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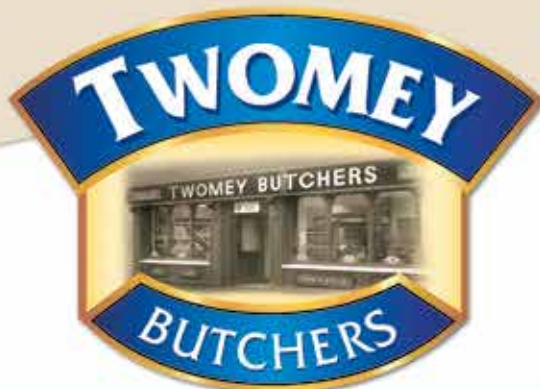
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week's edition. Due to print processes, late submissions will be published in the following edition.

As always submissions as Gaeilge are always welcome too!

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

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MACROOM GIRL GUIDES



Ladybirds, Brownies, Guides, Senior Branch and Leaders celebrating the annual Thinking Day ceremony on Friday 28th of Feb



Óiche na nGradam B00C. Ar chúl: Daniel Ó Luanaigh, Áine Ní Dhuinnín, Michéal Ó Céilleachair, Gráinne Ní Loingsigh. Chun tosaigh: Amy Ní Bhriain, Iseult Ní Riordáin, Máistir Ó Creimín, Alohi Feachem. As láthair ó ghrianghraif: Lucy Ní Aodha, Aisling Ní Chearnaigh.

World Thinking Day Ceremony 2024

World Thinking Day is celebrated on the 22nd of February every year by Girl Guides & Girl Scouts across the globe. It's a day for members to commemorate our worldwide movement and honour the joint birthday of our Guiding and Scouting founders; Lady and Lord Baden Powell.

In 2025, the theme for World Thinking Day was "Our Story". Members of Ladybirds, Brownies, Guides and Rangers came together on the 28th of February to celebrate this year's ceremony organised by MacEgan Senior Branch. Leaders and Guides took time to share their favourite experiences in IGG to date and aspirations for the next chapter of Guiding in Macroom.

The girls had fun singing songs about friendship,

making memory boxes and contributing to the World Thinking Day Fund in the lead up to the ceremony. Proceeds from the World Thinking Day Fund, which was established by WAGGGS (World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts) offers girls and member organisations around the world, life changing opportunities to transform their communities in Guiding.

National Contingent to UK World Centre, Pax Lodge By Gráinne Russell

Last week I had the most amazing opportunity to be able to visit Pax Lodge, one of the Girl Guiding world centres in London. Me and the 16 other girls from around Ireland got up to so much over the course of this trip like going to different museums and meet-

ing up with English Girl Guides which was such a cool experience. Whilst with the English Guides we went to the maritime museum and were able to do a treasure hunt with them! The other museums we went to were the science museum and the natural history museum which both were amazing and spectacular to see. I am so grateful to have been given the chance to visit London with the Girl Guides, I made so many new friends from around the country and even friends from London to remember the trip! Big thanks to my leaders for giving me the ability to go on this trip.

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



Gráinne Russell of MacEgan SB with the National Contingent to Pax Lodge, London



MacEgan SB member, Gráinne Russell being enrolled at Pax Lodge, London.

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EXPLORING SELF-REPAIR IN ECOSYSTEMS: A GUIDED WALK IN THE GEARAGH WITH TED COOK

In celebration of both World Women's Day and World Tree Day, Ted Cook extends an open invitation to nature enthusiasts and conservationists to join him on an enlightening trip to the Gearagh. This unique event, titled 'Exploring Self-Repair in Eco Systems,' will take place on Sunday, March 9th, at 2:30PM.

Participants will meet Ted at the Kilmichael carpark for the Gearagh, where he will lead a guided walk through western Europe's last intact WET WOODLANDS. As a dedicated environmental advocate, Ted will share insights into the history, ecological significance, and resilience of the Gearagh, demonstrating how nature has the remarkable ability to regenerate and repair itself over time.

During the walk, Ted will also discuss the Macroom



Environmental Group's (celebrating its 40th anniversary as a community environmental group this year!) efforts in securing the Gearagh's status as a nature reserve in 1987. Their work played a crucial role in protecting this precious landscape, ensuring it remains a sanctuary for diverse wildlife and a testament to the power of conservation.

This free event is open to all, and no prior registration is required. However, attendees are kindly asked to refrain from bringing dogs, with the exception of assistance dogs, to preserve the delicate habitat of the Gearagh's wildlife.

Whether you are passionate about environmental conservation, intrigued by the natural processes of ecosystem recovery, or simply looking for a meaningful way to mark these important global days, this guided walk promises to be an educational and inspiring experience.

Join Ted Cooke for an afternoon of learning, appreciation, and connection with nature in one of Ireland's most significant ecological landscapes. See you there!

GO RAIBH MAITH AGAIBH *Macroom Fundraiser*

On Friday the 21st of February a Bingo Night took place in the Castle Hotel. The Bingo Night was to help raise funds for Molly Kelleher's Trip to Kolkata in April with The Hope Foundation.

Molly is going with a group of girls in her year to help the Hope Foundation, which rescues thousands of youngsters from the streets and slums of the city and aims to improve their quality of life. According to the Hope Foundation, many of the children have been victims of trafficking, violence, abandonment and Severe Neglect to name a few.

A big thanks to the sponsors on the night Cork Opera House, Matt Murphy's Pharmacy, Evelyn McSweeney, TP Cotter's, The Auld Triangle, MJ Cronin, Burke's Pharmacy, Super Valu, Computek, Frank Twomey, Mary's Toymaster, Deasy's Pharmacy, Cork Marts,

Mary Ann's Bar Masseytown, Greg's Fast Food, Eileen Manning, Marie Collins, Alex Waugh and Orla Deasy, MJK Oils Clondrohid, D.K. Accounting, Ted Lucey, Mary Cooney The Greyhound Bar, Jim and Caroline McCarthy, Mike Casey, Danny Sullivan, John Murray, Tom Linehan, Noreen Vaughan, David Manning and Castle Hotel Leisure Centre.

A big thanks to all the public who showed up on the night, Gary O Brien for calling out the numbers and supplying the bingo books, The Castle hotel for letting us host the event and supplying the tables and microphones. To Lisa Manning for all the work she did promoting the Bingo Night and Helping on the night. To all Friends who volunteered on the night and to Family for all the support.



Lisa Manning and Molly Kelleher at the Bingo Night for Tidy Towns



Tidy Towns AGM took Place on February 18th in the Castle Hotel. Chairman Martin Coughlan thanked everyone for coming and mentioned that though the group is small, it has great spirit within.

Special Thanks was also given to Brian O Sullivan for all the hours he puts in and to Joe Cronin for the work that was done on the Tom Creedon Park/Cycleway. Also thanked were Paul Kingston, Shelia Murphy, John Lyons, Richard Manning, Murty Lehane and Liam Walsh for their work and being such regular volunteers Saturday Mornings. Treasurer Judy O Sullivan read out the treasurer's report and gave a very detailed summary of Income and Expenditure throughout the year.

Secretary Lisa Manning delivered the Secretary's Report and thanked everyone that helped her during the last year, also the volunteers that show up at weekends and so often during the week and it was her honour to have served as Secretary over the last year. The comprehensive report covered the following headings: 1) Sensory Garden, 2) Fairy Garden, 3) Famine Memorial, 4) Biodiversity Garden/Riverside Walk, 5) Tom Creedon Park, 6) Flower Baskets, 7) Shop Window Display, 8) School Liaison and Talks, 9) Town Cleanliness, 10) Tidy Town Competition, 11) Sponsorship, 12) Advertising, Social Media and Admin, 13) Events. Under each of the headings there was a synopsis of what took place throughout the



Lisa Manning, Martin Coughlan and Judy O Sullivan at Macroom Tidy Towns AG

year. During the year we have had the support of COPE Volunteers who have contributed hugely to Litter Picking. Lisa Manning also acknowledged the contribution made by workers through the different Schemes, Muskerry CE Scheme, IRD Duhallow and West Cork Partnership.

Tidy Towns volunteers have supported the Lee Valley Enterprise Board and helped with the St Patrick's Day Parade, The Food Festival, The Christmas Lights, all major events that take place in Macroom throughout the year. Lisa Manning also commented that volunteers carry out an unbelievable amount of work in so many different areas and our Gold Medal award would not have been possible without all your efforts. She commended those individuals, groups and organisations that are not regular volunteers but do their bit in their own way to help us with sponsorship and other local initiatives. This is very much appreciated. Due to all the works carried out over recent years, there is now an ongoing maintenance demand on us to ensure these works are maintained to a high standard.

Lisa Manning thanked the other officers for their ongoing contribution throughout the year and to our sponsors who provide the necessary financial support so we can carry out all the projects, and particularly Cork County Council, who provide the main ongoing financial support through the Community Fund.

All the officers were re-elected with Martin Coughlan as Chairman, Lisa Manning as Secretary and Judy O Sullivan as Treasurer. Macroom Tidy Towns also want to give a big thanks to Rory Buckley and the Castle Hotel for the room and for providing tea, coffee and biscuits on the night.

Macroom Spring Clean will take place throughout the month of April and it will be going from Coolcower Roundabout to Raleigh Cross, including all other approach roads, streets and lanes. This is an opportunity for you, your friends or family or work group to come out and assist in some way. Volunteers will be out each weekend in April why not come along and bring a pair of gloves and maybe a litter picker, will be meeting in the Square at 9:30am each Saturday Morning. Children are more than welcome to attend but will always have to be accompanied by an adult.

Tidy Towns Volunteers are currently very busy with bare-rooted tree planting as this is the season for this. There's lots of work ahead in Spring Cleaning and a huge amount of work to be done in maintaining all the areas like the fairy garden biodiversity garden, riverside areas and would love to see more people help out on this since it is for community benefit and makes Macroom a nicer town for you and others to enjoy. Come and join us some Saturday Morning at 9am at our base in Masseytown, we are always open to new people joining in and helping with the work. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Lisa at 087-1434770.



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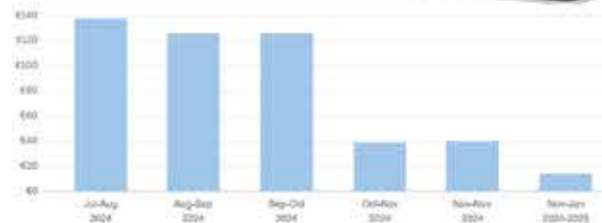
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Munster Cross Country Athletics

De La Salle Minor team amassed 150 points to finish 5th overall. The minor team competing on the day were Oisín McCarthy, Isaac Cunnane, Oscar Hickeygrace, Sean Macsullivan, Brian Lloyd, Darragh McNulty, Nathan Buckley, Matthew Dunton.

De La Salle Junior team managed 154 points and also finished 5th overall. This team included Dylan O'Shea, Rory O'Sullivan, David Bradley, David Twomey, Tadhg Flynn, Darragh Creed

Finn Yore our leading athlete, put in another massive performance in the Intermediate Boys 5000m race. Finishing a gruelling battle with a sprint to the line Finn lost out by only two seconds to place second with a time of 17:40.

De La Salle Intermediate Team collected 91 points to finish 3rd overall. The team consisted of Finn Yore, Brendan O'leary, Liam Neville, Sam Kelleher Leavy, Rory Mcelroy, Eoin Healy, Darragh Manning, Eoin Holland.

Tiernan O' Donoghue competed in the Senior Boys 6000m race and managed a brilliant 17th place in 00:23:19. Tiernan was competing with boys 2 years his

senior. This shows the talent and potential that he has. There is certainly a bright future in athletics for this young man.

Munster Hurling

De La Salle U15 hurlers lost out to the Boherbui in the Munster Quarter Final. This game that demonstrated all that is good about sport but also all the hard lessons that it teaches. In a relatively low scoring affair both teams competed vigorously for every possession with no quarter asked or given throughout the hour. At half time the Macroom boys were behind by the narrowest of margins 1-3 to 1-2. Four minutes into the second half and De La Salle had taken the lead with two points in quick succession. Then came the turning point which saw the North Cork men hit two goals in as many minutes. Both teams battled hard for ten minutes without a score when Boherbui put the ball to the Macroom net to put them eight points ahead. A lesser team would have wilted at this stage with only 14 minutes left to play, but the Mid-Cork side threw the kitchen sink at the opposition exchanging points throughout the remainder of the match. Some heroic goalkeeping from the Boherbui net minder meant that

De La Salle could not reduce the deficit and the game ended with a 6 point win for Boherbui. This De La Salle team were competing in a Munster competition and showed that they are deserving of the opportunity. Some excellent work is being done at club level to promote hurling and Ms Healy and Ms Willis could not have been more proud of the way in which these boys represented themselves, the school and their clubs.



De La Salle student, Tiernan O'Donoghue, who competed in the Munster Senior Boys 6000m race at Tramore Valley Park.



De La Salle Intermediate Athletes who competed in the Munster Cross Country Championship at Tramore Valley Park



De La Salle Junior Athletes who competed in the Munster Cross Country Championship at Tramore Valley Park

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CEARDLANN AR INTLEACHT SHAORGA

An tseachtain seo caite d'fhreastail roinnt múinteoirí ón scoil ar cheardlann a thug Patrick Hickey (AI Teaching Guru) ar Intleacht Shaorga. Bhí sé ar siúl i gColáiste Mac Aogáin i Maigh Chromtha. Bronnadh sparánacht FÉILTE orthu le déanaí agus is pribhléid é dúinn a bheith bainteach leis an togra seo leo. Ceardlann thar a bheith cuimsitheach agus fiúntach a bhí ann inar foghlaimíodh faoin leas iontach gur féidir a bhaint ar Intleacht Shaorga do mheasúnuithe ranga. Léiríodh na féidearthachtaí a bhaineann leis an mbogearra seo chun tacú le daltaí tabhairt faoi mheasúnuithe agus ionas gur féidir le múinteoirí aiseolas luachmhar a chur ar fáil dóibh. Rachaidh sé seo chun tairbhe na múinteoireachta agus na foghlama araon. Míle buíochas le Coláiste Mac Aogáin as é seo a eagrú.

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MEASÚNÚ IONTRÁLA

Beidh an measúnú iontrála do dhaltaí na céad bhliana 2025 – 2026 ar siúl sa scoil ar an 11ú Márta ag 5i.n. - má tá ceisteanna agat faoi is féidir leat glaoch a chuir ar an scoil 02645058. Go raibh míle maith agaibh! The entrance assessment for first year students 2025 – 2026 will take place in the school on 11th March at 5pm – if you have questions you can ring the school on 02645058. Many thanks!

TRÁTH NA GCEIST MHATA/MATHS QUIZ

Beimid mar scoil óstaigh do Tráth na gCeist Mata le Cumann Múinteoirí Matamaitice na hÉireann. Tá Tráth na gCeist Pí oscailte do dhaltaí sa tríú bliain. Beidh sé ar siúl ar an 13ú Márta san Ionad Cultúrtha (in aice leis an scoile). Tá an dáta athraithe i mbliana. Is féidir le scoileanna áitiúla clárú anseo ar www.imta.ie nó má tá ceisteanna agat is féidir leat glaoch a chuir ar an scoil 02645058. Go raibh míle maith agaibh!

We will be as a host school for an upcoming Maths Quiz in conjunction with the IMTA (Irish Mathematics Teachers' Association). The Pi Quiz is open to third year students. It be taking place on 13th March in the Ionad Cultúrtha (next to the school). Note the change of date this year. Local schools can register here www.imta.ie or if schools have questions they can ring the school on 02645058. Many thanks!

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- measúnú iontrála – entrance assessment

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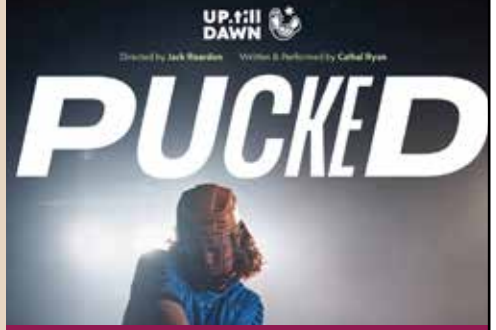
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Ava Murray receiving her JCPA Certificate from Deputy Principal Mr. Coughlan.

TY News: TY students returned to the classroom this week following their 2 weeks of work experience. Students themselves have reported how much they learned from engaging in work placements. On Friday 28th Feb they were off again as they travelled to Funmanway for a group bonding day. The students played a series of team bonding games during the paintballing adventure, including a game called 'capture the flag' amidst the mud and trees. Such great memories for everyone involved! Thanks to teachers Mr Dennehy, Ms Hurley and Mr Hogan for accompanying. The students are busy preparing their presentations for their mini-company competitions. Best of Luck to each of the groups.

SPORT: McEgan came out the wrong side in two very exciting basketball matches held in Macroom Sports Complex. The minor boys lost out by 2 points while the junior boys lost by 1 in two very exciting games. Well, done to both teams in great performances.

UCC awards: Eight 2nd year students received the Golden Ticket this week. Hannah Dineen, Piotr Zajac, Marc Blavin, Jack Fitzgerald, Ehaan Ahmed,



2nd Year Students who received invitation to a UCC ceremony to celebrate excellence in a range of subject areas. L to R Marc Blavin, Jack Fitzgerald, Ehaan Ahmed, Nellie Nyland, Tyler Martin, Caleb Oshiafi. Missing from Photo Hannah Dineen & Piotr Zajac.



TY Students from McEgan College enjoying Bonding Day in Funmanway

Nellie Nyland, Tyler Martin & Caleb Oshiafi have been invited to an awards ceremony in UCC. The ceremony is to recognise their achievements in French, Gaeilge, Mathematics & English. Well done to these students for this great achievement.

JCPA: TY & LCA students who completed their Junior Cycle in 2024 recently received their JCPA certificates. These certificates include the Junior Cycle Grades, Other Areas of Learning & Wellbeing participation. To celebrate this occasion students enjoyed a Pizza party together in Room 6.

AI, Artificial Intelligence in McEgan: Advancing AI in Teaching & Learning at McEgan College. On Wednesday 26th at McEgan, we were delighted to host Patrick Hickey (AI Teaching Guru) for our first workshop on AI in Teaching & Learning, as part of our Teaching Council Féilte Bursary series. Patrick delivered an insightful and thought-provoking session on AI and assessment, providing valuable perspectives and practical strategies for teachers and school leaders. His expertise sparked meaningful discussions on the evolving role of AI in education and its impact on assessment practices.

This workshop was a collaborative initiative involving four Cork ETB schools—McEgan College, St. Brogan's College, Coláiste Ghobnatan, and Scoil Mhuire. It was a great opportunity for teachers and senior leadership teams to engage, exchange ideas, and explore the future of AI in education together. Looking forward to the next steps on this journey!



Leah Buckley receiving her JCPA certificate from Principal Ms. Lynam.



Second year history students next to the Proclamation in the town square. Second years are currently studying the 1916 Rising. We discussed the importance of the Proclamation in Irish History and we read out aloud in the square the names of those brave men who sacrificed their lives for Irish Freedom. We are very fortunate to have such important historical resources so near the school

COACHFORD COLLEGE NEWS

At the annual Cork ETB Awards ceremony held in City Hall last night, no less than 22 members of our class of 2024 were awarded by Cork ETB for achieving amongst the highest results in Cork city and county in Leaving Certificate 2024.

