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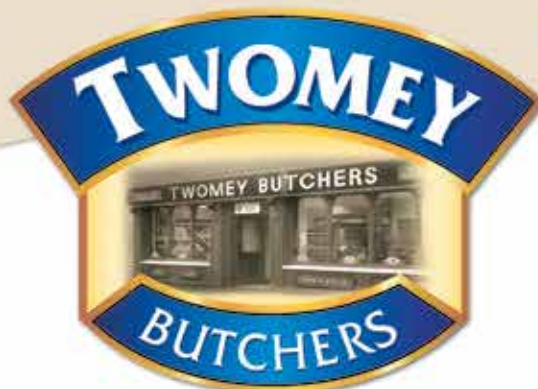
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# THE LAUNCH OF A NEW RESOURCE BOOK FOR PRIMARY TEACHERS

**Last month, a new curriculum was launched for primary schools. This curriculum is exciting because of its new directions. Wellbeing is a new priority.**

Learning is to be playful. Learning is to be integrated. Students can be creative especially through Art, Music and Drama. A new booklet for teachers of junior classes was launched on October 2nd that helps teachers to realize this new curriculum. The booklet called A Bank of Classroom Activities based on Traditional Tales for Teachers of Junior Classes in the Primary School was written by six Macroom-based teachers. The book is practical, 'tried and tested', the result of years of experiences of these six teachers.

The launch took place at the Castle Hotel. Despite Storm Amy, several schools braved the elements to get their free booklet. The evening was full of chat and laughter. Ger Wolfe provided the entertainment. The six teachers read a Rap written by Teresa Downey, based on Jack and the Beanstalk to a rapt audience. The book was launched by Dr. Linda Dennehy, the new Director of West Cork Education Centre. The centre will distribute the booklet to 130 primary schools in West Cork. (The best things in life are free). Also in attendance was Cormac Ó hAodha from the WCEC who is translating the booklet into Irish for Irish language schools.

The booklet took several months to collate 162 attractive activities such as Tin Foil Art, Reader's Theatre, Mantle of the Expert as well as 20 powerful classroom strategies. The booklet concludes with

12 mindfulness ideas suitable for all classes. There is wellbeing, playfulness, dozens of ideas for integrated learning. The booklet covers most curriculum areas. Any teacher would have oodles of work if he or she wishes to teach a story a month or per season: The Three Little Pigs, Jack and the Beanstalk, The Gingerbread Man and The Ugly Duckling. There are hours of creative classroom activities to realize the new curriculum. Bang on time!

The group, Macroom Arts Circle, has been in existence since 2010. They convene in each other's houses to share ideas with the intention of providing teachers with new ideas. The group have a special way of working based on the old tradition of Meitheal. This was a time when farmers would come together at trashing time to work co-operatively, depending on each other. This was a time for men to work, laugh and tell stories. Women drew bags of sandwiches and bottles of tea to the men who were thigh-deep in barley. Here, the teachers were steeped in story and teaching. Macroom Arts Circle, a small group of six teachers, has received national acclaim for its way of working, Meitheal. The six teachers are Sinéad Twomey, Marie Thérèse O'Callaghan, Teresa Downey, Fiona Angland, Helen Hallissey (editor) and Mary McCarthy (illustrator).

The book will soon be available in PDF form at West Cork Education Centre as hard copies are almost gone. You cannot smell a PDF. You cannot get the feel of a PDF. You cannot hold a PDF. The 200 booklets are of a high quality spec - soon to be a collector's item.

'An absolutely beautiful book. What a valuable resource for our teachers. Many congratulations.' Professor Carmel Ó Sullivan, Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, Trinity College Dublin.



**Ger Wolfe (local Macroom composer and musician) who provided the music entertainment at the Book launch.**



**The Six Macroom-based writers of the Booklet: Six Teachers and Dr. Linda Dennehy who launched the booklet, Marie-Therese O'Callaghan, Teresa Downey, Dr. Helen Hallissey, (editor), Dr. Linda Dennehy (Director of West Cork Education Support Centre, who launched the Booklet), Fiona Angland, Mary McCarthy (illustrator) and Sinéad Twomey.**



