025 in Ballymakeera Church at 11.00 a.m.

Ar Dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis

16th & 10th ANNIVERSARY





In loving memory of

CONNIE &MARGARET KELLEHER

Curraleigh Carriganima, Macroom whose 16th & 10th anniversaries occur around this time

> Your Lives were a blessing Your memories we treasure You are loved beyond words And missed beyond measure.

Will those who think of Connie & Margaret today, a little prayer to Jesus say



Remembered today and always by Conor Marie John Darragh and Shauna

31ST ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

MAE HARTNETT

Clomacow Crookstown Who died December 21st 1993.

5TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

NORMA MCSWEENEY

Silver Manor, Ballinlough who died December 18th, 2019.

We cannot bring the old days back, When we were all together. The family chain is broken now But memories live forever. A silent grief thats in our hearts No human eve can trace Fo many a broken heart is hid Beneath a smiling face.



To remember our little princess baby Nora Mc Sweeney Buttimer who passed away 12/12/24



From your heartbroken sister and daughter Anna Hartnett (O'Dowd), Noel and Joseph.

17TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

AUSTIN **COONEY**

Carrigaphooka, Macroom Who died on the 29th Dec 2007

They say that time will heal the pain, But Austin that's just not true. No matter how much time goes by, our hearts still ache for you. At first we counted days and weeks, Today we're counting years. We cannot count the memories, Nor can we count the tears. If wishes could be granted, And all our dreams came true.

What we would wish for more than anything, is to have more time with you.



We will never forget you, missed always by your mother, heartbroken brothers & sisters-. Roger, Ann-Marie, Mary Frances, Mossy, Kay & Edwina, aunts & uncles.

4TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

JEROME O'LEARY

Gurrane, Clondrohid, Macroom, Who passed away peacefully on 1st January 2021.

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



Always remembered by Breda, Michéal, Christopher, Nancy & Caoimhe.

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ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of MICHAEL

TWOHIG 22nd Anniversary Who passed away on 6th January

2003



In loving memory of

JOAN TWOHIG

8th Anniversary Who passed away on 7th January

Pullerick, Crookstown In loving memory of our dear Mom and Dad whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Our Lady of Knock pray for ye both

No length of time can take away Our thoughts of ye from day to day Time slips by and life goes on But from our hearts ye are never gone.



Sadly missed but fondly and lovingly remembered

21ST & 13TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of KATHLEEN **HORGAN**



In loving memory of **IOHNNY HORGAN**

6 St. Gobnaits Terrace, Ballymakeera, Macroom

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 & sadly missed, by your loving family.

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 Denis and Noel and extended family.

3RD ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of **CHRISSIE LUCEY**

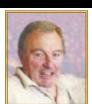
Gortnacarraiga, Inchigeela Who died on the 22nd December 2021

As each day dawns we think of you As each night falls we pray for you And though out our lives no matter where, In our hearts you are always there.



Missed by her sons, family and neighbours

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE



In loving memory of **PADDY MCCARTHY**

of Macroom and Kilkenny whose birthday occurs on the 23rd December.

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.



2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

Peter Cronin

Kilnadur, Dunmanway, who died on the 16th December 2022

> You live in our hearts, You walk by our sides, From heaven above. Be always our guide, Until we meet again.



Lovingly remembered always by Maureen, Tadgh, Maura and extended family.

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FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

TIMOTHY (TADY) **SWEENEY**

Gortsmorane, Kilbarry, Macroom Who died on December 23rd, 2023

As we lovingly remember Timothy (Tady) on his first anniversary, Abbey and family would like to express our sincere gratitude to all who sympathised with us on our sad loss. We appreciate all the help and support from our extended family, neighbours and friends during this difficult time. We thank everyone who called to the house, sent telephone messages, expressed condolences online, sent mass cards, attended the removal, funeral mass and burial.

To all who cared for Thady, especially the nurses and staff of Cahereen Residential Care Centre for the wonderful care, Sullane GP Services and all his home helps.