This is an outstanding achievement and testament to the dedication and commitment of the students and their teachers through their years at Coachford College. Our heartiest congratulations on their outstanding success to Aaron O'Mahony, Amy Sheppard, Clara Daly, Dáithí Butler, Doireann Healy, Eimear O'Sullivan, Ellie Buckley, Eoin McNamara, Harry Wolfe, Isabelle Golden, Kate Honohan, Laoise Burns, Leah O'Sullivan, Lily O'Connell, Maria Gilbert, Méabh McCarthy, Oisín Au, Rachel Bowen, Rory How,



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Seán O'Sullivan, Tadhg Lyons, and Student of the Year 2024, Sarah-Jane O'Sullivan. Our congratulations also to their parents, teachers and primary schools

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UCC STUDENTS AIM FOR NEW HEIGHTS WITH AMBITIOUS ROCKET TEAM



Driven by a shared passion for engineering challenges, a group of enterprising students at UCC has launched a rocketry team with truly sky-high ambitions. For the past year, these dedicated individuals, have been collaborating across disciplines to design, build, and launch their own rockets. Darren Moynihan, a former student of De La Salle, Macroom and team lead for the upcoming Mach-25 competition taking place in Scotland this July shared details about the team to the Lee Valley Outlook this week: "We are a team of 20 highly motivated students from various disciplines including Physics, Engineering and Computer Science. We currently have 3 teams that focus on the structure, recovery and avionics of the rocket.". Speaking about the success of their recent rocket launch Darren explained, "We started designing and building a rocket named Icarus last year, we recently launched it in Curraghmore Estate, Waterford to an altitude

of 300 metres. The launch was a complete success with a successful parachute deployment!" The UCC rocketry team isn't operating in a vacuum. They've received support from the Irish Rocketry Society and established rocketry teams at the Universities of Limerick and Queen's University Belfast. Crucially, the UCC School of Engineering is providing the vital funding that allows their projects to take flight. The team are currently in the process of making their own 'Rocket Propulsion Society' within UCC in order to promote their work to a wider audience and create opportunities for industry partnership. Leading the charge alongside Darren Moynihan are Leo Healy, a second-year electrical engineering student from Listry and Michael Moynihan, a second-year Maths and Physics student hailing from Farranfore. This trio, along with their diverse team members including more former students from De La Salle, Macroom including Fabian Siewierski are now setting their sights on upcoming competitions. They are diligently preparing launch vehicles for both the Irish Intersociety Rocketry Competition in Roscommon and the prestigious Mach-25 Rocketry Competition near Glasgow.



Rocket Launched



Darren Moynihan, a former student of De La Salle, Macroom and his team lead for the upcoming Mach-25 competition taking place in Scotland this July shared details about the team for this edition of the Lee Valley Outlook.



MACROOM FLOWER & GARDEN CLUB

Macroom Flower & Garden Club will host a Gardening Talk at Coolcower House P12E135 on Thursday 6th of March 8.00p.m. Guest speaker Klaus Laitenberger (Author and Garden Writer Co. Mayo) entitled "Grow your own Healthy Food" New Members and Visitors Welcome. Further information re Annual Membership, Garden visits , AOIFA Floral Art Classes for Members, contact 087-9821708.

MACROOM CRITICAL RESPONDERS





On the 8th of March from 7am to 7pm, Charles Murphy, Dylan James O Driscoll and Liam O Flynn will each take on the task of running 100km each around Clondrohid Running Track for CRITICAL

First Responders Macroom. It will be 400 laps each and they wish to welcome people to join them to run as many laps as they want throughout the day and also to encourage them. You can donate on IDonate 300KM Run in aid of CRITICAL First Responders Macroom or also through Facebook on Charles Murphy Page until the 28th of March



Children in Canovee NS enjoying Pancake Tuesday

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LIAM O' BRIEN.... *Macroom Story Teller Supreme*

Anyone who attended the Gay Byrne anniversary concert in the Briery Gap may have noticed a red haired young man singing his heart out with the chorus in the back row towards the left.

A Macroom man, gone from the town now and living away for quite some time. So, who is he and how does he make his way into your home on a regular basis. I remember him as a solid happy little fellow going to Caum National School with our gang and coming to our house for occasional birthday parties and maybe sleepovers...I forget. But I'll always remember the little fellow he was: Áine, his sister with him. I could never know which was the more talkative. We know Mary too, his mam— that has to be where the talking came from. Tom, his dad, preferred to listen. Liam did his Leaving Cert in De La Salle College Macroom before going on to take a degree in music followed by a Master degree in Music Technology at the University of Limerick and then a diploma in journalism at the Irish Academy in Dublin. It was Liam's dad, Tom who sent his CV off to RTE when a job was advertised there. He didn't get that one but instead was offered another in the library of Lyric FM in the year 2000. This in turn led to producing for radio where he worked with such names as Vincent Browne, Joe Duffy, Maeve Binchy and many more, covering current affairs, politics sport, drama and music. In 2004, he went to Nepal with Ray Cooney and volunteered to record 'something' for radio. That 'something' was broadcast by RTE outlining the awful social and political conditions in the country at that time. Later he went on to Africa and did a mini documentary on the work of that great young farming organisation, Bóthar, which sends out live in-calf cattle to families to help them live and share. In just four short years Liam had arrived as a formidable documentary maker and presenter. His work has taken him to many corners of the world and can be listened to and enjoyed on RTE1 on Sunday at 1.30. All documentaries, more than 18000 can be got on the RTE

1 podcast some going right back to 1956 They make for riveting listening. Liam has made documentaries such as that on the Duke of Devonshire of Lismore Castle who owns the land and holds exclusive fishing rights on stretches of the River Blackwater, right out under the see as far as the Hook light house in Waterford harbour, much to the chagrin of the fishermen there. Another is a very romantic tale of a message in a bottle washed up on the Kerry coast near Dingle leading to a hapless liaison between a west Kerry woman and the man who threw the bottle into the sea. Liam also uncovered and documented the extent of the awful abuse in Blackrock College and Willow Park School in Dublin which horrified the country but will hopefully lead to better and safer times ahead. I asked Liam how he can find so many stories to cover for the Doc on 1 radio programme each week. He said "we are a nation of story tellers. Everyone has a story. There are story tellers everywhere. In a town like Macroom, there is no shortage of stories. You'll find them on the streets, in the shops, in the pubs. My job is to ask, document and record." He is quick to point out that he works with a great team of six and the RTE1 station head, Peter Wood. His work takes him to many far flung destinations to follow a story. He is currently investigating a Dublin and Iceland lead and hopes to complete it soon. He is courageous and tenacious in pursuit of the story and tells it with the same skill as the seanachai of old, albeit in the modern medium of Radio, holding his listeners spellbound to the very end. The Doc on 1 programmes are listened to across the world broadcast by BBC1 in Canada, by German and South Africa Radio and picked up on social media everywhere. Today Liam lives in West Waterford with his wife Emer and children. It is 30 years since he stood on the stage as a young fellow singing for the live broadcast of the Gay Byrne Radio Show. Is that where he first got his appetite for Radio? Ann Dunne, what have you done?



Muay Thai Macroom

On Saturday the 22nd of February, Muay Thai Macroom was represented by Marti Simon Aymerich at the Siam Warriors Superfights in Cork. Marti fought against a skilled opponent from Cork Thai. He showed great determination and won all three rounds. He was definitely

more effective and had the advantage from the first round. His technique was super impressive. Marti won the 3 round professional fight by split decision. We are so proud of Marti and can't wait to see what else he will achieve in the future. We want to thank our coach Andrzej Śliwa for all the

work he puts in to getting the fighters ready. Thanks to our corner Bartek Zając and Przemek Pychyński for their professional work. Huge thanks to everyone that came to support - it means so much. Lastly we want to thank Macroom County Council for their endless support.



In the changing rooms after Marti's win. (From left to right: Andrzej Śliwa, Bartek Zając, Marti Simon Aymerich, Przemek Pychyński)



Marti Simon Aymerich celebrating his win



Marti Simon Aymerich wins in C class category 67kg

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- 2. You can't take a satisfying deep breath.** Breathing, spinal health, and energy are all interrelated.
- 3. You have to "crack" your neck, back, or other joints often.** This is your body telling you that something is out of alignment.
- 4. You can't twist or turn your head or hips to either side easily and equally.** Reduced or restricted ranges of motion are signs of a misaligned spine.

- 5. You have poor posture.** Look in the mirror from the side and assess your overall alignment. Forward head posture and rounded shoulders are a sign of poor posture.
- 6. You have headaches, back ache, sore or tender spots in muscles or joints.** All are common signs of a spine out of alignment.
- 7. You feel stiffness in your back or neck.** Stiffness may be a sign of degenerative changes in your spine.
- 8. One leg appears shorter than the other.** Keep your shoes on, and lie down. Have someone stand behind you, look down at your feet, and gently push your heels toward your head. Compare where the heels meet the shoes. One foot may appear anywhere from 1/8" to 1" shorter than the other.

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ST MARY'S NEWS



Commiserations to our Senior Football team who lost the Munster final to Coláiste Mhuire Ennis, after extra time, by one point.



Eabha Ní Chonaola and Cara O'Brien are semi-finalists in the Young Environmentalist Awards

1st & 2nd Year Basketball Update:

On Friday February 7th our 1st Year (Red) and 2nd Year (Blue) teams took on Schull Community School in our PE Hall. 1st Years were up first and after a tough 1st quarter the girls battled back to take the lead going into the 4th quarter. Unfortunately, Schull battled back and the game went into overtime. This was a tense period with both teams fighting hard for the win, with Schull eventually coming out on top. The girls battled so hard for the full game and were very unlucky not to come away with the win, but they are improving all the time. 2nd Years were up next and after a very evenly matched 1st 2 quarters our girls took a strong lead going into the 4th quarter. Unfortunately, with less than 10 seconds remaining Schull took the lead with a 3 point shot and this was the difference between the teams at the end. Again, our girls battled so hard for the full game and the team work in this game was brilliant to see.

Senior Camogie All Ireland Celebrations

The whole school celebrated our All Ireland Senior Camogie champions when we returned to school after the midterm break in our PE Hall. They were welcomed by roars of cheers and a guard of honour. With speeches by Mr McLaughlin, coaches Liam Slattery and Ms McSweeney and team captain Grace Kelleher. We are so proud of the girls and their management team on this incredible achievement.

Young Environmentalist Award Semi Finals

Congratulations to Eabha Ní Chonaola and Cara O'Brien who are through to the ECO-Dens semi-finals of the Young Environmentalist Awards with their project: "Attitudes towards Birds of Prey and Hen Harrier Conservation". This will be held in the Old Cork Waterworks Experience in Cork on March 20th. The ECO-Dens are 'Dragon's Den' style judging events

for Young Environmentalist Awards semi-finalists, held in regional hubs across Ireland. ECO-Dens give shortlisted groups the opportunity to present their projects, receive feedback, and enhance skills such as public speaking and confidence.

Athletics:

Friday February 14th Munster Cross Country Championships yielded fantastic results from our amazing athletes. Senior Girls 1st place: Saoirse Twomey!! With Emily Cronin in 20th, Rebecca O'Neill in 25th and Fern Mullane in 31st. Super well done girls! The senior team won bronze medals; 3rd place. This team is made up of Saoirse Twomey, Emily Cronin, Rebecca O'Neill and Fern Mullane. Junior Girls: Katie Murray came 13th. Rachel Neville ran a great race under very tough underfoot conditions on the day but narrowly missed qualification for the All Irelands. Katie Murray and our Senior Girls team have qualified for the All-Irelands on March 8th in Galway. An excellent day for St Mary's athletes. Well done girls!

Senior Munster Football Final

Thursday February 27th St Mary's Macroom travelled to Mallow to play in the Senior C Munster Final. Coláiste Mhuire Ennis had comprehensively beaten all their opponents in the lead up to the final so St Mary's knew that it would be a big challenge. The girls rose to the task admirably and had Ennis on the back foot early on. It was a nip and tuck first half with Ennis getting two first half goals and leading by 3 points at half time. It was an extremely exciting second half with goals flying in on either side before it ended all sides square at the final whistle. In extra time, Ennis raced into a 5 point lead where it looked like the direction of the game was favouring the Clare side. Huge credit to St Mary's who rallied back with ferocious spirit and attacking play. The game was level with a minute to

go through a goal from full back Clodagh Murray but Ennis raced upfield to score the winning point. It was a heartbreaking finish but St Mary's can be hugely proud of the spirit and determination displayed in what was an enthralling game of football. Thank you to our 6th years for all the time they have given to football in St Mary's. Thank you to the girls management team, Mr O'Connor, Mr Galvin, Mr Quill, Ms O'Leary and Mr Burns.

TY Activities: Golf

"We have begun golfing lessons in TY. Every Tuesday evening for four weeks a group of students heads off to Macroom golf course for their lessons. We have learned so much about the world of golf so far such as how to hold the club, golf theory such as every golfer needs 14 clubs and we also learned how to hit the golf ball. It's been a really enjoyable experience for us all so far!"

Public Speaking with Alan Devine

"We had a special treat this week with Alan Devine coming in for two days to give us a workshop on public speaking. Firstly Alan showed us what an important skill public speaking is by showing us how poor public speaking skills can stop you from getting a job, make people lose interest in what you have to say and cause people to walk over you. He showed us how to stand and walk confidently into a room through some fun games. We also learned the power of hand gestures when trying to convey your point. Through his enthusiasm, confidence and shining example all learned so much about the importance of efficient public speaking skills in the real world." TY Report by Amy White, TY Promo Team



St Mary's 1st year basketball lost narrowly to Schull Community School recently.



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Ar an 30ú Eanáir chuaigh 16 dalta ó Scoil Mhuire go Corcaigh go dtí an rásaíocht tras tíre i bPáirc Ghleann na Trá Móire. D'éirigh go geal leo agus tá Finnian (bl5) agus Aodh (bl2) cáilithe do Chraobh na hÉireann anois. Maith sibh go léir!

Nuacht na hIdirbhliana Mionchomhlachtaí

I ngrúpaí beaga sa rang fontar bhíomar ag obair ar ár mionchomhlachtaí le Ní Uidhir. Is tionscnamh nua iad, mar shampla 'Eochracha Éasca' nó 'Comharthaí Ceantair' & 'Ceodra'. Tá mórán oibre déanta againn mar rang agus scileanna fontair nua a fhoghlaim againn. Táimid ag súil le páirt a ghlacadh i gcomórtais éagsúla an téarma seo.

iWish 2025

Chuaigh seisear cailín ón idirbhliain chuig an RDS i mBaile Átha Cliath chun freastal ar iWish 2025 ag tús Feabhra. D'fhoghlaim siad faoi raon gairmeacha ETIM (STEM) agus na deiseanna atá ag cailíní ann. Bhí Sinéad Kennedy mar óstach agus bhí cainteoirí ann mar Micheál Martin, Phil Healy agus Mairéad McGuinness. Bhí deis iontach ann dos na cailíní labhairt leo siúd atá san earnáil.

Tiomáint

Tháinig Jenny Woods chugainn chun sábháilteacht is tiomáint ar na bóithre a mhúineadh dúinn ag tús Feabhra. Thug Ar an Déardaoin 13ú do Feabhra bhí

bliain a ceathrar á thiomáint sa cúirt cispheile is an páirc peile. Thug sí scrúdú bréagach teorice dúinn agus bhí deis againn go léir tiomáint sna chlós ar scoil. Bhaineamar an-taitneamh as.

DCMUN

Chuaigh triúr dalta ó Scoil Mhuire go dtí DCMUN (Davis College Model United Nations) i Halla na Cathrach i gCorcaigh ón 21ú go dtí an 27ú Eanáir. Bhí Paudie, Donnacha agus Ava (bl.4) mar theachtaí ag an Ostair don ócáid. Bhí timpeall 500 dalta páirteach ann ó scoileanna Timpeall na tíre agus an Domhain!

Turas chuig Cathair Chorcaí

Chuaigh lucht na hIdirbhliana ar turas chuig UCC, Gaol Chathair Chorcaí agus Margadh na Muiríne i mí Eanáir. Thug treoirí timpeall campas UCC sinn. Mhúin sé a lán dúinn faoi stair an choláiste agus chuamar i gcóir béile i mbialann ar campas. Shiúlamar go Gaol Cathair Chorcaí ansin le haghaidh camchuart suimiúil ansin. Faoi dheireadh, chuamar do Lean sinn ar Facebook nó ar Instagram @scoilmuirebg le breis nuachta faoin scoil a fháil.



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Congratulations

Congratulations to Ellen Murray, Macroom who was awarded a RIAM Spotlight award by the Royal Irish Academy of Music at an award ceremony in Ennis, Co. Clare recently.

Ellen Murray from Macroom, a member of the First Cut Youth Advisory Council and member of Earth Echoes virtual reality (VR) project which will be showcased at the First Cut Youth Film Festival in Youghal from 3rd - 8th March 2025.



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- **March 7th** KHAA – Military historian Gerry White is giving a talk 'From Treary to Turmoil' on Friday March 7th @ 8pm at Independence Museum Kilmurry. Admission is FREE to members, €5 non members.
- **March 6th** Macroom Flower & Garden Club will host a Gardening Talk at Coolcower House

- P12E135 on Thursday 6th of March 8.00p.m. Guest speaker Klaus Laitenberger
- **March 16th** St. Patrick's Day parade will take place in Carriganima on Sunday March 16 at 3pm. Everyone welcome to take part.
- **March 16th** Paráid ÁthanGhaorthaid De Domhnaig ag 10:30am

31st LISSARDA SCOUTS

February 22nd, marked the birthday of Robert Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouts. Today there are 26,500 young people and 10,000 volunteers involved in scouting across Ireland. Scouting enables young people to build the skills they need to maximise life's opportunities with an emphasis on outdoor activities. Lissarda Beaver and Cub Scouts celebrated the day in Farran Wood National park, with walks, games and a picnic. Enthusiastic leaders set up shelters and cooked a fine spread,

backwoods style on open fires. Lissarda Scouts welcomes boys and girls from age 6 upwards from the wider locality, bounded by Macroom to the West, Ballinora and Ballincollig to the East and Bandon Scouts to the South. Scout troops from throughout Lee Valley come together for hikes, camps and other activities during the year. The legacy of Robert Baden-Powell lives on. Our newest members were also Invested on the day; they said their Promise and became official

members of the group. We all had a fantastic day outdoors and look forward to many more adventures in 2025.

Beavers (6-8 year olds) and Cubs (9-11 year olds) meet on Tuesday evenings at Crookstown Hall. Our Scouts (12-15 year olds) meet on Thursday evenings. If you're interested in getting involved, please contact us on 31corklissardawaitinglist@gmail.com.



Lissarda Scouts celebrate Founders Day

DROMLEIGH NS

Senior students from Dromleigh N.S. were delighted to travel to the Lifetime Lab in Cork city on February 27th. They were kept busy all day engaging with a workshop based upon the theme of 'Light and Sound'. Keep up to date with all of our activities by visiting us on www.dromleighns.ie



Senior students from Dromleigh N.S. visiting Lifetime Lab on February 27th.