**A captive audience listen to the six teachers as they read their rap (Jack and the Beanstalk) from their booklet.**

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AMV: POA



**7 LOWER MASSEYTOWN, MACROOM, CO. CORK, P12Y981**

Killian Lynch Auctioneers are pleased to offer this 4 bedroom townhouse situated in a most convenient location only minutes' walk from Macroom town center. The property which extends to c.1,100 sq ft living accommodation is in good condition throughout & would make for an ideal opportunity for a first-time buyer or someone looking to downsize and move within walking distance to all local amenities. It also has the added advantage of rear access, with parking to the front & rear. Located only c.30 minutes drive to Cork city. BER: G

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# Commission-free Grá Macroom Gift Card

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sales annually



**OFFICIAL LAUNCH DATE will be on Wednesday 29th October 2025  
at The Castle Hotel Macroom at 1.00pm**

**The new Macroom Gift Card is set to launch in October for the town and surrounding villages. Local businesses can accept the card commission-free.**

Macroom and 9 neighbouring villages are collaborating on a new high-tech gift card for the Lee Valley region to drive in-person sales for local businesses and encourage connection between people and places.

Backed by Macroom Business Association, the Grá Macroom Gift Card will replace the previous paper Macroom shopping voucher and offers significant benefits for the businesses accepting the card and recipients spending them.

Businesses in Macroom, Clondrohid, Béal Átha an Ghaorthaidh, Baile Mhuirne, Gaugin Barra, Inchigeelagh, Coachford, Dripsey, Lissarda, Kilmurry and are all eligible to accept the card, commission free, including shops, restaurants, attractions, pubs and cafés.

Mastercard backed, businesses will be able to accept the card using their existing payment systems. Once launched, the Grá Macroom Gift Card will be available as a physical card that can be swiped at the till or a digital card that is added to digital wallets, enabling 'tap to pay' technology.

Cards will be available to buy online and in person from Killian Auctioneers Macroom, Cooney's Garage in Coachford, Connections in Macroom, Dromeys Centra in Ballymakera and Daybreak in Ballingearry as

well as online at [www.townandcitygiftcards.ie](http://www.townandcitygiftcards.ie)

The Grá Macroom Gift Card is the latest 'shop local' initiative from the town following the opening of the Macroom bypass in 2023, with a Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) study finding that footfall in the town is up 28%.

The card will be part of the multi-award winning Town & City Gift Card initiative from Miconex, active across Ireland. Killian Lynch, chairperson of the Macroom Business Association said the new card will be easier to spend and accept: We have spoken to most of the business across Macroom and Surrounding villages and all are delighted to accept the card. Killian says it's a no brainer for business and also for employers to be able to use this card as a staff reward at Christmas, so as to ring fence the spend in the local economy and also to be able to give a card that can be used for day to day living.

"Macroom will be the first town in County Cork to utilise Town & City Gift Card technology to create our own high-tech physical and digital gift card. Around 60 Macroom businesses were part of our old paper vouchers. With the new gift card we're extending the initiative to our surrounding villages in the Lee Valley region, which has a population reach of around 15,000 people. In doing so, we expect to generate around €500,000 to €1 million in sales annually for our Gift Card program, money that is ring-fenced into the Lee Valley/Muskerry region.

"Our old shop local vouchers were cumbersome and

not user friendly. Recipients had to spend the full amount in one go as change was not offered and businesses had to bring the vouchers to the Macroom Business Association for payment, waiting 1-2 weeks. The new Grá Macroom Gift Card will be as easy to spend and accept with the balance automatically updated and businesses getting paid quickly. It will be far easier for organisations to reward their staff with the new gift card too using the Small Benefit Exemption scheme, rather than trying to manage mounds of paper vouchers.

"Our intention is for the Grá Macroom Gift Card to become the default gift card for the Lee Valley. Businesses in Macroom and its surrounding villages are delighted to be a part of it and we'll be onboarding businesses to the card over the coming weeks before the card launches."

Colin Munro is the managing director of Miconex and said: "The Grá Macroom Gift Card will be a single gift card for the Lee Valley with huge potential to lock significant spend into the region for the benefit of local businesses. It takes moments for businesses to sign up to accept the card, and works through the Mastercard system so no additional equipment is required. And there is no commission for businesses to accept the card as payment. Being a part of the card will bring new customers to your business with money to spend and I encourage all businesses to be a part of this exciting initiative for the Lee Valley region."