Thanks to Cyril Casey (Undertakers) and his team for their professionalism, compassion and support, to Fr. Anthony O' Mahony who called to the house, attended the removal and celebrated the Funeral Mass and Burial, to Marie (Sacristan) the altar servers and Norma & Martina for the beautiful singing and music at the funeral mass.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement of our sincere appreciation.

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

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



First Anniversary Mass for Timothy (Thady) Sweeney will take place in Inchigeelagh Church on Sunday, December 22nd at 11.30am.

May he rest in peace.

10TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

MARGARET KELLEHER

Coolea

Who died on 18th December 2014

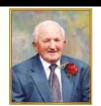
Of all the special gifts in life, however great or small, to have you as my Aunt was the greatest gift of all.



Sadly missed by your loving family.

Ellenor, Con and Con Donal

15TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

JOHN (JACK) BURKE

Late Rahoona, Ballymakeera whose Anniversary occurs at this time

We miss your smile, your joking ways, We miss the things you used to say, And when good times we do recall, Its then we miss you most of all, Your voice keeps whispering gently, Loved ones be brave and true, At the end of life there is sunshine I'll be waiting and watching you.



From his loving family Liam, Siobhan, Jack and Joanne Anniversary mass in Ballyvourney Church 29th December 11.30a.m

7TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

CAROLINE SWEENEY O'DONOGHUE

30/12/2017

We're missing you a little more, each time we hear your name, we've cried so many tears, yet our hearts broken just the same. We miss our times together, things in common we could share, but nothing fills the emptiness now you're no longer there. We've so many precious memories to last our whole life through. Each one of them is a reminder of how much we're missing you.



Missing your smiling face and thinking about you always and in our hearts all the time.

Sadly missed by Jamie, Zara, Anthony, Mam, Michelle, David, Liz, Jer, Garry, Danny, Katie, Uncles, Aunties, Nephews, Nieces, goddaughters Tara & Katelynn

> We wish you ere here and miss you every day. Love you - Tara

Your beautiful white candle will always be in our memory forever

7TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of **CAROLINE SWEENEY** O'DONOGHUE

30/12/2017

I wish you were here, you are always in my heart You have made me laugh and smile when I was sad. I love you to bits. I know you will follow me through every path I take.



Love Zara

7TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

CAROLINE SWEENEY O'DONOGHUE

30/12/2017

Miss your smile, miss your laugh, miss your voice But getting to remember the memories we had is incredible I won't lie.



Love Jamie

THE MIRACLE PRAYER



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

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In loving memory of

MARGARET (PEGGY) ROCHE

who died on 28th December 2018

We hold you close within our hearts and there you shall remain To walk with us throughout our lives until we meet again. So rest in peace dear Mother and thanks for all you've done. We pray God has given you the crown that you have truly won.



Sadly missed by your sons Patrick Gerard and Diarmuid, grand daughters Melaine and Shauna, great grandson Tyler John.

St. Gobnait, St. Aban, St. Colman, St. Jude, St. Anthony, St. Pio, St. Peregrine Pray for them.

48TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

SEAN ROCHE

Coolnacahera, Ballymakerra who died on 14th October 1976

A loving Father most sincere Cared for by all he knew, He loved us all so very dear, And we all loved him too. But God in his Mercy will give us hope, and help us bear the strain Of the one we loved and lost, Till we meet in Heaven again.

You can only have one Father Patient, kind and true. No other friend in all the world Will be the same to you. When other friends forsake you, To father you will return For all his loving kindness He asks nothing in return.

As we look upon his picture, Precious memories we recall, Of a face so full of sunshine, And a smile for one and all. Sweet Jesus take this message, To our dear Father up above, Tell him how much we miss him, And give him all our love.

31ST ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

MAE Hartnett

Clomacow Crookstown
Who died December 21st 1993.

Till roses lose their petals and heather has lost its dew Till the end of time dear mother we always remember you.



Forever in our hearts.
Your loving daughter Mary, son-inlaw Goalie grandsons Martin & Mark, granddaughter Julieann and their partners.

5TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

NORMA McSweeney

Silver Manor, Ballinlough who died December 18th, 2019.

We thought of you today but that is nothing new
We thought about you yesterday and days before that too
We think of you in silence and often speak your name
Now all we have is memories and your picture in a frame
Your memory is our keepsake with which we'll never part
God has you on his keeping we have you in our heart.



Your loving sister Mary, brother in law Goalie, nephews Martin & Mark niece Julieann and their partners.



Beautiful baby

NORA CATHERINE McSweeney -Buttimer

who was taken from this world

December 12th, 2024

Our family chain is broken And nothing seems the same But as God calls us one by one The chain will link again.



Always loved, remembered and never tobe forgotten Mary, Goalie, Martin, Mark, Julie and their families.

26TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

MAURA TWOMEY

Leicester

(late of Coolnacahera, Ballymakeera) whose anniversary occurs on 3rd December 1998

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



Sadly missed by your nephews Patrick Gerard and Diarmuid

32ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

BESSIE FREER

Leicester and late of Coolnacahera who died on the 23rd December 1992 ALLEN JOHN Freer

In loving memory of her Husband

30TH ANNIVERSARY

Leicester who died on the 2nd June 1994

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



Sadly missed by your nephews Patrick Gerard and Diarmuid

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In loving memory of

CONNIE Kelleher

Kilvoultra and Codrum Macroom Who died 24th December 2006.

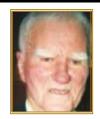
May God support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen and evening comes, and the busy world is hushed and the fever of life is over. Then, in His mercy, may He give us A safe lodging, a holy rest and peace at last. Cardinal J.H. Newman



Always remembered by your family

8TH ANNIVERSARY

2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

TED LYNCH

Lower Farran, Ovens, Co Cork Who passed away on 10th Demember 2022

Will those who think of Ted today. A little prayer to Jesus say. May his gentle soul rest in peace.



Remembered always by his loving family.

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE



DANIEL O'REGAN



MARY

O'REGAN

In loving memory of





PATRICK **CHRISTINE** O'REGAN O'REGAN

whose 23rd Anniversary occurs on St Stephens Day

Codrum, Macroom, Co. Cork

Just a prayer from the ones who loved you Just a memory fond and true In our hearts you will live forever Because we thought the world of you.



Lovingly Remembered by Brendan, Máirín, Liadan, Odhran and Fionn



In loving memory of

JIM FLEMING

8 Belmount Place, Crookstown, Co.Cork. Who died on 20th of December 2016

There is a bridge of memory, from earth to heaven above, It keeps you always near us, It's called the bridge of love. May you always walk in Sunshine, and God's love around you flow, for the happiness you gave us, no one will ever know, It broke our hearts to lose you, But you did not go alone, for part of us went with you, the day God called you home.



From his loving wife Sheila. Sons, Paul, Brian, James and daughter Tina and grandchildren.

4th & 26th ANNIVERSARIES





In loving memory of

KITTY & MICHÉAL Murray

Oakwood, Macroom & Ballina, Toames. who died on 4th of January 2021,

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

and on 5th December 1998.



Fondly remembered by The Murray family.

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE











DANIEL O'REGAN

MARY O'REGAN

In loving memory of **PATRICK**

CHRISTINE O'REGAN O'REGAN

whose 23rd Anniversary occurs on St Stephens Day Codrum, Macroom, Co. Cork

Remembering Our Angels In Heaven at Christmas Time

"The sadness never goes away the silent tears still flow ye are thought of and so sadly missed more than ye will ever know.

But now ye are with the Angels safe and sound in Heaven above we hold on to the memories and treasure them with love.

Yet special times like Christmas often make us wonder why God took ye from this world it was too soon to say goodbye.

But memories are precious they will last a lifetime through We know that God has chosen ye to be his Angels too".