ST. JOSEPHS NS

Valentine's day was a wonderful end to a very positive Friendship Week in St. Joseph's.

Loads of events took place. We had older pupils playing and reading with younger pupils, relax and read, PJ parties, Valentine's Day Origami, lots of compliments, Tree of Kindness activities, friendship poems, secret friends and lots of Art activities.

Ms. Twomey and Ms. Cronin's 5th classes ventured west to Cúil Aodh for our annual chess tournament,

Féile Fichille. Buíochas mór do Mhuiris i scoil Cúil Aodha don halla agus don gach rud a bhí á eagrú dúinn ar an lá. Buíochas freisin do na páistí ó na scoileanna Béal Átha an Ghaorthaidh, Cill na Martra agus Cúil Aodha. We had great fun making new friends, playing some great chess and practicing our Cúpla Focail.

Thanks to Deirdre O'Sullivan for her continued dedication to teaching all pupils Irish dancing. Their

1,2,3s are improving week on week, as well as the Military Two-Step and the Siege of Ennis.

The Gaeilge Gals have put together a new topic of conversation for us all to use in our classrooms. This month's topic is An t-Earrach. We have a video to help us which explains all the phrases we need and this helps us practice in the classroom. Future actors in the making!



5th class girls at the chess tournament, Feile Fichille in Cuil Aodh



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The recent launch of the new HSE Health App gives Cork patients easy digital access to their health information and helps them navigate the health service more easily, Cork North West Fine Gael TD John Paul O'Shea has said.

The app, launched by Fine Gael TD and Minister for Health Jennifer Carroll MacNeill, is now available for download on Google Play and the App Store.

Deputy O'Shea described the launch as "a game-changer in how people in Cork will engage with their health information, offering a seamless and secure way to access key health services and personal records at their fingertips."

Key Features of the HSE Health App include:

Digital versions of Medical, GP, Drug Payment Scheme, and European Health Insurance Cards

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Details of reimbursed medications and a safe place to store personal medication lists.

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Health & Wellbeing resources, including easy access to the HSE's health guides.

Maternity service appointment access for expectant mothers.

Speaking on the launch of the app, Minister for Health Jennifer Carroll MacNeill emphasised: "This app is just the beginning. We are committed to expanding its capabilities to give people better access, control, and convenience in managing their health. By embracing technology, we are making healthcare more accessible for everyone."

Deputy O' Shea added:

"The HSE Health App is a great start, giving each person access to their health information and it will continue to improve, with ongoing updates in

2025. These will include access to public hospital and screening appointments for public patients, as well as new self-care tools for quitting smoking and managing chronic conditions."

The HSE Health App is free to download from the HSE website, Google Play, and the App Store by searching "HSE Health". It is available in both Irish and English, with step-by-step guidance provided for easy setup.

For further details, visit www.hse.ie.

MUSKERRY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The Skellig Lists

Muskerry Local History Society is organising a lecture by Shane Lehane on the Skellig Lists. The lecture will be held on Monday, 3 March at 7.00 pm in Ballincollig Rugby Club.

Shane Lehane is Course Director of Cultural and Heritage Studies in Cork College of FET, Tramore Road Campus, Cork.

This lecture The Skellig Lists: A Folk Tradition Concerning Marriage has emerged from his research work in Cobh, Blarney and Bantry where he has undertaken oral recordings with people who presently remember different ways of observing Shrove Tuesday or what they termed 'Skellicking Day'. This was the time of the year that promoted marriage and anyone who was unmarried on this day became

the target of organised chaotic ridicule.

Such traditions hark back to at least the 19th century and the lecture explores the infamous 'Skellig Lists' - anonymous doggerel verses that taunted and mocked those who were not married. It is a fascinating insight into a forgotten aspect of Munster's social history.

UIBH LAOIRE NOTES

ARA AGM

The Iveleary Parish Active Retirement Association (ARA) held their Annual General Meeting on the 25th of February and a large crowd of members attended. The Chairman, Gussie O Riordan, thanked all who attended. He thanked the committee members for the hard work in making it a very successful year. The Secretary, Mary Rose Uí Mhathúna read out a brief review of the the group's varied activities for the year and all agreed that it was a quite enjoyable one. Next, Breeda Quill O Leary, the Treasurer, presented

the groups financial account. At the election of the committee for 2025, the above-mentioned officers were re-elected. Their assistants were also re-elected, respectively, Siobhán Ní Dhuinnín, Lucy Bn Uí Lúasa and Nóra Bn Uí Levis. Suggestions of various activities for the year were put forward by the members and a sub committee for organising events was formed.

Drama

A large crowd attended the play in the hall, Inchigeela, and the organisers are very grateful for the strong support. It was good to see people from all over the

parish and beyond enjoying live drama on stage.

Scoil Fhionnbarra

Total of €1,700 was collected at the siopa on the nights of the musical, "Gobnait" in, the halla in Béal Atha. Funds collected were for Scoil Fhionnbarra and the coiste of the school are very grateful to all for their support.

Paráid Lá le Pádraig

Note that the St Patrick's Day parade will be held on Sunday 16th March this year in Béal átha at 10,30am

CLONDROHID NEWS

CLOYNE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK: On Sunday May 11. Bus leaving Ballyvourney at 7am and stopping in Clondrohid, Macroom, Carriganima, and Millstreet. For bookings contact Noel Lynch 0862202452.

PILGRIMAGES TO MEDUGORJE: May 14 to May 21, June 25 to July 2, September 10 to September 17. Ex Cork with Aer Lingus. Contact Tom Dennehy 087 6468658 for more info

CLONDROHID HALL CLG AGM: This AGM took place on Feb 17 in Community Hall and was well attended, which speaks well of the commitment from local people in supporting our Community Hall, Alan O'Riordan, chairperson spoke about the achievements to date, whereby the hall provides a range of services for local and surrounding communities and outlined the vision for the future. The main aim for the committee is to provide an affordable and accessible service that is safe, dry and warm.

A big 'Thank You' to all volunteers involved with re establishing The Bingo, which is held now every Wednesday night in Hall at 8.30 pm, and is proving a great success, please continue to support. The

committee would also like to thank all those who help in any way to keep the hall and all events running smoothly throughout the year. Election of officers as follows. Chairperson: Alan O'Riordan, V. Chairperson Julie Kelleher, Secretary: Peter Lane, Assistant Sec : Marcella O'Callaghan, Treasurer: Gary O'Brien

SOCIAL DANCING IN CLONDROHID COMMUNITY HALL:

The Hall Committee is delighted to announce that they are launching Social Dancing on the second Friday of each month (if supported). It will commence this Friday night March 7 from 9pm. Entry is €10 which includes the cuppa tea or coffee. The musician this Fri. night is Neily O'Connor, a firm favourite of dancers. For this month only there will be another one on Friday 14, music by Peter Lane (Blackwater Sound)Come and see for yourself, have fun and enjoy.

CLONDROHID NAT SCHOOL: They are having their annual Table Quiz in aid of Droichidin ASD Classrooms on this Friday night March 7 in the Abbey Hotel Ballyvourney at 7.30pm. Table of 4 is €40 Raffle on the night. To guarantee a table, please book in advance by contacting Nora in the school office. Your support will be appreciated.

AHAKEERA DRAMA GROUP: What a performance patrons were treated to on Sunday night Feb 23 in the Community Hall. Great entertainment, a barrel of laughs. Great to see young performers. Well done to ye all.

Thanks to all who supported it and who bought tickets for raffle.

SINGING IN THE TAVERN: This lovely sing a long group or tell a story group meet every second Monday night in The Tavern from 9pm. The next session is Monday March 10. They would love to see you there.

LOTTO: Results for Feb 26. Jackpot €2,600 - €70 Oran Manning On Line, €20 Carmel Kirby Macroom, Alan McCarthy Bealnamorrive, Patsy O'Sullivan Clondrohid, John Hickey Millstreet.

ST PATRICK'S DAY parade will take place in Carriganima on Sunday March 16 at 3pm. Everyone welcome to take part. Young children can join it at the church gates. Great day assured, well done to organisers. Later in the evening The Diamond Sisters will be playing. Your support will be much appreciated

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BALLYVONGANE NS

As part of Engineering Week, students explored Bridge Building, testing out different designs and materials. We also marked National Tree Week with a nature walk to our school woods, where we took time to appreciate the trees and signs of spring around us. The children were especially excited to spot daffodils blooming and discover frogspawn in our school field. We have also been keeping our birdfeeders topped up and have a variety of birds visiting us daily. Our Student Council organised a very successful Pet Morning, and we loved meeting lots of furry friends. This month, we focused on the robin as our Animal of the Month, and students enjoyed working on a project about this familiar garden bird. Speech and

Drama sessions with Martina have been a great way for everyone to build confidence and try out new skills. We are enjoying using our new outdoor equipment for Movement Breaks. In the Junior Room, play-based learning has focused on the theme of School, where the children created a model of the school and enjoyed roleplaying as the teacher. The children also played games and hobbies from the past and learned about temperature by using a thermometer to measure hot and cold items. We have been doing Recount Writing as our chosen genre this term and our reading skills are really improving from lots of Phonics practice. In the Senior Room, students made their own breakfast

smoothies, learning about healthy ingredients along the way. They also studied the water cycle, exploring seas, oceans, rivers, and precipitation. In Gaelige, they worked on Mé Féin and put together a book about themselves, which is now shared on our Facebook page. We recently began learning French with Professeur O'Donovan, and the children are enjoying picking up new words and phrases. We are currently enrolling children for September 2025. For more information, please contact the school at 02648188 or ballyvonganens@gmail.com. You can follow the school on Facebook to see photos and videos of our activities.



Ballyvongane NS Junior Room with their School Model



Ballyvongane NS on their new outdoor equipment



Lunch Time Chess Club at Ballyvongane NS



Practicing Life Skills at Ballyvongane NS



Breakfast Smoothies at Ballyvongane NS

MUINEFLIUCH NS

Engineering Week

"The classes at Muinefliuch National School have been enjoying lots of STEM, engineering projects and activities to celebrate Engineering Week. The

highlights were when a Wind Energy Engineer, Enda O'Doherty came to visit us and the children were challenged to make a strong bridge. All classes enjoyed programming using Bee Bots,

designing a roller coaster, making marble paper, designing a safe landing for Humpty Dumpty and a Lego Workshop. They are definite future engineers in our school!"



Muinefliuch National School enjoying lots of STEM, engineering projects and activities to celebrate Engineering Week

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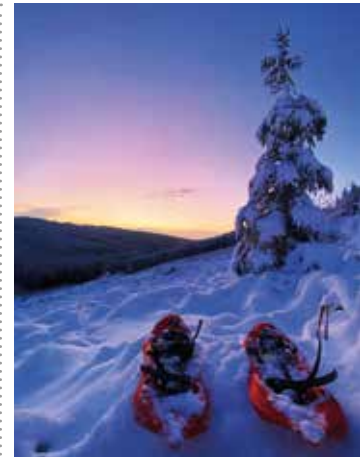
"In like a lion, out like a lamb, or indeed, in like a lamb and out like a lion". Our March of many weather has commenced on a rather settled note, which of course brings up the aforementioned famed spring weather lore on the lips of many as we leave behind our winter of discontent. Indeed, as I write this article, I pay close attention not just to the many highly accurate and scientific weather instruments and super computers responsible for modern day operational forecasting, but also to the workings of nature, seasonal cycles and the habits of all creatures great and small. A morning chorus of garden birds heralds the first of spring, but it's the unmelodious cawing of the busy crows carrying an abundance of sticks and twigs, no doubt in plentiful supply this year following the many storms of winter, hurrying to build their nests for the year ahead. In the days before our modern forecasting technology emerged the strategic choice of a crows nest was to be seen as a harbinger of weather. If the crows build their nests high on the branches of trees then a fine, settled summer is imminent, however, if the crows build on the lower branches of a tree, then a cold, wet and windy summer is in store. In the cool dawn unveiling itself behind the grey veil of mist I can confirm that the crows are busying themselves with nesting in the highest branches of the tallest trees, a very good sign indeed.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with our work, my name is Cathal Nolan, a former student of the UCC

geography department, a qualified meteorologist and the founder of Ireland's Weather Channel, a leading online weather service across social media. Growing up in rural Co.Offaly I have had a long standing obsession with Irish weather from the days when my father would help me to read the skies, and often from within the skies as he flew small aircraft for the local parachute club just outside of Edenderry. From small seeds grow mighty acorns and from the sowing of this love of all things weather I progressed to study meteorology and climate science initially at UCD, then as a researcher in UCC, and finally as an operational weather forecaster for a shipping company in Aberdeen, Scotland, with our office overlooking the River Dee as it snaked its way from the mighty Cairngorm Mountains, past Royal Balmoral Castle, and finally out into the often broiling black waters of the North Sea. With sufficient experience under my belt and with a desire to establish my own forecasting service I established what is today Ireland's Weather Channel. Here we deliver public and private forecasts through social, print and digital media right across the country and very recently have commenced an exciting new stage in our development with external investors financially backing our plans for expansion.

Our capabilities as forecasters were certainly put to the test however during the course of the winter just passed. In saying that it was a strange winter in the sense that for large periods of the months of December,

January and February our weather was quiet, very quiet at times. And yet, who shall forget the devastation reeked by storm Eowyn? Despite offering a glancing blow to Co.Cork, she unleashed her fury across parts of the west and northwest of the country, setting a new all time wind gust record for Ireland at some 184 km/h, in Category 2 strength hurricane winds. Though less devastating than Eowyn, Storm Darragh as it arrived across the country in late December brought perhaps more widespread disruption across much of Munster with significant damage caused to many homes, even in sheltered areas such as Cork City and left many thousands across the county without power. For many however the winter just passed will be best remembered for the snowstorm which left entire villages cut off for the best part of a week in early January, following the heaviest snowfall since 1982 in towns and villages such as Charleville, Mitchellstown, Rockchapel and of course, Ireland's highest village, Meelin. And while the winter as a whole will go down in the annals as the warmest on record, as virtually all seasons seem to do so at present, the ablation of the winters great snow, the subsidence of the howling gales and driving rains, permits the snowdrop, bluebell and the daffodil, the building busying work of the crows and the daily passage of springtime to grow a foothold in the consciousness of our emerging selves from the hibernation of a winter of meteorological discontent.

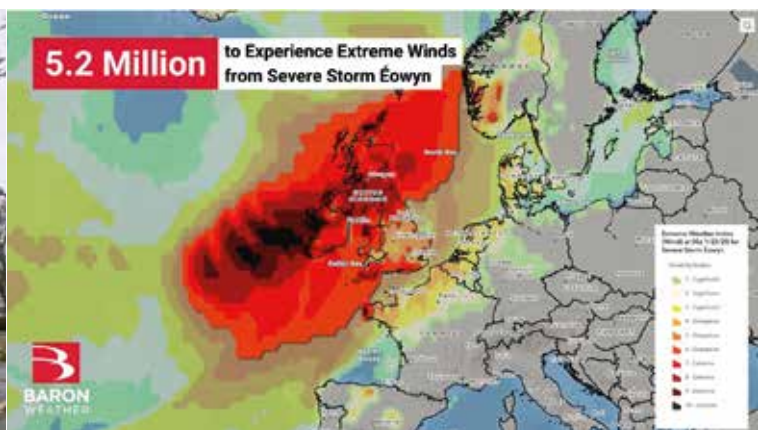


10-14 day weather

Meanwhile, our weather over the coming 10-14 days looks set to remain rather mixed as Ireland lies under the competing influences of higher pressure to the north with low pressure trying to push in from the southwest. Cork, having enjoyed a more settled spell will see an unsettled end to this week with outbreaks of rain or showers feeding up from the south and southeast from the evening of Thursday the 6th until the end of Sunday the 9th. From Monday the 10th until Wednesday the 12th high pressure will build to our north, allowing a drier easterly airflow to develop with temperatures possibly into the low teens where clearer skies develop. However, such a dry spell does seem shortly lived with more low pressure, rain and stronger winds developing from the 15th onwards, though remaining rather mild.

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THURSDAY MARCH 13TH - CASTLE HOTEL, DAN BUCKLEY'S BAR

80's theme night - Dress Up in style join the fun.

SATURDAY MARCH 15TH AT 8PM - BRIERY GAP THEATRE

25th Anniversary Gala Concert.

Featuring the Woodland String Band with The Céilí All Stars from Sliabh Luachra.

Join us for a celebration of the Woodland String Band's 100 years history, with 25 of those years connected to playing in Macroom. This will be a night to remember.

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MONDAY 17TH MARCH

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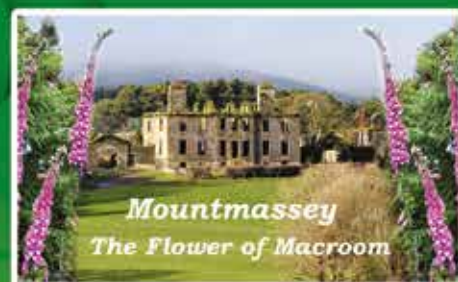
2pm - Live Music in the Square with Tim & Ann O'Riordan.

2.30pm - Aghinagh Comhaltas in the Main Street

3.30pm - Parade commences

4.30pm - Band Recitals in the square.

5pm - Live music in the bars.



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Chairman's Message

The organising committee of the St Patrick's week Festival have put together the usual high quality parade that is synonymous with St Patrick's Day Parade in Macroom featuring music, dance groups, clubs, marching groups and from Philadelphia, The Woodland String Band who have been coming to Macroom since the year 2000. This year the band are celebrating their 100 Anniversary and also their 25th Anniversary of coming to Macroom. This will give Macroom and the Lee Valley Area a huge financial boost. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Tom and Mary Loomis for continuing this strong friendship that now exists between our friends in Philadelphia and Macroom. In fact our connection with Philadelphia goes way back to 1656 when William Penn, founder of Pennsylvania spent his younger years here in Macroom Castle.

The Committee are appealing to all clubs, associations and businesses in Macroom and the Lee Valley to participate in this year's parade. While doing so it will help to promote your club/business and also help the organisers to make the parade more attractive and enjoyable to watch. We are hoping that everyone will get involved in making this parade a very worthwhile Community event.

Our sincere thanks to our main sponsors Macroom Municipal District Council and all our local Sponsors for their financial support. We would also like to thank our volunteers, Council outdoor staff and An Garda Síochána for their help and cooperation in organising this week long festival.

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Members of the ladies' committee of the Macroom Golf Club, pictured at a very pleasant function held at the club house. Front: Miss Judy Kelleher, Mrs. P. Kelleher, Mrs. J. J. Twomey (captain), Miss M. Murray, Mrs. S. Murphy, Miss B. O'Regan, Mrs. S. Swanton. Middle: Mrs. N. Hackett, Mrs. M. Cronin, Mrs. E. O'Sullivan, Mrs. D. Kelleher, Mrs. P. Healy, Mrs. P. O'Regan, Miss M. Dringway, Miss B. Lynch. Back: Miss B. O'Neill, Mrs. T. Lucey, Mrs. D. Cullinane, Mrs. M. Gould, Mrs. A. Carton, Mrs. E. O. Grainger, Mrs. T. Cronin.