## Why choose Grá Macroom Gift Card?



### Other Gift Cards

Purchase fee on each card

Open loop system, meaning the card can be spent anywhere

Retailer is charged a commission on each sale



### Grá Macroom Gift Cards

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## MACROOM GIRL GUIDES

### Ardilaun Guides

#### Squelch 2025

On the 28th of September, the Ardilaun Guides set off on a one-of-a-kind adventure at Squelch! Squelch is a unique annual event held in Farran Woods, organised by the Joint Committee — a collaboration between the Irish Girl Guides and Scouting Ireland. It's the only event of its kind on the island! Over three hundred Guides and Scouts descended on the woods for a day filled with muddy mayhem, splashing water, and exciting outdoor challenges, each with a few unexpected twists along the way.

Here's what our Guide, Saoirse, had to say about her unforgettable day at Squelch. "Squelch is a fun, muddy adventure for Guides and Scouts in the area. We arrived in old clothes, anticipating the mucky activities. We were divided into groups, given maps and then set off for our first activity. We crawled through mud and seaweed, slid down a massive slip-and-slide, climbed a rope, toured the ambulance, and took on many other exhilarating tasks. We went absolutely flying off the slip-and-slide, which was definitely my favourite part of the day. After we finished, we changed into clean, warm clothes and warmed up with some delicious hot chocolate with marshmallows! Everyone had a delightful day, and we all can't wait for next year."

Squelch is all about stepping outside your comfort zone and getting your hands dirty. Whether it's racing your friends down the water slide, balancing on a rope to make it across, or battling it out in a game of giant Jenga, there was something for everyone. The activities were a perfect mix — physical and tactical, wet and dry, individual and team-based, muddy and (for the lucky few) not as muddy!

#### National Guiding Awards

On Saturday, 11th of October members of Macroom Guides travelled to UCD for the 2025 National Guiding

Awards. The awards are held annually to celebrate the achievements of Girl Guides across the country. This year Ardilaun Guide, Emily Murphy was presented with her National Guide Award along with new members of MacEgan Rangers, Áine O'Leary & Gráinne Allen who received the award with their former Guide Unit, Marian Guides. Unlike other years, Senior Branch members were awarded their Silver Gaisce Awards by CEO of Gaisce, Avril Ryan. Aileen O'Leary recently completed hers and Katie Cronin was re-presented with her award which she completed in June 2024. This event showcases the hard work and dedication of not only the girls but their leaders and PALS. Macroom Guides are overjoyed to have members working so diligently to bring together communities, strengthen skills and shape the future. On that note, Ardilaun Guide leader, Orna Sexton was working behind the scenes at the ceremony on IT skills and represented Irish Girl Guides with her role as Treasurer on the Guide Committee. October 11th also happened to be International Day of the Girl, making the day extra special to commemorate the girls' brilliant achievements.

#### Deirdre Henley re-elected as National President of Irish Girl Guides

Deirdre Henley has been re-elected National President of Irish Girl Guides and is a Director on the Board of Irish Girl Guides. Deirdre has been a Leader with Ardilaun Guides and MacEgan Senior Branch for the past 45 years and has also run the Brownies and Ladybirds in Macroom at various times over the years. She has given dedicated volunteer service to many Units around Ireland including Dublin, Tralee, Mallow, Cork City, Ballincollig to mention but a few. Deirdre has a



keen interest in camping and world Guiding events, having led groups to many international camps and to the World Centres on numerous occasions; Pax Lodge London, Our Chalet Switzerland and Sangam in India. As a Camp Advisor, Deirdre delights in sharing her experiences and training and encouraging many Leaders to gain qualifications in outdoor skills. One of the most rewarding duties as President is presiding over the National Guide Award ceremonies and meeting so many amazing Guides from all over Ireland who have achieved the highest award in Guiding. Deirdre has been instrumental in Macroom and many other places in living out the Guiding principles of this amazing organisation whose tag line is "Giving Girls Confidence". Huge congratulations to Deirdre from all at Irish Girl Guides. You are such an amazing role model for girls and young women across Ireland. We are incredibly lucky to have you as a volunteer here in Macroom and wish you every success in your next term as National President of Irish Girl Guides.