Always remembered by Michael, Gobnait and Owen

XXX

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. TG

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33RD BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE



In loving memory of our dear son & brother

Mark Duggan

Moulnahorna, Macroom. Whose 33rd birthday occurs on 18th of December

Just a prayer from the family
Who loved you,
Just a memory fond and true.
In our hearts you will live forever,
Because we thought the world of you.
No matter how life changes,
No matter what we do,
A special place within our hearts,
Is always kept for you.
May the wind blow gently, and
whisper for you to hear,
How much we love and miss you
and wish you were still here.



Lovingly and Fondly remembered by parents Eddie & Margaret, brothers Denis, Alan, Eddie, Luke & Owen, sisters Tracey & Niamh Happy 33rd Birthday Mark xxx

6TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

MARY HINCHION

Mashanaglass, Macroom, Co. cork
Who died on 18th Dec 2018

Will those who think of Mary today A little prayer to Jesus say.



Always remembered by her loving sons, daughters, and grandchildren.

5TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of
NORMA
MCSWEENEY

Silver Manor, Ballinlough who died December 18th, 2019.

31ST ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

Mae Hartnett

Clomacow Crookstown

Who died December 21st 1993.



Loved and remembered by Tim, Katherine, Jed.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIES



In loving memory of



In loving memory of



In loving memory of

SEAN JANIE DECLAN COUGHLAN COUGHLAN

There's a little place within my heart That is with me everyday, A place where all my memories Are safely tucked away.

It is the perfect place At special times for me to go, For words could not explain How very much I miss you so.

And now that once again Christmas time has come around, It's where the sweetest memories And thought of you are found.



Always remembered by their loving family.

50TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of PATRICK
O'CALLAGHAN

Teraveen Lissarda, Who died on the 24th of December 1974

Life's clock

The clock of life is wound but once
And no man has the power
To tell just when the hands will stop,
At late or early hour.
To lose one's wealth is sad indeed,
To lose one's health is more
To lose one's soul is such a loss
As no man can restore.
The present only is our own
Live, love, toil, with a will
Place no faith in tomorrow
For the clock may then be still.



We also remember Patrick's late parents

JACK AND MARY ANN

And his late brothers and sisters,
DENIS, RICHARD, JOHN,
EILEEN, KATHLEEN & LIAM.

May they all rest in heavenly peace.

Dearly remembered by his brother Henry and sister Marie and their extended families.

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In loving memory of MARY **CASEY**

Who died on 28th December 2005



In loving memory of

PAT **CASEY**

Joined her on 1st March 2024

Hanover Hall, Macroom, Co, Cork

Those we love dont go away, They walk beside us everyday. Unseen, unheard but always near, Still loved, still missed, still held dear.



Lovingly remembered and never forgotten by their children, sons in law, daughters in law, grandchildren and extended family.

8TH ANNIVERSARY



Remembering

MARTIN MC MANUS

Masseytown and late of Sligo and Ballina Co Mayo Who passed away 14th Dec 2016

> All we have are memories And a silent prayer at your graveside.



Always remembered by Helen & Family

15TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

IERRY DENNEHY

Shandangan, Carrigadrohid, Co. Cork whose anniversary occurs on the 2nd January

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



Lovingly remembered by his wife Teresa, son Sean, daughters Bernadette, Cathleen, Breeda, Carmel, Aileen, Colette, Noreen, Daughter in Law, Sons in Law and Grandchildren.

22ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

SEAMUS CRONIN

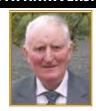
Dun An Oir, Kilmore, Ballingeary, Cork, whose 22nd Anniversary occurs on 18th December

> Those special memories of you will always bring a smile, If only I could have you back for just a while. Then we could sit and talk again, just like we used to do, you always meant so very much and always will do too. The fact that you're no longer here, will always cause me pain, but you're forever in my heart, until we meet again.



Deeply loved, Sadly missed and always remembered by Aileen, Ger, Crothur, Colette & Christine and their families. Ar dheis De go raibh a h-anam dilis

10TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grandfather

Denny Cronin

Cahirkereen, Kilnamartyra whose 10th anniversary occurs on 7th January.

A daily thought a silent prayer, a constant wish that you were here, an empty place no one can fill, we miss you today and always will.