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- Main Street and Mountain View. GP.
- Son of T.M. Cronin, a founding member.
- 'Born' into golf. 2nd of 3 generations.
- One of Macroom's best-ever golfers.
- Played off two, if not lower.
- Won a match in South of Ireland (1942).
- Won a Junior All-Ireland with UCC.
- Won a Munster Senior Clubs with Muskerry.
- Capt. Macroom GC twice. Capt. of Lahinch.
- 'Saved' Macroom GC in 1953.
- Regular on W. Cork Shield teams.
- Helped set-up Macroom Scratch Cup ('67).
- Patsy, his wife, and sons Peter and Tim, R.I.P., very good golfers. Patsy – chair of South. Reg.. LGUI. Una - Lady Capt. Peter played for Irish Univs, trustee.
- True gentleman, one of the best Macroom Golf Club members of the century.

Continued

Garda Jim Morris became secretary in 1967 and excelled at administration and golf. He won a national competition in 1971. Morris exemplified new middle-class members such as guards, teachers, civil servants and agricultural advisors whose vigour coincided with the building of a new clubhouse in 1973.

According to McNiffe, in rural towns and areas Gardaí were on the lower echelons of the social elite, behind the priest, solicitor, doctor and better-off businessmen. They suffered the contradiction of high social standing and poor pay. From 1932-35 more than 50% of recruits had been farmers, labourers or car-drivers before entry. In 1940 33% had a primary education only, 6% a Leaving Certificate and 7% had matriculated. McNiffe noted that guards' golf grew in popularity in the 1930s but probably at officer level. Because of their backgrounds, it is unlikely that many guards were golf-club members 1920-1960. This contrasts with the 1976 opening of a Garda golf-club, Stackstown, Dublin, and Pdraigh Harrington's home-club. Pdraigh's father, Paddy, was a Dublin guard, a former Cork footballer and a founding member of Stackstown. From Beara, West Cork, Paddy probably did not golf as a child. While there was a gradual improvement in guards' education and pay-and-conditions, it was the 1970 Conroy Commission that brought significant improvements including a 42 hour working-week and paid overtime. In Macroom this improvement saw guards joining the club, becoming committee members, officers and captains. Jim Morris, Christy O'Reilly, Jim Tiernan, Jerry McKenna and Jim Quinn were captains 1974-1993. Increased pay and leisure-time facilitated playing golf and, for social advancement, golf was ideal. Rouse emphasises the joy of playing, and once too old to play field-games, many guards enjoyed golf and the privacy of the club, especially in country towns. 1980-89 inflation and government cutbacks eroded many Conroy gains but not the social advances.

In 1970 a £2,300 greens-irrigation system, financed by levy, was installed. Male subscription was £8-10-0, a lady's £6-10-0; green-fees were 7/6, with a £5 entry fee. The captain asked the lady-captain not to organise week-end ladies' competitions. The club lost 25-40 members that year. Of nine new 1971 members, six were from Cork, one each from Ballyvourney, Inchigeela and Macroom. The condition of the 40 years-old clubhouse was examined and options explored. The presence of 'undesirables' at club functions was discussed as were ways of signing-in visitors. Dick Goggin, 1972 captain, promoted vigorously the new-clubhouse project, which was partially financed by the sale of bonds. The club-stewardess's wages went to £10 weekly, the manager agreed a £15 weekly salary in 1971 and the green-

keeper earned £9-10-00 in 1972.

The new clubhouse opened in October 1973 when Sam Swanton was President and Seán McSweeney Captain. Frank Casey, Munster Branch, described the project as 'an act of faith in the future of golf and in the continuing prosperity of Macroom'. Finance was provided by a levy and a 400 Draw. Michael Corrigan advised that the club owed £18,000, with interest at 13%. The club increased fees, male subscription became £20 and others increased pro rata. Late-payment was problematic and when letters were sent requesting payment the minute-book recorded that committee members were challenged. A committee member was simultaneously a member of the MCDC and excused himself from discussion on mutual matters. Members numbered 214 in March 1974. High interest rates made paying-off club-debt difficult, with cutbacks and raising subscriptions necessary. Clubhouse conditions were decreed, and pressure was needed to have work finished. Pleasing features were increasing adult and juvenile memberships.

From 1974-80 the club concentrated on finance. Other issues were keeping good staff, the green-keeper's wages and non-members playing the course. Fines were introduced for late-payment. Nobody was disbarred for paying late. Most new-members came from Cork or Ballincollig. Rory Gallagher played Macroom Mountain Dew Festival (1977) in the adjacent GAA pitch and rested in the clubhouse before his concert in the Castle grounds. Anticipating trouble, the clubhouse was closed, alcohol, a colour television and flagpoles were removed and the first green wired-off. The festival committee donated £100 to the club. The fears of a piggery overlooking the course were heightened when planning was granted. Neither Mountain Dew trouble nor piggery materialised. A Dinner (formal dress) was well subscribed and the green-keeper's pay was £62-75 (February 1980). A spat about lady golfers using the course on Sundays and 'cutting-in' led to tension between the ladies' and men's committees. Golf societies were from pubs, the E.S.B, teachers, 'Sisks', C.I.E. etc. the 'ordinary' person was golfing. New members joined regularly and the capital loan was £5,000 by October 1979. Some club-house bar customers were described as 'riff-raff'. Men's membership was £50, and others fees increased accordingly, with a £15 entry. An AGM motion to stop pavilion-membership failed. 223 members, fifteen country and thirty-five students/juvenile members were recorded, a net gain of twenty-two.

Mort Twomey's adjacent land was not available. This was propitious as a recession loomed. The club owed £4,500 with interest rates at 14% (short-term) and 17.04% (long-term). 1980s' annual inflation averaged

8% and male-subscription increased to £80 (1981). In 1982 the weather was generally bad, the greens were poor, the clubhouse had problems and by June, forty members had not paid. At year's end there was a £4,396 deficit, and the capital loan was £4,500. The recession was biting and the club sought a man, subsidised, from Anco, the national training body, for course-work. Members continued to join and societies attended but less frequently. In 1984 the club offered new-members reduced first-year fees for the first thirty applicants. This proved highly popular. Gradually the country emerged from the recession by what Bielenberg and Ryan described as an 'Expansionary Fiscal Contraction'. In 1987 the men won the Senior West Cork and McEvoy Shields, the latter for high-handicappers. The club had 200 members, and twenty juveniles posed at a prize-giving. In 1988 Toyota (Macroom) sponsored a successful golf 'classic' to generate funds to upgrade the clubhouse. The Macroom Pitch and Putt Club was opened and Macroom G.C. provided invaluable help. Macroom retained the men's Senior West-Cork Shield, winning it for the fourth time in five years.

With an improving economy more people played golf, and in the early 1990s, the club's thoughts turned to development. Mort Twomey's land became available to lease, and the club bought a small area of ground on the northern bank of the Sullane river. Agreement with MCDC was procured. Financing the £400,000 development was a major undertaking, considering membership was 321 in August 1992. Captain Jim Tiernan attended 104 meetings in 1992 and money was raised by increased subscriptions, and a draw yielded £76,000. A letter from the club's accountant in October outlined the precarious financial situation as the club lacked the 'finance to complete the development', and accounts suggested the 'apparent non-viability of the club'. After an EGM, completed on a second night, and at the subsequent AGM (January 1993), the club sought £500 interest-free loans from members. One member opined that an 18-hole course was a luxury and members had to pay for it, while others had taken out credit-unions loans to fund previous levies. Members requested sponsorship from local businesses and O'Leary's, SuperValu, donated £10,000. Local, national and EU grants were chased but obtaining sufficient new members was crucial. The club's credit-worthiness was questioned and interest rates were 20%.

While new members were garnered, only thirteen members loaned £500. To compound matters, obtaining Bord Fáilte grants depended on having a decent clubhouse and men and women being full members, and golf-club development applications for European grants had a low priority. Nevertheless, clubhouse plans were prepared. Extra staff and machinery were

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necessary as was overseeing the satisfactory completion of the course extension. Following two EGMs, and while under financial pressure, the club unanimously allowed ladies to become full-members. By a large majority, it was decided to levy all members.

A Parent Management Committee under chair Frank Lee, Mary Purcell, vice-chair, Kitty Horgan, secretary, and Martin Long, treasurer, addressed their task. The ladies quickly showed their abilities, and the club collected the levy despite resistance. Increased staff and machinery caused extra costs, and poor work on the new-nine was problematic. While members were lost, more were recruited, and green fees and societies' income increased. Finally the 'new' holes came into play in September 1994. Unfortunately Barry Long, in his early 40s, a prime mover of the extension, sadly died at that time. Barry's brother, Martin, an accountant, and the committee brought in a £37,424 surplus in 1994. The levy, golf 'classics', a draw, much increased green-fees and society revenue all helped as did an improving economy; 'Ireland' had become rich. The AGM ended the levy, there were 512 club-members and the future looked optimistic. Jim Neville, green-keeper, retired after thirty-one years; his reward was a fulsome 'thank you' and a wallet of money. Other problems such as poor-quality greens in the new holes were solved. Running a bigger course cost more, with annual maintenance cost estimated at £29,000. The treasurer pithily summed up the 'new clubhouse' conundrum saying that the 'club could not afford to build one and cannot afford not to have one' – the former financially, the latter commercially.

In 1996-1997 the Parent Committee picked a site, prepared plans and arranged finance. The old site was deemed best and Cunnor's tender of £431,151 was accepted. A car-park and fitting out the clubhouse cost another £100,000. A.I.B. provided a 20-year loan and a Bord Fáilte's £84,000 grant was crucial. After much voluntary work, and having settled problems with the MCDC, the clubhouse was unofficially opened on 25th June, officially on 28th September 1997. A tremendous effort completed the project. The club had 579 members (December) and an operating profit of £48,708. Cathal O'Sullivan, Kieran Morris and Denise Cronin were appointed in 1997.

However a new clubhouse did not end problems; rather many began. The club had changed from a small club to a medium-sized business run by a changing committee. Asset-wise the club only owned one hole and one tee-box with the rest, including the ground on which the clubhouse stood, leased. A bigger course and new clubhouse needed more staff, more machinery and higher maintenance costs. Increased expenses were met by increased subscriptions and greater income from 'classics', society outings and green fees. A club 'classic' and a draw earned £11,831.

In 1998 a three-year £219,000 development plan was drawn-up and involved buying new machinery, upgrading the old holes and improving the new ones, and remedying clubhouse snags. A VAT refund of £43,000 from 1997 was a welcome windfall. Despite exhortations twenty-eight subscriptions were unpaid by April. Poor weather explained reduced green-fees

but was balanced by increased society revenue. The club hosted the Irish Mixed-Foursomes first round and the course was warmly praised. A draw and club classic netted £7,800 and membership was nearly 600.

The first Macroom Golf Club was formed by an R.I.C. Inspector in 1910 and golf was played by local gentry and the upper/middle-class such as doctors, a solicitor, a Justice of the Peace; and it employed a professional. The ground was provided by Lady Ardilaun but on her terms. There is no evidence that women played. WW1 and the Irish Revolution followed and perhaps copper-fastened the club's demise.

The new 1924/5 club was one of Macroom's responses to the new polity, an example of the 'conservative revolution'. Remnants of the old elite joined with successful local businessmen and professionals to form a 'new elite', coalescing around golf. The ladies, firmly in their place, were associate-members and a low-wage economy suited the club. Ireland's failure to prosper from 1921-1961 further facilitated this. Lemass's economic 'rising tide', the media, especially television, and free-education changed outlooks, behaviours and incomes, and was reflected in those who played golf. Attitudes, social class and money continued to make golf exclusive. Although ladies composed about 20% of players they were associate-members until 1993, and played a subsidiary, almost subservient, role. Until then men ran the club, which when influenced by public opinion and financial pressure, graciously allowed women full-membership. The club followed traditional attitudes but adapted to increased prosperity, changed attitudes and economic circumstances, and increased women's expectations.

In 1999 the club had 611 members and was doing well. Throughout the century members were mostly male, older and more affluent. New holes were added in 1994 and a new clubhouse was opened in 1997.

Corkery stated in 1925 that 'golf and tennis were games played by the classes'. While still partially true about golf in Macroom in 1999, it was much less so than when originally spoken.

The change was chiefly caused by politics, 'free secondary school education, television women's 'emancipation', media influences and increased prosperity.

Addendum: 2000-2025.

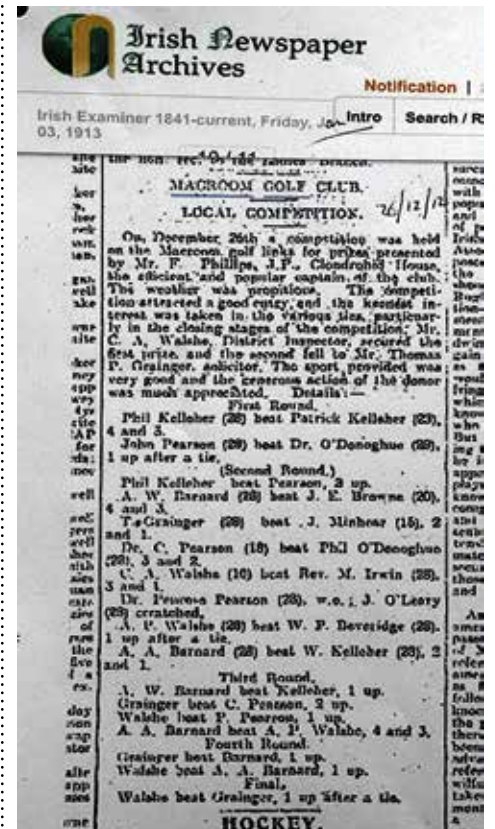
Macroom G.C. continued to do well from 2000 but there were some major setbacks. In 2007, perhaps at the height of the Celtic Tiger years, there were almost 1,000 members but this fell sharply to about 600 when reality struck, the economy crashed and the EU and IMU came to run the country in 2008. High unemployment and high emigration returned to Ireland quickly. The country recovered gradually but the Covid epidemic shut the country down from 2020-22. That too has passed; the club was resilient and it is now back to its normal level of activity. The men's, women's, seniors', boys' and girls' sections are thriving. Golf has become more accessible to more people and puts Macroom Golf Club in a strong position entering its second century. Hopefully, the second will be as good if not better than 1924/5 – 2025. In an article such as this, it is difficult to cover every aspect of the club's activities but

there are two more areas that need to be mentioned. The late P.J. Horgan was a teacher in De La Salle Secondary school and was club captain in the 1980s. He formally introduced juvenile golf to Macroom and the first West Cork juvenile committee meeting was held in Macroom under his chairmanship; as a consequence The West Cork Juvenile Shield was inaugurated and Macroom has been successful on several occasions. Golfers such as Colman Corrigan, Richie Cullinsne and Kevin Sheehan whetted their competitive appetites in the competition. Lady Captain Mary Murphy did likewise for the girls and rounded up experienced golfers to help with the lessons. Many such as Jim Quinn and Tim Tom Kelleher have devoted hours in training the club's younger members.

At the other end of the age spectrum, the seniors have become an important part of the club. This initiative to form a senior section was taken by the late Michael McElroy and Michael (Mickey) Kelleher, both deceased, and Pat Cregan who is still hale and hearty. The Seniors' Days are great fun, very sociable and they can produce good scores.

With golf more accessible to all classes, Dan Corkery would be pleased.

Note: This article is based on chapter 8, 'Golf', in Dr. Con Kelleher's book Macroom: Sport & Community A History of Nine Sports in a small County Cork town, 1900-1999 (Skibbereen, 2021). Sources: Macroom Golf Club minute books; Irish Newspaper Archives, interviews and local knowledge.



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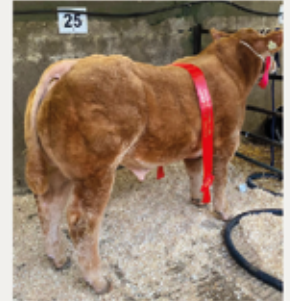


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Born in Inchamore, Cúil Aodha, Peg's mother died when she was only two years old and her father died when she was only fourteen. When she was seventeen, she was working as a housekeeper in Glenflesk, and regularly attending dances in Loobridge, Baraduff and Killarney. She entered the Mercy Congregation in Swinford in 1947, was professed and received Sr. M Mercedes as her religious name. Peg was a veritable whirlwind of energy and activity: She studied for her Leaving Cert and attained a B.A. H.Dip degree from UCG. During all that time she taught Typing in the secondary school, Catechism in the primary school, supervised the playground, visited and helped the sick and poor, worked in the office of St. Anne's Laundry, and taught in the Convent Rural Domestic Economy School. She spent four happy years as a voluntary teacher in a small secondary school in Ballisadare and taught: English, Book-keeping, Home Economics, Typing and Religion. In addition to all of this activity, Peg was running the bookshop, engaged in visitation, preparing and cooking meals for delivery to about forty people in the neighbourhood and she was also involved with the Girl Guides. She returned to teach in the much enlarged school in Ballisadare in 1974, involved herself with a Housing Scheme for the Needy, with the Tidy Towns, the local Development Association, the Legion of Mary, training the choir, working in a night shelter and she also served as Leader of the Mercy Community in Ballisadare. As if all of this was not enough, she scripted and presented A Thought for the Day programme on Radio Éireann and subsequently recorded and presented the Nightline series for RTE television. After her retirement from teaching, she lived for ten weeks in a high rise flat in Ballymun as part of the Poverty Experience movement. She subsequently worked in a Palmerstown in a Hostel for Victims of Domestic Violence and in 1990 joined Focus Ireland and acted as helper and promotions officer to raise funds and awareness.

Her last assignment was to Colooney where she was directly responsible for setting up a Health Centre and running a Day Care Centre.

Sr. Peg Murray died in 2021 at the age of 96. She had served 74 years with the Mercy Sisters.

by Con Lynch

FR JOHN BUCKLEY – THE LAST FAREWELL

By PÓC

Leaving the Claddagh Ring restaurant in North West London we had three hours to spare to our flight from Heathrow Airport back to Cork. When we boarded the Uber pre-booked taxi that would take us to the airport I queried the fresh faced driver "where are you from"? "Iran" was his quick reply and the journey was pleasant.

It had been a hectic two days. My lifelong friend Fr John Buckley had passed away on the 25th January 2025. The funeral arrived at St Agnes Church in Cricklewood on Wednesday February 19th with the Requiem Mass on Thursday. The crowds at his final farewell were huge and represented the love and affection of all his parishioners, family and friends. These included the Cardinal Victor Nichols, his Bishop John Sherrington, his close friend Fr Pat Madden currently serving in the Diocese of Galway and lots of other members of the clergy. The congregation also included many members of the travelling community with whom he always had a friendly relationship. Fr John was buried in the Hendon cemetery in the Borough of Barnet North London.

He was ordained at Ballinagree Church in 1977. He had served in the Diocese of Westminster and his parishes were as follows:

1977 - 1979: Hanwell Parish (Curate)

1979 - 1981: West Green (Curate)

1981 - 1985: Enfield (Curate)

1985 - 1988: Bayswater (Curate)

1988 - 1998: Harrow Road (Parish Priest)

1998 - 2016: Tottenham (Parish Priest)

2016 - 2024: Cricklewood (Parish Priest)

Permit me here to give a brief outline of our interaction over the years.