#### Cake Sale – 19th October

MacEgan Rangers will be hosting a cake sale on Sunday the 19th of October in Macroom Parish Centre (next to St. Colman's church in Macroom). The cake sale will take place after both masses on Sunday 8.30am – 11.30am. We are asking you to support this event by joining us for a cuppa and to learn about the girls trip to Sangam as part of IGG's National Contingent. Emily, Katie & Dara will embark on a leadership training programme and spend time working on some of the projects that are supported by local Guiding in the Maharashtra province. We hope to see you there!

For more information on joining our Ladybird, Brownie, Guide or Senior Branch units please contact [macroomguides@gmail.com](mailto:macroomguides@gmail.com)



Ardilaun Guides at Squelch 2025



Photo 2 Macroom Guides at the National Guiding Awards 2025

## Spooktacular Halloween Fun Day at Killarney Outlet Centre!

**Sunday, 26th October 2025 2.00 to 6.00 pm**

The Killarney Outlet Centre is set to host a **spooktacular Halloween Fancy Dress Parade and Family Fun Day on Sunday, 26th October 2025, promising an afternoon full of entertainment, excitement, and community spirit for all ages.**

Families are invited to join in the Halloween Fancy Dress Parade at 4.00 pm, (Registration for parade from 3.30 pm) where every child taking part will receive a goody bag. There will be fantastic prizes for the best costumes, generously sponsored by local businesses:

- Best Dressed Boy: Kerry GAA Gift Box including a Signed 2025 Goalie Jersey — Sponsored by Kerry GAA Store
- Best Dressed Girl: Kerry GAA Gift Box including a

Signed 2025 Goalie Jersey — Sponsored by Kerry GAA Store

• Best Dressed Family: Christmas in Killarney Family Visit to Santa 2025 and Lunch for a Family at O'Brien's Irish Sandwich Café (2 adults – soup, sandwich & tea/coffee and 2 kids' meals) — Sponsored by O'Brien's Irish Sandwich Café

The fun-filled afternoon will also feature:

- Free Magic Shows at 2.30 pm and 4.30 pm
- Free Face Painting
- Free Balloon Modelling
- Free Kids' Mini Disco

The event promises something for everyone, with plenty of opportunities for families to enjoy a safe, fun, and festive Halloween atmosphere at the heart of Killarney.

Killarney Outlet Centre Manager Paul Sherry said:

"We're delighted to bring back our annual Halloween celebration — it's a great day out for families, with fantastic prizes, entertainment, and plenty of fun. We're very grateful to our sponsors, Christmas in Killarney, Kerry GAA Store and O'Brien's Irish Sandwich Café, for helping make this event such a highlight of the season."

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Bring your best costumes, your biggest smiles, and your Halloween spirit to Killarney Outlet Centre for an afternoon of spooky fun and family magic!

**For more information, visit [www.killarneyoutletcentre.com](http://www.killarneyoutletcentre.com)**

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| <b>MAGIC SHOW</b><br>JOE THE MAGICIAN<br>SUN 26 OCT 2025<br>3PM                                     | <b>CINEMA</b><br>ONE BATTLE AFTER ANOTHER<br>DOUBLE BILLING<br>MON 27 OCT   WED 29 OCT 2025   8PM                    | <b>THEATRE</b><br>BRAM STOKER'S 'THE JUDGE'S HOUSE'<br>TUE 28 OCT 2025<br>8PM                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>LIVE MUSIC</b><br>THE WHITE HORSE GUITAR CLUB<br>SAT 01 NOV 2025<br>8PM                                  |
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| <b>LIVE MUSIC</b><br>SEÁN KEANE 2025<br>FRI 05 DEC 2025<br>8PM                                      | <b>LIVE MUSIC   KAREN UNDERWOOD</b><br>THE MUSIC OF NINA SIMONE<br>SAT 06 DEC 2025<br>8PM                            | <b>CONCERT ON FILM   ANDRÉ RIEU'S</b><br>2025 CHRISTMAS CONCERT<br>'MERRY CHRISTMAS'<br>SUN 07 DEC 2025   7:30PM                                                                                                                                                               | <b>LIVE MUSIC   GREENSHINE</b><br>WITH SUPPORT FROM BEN TURNER<br>SAT 27 DEC 2025<br>8PM                    |

# BALLINAGREE SCARECROW FEST

Friday October 24th to SUNDAY October 26th (bank holiday weekend)