Always remembered by his wife Kate, daughter Siobhan, sons Pat, Denis, Gearoid and families.

20TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

SEAN MULLANE

Late of Toonlane, Ballymakeera, Macroom Who died on December 12th 2004

Happy & Smiling and always Content, Loved and respected wherever you went A Beautiful Life came to an end You died as you lived everyone's Friend, A wonderful heart stopped beating, Hard working hands at rest God broke our hearts to prove to us That he only takes the best.



Thinking of you Dad is easy, I do it every day, But missing you is a heartache, That never goes away.

Always Missed and Remembered by you Daughter Lisa

FIRST ANNIVERSARY



MICHAEL (SPUD) **MURPHY**

Main Street Macroom Who passed away on the 26th December 2023

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



Always in our hearts Mick and Breda Hurley, Jacq, Tadhq, Jen and Fiadh.

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In loving memory of SINÉAD PLUNKETT

Poulanargid,Lissarda Whose anniversary occurs on the 28th December.

They say that time will heal the pain,
But Sinéad that's just not true.
No matter how much time goes by,
Our hearts still ache for you.
At first we counted days and weeks,
Today we're counting years.
We cannot count the memories,
Nor can we count the tears.
If wishes could be granted,
And all our dreams came true.
What we would wish for more than anything,
is to have more time with you.



Loved and cherished always by Mam, Dad, Aoife, Niamh, Ciara & Pa. xx

4TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

JEROME MURPHY

Model Village, Dripsey, Co. Cork Who died 8th Dec 2020

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



Always loved and remembered, Eddie, Evelyn, Billy, Sandra Gary, Joseph and family.

5TH ANNIVERSARY



Treasured memories of

CHRISTY BOYLE

Coolnasoon, Carrigadrohid Co Cork Who passed away on December 25th 2019

Christy's beautiful life came to an end, He died as he lived everyone's friend Grief is the price we pay for love RIP



Fondly remembered by his wife Mary & family.

8TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

MICHAEL A. COAKLEY

late of Mountmassey, Macroom, Co.Cork who died on 27th December 2016.

Every day in some small way, memories of you come our way. Though absent, you are always near, Still missed, loved and always dear.

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



Sadly missed by his daughters Bríd, Una, Marie, Clare and family.

21ST ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

JOHN Kelleher

Clondrohid, Macroom, Who died on 22nd December 2003.

May the wind blow gently, and whisper for you to hear, How much we love and miss you and wish you were still here.



Always remembered with love by your late mother Kate, brother Gene, sisters Breda and Marie, brothers in law, sister in law, nieces, nephews, relatives, neighbours and friends.

12TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

MEGAN MALONE

Candroma, Kilnamartyra, Macroom, Co. Cork. 18/12/12

"Missing you Megan every minute of everyday always. Time keeps passing but the pain of losing you lingers on, our sweet, brave princess!"



Love from Dad, Mom, Chloe, Dylan, Tristan, Robyn, Nanny Connell & Granda, Nanna Kay & Granda Mike.

Ar dheis De go raibh a hAnam!

2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

TIMOTHY (THADE) LANE

Adrivale, Millstreet, Co. Cork Who died on the 1st of January 2023

We think of you in silence
We often speak your name
But all we have are memories
And your picture in a frame.
Thade left us quietly, his thoughts unknown
but left us a memory, we are proud to own.
So treasure him Lord, In your garden of rest
For when on earth,
Thade was one of the best.



Anniversary mass on 3rd January 2025 in St Patrick's Church Millstreet @ 7:30pm.

5TH ANNIVERSARY



Treasured & Loving Memories of

Joan McCarthy

Ard Mo Croi, Lomanagh, Coolea Who died 14th December 2019

> Along the road of suffering You found a little lane That took you up to Heaven, And ended all your pain. You may be out of sight, We may be world's apart But you are always in our prayers, And forever in our hearts.



Fondly remembered now and always By, Willie, Justin, Ivan, Leonie, Andrea, Sons & Daughters in law and All Joan's Grandchildren. Xxx

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