I first met John Buckley over 60 years ago. It was at a National School's Football game with John starring at midfield for his native Carriganima and I was struggling at corner back for Clondrohid. At

10 years of age John was a serious footballer. Roll on the years and we were both attending De La Salle Secondary School Macroom. John was an apt student especially in his favourite subject History and he was to the forefront on the School's Football team. At this stage we had become very good friends sharing long conversations as we cycled home in the evenings on our trusty bicycles. Of course our main topic was Football.

Life has many twists and turns and by the 1970's John had followed his vocation to the Seminary College at Carlow where he was ordained in 1977. A few short months later he performed our wedding ceremony.

Fr John was ministering in the Diocese of Westminster here in London and I made my maiden visit around 1980. As our five beautiful children came along we all made the annual trips to London and the visits to the Presbytery at Tottenham were both entertaining and hilarious. As time moves swiftly along Fr John was now attending and performing the wedding ceremonies of our family and always advising on their road maps of life.

My trips to Fr John in Tottenham and Cricklewood were now much more frequent and we had broadened our horizons travelling to the Holy Land, Mexico etc. under the expert eye of Cathy of the All Saints Travel Group. While in London

with Fr John I attended many funerals, functions at The Crown Hotel, collecting the Holy Oils from Westminster Cathedral and of course the Football matches at Whitehart Lane, Wembley and Ruislip. Being careless with my phone I mislaid it numerous times and Fr John would have to double back in his car to retrieve it. All of this only added to the friendly banter on our frequent journeys in his much loved Dacia.

We enjoyed our mixed grills at The Beaten Docket on Cricklewood Broadway and washed them down by a few pints of Guinness at The Lucky Seven pub on our way back to the Presbytery on Cricklewood Lane. Our nightly conversations often burned the midnight oil and while our topics varied they always returned to Football.

Now as the final curtain falls can I offer a friendly word of advice to our great Master in the skies. When you are selecting your Football team for next week's League game you have an outstanding full back in Fr John.

Slán a Chara Ní Beidh Do Léitheid An Arís.

Goodbye Fr John - Rest In Peace.

(A Special Month's Mind Mass in memory of Fr John will be held in St John the Baptist Church Carriganima on Friday March 14th at 8pm.)



A young John Buckley.



Fr John Buckley with his friendly face and pleasant smile



Clondrohid Minor football team, 1966. John, far left, back row.

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MACROOM GAA NEWS

GAA – ALLIANZ NATIONAL LEAGUES 2025

Allianz Football League Div 2 – Round 3

Monaghan 3 – 16 (3-4-8) Cork 1 - 15(1-2-11)
Cork conceded three first half goals away to Monaghan, were led by that margin at half time and never really looked capable of reining in the home side, though the Rebels second half performance was much improved.

GAA Web: Monaghan returned to winning ways in Division Two of the Allianz FL in an entertaining clash with Cork in Inniskeen.

First-half goals by Jack McCarron, Stephen O'Hanlon and Ryan Wylie sent Monaghan on their way to their third win from four games as they once again passed the 20-point mark. 1-8 by Mark Cronin kept Cork in it, but Rory Beggan's long-range frees into the wind in the second half proved crucial for Monaghan.

Cork were first on the scoreboard through Cathail O'Mahony, but while it took Monaghan seven minutes to open their account, their first score was a major, with Jack McCarron converting a penalty. The visitors replied through the in-form Chris Óg Jones, while both sides had shots at goal saved during the opening quarter, with Rory Beggan and Patrick Doyle denying Mark Cronin and Stephen O'Hanlon.

O'Hanlon wouldn't have to wait too much longer, however, until he cut in to mark his first appearance of the season with Monaghan's second goal. Seán Jones added a two-point score for the hosts, with David Garland, Ciarán McNulty and McCarron also on target, while Seán McDonnell, Paul Walsh and Cronin kept Cork in touch. Monaghan hit the net again when O'Hanlon turned provider for Ryan Wylie to coolly tuck away and send his side in at half-time leading by 3-5 to 0-5.

An exhibition of free-taking by goalkeeper Rory Beggan helped keep Monaghan clear in the second half, despite Cork gradually getting on top in the middle third. Cronin kicked some fine scores to keep the Rebels in the hunt and he buried the second penalty of the game on the hour mark to give their challenge further impetus.

Cork were slowly working their way back, but points from Conor McCarthy and McNulty gave Monaghan some breathing space, before Beggan took his personal tally to 0-7 deep into added time.

Scorers for Monaghan: Rory Beggan 0-7 (3 2-pt-f, 1f), Jack McCarron 1-2 (1-0 pen, 2fs), Stephen O'Hanlon 1-0, Ryan Wylie 1-0, Ciarán McNulty 0-2, Seán Jones 0-2 (1 2-pt), David Garland 0-2, Conor McCarthy 0-1.

Scorers for Cork: Mark Cronin 1-8 (1-0 pen, 1 2-pt, 1 2-pt-f, 4fs), Cathail O'Mahony 0-2, Chris Óg Jones 0-2 (1f), Paul Walsh 0-1; Seán McDonnell 0-1; Conor Cahalane 0-1.

Cork: Patrick Doyle, Knocknagree: Seán Brady, Ballygarvan, Daniel O'Mahony, Knocknagree, Neil Lordan, Ballinora: Brian O'Driscoll, Carrigaline, Rory Maguire, Castlehaven, Mattie Taylor, Mallow: Seán Walsh, Mitchelstown, Colm O'Callaghan, Éire Óg: Paul Walsh, Kanturk, Tommy Walsh, Kanturk, Seán McDonnell, Mallow: Mark Cronin, Nemo Rangers, Cathail O'Mahony, Mitchelstown, Chris Óg Jones, Uíbh Laoire

Subs: Brian Murphy for Lordan (inj., 27); Ruairí Deane for O'Driscoll (38); Ian Maguire for P Walsh (42); Eoghan McSweeney for O'Mahony (53); Conor Cahalane for T Walsh (60); Luke Murphy, Cullen for McDonnell (66) and Micheál Aodh Martin, Nemo Rangers, Darragh Cashman, Millstreet, Cathal Maguire, Castlehaven, Jacob O'Driscoll, Éanna Desmond, Carrigaline

NFL, Division 2: Cork 0-13 Roscommon 2-21

Roscommon emerged with a huge 14-point victory over Cork at Páirc Uí Chaoimh in a demoralising

evening for Cork football. Playing to a sparsely populated stadium after the hurlers had earlier been supported by a 22,000 crowd, the footballers did not avail of early golden goal chances, held their own for the first quarter but fell away thereafter and were four points in arrears at half time, 0-12 to 0-8 and then seven within two minutes of the restart. Roscommon had two second-half goals to get their promotion push back on track with their fourth win in five games. Cork hit the crossbar twice in the second half as their top-two hopes appear all but over. Cork manager John Cleary, almost always frank in his assessments, conceded as much in post match interviews. "It looks that way," replied Cleary when asked if the prospect of promotion was gone. "We were well beaten by the two teams that came down from Div 1 last year. They are probably playing at first division pace, and we haven't got to that. The table doesn't lie. We are where we are. We just have to brush ourselves down now and go again for Louth in two weeks' time."

After victory over Westmeath in Round 3, Cleary had acknowledged that it was the fixtures against Monaghan and Roscommon that would tell Cork where they stood. Those fixtures were lost by an aggregate total of 21 points. There's a wide gap still to be bridged. "Yeah, without a doubt. We were well beaten."

Cork, in their eighth attempt at a return to Division 1, since falling from the top division in 2016, will not be successful this season. The real danger is that they could fall into the relegation zone.

Cork created a pair of goal chances within two minutes but Seán McDonnell blazed wide and Paul Walsh was denied by Conor Carroll. Mark Cronin converted a two-point free but Cork twice allowed Diarmuid Murtagh to raise orange flags as the Rebels went scoreless for 15 minutes. Cronin responded with the first two-pointer from play before the break to go in four points in arrears, 0-12 to 0-8.

Roscommon moved seven ahead within two minutes of the resumption, Chris Óg Jones and Paul Walsh points gave Cork a hope that was extinguished by a goal from a 49th-minute penalty resulting from sloppy Cork handling which made it 1-16 to 0-11 and another two pointer left Cork ten adrift. Cork countered with Seán Powter's dipping shot bouncing over off the crossbar, Colm O'Callaghan had a palmed goal chance saved before kicking an advanced mark.

The second Roscommon goal resulted from Rory Maguire passing back towards goalkeeper Patrick Doyle who was not permitted to receive the ball inside his own half under the new rules, the loose ball was snapped up and Roscommon had a tap-in goal. Truly awful!

Cork: P Doyle; Neil Lordan, T Walsh, D O'Mahony; S Brady, R Maguire, M Taylor; I Maguire, Colm O'Callaghan (0-0-1; 1m); P Walsh (0-0-1), B O'Driscoll, S McDonnell; M Cronin (0-2-4; 1tp, 1tpf, 4f), Chris Óg Jones (0-0-1), C O'Mahony (0-0-1).

Subs: S Powter (0-0-1) for T Walsh (43 mins), R Deane for O'Mahony (45), S Walsh for McDonnell (57), C Cahalane for P Walsh (59), H O'Connor for Jones (65).

Allianz National Football League Div 2

All teams have 5 games played, 2 still to play. Cork must play Louth at home next, then Cavan away, both games now vital for Cork's efforts to avoid relegation.

Monaghan 8 points
Roscommon 8 pts
Meath 8pts
Cavan 6pts
Louth 4pts
Cork 4pts

Down 2pts
Westmeath 0pts

Allianz National Hurling League Div 1A

Tipperary 2-22 Cork 1-21

Tipperary, playing in front of a crowd of 11,357 in Thurles cemented their place at the top of the National Hurling League Division 1A with a four point win over Cork. Cork started well before Tipp scored the first goal in the fourth minute. Cork goaled through Brian Hayes on eight minutes after being played in by Shane Barrett, stretched into a three point lead on two occasions with Cormac O'Brien and Robbie O'Flynn getting notable scores. Tipp were working hard and were rewarded with four points on the bounce, to retake the lead in the 21st minute. From there to half time it was more or less score for score with Tipp forcing more turnovers, but Cork were still able to work good points from Micheál Mullins and O'Flynn and Tipp held a slender 1-12 to 1-11 half time advantage.

Tipp pushed on at the start of the second half and opened up a four point lead before Cork came roaring back with inspirational leader Patrick Horgan making an immediate impact off the bench, from play and winning frees, to draw level on 54 minutes at 1-17 each.

Tipp weathered the storm, responding with three points in a row from Willie Connors, man of the match Ronan Maher, and Craig Morgan, before Morgan played in sub Dylan Walsh for Tipp's second goal on 59 minutes to go six clear.

It was a winning lead as a more committed Tipp held on for a deserved victory.

Scorers for Tipperary: Darragh McCarthy 0-10 (5fs), Jake Morris 1-1, Jason Forde, Gearoid O'Connor 0-3 each, Dylan Walsh 1-0, Ronan Maher (free), Craig Morgan, Willie Connors, Alan Tynan, Oisín O'Donoghue 0-1 each.

Scorers for Cork: Darragh Fitzgibbon 0-11 (6fs, 1 6s), Patrick Horgan 0-3 (1f), Brian Hayes 1-0, Robbie O'Flynn 0-2, Micheál Mullins, Jack O'Connor, Cormac O'Brien, Shane Barrett, Diarmuid Healy 0-1 each.

Cork: Patrick Collins; Ger Millerick, Eoin Downey, Niall O'Leary; Micheál Mullins, Ciarán Joyce, Cormac O'Brien; Tim O'Mahony, Darragh Fitzgibbon; Ethan Twomey, Shane Barrett (Blarney), Robbie O'Flynn; Jack O'Connor, Brian Hayes, Robbie Cotter. Subs: Patrick Horgan for Cotter (46); Diarmuid Healy for O'Flynn (47); Luke Meade for O'Mahony (49); Jack Cahalane for O'Connor (55); Brian Roche for Twomey (64).

NHL Division 1A: Cork 1-22 Kilkenny 2-16

On a Saturday evening blessed with kind weather, an immaculately groomed Supervalu Páirc Uí Chaoimh pitch and a massive attendance of more than 22,000, Cork and Kilkenny produced a very entertaining contest, not of championship intensity, but with some good passages of play, some fine scores, but also some errors. The teams were level five times in the second half, but Kilkenny failed to score in a 15-minute spell late in the game and Cork finished with a string of points. The outstanding Diarmuid Healy, making his first start for Cork, scored 1-5 from play, including two beauties in the last 10 minutes when Cork made a burst for the line.

The sudden death of the former Cork player Ray Ryan, brother of Cork manager Pat, was marked by both playing and management teams lining up on the pitch before the game to take part in a minute of remembrance and applause.

As they had done against Tipperary a week ago, Cork hunted for goals and the breakthrough came after 20 minutes when Healy seized on a breaking ball and struck a low cross-shot to the corner of the Kilkenny

net. The young wing forward went on to score 1-5, was involved in three other Cork scores and was instrumental in Cork's match-winning surge.

Cork led by 1-6 to 0-5 after Healy's goal, but they surrendered the advantage within two minutes after Niall O'Leary's pass was intercepted and Billy Ryan punished the mistake. Kilkenny's second goal arrived six minutes before the break when Cody seized on a breaking ball and fed Stephen Donnelly with a cute pass.

Kilkenny led by 2-9 to 1-10 at half-time, but Cork were level 12 minutes into the second half and slowly got on top. Shane Barrett was terrific at centre forward, and Rob Downey was majestic at centre back. In a nine-minute spell, Cork fired over four unanswered points and Kilkenny were cast adrift.

Too many passes went astray, and Kilkenny's shooting was poor, with 22 "misses" between shots that went wide or dropped short. Kilkenny manager Derek Lyng remarked, "I think sometimes when you miss a couple of chances, it can suck the energy out of you as well."

Cork: P Collins; N O'Leary, E Downey, G Millerick; C Joyce (0-1), R Downey, M Mullins; D Fitzgibbon (0-1), T O'Mahony (0-2); D Dalton, S Barrett (0-2), D Healy (1-5); B Hayes, R O'Flynn, P Horgan (0-10; 0-7f). Subs: D Cahalane for Millerick (26 mins); L Meade for O'Flynn (46); J O'Connor for Dalton (48); C O'Brien for Joyce (58); T O'Connell (0-1) for Mullins (62); J Cahalane for Hayes (68).

Allianz NHL Division 1A

Cork are away to Clare and at home to Galway in their remaining two games.

Tipperary P4 6 pts
Galway P4 6 pts
Cork P4 5 pts
Kilkenny P4 4 pts
Limerick P3 3 pts
Clare P4 2 pts
Wexford P5 2 pts

Cork - Allianz League remaining fixtures

Allianz Hurling: Division 1A – 7 teams, 6 games each

Allianz Football: Division 2 – 8 teams, 7 games each

Sunday March 9th.

HL Division 1A R5: Clare v Cork, Cusack Park, Ennis, 3.15pm

March 16th.

FL Division 2 R6: Cork v Louth, Páirc Uí Chaoimh 2pm

Saturday March 22nd.

HL Division 1 R6 : Cork v Galway, Páirc Uí Chaoimh, 7:30pm

Sunday March 23rd.

Division 2FL R7: Cavan v Cork, Breffni Park, 1.30pm

March 9th; Allianz Football League final

April 5th-6th: HL Division 1A and 1B Finals

LGFA Ladies Football

Lidl LGFA National League Division 2

Cork 4-17 Roscommon 2-9

Two goals each from Laura Cleary and Libby Coppinger enabled Cork to maintain their Lidl LGFA National League Division 2 promotion push at SuperValu Páirc Uí Chaoimh by defeating relegation threatened Roscommon.

Roscommon made a decent fist of things, but they found the Rebels powerful running game too hot to handle. After only 20 seconds Cork full-forward Libby Coppinger palmed the ball beyond Helena Cummins, and the home side went 1-2 to 0-0 ahead after only five minutes. Aisling Hanly had well-taken goal for the Rossies but Cork looked likely to score every time they ran at the Roscommon defence, and a second

goal from Emma Cleary's ninth minute penalty, which Cummins got a hand to, gave Cork further encouragement.

Roscommon lost Orla O'Neill to injury, which held up the game for over ten minutes, but they were right back in the game when Laura Mannion's effort from distance wasn't held by Cork goalkeeper Sarah Murphy and dropped into the net.

As the game ticked into a prolonged period of injury time, Roscommon were only a couple of points behind, but two Cork goals during that lengthy additional time from Cleary and Coppinger handed the home side a 4-6 to 2-5 advantage.

Roscommon continued to battle bravely but Cork, led by Laura O'Mahony, Coppinger and Katie Quirke, continued to keep the scoreboard ticking over. In the end, Roscommon suffered a 14-point defeat, but they'll still feel confident of getting the points they'll need from their remaining two games.

Scorers for Cork: E Cleary 2-1 (1 pen), L Coppinger 2-0, K Quirke 0-6 (4f), A Ring 0-4, A Corcoran 0-2, A O'Mahony, R Ní Chorcora, L O'Mahony, L Hallihan 0-1 each.

Cork: S Murphy; M Duggan, S Kelly, A Ryan; Rosie Ní Chorcora, S Cronin, S Leahy (captain); M O'Callaghan, A O'Mahony; Emma Cleary, L O'Mahony, A Corcoran; A Ring, L Coppinger, K Quirke. Subs: S Callanan for S Cronin (ht), Amy McDonagh for 18 (44), E Hurley for A Corcoran (53), O Roche for L Coppinger (53), Sorcha McGoldrick for R Ní Chorcora (56), K Horgan for S Kelly (56), L Hallihan for A Ring (59), L Cleary for E Cleary (60).

LIDL Div 2 League Table

Cork are at home to Clare, away to Donegal in their remaining games.

Galway P5 15 points
Cork P5 12pts
Monaghan P5 9pts
Tipperary P5 6pts
Donegal P5 6pts
Rcommon P5 4pts
Clare P5 4pts
W'meach P5 1pt

Camogie

Very Ireland National League Div 1

Cork 2-10 Waterford 0-8

All-Ireland champions Cork are hoping to win a first Very Camogie League Division 1A title in 12 years and they got out to the perfect start, securing a thoroughly comfortable 2-10 to 0-8 victory over Waterford at SuperValu Páirc Uí Chaoimh.

The heavy lifting was done in the first half as Cork led 2-7 to 0-2 at the interval following a dominant first-half display. The Rebels enjoyed the perfect start, racing into a 1-2 to no score lead inside the opening ten minutes.

Ciara O'Sullivan fired home Cork's first goal of the game from an acute angle. Beth Carton did fire over two quickfire points for Waterford but from there, Cork took control, scoring 1-5 without reply to take a commanding 11-point lead to the dressing room.

Sorcha McCartan fired over a pair of points while Clodagh Finn, O'Sullivan and Kate Wall all tagged on further scores. The second goal arrived when Looney managed to bundle the sliotar over the line as Cork enjoyed a stellar first half.