**Join the fun in Ballinagree for a spooktacular family friendly weekend where pumpkin kisses and harvest wishes will be in abundance.**

The hard working committee of the Scarecrow Fest which is growing in popularity each year are eagerly awaiting to welcoming lots of visitors to the village for the bank holiday weekend for yet another fun Halloween event. Already the local children are so excited and spooky vibes can be felt in the locality as wonderful and whacky Scarecrows of all shapes and sizes, wicked witches, jack o lanterns, mysterious mummies, skeletons and skulls, ghostly and ghoulish figures, bats and black cats, spiders and webs are among the visitors expected to descend on the black and orange decorated village of Ballinagree, as the community come together to celebrate the ancient celtic festival of 'Samhain', the origin of our modern Halloween celebrations.

The evening before the Fest, a Harvest Thanksgiving mass will be celebrated on thursday night at 7.30pm in Ballinagree church. On Friday evening at 6.30 pm the official opening of the Fest will be performed by the Mayor of Ballinagree Timmy Manning. Immediately afterwards a childrens fancy dress disco will be held in the marquee until 8pm by the ever popular DJ Mike followed at 8.30pm by a showing of a Halloween movie in the marquee.

Treats and goodies for children and teas and coffees will be available. Later at 10 pm there will be live music in the Ploughman Bar by Clann Eireann.

Saturday and Sunday are jam packed with

entertainment and fun for the entire family.

On Sunday a new addition to the entertainment will be a circus workshop and circus walkabout from 12.30 to 2.30 and also a fire performer from 3 pm to 3.30. Other activities which will include a scarecrow trail, treasure hunt, arts and crafts and face painting each day. In addition there will also be a magic show on saturday and Balloon modelling on sunday plus many side shows including guessing games, giant buzzer, play sand, Quermess kiosk and fest shop with souvenirs.

All children's entertainment for the entire weekend is FREE.

Teas and coffee and light bites will also be available both days in the hospitality tent thanks to Ballinagree NS parents association and Ballinagree I.C.A. Connies chipper will also provide food.

Live music in the Laine Bar on Saturday night by the wonderful Peter Lane, Blackwater Sound and on Sunday night live music by the fantastic 'Hillbillies'. Fancy dress optional both nights.

Raffle tickets will be on sale all weekend with great prizes to be won.

If you haven't got a scarecrow made yet there is still time, cash prizes to be won for best scarecrows 1st, 2nd and 3rd, voted for by visitors to the fest. Also a cash prize for the most sustainable scarecrow.

All scarecrows will also be entered in a draw, the lucky one drawn will also win a cash prize. Halloween is an opportunity to get really creative, why not give it a try to be in with a chance.



There will also be a haunted house competition, decorate your house, take a photo, text 083 4891368 to enter.

**Ballinagree Scarecrow Fest supports local charities. For more information contact 086 3356637 or 083 4002806.**

## Certs Ceremony at the Sullane Centre Chapel Hill Convent



A small section of the Artwork on display at the presentation of Certs Ceremony at the Sullane Centre Chapel Hill Convent. Pic. Peter Scanlan



Nora Ni Luesa and her grandchildren



Mary Kelleher Carey, Mary Hurley and Helena Kelly admiring the Art Projects



Maura Burton and her grandchildren

Admiring the lovely artwork in the beautiful surroundings of the old Convent of Mercy Macroom. Pic. By Yuri.



Cathy O'Connor, Melissa Creedon, Marian Fogerty, Chrissie Dervin, Rosemary O'Connell, Marianne Lehane and Norma Twomey. Pic. Peter Scanlan



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### De La Salle Open Night:

We were delighted to welcome families, friends, and future students to our Open Night. Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make the evening so memorable! It was fantastic to see so many new faces and to showcase the warm, supportive, and vibrant community that makes De La Salle such a special place. A highlight of the night was a very special visitor – the Sam Maguire Cup – kindly brought to us by Mr. Ryan. It brought great pride and joy to our school community.

### Junior Cycle Results:

A huge well done to our Transition Year students who received their Junior Cycle results this week! We're so proud of all your hard work and achievements — these excellent results reflect your effort and resilience over the past three years. You're a fantastic group of students who bring great energy, humour, and spirit to school life, and you truly deserve the excellent results you achieved!