Waterford rallied at the start of the second half as Carton, Niamh Rockett and Lorraine Bray all troubled the scoreboard but Cork were able to keep them at arm's length.

McCartan proved lively in front of the posts as Cork came through despite only registering three points in the second half.

Cork: Amy Lee (Na Piarasigh): Meabh Murphy (Ballinora), Libby Coppinger (St Colums), Pamekla Mackey (Douglas): Lizzy O'Regan (Ballygarvan), Laura Hayes (St Catherines), Hannah Looney (Killeagh): Aoife Healy (Aghada), Aisling Thompson (Milford): Ciara O'Sullivan (Newcestown), Kate Wall (St Finbarrs), Saoirse McCarthy (Courcy Rovers): Clodagh Finn (Fr O'Neills), Sorcha McCarthy (St Finbarrs), Orlaith Cahalane (St Finbarrs). Subs included: Ciara O'Leary (Cloughduv), Meadhbh Ring (Aghabullogue),

Dublin 0-10 Cork 0-20

Cork made it two from two after their win over Dublin in their Very Camogie League Division 1A clash at St Peregrine's GAA Club, Dublin.

From start to finish they were in control as they built on their win over Waterford a week ago.

This was a far more physical encounter than their first outing, something they were well aware it would be in advance. Cork were simply too good for their opponents again, with some outstanding performances from the likes of Sorcha McCartan, Laura Hayes, Niamh O'Leary, Clodagh Finn, Aoife O'Neill and Aoife Healy. The first half could have been dubbed the McCartan show as the full forward scored eight of Cork's first-half tally of 13.

Six were from frees as the Dublin defence were finding it difficult to hold the Cork attack, led by McCartan, with Kate Wall also working hard throughout.

The major concern Cork will have from this game are the injuries picked up by Izzy O'Regan and Ashling Thompson, with the former the more serious of the two and she could be looking at a spell on the sidelines with a knee injury.

It was 0-11 to 0-2 after 24 minutes and Cork were well in control by 0-13 to 0-2 at half time.

Scorers for Cork: S McCartan 0-8 (0-6 f), S McCarthy 0-3 (0-2 f), C Finn, C O'Sullivan 0-2 each, E Murphy, K Wall, O Cahalane, A Fitzgerald, M Ring 0-1 each.

Cork: A Lee; M Murphy, N O'Leary, P Mackey; I O'Regan, A Healy, L Hayes; H Looney, A Fitzgerald; E Murphy, K Wall, S McCarthy; C Finn, S McCartan, O Cahalane. Subs: L Treacy for I O'Regan (8 inj), M Condon for A Healy (ht), O Mullins for C Finn, C O'Sullivan for E Murphy (both 38), A O'Neill for N O'Leary (47) R Harty for K Wall (47), M De Burca for A Fitzgerald, A Thompson for H Looney (51), M Ring for A Thompson (56 head inj).

2025 Camogie - Very National League Fixtures

Saturday, March 8: Cork v Kilkenny.

Saturday, March 22: Tipperary v Cork.

Saturday, March 29: Cork v Galway.

Sunday, April 13: League final.

Cork County Leagues for 2025:

McCarthy Insurance Group County Senior Football Leagues

Division 1

Carrigaline 0, Castlehaven 0, Cill Na Martra 0, Clonakilty 2, Douglas 2, Éire Óg 0, Nemo Rngrs 2, St. Finbarr's 2, St. Michael's 2, Newcestown 0

Cill na Martra 2-15 (2-3-9) St Finbarr's 2-20 (2-4-12)

Steven Sherlock pointed the way as St Finbarr's overcame Cill na Martra in the opening round of the McCarthy Insurance Group FL Division 1. The Cork star was immense and ever so clinical from two-point range.

The hosts were within one point with just 60 seconds left of normal time, 2-15 to 2-16, but the 'Barrs finished strongly with four points in a row.

Cill na Martra started well, leading 1-3 to 0-2 the goal from Shane Ó Duinnín, but the sides were level on 17,

1-6 to 0-9 and two goals for the 'Barrs, on 19 and 22, helped them to a 2-10 to 1-8 interval lead.

Micheál Ó Deasúna, now in goals, had a second goal for Cill na Martra in the 37th minute from the penalty spot to make it 2-13 to 2-8 and the home side got the bit between their teeth and a string of points had the gap down to two. When the 'Barrs had a point Mike Ó Deasúna kicked a two pointer on 58 but the 'Barrs finished well.

Scorers for Cill na Martra: J Mac Cárthaigh 0-8 (2 tpf, 4 f), S Ó Duinnín 1-2, M Ó Deasúna 1-2 (1-0 pen, 1 tp), A Ó Loingsigh, C Ó Duinnín, E Ó Conaill 0-1 each.

Cill Na Martra: Dean Mac Cárthaigh; Finén Ó Faoláin, Tadh Ó Corcora, Micheál Ó Cathasaigh; Danny Ó Conaill, Seán Ó Foirréidh, Cianie Ó Foirréidh; Gearóid Ó Goillidhe (c), Micheál Ó Deasúna; Eoin Ó Conaill, Jason Mac Cárthaigh, Donagh Ó Buachalla; Antoine Ó Loingsigh, Ciarán Ó Duinnín, Shane Ó Duinnín. Subs: Maidhc Ó Duinnín h/t, Jack Ó Loingsigh 52, Seanacháin Ó Loingsigh 58.

Referee: John Ryan (Macroom)

Clonakilty 1-18 Éire Óg 1-8

Clonakilty led all through as they opened their McCarthy Insurance Group FL Division 1 campaign with victory at home to Éire Óg.

Behind by 1-10 to 0-3 at half-time, Éire Óg improved on the resumption, aided by a Brian Hurley goal. A two-pointer from Hurley left just four in it, 1-12 to 1-8, with 12 minutes left, but Clon finished well with six unanswered points to secure the win.

For Éire Óg, Hurley was a constant threat and Rian O'Flynn scored three points from wing-forward.

Scorers for Éire Óg: B Hurley 1-4 (1 2pt), R O'Flynn 0-3, D Goulding 0-1 f.

Éire Óg: Eoin Kelleher; Michael Corkery, Matt Brady, Conor McGoldrick; Mark Griffin, Hugh Murphy, Daire McCarthy; Jack Murphy, Ronan O'Toole; Rian O'Flynn, Joe Cooper, Donnacha Kelly; Daniel Goulding, Eoin O'Shea, Brian Hurley. Subs: Jerome Kelleher h-t, David Kirwan 41, Brian Thompson 45, Adam McCarthy and Oisín O'Shea both on 57.

Div 2

Ballincollig 1, Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh 1, C'townbere 0, Carbery Rgrs 2, Dohenys 2, Fermoy 0, Kanturk 0, Knocknagree 2 O'D Rossa 0, Valley Rvs 2

Ballincollig 0-12 Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh 1-9

Béal Átha led by 1-3 to 0-3 after an even first half, the goal from Sean Ó Muineacháin in the 23rd minute. 'The Village' was level within five minutes of the restart, and it was level again at the three quarter stage, 1-56 to 0-8, Béal Átha went three clear, reduced later to two, and the home side finished with two points to level the game and earn a share of the league points.

Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh: Darren Ó Coill; Ciarán Ó Núnáin, Barra Ó hOrgán, Peatsaí Ó Tuama; Donagh Seartan, Seán Ó Donnchú, Gavin Ó Laoire; Seamus Ó Tuama, Daire Ó Briain; Matt Ó Riordáin, Sean Ó Muineacháin, Daire Ó Ceallacháin; Diarmuid MacTomáis, Cian Ó Duinnín, Ben Seartan. Ionaid: Nollaig Ó Laoire, Colmán Ó Tuama, Diarmuid Ó Ceallacháin.

Div 3

Aghada 2, Bishopstown 2, Clyda Rovers 2, Kilshannig 2, Kiskeam 0, Mallow 0, Newmarket 0, Rockchapel 0, Naomh Abán 0, Uibh Laoire 2

Uibh Laoire 2-9 Naomh Abán 0-12

An early goal for Iveleary from Liam Kearney settled the home side and they led by 1-5 to 0-4 at the interval, and had another 'goal' disallowed. When Aaron O'Donovan had a second Uibh Laoire goal in the 47th minute they led by 2-7 to 0-6 but three two-pointers helped a battling Naomh Abán side to cut the gap to three points before the final whistle.



Division 6 League Result: Canovee 7-18 Na Piarasigh 2-5.

Uibh Laoire: Joe Creedon; Barry Murphy, Danny O'Donovan, Daniel O'Riordan; Kevin Manning, Ciarán O'Riordan, Ciarán Galvin; Timmy Roberts, Conor O'Leary; Aaron O'Donovan, Brian Cronin, Seán O'Riordan; Sam Pickering, Liam Kearney, Ian Jones. Subs: Brian O'Riordan, Adrian O'Dea, Jack Sweeney, Kevin Jones.

Div 4

Adrigole, Aghabullogue 2, Bandon 2, Bantry Blues 0, Boherbue 2, Buttevant, Glanmire, Macroom 0, Nemo Rngrs, St. Vincent's 0

Macroom 2-8 Aghabullogue 3-19

Aghabullogue, runners up to Kilshannig in last year's PIFC were, as anticipated, too strong for Macroom in the opening Div 4 league game played under lights at the Castle Grounds. The visitors had an early goal, were out of sight by half time leading by 1-12 to 0-2 and despite a much improved second half performance from the home side, were never in danger of not taking the points here.

Mathew Bradley scored 2-10 for the winners.

Aghabullogue: Ian O'Sullivan; Daniel O'Leary, Conor Smith, James Foley; Oisín O'Connell, Tom Long, Adam Murphy; Brian Dineen, Dhani Merrick; Odhran O'Connell, John Corkery, James Lane; Cialan O'Sullivan, Evan O'Sullivan Mathew Bradley. Subs: John Buckley, Shane Birmingham, Sean O'Sullivan, Michael O'Donnell, Barry Kendellan, Ciarán Thompson and David Dineen.

Macroom: Caleb Dinneen; Kieran Condon, Mark Corrigan, Jack O'Riordan; Mark Condon, Michael Cronin, Ryan Sabas; Tony Dineen, Don Creedon; Liam Holland, Eolan O'Leary, Shane Meaney; Mark Hunt, Alan Quinn, Johnny Murphy. Subs: Declan Kiely, Seán Kiely, Dylan Twomey, Sam Kelleher.

Div 5

Ballinora 0, Ballydesmond, Gabriel Rgs, Glanworth 0, Glenville 2, Ilen Rovers, Kilmurry 2, Kinsale 2, Millstreet, Mitchelstown 0

Ballinora 0-11 Kinsale 1-16

Kilmurry 2-17 Mitchelstown 1-14

A goal from Laurence Aisling gave Kilmurry a 1-1 to 0-3 lead after nine minutes and at half time the home side led by 1-7 to 0-7. A second goal from Kilmurry on 45, new signing Ruadhán Ó Curráin the scorer, had Kilmurry 2-15 to 0-9 ahead and they held on to their advantage to the finish.

Kilmurry: Cian Desmond; Owen Keane, Conor Kelleher, Brian Hinchin; Tomás Collins, William Ronan, Alexander Aisling; James O'Mullane, Kyle Kelleher; Rory Duggan, Liam Wall, Laurence Aisling; Denis O'Mullane, John O'Mullane, Ruadhán Ó Curráin. Subs: Joe McGinn, Joe O'Mullane, Jed Hartnett, Michael John Grainger, Greg Barrett.

Div 6

Aghinagh 2, Canovee 2, Cobh 2, Cullen 2, Dromtarriffe 0, Kildorrery 2, Mayfield 0, Na Piarasigh 0, St. Michael's

0, St. Nick's 0

Aghinagh 1-18 Mayfield 0-10

Aghinagh enjoyed an emphatic win over Mayfield in their first Division 6 league encounter of the season in sunny Rusheen. Aghinagh were on top in most departments and but for some wayward shooting could have been further ahead than 0-8 to 0-5 at halftime. It was more of the same in the second half with a last minute Con Buckley goal putting the gloss on a convincing Aghinagh victory.

Aghinagh: W Coakley (0-3), D O'Riordan, D O'Riordan, O Cummins; J Kearney (0-1), E McCarthy, T Buckley; T Morgans, M McCarthy; M Horgan (0-1), C Buckley (1-4), S Kelleher, D Corkery (0-1), L Twohig (0-8), L Ring. Subs Used: S O'Riordan (0-1), D Ambrose, P O'Sullivan, J Lynch, J Ambrose, R Kelleher.

Na Piarasigh 2-5 Canovee 7-18

This was a very one-sided game as is evident from the scoreline.

Canovee scorers: James Moynihan and Seán O'Connor had two goals each, Aidan Murphy, Paul Healy, Cathal O'Driscoll got one each.

Canovee: Ben Cheasty; Cian Cronin, Eoghan Lehane, Patrick Buckley; Shane Riordan, William Ahern, Conor Dodd; Aidan Murphy, Brian McNabola; Jason Riordan, James Moynihan, Mark Healy; Daire McMahan, Sean O'Connor, Jack Kelleher. Subs: Aaron Forde, Eoin McNabola, Paul Healy, Evan Cunningham, Liam Kelleher, Cathal O'Driscoll, Cillian Newman, James O'Neill, Gavin Coleman.

Div 7

Argideen Rgrs 0, Castlemagner 2, St. James' 1, Urhan 0, Nemo Rangers 0, Inniscarra 2, Ballygarvan 2, Ballyhooly 0, Kilmacabea 1, Liscarroll/Churchtown Gaels 2

Inniscarra 0-11 Argideen Rangers 0-10

This was a fine win for Inniscarra, up in the county football league for the first time. They were 0-7 to 0-2 in arrears at half time, still five points in arrears ten minutes later but they fought back to level at 0-9 each on 57, went in front by a point and when Argideen levelled again, 'Scarra got another point to win the day!

Cameron Lynch, Liam O'Connor and Shane Buckley were on target for Inniscarra.

Inniscarra: Dominic Kelleher; John Bush, Jack O'Sullivan, Dave Keane; Dave O'Keeffe, Cathal Griffin; Cormac Dineen, Cameron Lynch; Timmy Murphy, Colin O'Leary, Shane Buckley; Dylan O'Sullivan; Tadhg Lyons, Liam O'Connor, Daniel O'Connor. Subs: Shay Dineen, Ray Murphy, Jack O'Dwyer, Padraig Holland, Donal Dineen.

Red FM County Senior Hurling Leagues

- Comm w/e March 8th/9th

Division 1 Blackrock, Carrigaline, Carrigtwohill, Charleville, Douglas, Fr. O'Neill's, Glen Rovers, Kanturk,

Sarsfields, St. Finbarr's

Div 2 Ballincollig, Ballymartle, Éire Óg, Erins Own, Fermoy, Killeagh, Middleton, N'townshandrum, Na Piarasigh, Valley Rvs
- Sat March 8th: Ballincollig v Na Piarasigh at 2pm: Ballymartle v Éire Óg at 11.30am

Div 3 Ballinhassig, Blackrock, Blarney, Bride Rovers, Castlelyons, Courcy Rvs, Lisgoold, Mallow, Newcestown, Russell Rvs
- March 9th at 11.00am: Blarney v Bride Rovers

Div 4 Bandon, Bishopstown, Cloughduv, Inniscarra, Kildorrery, Kilworth, St Catherine's, Tracton, Watergrasshill, Youghal
- Sunday Mar 9th at 11.30am: Inniscarra v Cloughduv

Div 5 Aghabullogue, Ballygarvan, Ballyhea, Castlemartyr, Dungourney, Erins Own, Kilbrittain, Mayfield, Middleton, Milford
- Sun Mar 9th at 11.30am: Erin's Own v Aghabullogue

Div 6 Aghada, Argideen Rgs, B'nascarthy, Ballygiblin, Cloyne, Glen Rovers, Kinsale, Sarsfields, Na Piarasigh, Barryroe

Div 7 St. Finbarr's, Ballinora, Meelin, Nemo Rgs, Killavullen, Passage, Kilshannig, Douglas, Killeagh, D Ó Mathúna's
- Sun Mar 9th at 11.30am: D Ó Mathúna's v Ballinora

Coming Up in Cork in March/April

Sun, March 9th @3.15pm AHL R6 Cork v Clare in Cusack Park, Ennis
Sun, March 9th Club H League R1 Red FM Hurling League R1
Sun, March 16th @12pm U20 F Challenge Cork v Louth in SuperValu Páirc Uí Chaoimh
Sun, March 16th @2pm AFL R6 Cork v Louth in SuperValu Páirc Uí Chaoimh
Sun, March 16th Club F League R2 McCarthy Insurance Group Football League R2
Sat, March 22nd @7.30pm AHL R7 Cork v Galway in SuperValu Páirc Uí Chaoimh
Sun, March 23rd @1.30pm AFL R7 Cork v Cavan at Kingspan Breffini Park



Naomh Abán Fé10 team who played at half time in Páirc Uí Chaoimh.



Naomh Abán Fé10 player, Conor Ó Cuill in action in Páirc Uí Chaoimh.



Naomh Abán Fé16 team who defeated Valley Rovers in the Rebel Óg Division 1 league.



Naomh Abán U16 players who recently played with the Cork U16 A & B teams. Róisín Ní Liatháin, Cliona Ní Mhócháin, Matilda Ní Lunnaigh & Claire Ní Aodha.

- Sun, March 23rd Club H League R2 Red FM Hurling League R2
Wed, March 26th Munster U20 H R1 Cork v Clare in Clare Venue
Fri, March 28th Munster U17 H R1 Cork v Limerick in Limerick Venue
March 29th - 30th AFL Finals Allianz Football League Finals
Sun, March 30th Club F League R3 McCarthy Insurance Group Football League R3
Tues, April 1st @8pm Munster U20 F P2 R1 Cork v Phase 1 Winner in Away Venue
Wed, April 2nd Munster U20 H R2 Cork v Tipperary in Cork Venue
April 5th - 6th AHL Finals Allianz Hurling League Div 1A & 1B Finals
April 5th - 6th Munster SFC QF Cork v Limerick in Limerick Venue
Sun, April 6th Club H League R3 Red FM Hurling League R3
Tue, April 8th Munster U20 F P2 R2 Cork v Kerry in Kerry Venue
Fri, April 11th Munster U17 H R3 Cork v Clare in Clare Venue
Sun, April 13th Club F League R4 McCarthy Insurance Group Football League R4

Provincial Hurling Championships:

MUNSTER
Round 1 - April 19th-20th: Clare v Cork; Tipperary v Limerick
Round 2 - April 26th-27th: Cork v Tipperary; Waterford v Clare
Round 3A - May 3rd-4th: Waterford v Limerick
Round 3B - May 10th-11th: Clare v Tipperary
Round 4 - May 17th-18th: Limerick v Cork; Tipperary v Waterford
Round 5 - May 24th-25th: Limerick v Clare: Cork v Waterford
Final - June 7th (Saturday): 1st Placed Team v 2nd Placed Team

All-Ireland Hurling Championship.