### 1st Year Adventure Day!

Our 1st years had a fantastic day at West Cork Secrets— mud-running, puzzle solving and plenty of laughs along the way! A brilliant day of teamwork, fun, and memories made. The boys threw themselves into every challenge with great spirit and enthusiasm, cheering each other on from start to finish. It was the perfect way to build new friendships and start the year on a high. A huge thank you to the staff who helped make the day such a success!

### World Mental Health Day

On Friday, October 10th, we marked World Mental Health Day with a relaxing Tea & Talk event in the hall. This lovely initiative, set up by Pieta House, encourages everyone to take a short break, share a chat, and enjoy a moment of calm together. We're also delighted to share that thanks to our Return Deposit Scheme, students have raised over €220 over the past four weeks — all of which will be donated to Pieta House. A huge thank you to everyone who supported and encouraged students to get involved. Small acts of kindness can make a big difference.

### Cross Country Champion!

Huge congratulations to our fifth year student Tiarnan O'Donoghue, a dedicated member of Togher Athletics Club, who was part of the U19 Boys Cross Country Team that claimed 1st place at the Cork Athletics County Cross-Country Championships in Ballynoe this weekend!

His achievement is a testament to his hard work and the fantastic spirit within the Togher AC community. We are so proud of his incredible result.

### Happy World Teachers' Day!

This week, we celebrated the incredible teachers of De La Salle — the heart of our school community. Thank you for your dedication, passion, and the lasting difference you make in the lives of your students every single day. Your hard work, kindness, and commitment inspire us all.

### Tribute to Manchán Magan

In TY Gaelic Studies this week, students paid tribute to the late Manchán Magan, a remarkable writer, broadcaster, and cultural voice.

They explored his latest book, "Ninety-Nine Words for Rain (and One for Sun)", and reflected on clips from his life and funeral — a celebration of a man who deeply valued the Irish language, landscape, and spirit.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.

### Litreacha ó Dhún na nGall / Letters from Donegal!

Ár ndaltaí sa cheathrú bliain ag léamh a litreacha 'penpal' a fuair siad le déanaí ó scoil i nDún na nGall.

Our 4th Year students were delighted to receive and



TY students receiving their JC results.



TY students receiving their JC results on Wednesday.

read their penpal letters from a school in Donegal this week — a great way to connect, share stories, and make new friendships!

### Sports:

**U17 Munster Football** De La Salle claimed an impressive win with a brilliant comeback against Coláiste Chríost Rí, finishing 1-14 to 3-6.

In what was an uphill battle, the lads dug deep and showed great determination to take the win in the end. The substitutes made a big impact when they came on, helping to turn the game around.

Well done to our U17 footballers and management on a fantastic team effort!

### U17 Munster Hurling

Well done to our U17 hurlers who recorded a fantastic win over Mallow with an impressive scoreline of 6-12 to 0-3. Every player gave it their all, showing great teamwork, determination, and skill throughout the game. A special mention to Tom McCullagh, who made a brilliant return after being out since 1st year with injury — he played an absolute stormer! There

were some outstanding scores on the day from Dylan O'Shea, Micheál Twohig, Ruadhán Doherty, Tommy McCarthy and William Murray — all of whom excelled on the pitch.

The lads now face Coláiste Phobal Ros Cré in the next round — best of luck to the team and management!

### 1st Year Football Blitz:

Our U14 De La Salle teams took part in a fantastic blitz at Bishopstown GAA, where our two sides — Team Blue and Team Saffron — faced off against Midleton and Kinsale.

Team Blue

- DLS 2-6 V KCS 3-4

- DLS 2-6 V MCS 2-4

Team Saffron

- DLS 5-4 V MCS 3-4

- DLS 4-8 V KCS 3-5

An incredible 43 boys from different clubs proudly represented the school in the Lasallian colours — well done, lads!



De La Salle 1st Year students at West Cork Secrets.



DLS U14 footballers at their blitz in Bishopstown.



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by Dr. Ben Martin  
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### 2. SKIPPING MEALS

When you miss meals, your blood sugar drops and for many people, that's a migraine trigger.

Keep healthy snacks like nuts or fruit nearby to maintain steady energy through the day.

### 3. TOO MUCH CAFFEINE

Caffeine can help relieve headaches in small doses, but too much or a sudden withdrawal can cause one. Aim for balance and consistency in your caffeine intake.