Preliminary Quarter-Finals: June 14th-15th (Saturday/Sunday):
Winner Joe McDonagh Cup v 3rd Placed Team Leinster

Group; Runner-Up Joe McDonagh Cup v 3rd Placed Team Munster Group
Quarter-Finals: June 21st-22nd (Saturday/Sunday):
Munster Runner-Up v Winner Joe McDonagh Cup/3rd Placed Team Leinster Group; Leinster Runner-Up v Runner-Up Joe McDonagh Cup/3rd Placed Team Munster Group
Semi-Finals: July 5th (Saturday): Munster Provincial Winner v Quarter-Final Winner; July 6th (Sunday): Leinster Provincial Winner v Quarter-Final Winner
All-Ireland Final: July 20th (Sunday) – (Replay August 2nd (Saturday))

Provincial Football Championships:

MUNSTER
Quarter-Finals - April 5/6: Waterford v Tipperary; Limerick v Cork
Semi-Finals - April 19/20: Limerick/Cork v Kerry; Waterford/Tipperary v Clare
Final - May 4
All-Ireland SFC:
Group Stage
Round 1: May 17th-18th (Saturday/Sunday) or May 24th-25th (Saturday/Sunday)
Round 2: May 31st-June 1st (Saturday/Sunday)
Round 3: June 14th-15th (Saturday/Sunday)
Preliminary Quarter-Finals: June 21st-22nd (Saturday/Sunday)
Quarter-Finals: June 28th-29th (Saturday/Sunday)
Semi-Finals: July 12th-13th (Saturday/Sunday)
All-Ireland Final: July 27th (Sunday) (Replay: August 9th (Saturday))

Tailteann Cup:

For teams which fail to qualify for the All Ireland Senior Championship (Sam Maguire Cup)
Group Stage
Round 1: May 10th-11th (Saturday/Sunday) or May 24th-25th (Saturday/Sunday)
Round 2: May 17th-May 18th (Saturday/Sunday)
Round 3: May 31st-June 1st (Saturday/Sunday)
Preliminary Quarter-Finals: June 7th-8th (Saturday/Sunday)
Quarter-Finals: June 14th-15th (Saturday/Sunday)
Final: July 12th (Saturday)

Muskerry Gaa

Macroom Motors Mid Cork U21 Football Championship Finals

U21 A Football

Final: Ballincollig v Éire Óg

U21 B Football

Final: Donoughmore v Inniscarra

U21 C Football

Final: Iveleary/Dripsey v Blarney

Muskerry EPH Controls Junior Football League Div 1 begins on March 1st 2025

Div 1 - Aghabullogue, Grenagh, Donoughmore, Clondrohid, Éire Óg, Kilmichael, Ballincollig, Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh

Div 2 East: Ballincollig2, Inniscarra, Blarney, Ballinora, Donoughmore, Dripsey, Gleann na Laoi

Div 2 West: Cill na Martra, Naomh Abán, Iveleary, Canovee, Kilmurry, Aghinagh, Macroom

Div 3 East: Ballincollig, Lough Rovers, Éire Óg, Inniscarra, Kilmurry, Grenagh

Div 3 West: Canovee, Clondrohid, Kilmichael, Macroom, Naomh Abán, Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh

2025 Muskerry Division GAA Championship Draws

Ross Oil Junior A Football Championship

Group 1: A Donoughmore, B Ballincollig, C Blarney, D

Dripsey

Group 2: Aghinagh, Grenagh, Clondrohid, Kilmichael
Group 3: Éire Óg, Beal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh, Ballinora, Kilmichael

Two teams from each group to progress to play-off stages, top two to semi final stage and the other four to quarter final stage.

Sequence: Rd 1: A v B, C v D Rd 2: A v D, AB v C: Rd 3: A v C, B v D

Ballincollig Credit Union Junior B Football Championship

13 teams, open draw and a plate competition for Rd 1 losers

Round 1:

A Ballincollig - a bye
B Macroom v Donoughmore
C Cill na Martra v Naomh Abán
D Uibh Laoire v Gleann na Laoi
E Aghinagh v Éire Óg
F Canovee v Inniscarra
G Grenagh Aghabullogue
Note: New draw for Rd two onwards

Junior C Football Championship

9 teams - straight knock out. No plate competition

Round 1:

A Clondrohid - a bye
B Naomh Abán v Inniscarra
C Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh v Kilmichael

D Ballincollig v Canovee

E Macroom v Kilmurry

Note: New draw for Rd 2 onwards

MJK Oils Junior A Hurling Championship

10 teams, 2 groups, top two in each to semi final stage.

Group 1:

A Ballincollig, B Inniscarra C Donoughmore D Blarney E Aghabullogue

Group 2:

A Ballinora B Grenagh C Dripsey D Éire Óg E Kilmichael

Rd 1: D v E, B v C - A a bye

Rd 2: E v C, D v A - B a bye

Rd 3: B v D, A v E - C a bye

Rd 4: C v A, E v B - D a bye

Rd 5: A v B, C v D - E a bye

Oriel House Hotel Junior B Hurling Championship

11 teams, 3 groups - top two in each group to knock out stage, a Plate competition for five non qualifying teams.

Group 1: A Ballincollig B Grenagh C Donoughmore D Éire Óg

Group 2: A Blarney B Cloughduv C Gleann na Laoi D Uibh Laoire

Group 3: A Inniscarra B Ballinora C Laochra Óg D a bye

Rd 1: A v B, C v D Rd 2: A v D, B v C Rd 3: A v C, B v D



Naomh Abán Premier Intermediate team who lost to Uibh Laoire in the first round of the Mccarthy Insurance Division 3 Football league.



Naomh Abán Fé10 player, Sam MacCarthaigh in action in Páirc Uí Chaoimh.

MACROOM SOCCER - CORK COUNTY COUNCIL COMMUNITY RECOGNITION FUND

We are delighted to hear our Cork County Council 'Community Recognition Fund' application has been successful. €60,000 has been awarded for a project to replace our existing dressing room showers and place tarmac on the car park at our home ground at Murrayfield. With our Astro plans progressing well, improved facilities at the venue are very important and this funding will help to facilitate these works. Thanks to our Astro fundraising committee who worked on this grant application and who continue to work diligently in the background in relation to our Astro Pitch and Community Walkway project. Many thanks also to all who supported us with this application.

U-15 Schoolboys National Trophy

Macroom FC: 0

Charleville AFC: 2

The U-15 schoolboys lost out 2-0 to Charleville in the National Trophy last 32 at Banteer. It was a closely contested affair where Macroom had an early chance from Micheál O Connor. Charleville then built pressure and Cian Lee made a number of fine saves. The North Cork side went ahead through an excellent finish on 25 mins.

Into the second half and Macroom, now facing a stiff breeze, threw everything at the Limerick County

league side in search of an equaliser. Ryan Brophy had a fine shot parried by the keeper and then Brophy headed against the upright following a succession of Macroom corners. The Macroom pressure continued but late on Charleville secured the tie with an excellent lob from distance.

The Macroom boys were crestfallen at the end but can hold their heads high after a fine performance, having already managed the difficult task of getting out of Cork into the open last 32 draw. Many thanks to the large Macroom crowd who travelled to support the team. Well done to Charleville AFC and we wish them well in the next round.

U-12 Schoolboys Kevin Dillon Cup

Rathcoole Rovers: 1

Macroom FC: 3

Impressive away win from the U-12B boys on Sunday afternoon against a team who are top of a higher division. Well done boys!

Kegoikantse Dube, Luca Carroll and Jack Twomey with the goals.

U-15 Schoolboys Division One

Passage AFC: 1

Macroom FC: 3

The U-15 Division One Schoolboys picked up a fine

3-1 away win over Passage. In glorious conditions, the visitors got off to a quick start and were 2-0 up after 10 mins. Ryan Brophy opened the scoring with a fine right footed strike and Dylan O'Shea's corner was then forced home by Cathal Lyons. While Macroom were competing well all over the field, Cian Lee was forced into making a smart save. Brophy then made it 3-0 from close range just before half time.

Passage scored midway through the second half but Macroom continued to threaten when Matthew Kelleher hit the upright after Ewan Irwin's run and cross. The visitors saw out the remaining time and were delighted to take the 3 points. All 16 Macroom players made a great contribution to this deserved win with plenty of hard work on show. Thanks to all coaches and to parents for coming along.

U-13 Schoolboys

Park United: 5

Macroom FC: 4

Macroom FC U-13s were away to Park United on Saturday morning. Macroom took the lead after dominating the first 15 minutes. Park United came into the game and scored four goals before half time.

In the second half, Park United started very strong and got a goal ten minutes in.

Macroom piled on the pressure and got two penalties. Macroom finished very strong but ran out of time. They never gave up. The match ended in a 5-4 win for Park United.

The match was refereed by Cork City FC legend Patsy Freyne who thanked both teams for a great game. Scorers were Tiernan Knight Desmond, Lachlan Burke scored twice and one own goal.

U-14 Schoolboys Division Two

Corkbeg AFC: 3

Macroom FC: 4

Great performance yesterday morning from our U-14 schoolboys, from 2-0 down & 3-2 down to win 3-4 away from home shows great heart and once again great pride in the Macroom jersey. After a fairly even first half, Macroom were unlucky to be 2-0 at half time. Credit to the lads they came out for the second half in fighting spirit and it was quickly 1-2 when Cormac

O Leary found the bottom corner of the Corkbeg net with a very well taken goal, Sean MacSullivan the creator with a great pass that split the Corkbeg defence. Macroom were now dominating the game and it was not long before it was 2-2 when that man again Cormac O Leary finished from inside the box.

Corkbeg regained the lead with a fine a goal from a corner but once again our brave warriors lifted their heads and took the game to Corkbeg. Sean MacSullivan made it 3-3 when he chipped the Corkbeg goalkeeper from distance for a great goal, Darragh O' Shea with the assist. As the clock ran down a draw was likely but Macroom still continued to pressure the Corkbeg defence and Leon Kelleher forced a defensive mixup to give Macroom the lead 3-4 and the three points. This was a great win away from home in what was a very competitive match with a good few chances on both sides, Rory O' Shea in the Macroom goal made a

number of important saves.

Our lads showed unbelievable heart and bravery to once again come from behind and take the 3 points, this is becoming the story of our season. Today's effort was even more notable as we travelled with a bare 11 players. A special mention to Cormac O Leary who joined the team today from our U-13 team and scored two goals and to Ryan Kelleher from our A side who had a super game at full back. Team captain today was David Twomey who led the team by example at centre half today. As always David covered every blade of grass on the pitch. Yesterday's victory puts us second in the table and 3 points off top spot with 6 games to play. Well done lads, we are really proud of you for showing such great heart & determination to come back fighting time after time.



Macroom FC U-12 Schoolboys



Macroom FC U-13 Schoolboys



Macroom FC U-14 Schoolboys



Macroom FC U-15 Schoolboys

WEST MUSKERRY ATHLETES GAIN VALUABLE EXPERIENCE

West Muskerry travelled to the Munster track and Field Indoor Championship in Nenagh Co. Tipperary on Saturday last the 1st of March with 7 girls, Anna Morris, Shauna Twomey, Aisling Martin, Amy Canty, Niamh McCarthy, Matilda Cunnane and Anna Rose Kelleher. The girls all wore blue bows in their hair setting a trend which they got from their Idle Sharlene Mawdsley the national 400m and European gold medalist. Our

under 12 team of Anna Morris, Shauna Twomey, Aisling Martin and Amy Canty took to the track at 10.30am in the 4 x 200m Relay. The girls ran superb and while outside the medals they were thrilled with their performance. The Girls U 13 4 x 200m relay team of Amy Canty, Matilda Cunnane, Aisling Martin, Niamh McCarthy and Anna Morris again ran superb with only seconds splitting the teams and a very exciting final

event of the day. The girls also took part in the Long Jump where Amy Canty qualified for the All Ireland Final in Athlone at the end of March, the Shot Putt, the 60m sprints and the 600m going through heats, semi finals and finals and achieving personal best. Fantastic experience was gained from this event for the girls and they are now looking forward to competing in the outdoor track and field in the coming weeks.



West Muskerry athletes: Girls U 12 Team - with bows



West Muskerry athletes: Girls U 13 Team

MACROOM HANDBALLERS WIN MUNSTER FINAL

In this years 40 x 20 four wall Handball Competition there was success for John Lyons and Noel Carty recently against Kerry opposition in the Munster Final. This Diamond Masters B game was played in Ballydesmond where they took on a Kerry pairing from the Ballymacelligot Club, Dermot Casey and Pat Lacey. An All Ireland semi-final against Leinster winners now awaits in the new Handball Centre in Croke Park. This is the 2nd year in a row to win Munster and the pair will be hoping to go one better this time having lost last year's semi-final to Mayo opposition. This final proved to be a tough battle with the lead

changing hands several times throughout the first game which was eventually won by Kerry 21:16. The second game was somewhat similar with Cork coming out on top 21:8 so it came down to a tie-breaker. Kerry got off to a great start and went 5:0 up. However some excellent serves by both Cork players got them back level and they eventually won the tie-breaker on a score of 11:6.

Image right: Noel Carty, John Lyons, Munster Champions 2025



Congratulations to members of Crookstown Karate Club at the JKS Open in Dublin. Great preparation for those selected on Irish squad for the European Championships in Crete at the end of April.



Kilmurry NS 6th class who recently won their Fai soccer blitz in Lakewood. They have now progressed to the Regional finals in Musgrave Park



Johnny and Maura Twohig and family receiving their lotto jackpot win of €3,700 from Aghinagh GAA club treasurer, Richard Cotter.



West Muskerry athletes: Girls U 12 Team



Clondrohid Junior C Team who won the EPH Controls Division 4 Football League Final receiving their medals in The Tavern recently

Image right: Marion Murphy, Macroom who ran the half marathon in Blarney on Sunday March 2nd. well done



Canovee School Juniors start hurling



The 'Blood Bike South' at the Meet the Clubs day, organised by the Macroom and District Lions Club. Pic. James O'Sullivan.



The Dementia Inclusive Community Macroom, at the Meet the Clubs day, organised by the Macroom and District Lions Club. Pic. James O'Sullivan.

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Continue to Raise Local Awareness

Hi! Chris Barrett here!

Today I am speaking with members of the Biogas Concern Group who would like to reiterate the message

THIS IS THE WRONG LOCATION

On 3rd February, St. Brigid's Day, 20 residents from Kilvoultra and Droumree gave up their Bank Holiday by doing a leaflet drop in the locality to further raise awareness. Here is some information you should be aware of.

If you live within 10km of the Kilvoultra site, then some or all of these concerns will be specific to you.

***Air Pollution:** Bio-methane plants can release pollutants and odours that may reduce quality of life for nearby residents.

***Water Pollution:** By-products like wastewater can contaminate local water sources, posing risks to drinking water, especially in rural areas reliant on wells.

***Increased Traffic:** Regular transport of organic waste leads to heavy truck traffic on narrow local roads, increasing noise and safety risks.

***Odour and Nuisance:** The process can release unpleasant odours that can be widespread and difficult to contain.

***Lack of regulation and monitoring:** No enforcement agency in place that can shut a plant down for non-

compliance.

***Health Risks from Emissions:** Emissions may contain harmful substances that exacerbate health issues, particularly in vulnerable populations.

***Infrastructure Strain:** Small rural communities may lack the infrastructure to handle increased demands from a bio-methane plant.

***Noise Pollution:** Operations and truck traffic generate noise that disrupts rural peace, impacting local residents quality of life.

***Explosion and Fire Risks:** The presence of combustible gases heightens the risk of catastrophic accidents near homes.

***Waste Management Issues:** By-products need proper disposal; mismanagement could lead to soil contamination and pollution.

***Proven Track Record Needed:** Any bio-methane provider should demonstrate experience and compliance with environmental standards.

***Non-sustainable Practices:** Reliance on External organic waste can lead to unsustainable transport practices.

***Community Division:** Developments may create conflicts within the community fostering tension between supporters and opponents.

***Impact On Rural Character:** An industrial facility can undermine the charm and appeal of rural areas.

***Loss of Farmland:** Significant land space used for plants and feedstock reduces available farmland.

***Visual Impact:** Industrial facilities disrupt the scenic beauty of rural landscapes.

***Ecological Damage:** Bio-methane plants can disrupt local ecosystems, harm wildlife habitats, and affect biodiversity.

***Limited Local Employment Benefits:** Jobs created may not significantly benefit the local workforce in rural areas.

***House Price Impact:** Proximity to such plants can decrease property values due to concerns over pollution and health risks.

***Hazardous Material Risks:** Improper handling of stored chemicals can pose environmental and health dangers.

I am very grateful to everyone who contributed to this article. They have highlighted these important concerns and ask that anyone who shares their concerns for Health, Safety and the Environment, should keep up to date with any developments either on Facebook: MACROOM BIOGAS CONCERN GROUP Or by contacting 086 195 5600

If you or anyone you know would like to contribute a similar article, please contact me chriseelevator@gmail.com

The Poets Corner

*The summer sun hung heavy, a gold coin in the sky,
its heat a weight on our backs as we bent to the work,
the scythes swinging in rhythm, their blades catching the light,
slicing through the hay with a sound like a whisper,
like the earth itself exhaling.*

*The dust rose in clouds, a haze of gold and green,
and the taste of it lingered on my tongue,
sharp and sweet, like the memory of a dream.*

*We gathered the hay with forks,
its scent rising warm and rich,
and built it into cocks,
each one a small cathedral,
a monument to the labor of our hands.
The horses stood patient, their coats gleaming,
their breath soft as the breeze,
as we loaded the carts,
the hay stacked high, a golden mountain
moving slowly across the field.*

*And then, the gift: my grandmother,
her apron white against the green,
bringing tea in Lucozade bottles,
the glass slick with condensation,
the sandwiches wrapped in wax paper,
their fillings simple but perfect—*

Hay Days

*butter and ham, cheese and pickle,
the taste of love and care.
We sat in the shade of the hedgerow,
the world reduced to the crunch of bread,
the cool of the tea, the laughter of my uncles,
the hum of bees in the clover.*

*Now, my world is different.
The scythes are gone, replaced by screens,
their glow a pale imitation of the sun.
The hayfields are pixels, the horses algorithms,
the dust replaced by the hum of servers,
the taste of hay by the bitterness of coffee
sipped at a desk, under fluorescent lights.
My hands, once calloused from the fork's handle,
now tap at keys, their rhythm mechanical,
their purpose distant, abstract.*

*And yet, the gap between those worlds
is not so wide as it seems.
For in the quiet moments,
when the noise of the modern fades,
I can still feel the sun on my back,
still taste the dust of the hay,
still hear the laughter of my uncles,
the soft breath of the horses.*

*Those memories are a bridge,
a thread that connects me
to the boy I was,
to the land that shaped me,
to the love that sustains me.*

*And perhaps that is the gift of memory—
not to pull us back, but to remind us
of what is real, of what endures.
The hay may be gone, the fields changed,
but the essence remains:
the work of hands, the warmth of family,
the simple joy of bread and tea,
of a life lived close to the earth.*

*So let me carry those days with me,
not as a weight, but as a light,
a reminder of who I am,
of where I come from.
And let me find, in this new world,
a way to honor the old,
to weave the threads of past and present
into a tapestry that is whole,
that is mine.*



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FEAST DAY OF NAOMH GOBNAIT

Picture shows young Lucy Hallisey from Ballymakeera proudly showing her blessed "measures" from Saint Abby recently in Baile Bhuirne.

Huge crowds attended the three masses on the feast day of Naomh Gobnait and attended the rosary at 3pm in the shrine. Saint Gobnait continues to be an inspiration and a blessing to many people who request healing.

Sincere thanks to all involved in organizing a very special annual occasion especially the SHRINE COMMITTEE who looked after amplification and directed traffic at the shrine and indeed at the three Masses and who kept a watchful eye over Saint Gobnait's statue.

Thanks to those who sold the measures and other devotional materials, to the organist and choir, Sacristan, altar servers, readers and ministers.

Thanks also to local schools who came to see Saint Gobnait in the days proceeding and following the feastday. Bishop Crean has kindly agreed to celebrate Mass on Pentecost Sunday June 8 - significant in the tradition associated with Naomh Gobnait. We look forward to Bishop's visit in this Year of Hope in the Church. The shrine is a special place of pilgrimage for the year of Hope in the Diocese of Cloyne.

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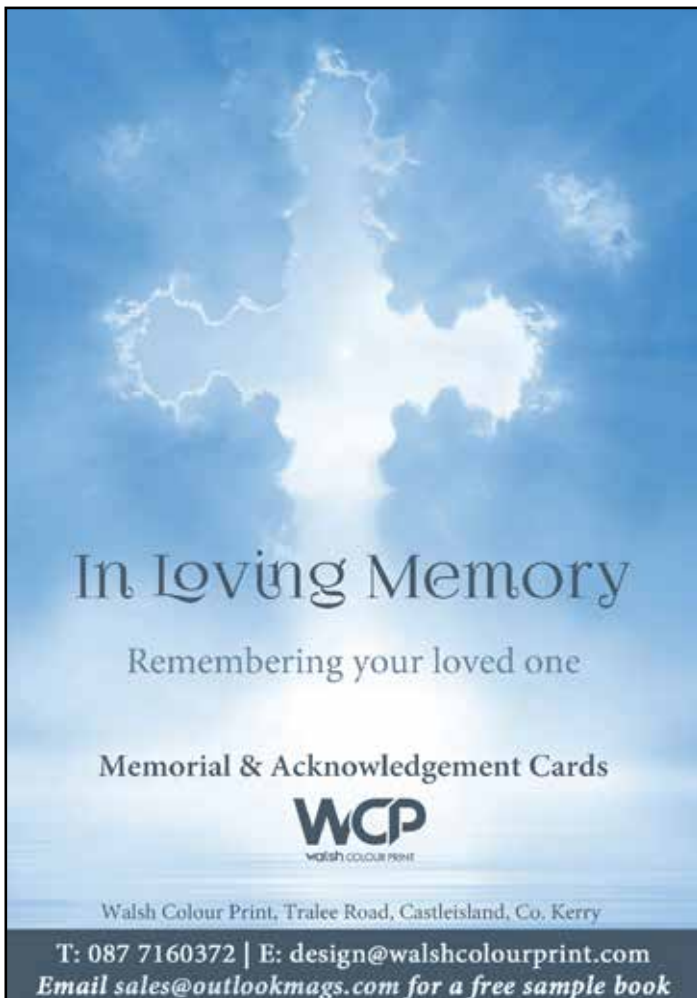
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Just a thought

Ath. Seán Mac Cárthaigh,
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Scrolling addiction

I visited a local secondary school recently and the subject of fasting was being discussed. I asked the students whether they had ever thought of fasting from the mobile phone for a week. "But what would we do instead?" they asked in reply. But, friends, to my horror a week or so before Christmas my mobile phone informed me that I spent an average of 7 hours and 25 minutes on my phone each day the previous week.

Now in my defense I do a lot of work on the phone, but still
Are the phones owning me - and us ?
I'm guilty of overuse - especially scrolling.

But I'm also guilty of placing it alongside me in company "just in case" - clearly not giving undivided attention to the company I keep. It's easy to spot in it public too. Just this week I counted seven people on their phone while waiting in a queue for a Chinese takeaway.

We can think of many instances where people young and old linger on their phone in company and where even couples in a restaurant choose to ignore each other and stay on their phones. It's an addiction. And let's not be naive. Mobile phone companies and servers know exactly what they are doing to make us "lose time" and keep us on click-bait to keep us scrolling. They're making money.

I know I have even got anxious when I lose battery life or do not have a charger handy. Or when I mislay my phone. So I've had to take a drastic measure - and so far it's working to good effect. Whilst my duty phone is on 24/7, I now turn off my personal mobile from 9 pm to 9 am.

That's it.

- Simple, but it takes a couple of days to get accustomed to it. I have, however, noticed the following
- I sleep better
 - I am rested in the morning
 - I am less anxious
 - I am getting around to procrastinated jobs
 - I can concentrate for longer periods on deep work
 - I am reading more like I used to - and I love it
- Friends, this last point is worth considering

Pope Francis made a point that if only we reached for the Gospel or New Testament as often as we reached for our phone! Wouldn't be wonderful to see young people reading a book while alone?


It is better that we read than scroll.

But best of all that we read the Word of God.

God bless, Fr Seán

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A Word of Victory

"No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate one and love the other; or you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money" (Matthew 6:24 NLT).

Welcome back dear student, praise Jesus for freedom from slavery (Galatians 5:1). The Scripture above highlights an issue of the flesh relating to the first commandment – "Worship no god but Me" (Exodus 20:3). "No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will stand devotedly by the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon - that is, your earthly possessions or anything else you trust in and rely on instead of God. Now the Pharisees, who were lovers of money, were listening to all these things and were sneering and ridiculing Him. So, He said to them . . . you are the ones who declare yourselves just and upright in the sight of men, but God knows your hearts - your thoughts, your desires, your secrets; for that which is highly esteemed among men is detestable in the sight of God" (Luke 16:13-15 Amplified Bible). Detestable to God - sends a shiver up the spine. Some people teach that God wants His people to be poor. That is completely untrue. It is 'the love of money' God hates - He calls it the root of all evil (1 Timothy 6:10). In itself money is an innocent tool that can be used for good or bad purposes. But the love of money controls, enslaves, and corrupts. It boils down to kingship – who is number one? (Psalm 47). People become slaves to whatever, or whoever has mastered them (2 Peter 2:19-20; Romans 6:16). The love of money imprisons and can cause comprised values and principles. Folks can be bribed with the promise of wealth - lured to do things harmful to themselves or others. This is what Jesus was warning about. God doesn't want His people to be poor or helpless, but that the motivation, and use of wealth, possessions, and power are put to good use. We see the effects of slavery to the demon god mammon in the drug industry. It creates huge wealth for dealers, but enslaves those who are addicted, fuelling a dark economy where prostitution, people trafficking, including sexual slavery, bondage, murders, and violence go on behind the scenes. Those dabbling with drugs should consider these things, for one day accounts will be reconciled with God. All this is driven by lust for more for 'me, myself and I' . . . with no thought of the multitudes impacted. Cocaine snorted, or tablets downed do not just involve the consumer, but a whole underworld.

Years ago, Bill Wilson (Metro Child) wrote about ministering to children in the ghettos of New York, telling the consequences and effect of drugs - including poor people having to sell their children to sexual predators to pay for their next fix. But now in Ireland snorting cocaine has become a cool epidemic for many, and smoking a joint is seen as a light, harmless recreation. It is one step on a deadly ladder – leading to devastation in relationships, the body, and the brain, and worse: opening the doors to demons of sorcery! (Galatians 5:19-21) Demons are never satisfied on one level of evil. Serving the devil brings destruction, going from bad to worse – darker and more hopeless than one could ever imagine (John 10:10). But in God's Kingdom – lives are transformed by relationship with Jesus Christ the Word of God, through the Power of His Holy Spirit, taking one from glory to glory (2 Corinthians 3:16-18). That's brighter and better – forgiven, healed, delivered, and set free – complete peace in every area.

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2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of
PAULINE MCPOLIN
 late of "Inisfree", Kilnagurteen,
 Macroom, Co Cork,
 who died on 11th March 2023

*Deep in our hearts
 Your memory is kept
 To love, to cherish
 And never forget.*



Lovingly remembered by her husband
 Seamus, family and friends.

Pauline's Anniversary Mass will be held in
 St Colmans Church Macroom on
 Sunday 16th March 11.30 a.m.

3RD ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of
EILEEN O'RIORDAN
 Dooniskey Lissarda
 who died on 15th March 2022

*As time slips by
 And life goes on,
 But from our hearts you're never gone.
 We think about you always,
 We talk about you too,
 We have so many memories.
 But all we want is YOU.*



Always remembered and sadly missed
 by your loving husband Donie and family

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.

x

11TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of
JERRY VAUGHAN
 Teerbeg, Macroom, Co. Cork.
 Who died on the 17th of March 2014.

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



Fondly remembered by
 Noin, Martina, John, Denis
 and Michael.

4TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

MARY NEVILLE

8 O'Brien Place, Dripsey, Co.Cork
Who died on the 6th of March 2021

*God looked around his garden,
And found an empty place,
He then looked down upon the earth,
And saw your tired face,
He put his arms around you,
And lifted you to rest,
God's garden must be beautiful
as he only takes the best.*



Your memory will be ever cherished by your loving brother Brian.

Mary's Anniversary mass will be held on Saturday 8th March in Berrings Church at 6.15pm

10TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

MARY (MAURA) RING

Colmans pk, Macroom
Who died 14th March 2015

*Deep in our hearts
Your memory is kept
To love
To cherish
And never forget*



Fondly remembered and sadly missed by your family and friends

10TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

MARY (MAURA) RING

Colmans pk, Macroom
Who died 14th March 2015

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



Always in our thoughts Darrin, Aine, Adam & Luke

2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

JUDY HORGAN

Inchigeela, Macroom
Who died on the 3rd March 2023.

*Our hearts are full of memories
With pride we speak your name
Through 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.*



Deeply loved and missed by your husband Martin, Children Kevin, Mary, Sheila, Sean and Odhran, daughter in law Jackie and Grandchildren Eryn, Zoe, Taylor, Eibhleann and Caoimhe

30TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

JIMMY MC DONNELL

Carrigaphooka, Macroom, Co.Cork
Who died on 5th of March 1995

*A smile for all, A heart of Gold.
One of the best this world could hold.
Never selfish, Always Kind,
A beautiful memory left behind.
We miss your smile, your joking ways,
We miss the things you used to say.
And when old times we do recall,
That's when we miss you most of all.*



Always remembered by your son John, niece Marie, nephew John and many friends.

3RD ANNIVERSARY 17TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of our father and mother

TED HEALY

Who passed away on
1st March 2022



MARY HEALY

Who passed away on
20th February 2008

**late of Clondrohid Post Office
whose anniversaries occur around this time.**

*Everyday in some small way,
memories of you come our way,
though absent, you are always near,
Sadly missed and always dear.*



Always remembered by their loving family and friends.

May they Rest in Peace
Our Lady of Lourdes Pray for them.

4TH ANNIVERSARY



Treasured memories of

MICHAEL HALLIE BARRY

Raleigh South, Macroom
Who died on the 17th March, 2021

*In life we loved you dearly,
In death we love you still.
In our hearts you hold a place,
That no one could ever fill.*



Sadly missed
Mom, Dad, Liam, Sinead, sister in law Fran, brother in law Shane and families

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3RD ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of
**SEAMUS (JIMMY)
 CROWLEY**
 Ballinagree, Macroom
 Remembering Seamus who passed
 away on March 13th 2022

*Though your smile is gone forever
 And your hand we cannot touch,
 Still we have so many memories
 Of the one we loved so much.
 Your memory is our keepsake
 With which we'll never part.
 God has you in his keeping
 And we have you in our hearts.*



Always remembered by your loving wife
 Julie, daughter Megan, son Aaron and
 grand children Harley and Ricky.

Anniversary Mass in Ballinagree Church
 on Saturday March 15th at 8pm.

4TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of
**KITTY
 O'LEARY**
 Knock, Bealnamorrive
 who died on the 7th of March 2021

*Of all the special gifts in life
 however great or small,
 to have you as our Daughter
 is the greatest gift of all.
 May the winds of love blow softly
 and whisper in your ear
 "We love and miss you Kitty
 and wish that you were here".*



Kitty we love and miss you
 every single day.

Love always and forever
 Dada, Mammy, Ben, Cils,
 Páidí and Ailbhe. XXXXXX

25TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of
**JERRY
 COTTER**
 Late of Ballingearry Village
 Died 10th March 2000

*Silent memories keep you near,
 As time unfolds another year.*



Lovingly remembered and sadly missed
 by the Kearneys & the O'Sullivans.

15TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of
**DENIS (DENNY)
 MOSS**
 Clonmacow, Crookstown, Co. Cork
 Who died on the 12th of March 2010.

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

Rest in Peace



Sadly, missed by his wife Hannah -
 Noreen, David, John, Denis, Gerard
 and their families.

11TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of
KITTY BARRY
 Carriganine, Macroom.

*We hold you close within our hearts,
 and there you shall remain,
 to walk with us throughout our lives,
 until we meet again.*

*So rest in peace dear Loved One
 and thanks for all you've done,
 we pray that God has given you,
 the crown you've truly won.*



Lovingly Remembered by her husband
 Garry and Family.

11TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of
**HANCY
 HUBBARD**
 Inchalea, Aghinagh
 Who died on 5th March 2014

*Deep in our hearts
 Your memory is kept
 To love, to cherish
 And never forget.*



Always remembered by her loving
 husband Ned and family

ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of
**JUSTIN
 WHITE**

8TH ANNIVERSARY
 Who passed away on the
 17th March 2017

Ballyverane, Macroom

*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.*



This day and every day
 greatly missed by John and family



In loving memory of
**SHEILA
 WHITE**

15TH ANNIVERSARY
 Who passed away on the
 14th March 2010

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FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of
SÉAN MURPHY
The Gearagh, Meadowlands
Macroom, Co.Cork
Who died on 14th March 2024.

Remembering my Loving Husband and lifetime friend Séan. I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to all who sympathised and offered support during my sad loss. Thanks to those who travelled near and far to be with me at the rosary, removal and funeral mass. Those who sent mass cards and letters of sympathy. Thanks to Fr Joe and the sacristan who celebrated Sean's Mass and Martina Ring for the beautiful singing. Thanks to Fitzgeralds Funeral Home for their professionalism throughout and finally thanks to all the staff in Macroom Community Hospital for the exceptional care that they provided to Séan. Please accept this acknowledgment as my deepest gratitude to all. Holy sacraments of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.



Sadly missed and never forgotten Séan, your loving wife Patricia.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY



Remembered with love
our precious daughter
**SIOBHÁN
MC KEOWN**
Bristol & Droumcarra, Kilbarry,
Macroom
Who passed away unexpectedly on
14th March 2024

*Somewhere beyond the sunset
Where loved one's never die,
You sleep in a beautiful garden
Beneath a golden sky.
That's why this special message
is sent to Heaven above,
for all the angels to take care of you
and send you all our love.*



Loved & missed so much by her heartbroken parent's Bridget & Enda, sisters Sinéad & Geraldine, Partner Tim, brother-in-law Phil, Nephew's Jacob, Daniel & Tomás, Niece Francesca, Uncle Eugene & Kate, her Cousins & many friends & her wonderful dog Rosita.

UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN SIOBHÁN
YOU'LL NEVER WALK ALONE



2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of
DENIS DINEEN
Currabeha Crookstown
Who died on 6th March 2023

*A smile for all, a heart of gold
The very best this world could hold
Never selfish, always kind
These are the memories
You've left behind*



Always remembered by
Eileen, Martin, Joseph, Benjamin
and Mrs. Carroll.

2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of a dear husband
DENIS DINEEN
Currabeha Crookstown
Who died so unexpectedly on 6th
March 2023

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

*In life we loved you dearly
In death we love you still
In our hearts you hold a place
That no one else could ever fill*



Deeply loved, sadly missed and always remembered by your loving wife Theresa

Denis' Anniversary Mass in Kilmurry
Church at 10am on Sunday 9th March
2025

11TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of
**JERRY
VAUGHAN**
Teerbeg, Macroom, Co. Cork.
Who died on the 17-03-2014.

*We think of you in silence,
we often speak your name.*



Teresa, Marie & Brian.

7TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of
ABBIE O'LEARY
Gortnahoctee, Inchigeela
who died on 10th March 2018

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



Fondly remembered today and always.
Your loving partner Mickie.

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8TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of
**EILEEN
DESMOND**
Liscarrigane
Ballymakeera

*Those who think of her today,
A little prayer to Jesus say.*



Always remembered
by your loving family

3RD ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of
**MARY O'
MAHONY
(NEE TWOMEY)**
Derrynasaggart & Ballymakeera
East, Ballyvourney
Who died on 18th of March 2022.

*Always in our minds
In our hearts you hold a special place,
Always true and kind,
Rest in peace in the Lords embrace.*

*For those of you who read today
a little prayer to Jesus say.*



Always remembered by
your loving family.

12TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of
**MICHAEL
ROBBIE
KELLEHER**
New York & Macroom
Who died on 7th March 2013

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



Remembered with love by your loving
family at home & abroad.
Miss you Michael so much
Mam

5th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of
**MARY
O'CALLAGHAN**
Coolmakee, Farnanes
Who died on March 8th 2020

*It takes us back to brighter years,
to happier sunlit days
and to precious moments
that will be with us always.
And these fond recollections
are treasured in the heart
to bring us always close to those
from whom we had to part.
There is a bridge of memories
from earth to Heaven above...
It keeps our dear ones near us
It's the bridge that we call love.*



Always remembered by
your loving family.

29TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of
**TED
O'CONNELL**
Shronegare, Clondrohid, Macroom
Who died on March 6th 1996

*Time changes many things,
But not the memory this day brings,
You always had a smile to share,
A laugh, a joke and a time to care,
A beautiful nature, warm and true,
We just want to say
we will always love and miss you.*



Sadly missed by your wife Eileen and
daughter Noirin & Son in Law Daniel

2ND ANNIVERSARY



Remembering with love
**SEAN
O'CALLAGHAN**
Carrigrohane, Cork
on his 2nd anniversary on
11th March 2023

*Asked for so little
but gave so much,
loved beyond belief.*



Sean, Dad, Poppadum,
we miss you so much x

11TH ANNIVERSARY



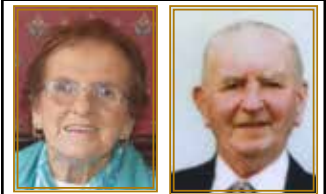
In loving Memory of A Wonderful Father
and Grandad
**WILLIAM
KELLEHER**
Coornahahilly, Inchigeela, Co.Cork.

*A special day another year
A loving thought, a silent tear.
A little though to keep in touch with you.
We love and miss you very much.
Treasured memories keep you near.
You always had a smile to share,
a joke a laugh, a time to care.*



Fond and loving memories
From your Loving Family
And 21 Grandchildren

2ND & 13TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of
**BRIDIE &
TIMOTHY
GALVIN**
Gortaneadin, Inchigeela,
Bridie died 4th March 2023
Timothy died 18th February 2012

*Deep in the memories,
Precious they stay,
No passing of time
can take them away.*



Always remembered
by your loving family

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