### 4. INCONSISTENT SLEEP

Sleep is when your body repairs and restores itself. Going to bed and waking up at similar times each day keeps your nervous system steady and less sensitive to migraine triggers.

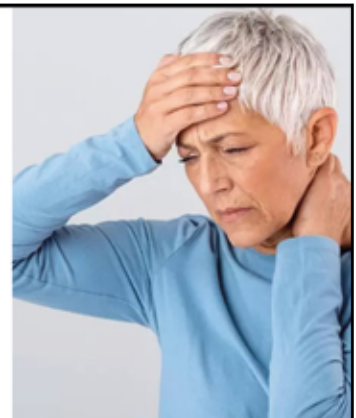
### 4. DEHYDRATION

Your brain relies on good hydration for proper blood flow and nerve communication. Even mild dehydration can spark headaches - so keep water close by.

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## ST MARY'S NEWS



Congratulations to St Mary's TYs on their fantastic JC Results

**Retreats**

The religion department organised a number of retreats for all of the year groups over the last number of weeks with Fr John and his retreat team. Junior years enjoyed a day in Coolcower House, while 5th and 6th years traveled to Killarney and Cobh where they went to mass, took part in quiet reflection and enjoyed some free time for year group bonding in Muckcross Gardens or Fota Wildlife Park. Thank you to Ms O' Donovan and Ms Murphy for organising these wonderful events for all of our girls, thank you to Fr John for being so giving of his time, and for Ms Collins, Ms Sheehy, Mr Galvin and Ms Murnane for accompanying the girls on these trips also.

**Junior Cycle Results**

"On Wednesday the 8th of October, there was a wonderful sense of excitement and achievement at St. Mary's as the Transition Year students received their Junior Certificate results from the exams they sat in June. The smiles and celebrations that followed reflected on the hard work, commitment and perseverance shown by this group throughout their time in the Junior Cycle. After opening their results, students took time to share their joy with classmates and teachers, offering congratulations and encouragement to one another. Congratulations to all of our TY students on their achievements. We look forward to seeing them continue to learn and embrace all the opportunities that TY has to offer in the months ahead." Report by Chloe Galvin, TY Promo Team

National Aer Lingus Young Writer Competition 2025  
We would like to congratulate Pia El Asmar in 5th year on winning the National Aer Lingus Young Travel Writer Competition for 2025. Her unique and entertaining piece, 'The Beating Core of Paris', earned her and her family return tickets to a European destination of her choosing with Aer Lingus.

These tickets, as well as the poster pictured, were presented to her at the Aer Lingus 2025 Roadshow in The Metropole Hotel. We're very proud of you Pia. Congratulations again Pia and to your teacher Ms de la Cour.

**1st Yr Buddy Trip**

"On Tuesday the 7th of October, the first years and their buddies went on a bonding trip to Airtastic. They started off the day on the inflatables, where they were first given instructions to watch a safety video on rules and how to be careful on the inflatables. Afterwards, it didn't take long until everyone was bouncing, sliding and cheering each other on. Next up was a round of mini golf, where things got a bit competitive as teams tried their best to get a hole-in-one. The course was space themed which was very interesting and added to the fun. After that, they went to the bowling lanes, where the strikes and (and not-so-strikes!) kept the energy high and the encouragement flowing. By the end of the day, it was clear that the trip had provided a great time and helped all the first years bond with each other and their buddies." Report by Chloe Galvin, TY Promo Team

**Sports Update Update:****1st Yr Camogie Blitz**

Our 1st years played in a camogie blitz in Mallow recently where they won one game and lost two. It was a great bonding experience for the girls and it is also great to see so many 1st years trying camogie for the first time also. Thank you to Ms Maher and Mr McAuliffe for traveling with the girls.

**Senior Camogie**

Wednesday October 8th our senior camogie team fought hard against Tramore in a game that went to extra time. The girls dug deep and gave everything they had but unfortunately Tramore were victorious in this game. We are very proud of how they played.

Thank you Mrs Lehane, Ms Maher, Liam Slattery, Mr McAuliffe and Ms McSweeney for all they do for camogie in St Mary's.

**Junior Football**

Our Junior Footballers had a win recently at home to Coláiste Choilm. The girls played brilliantly on the day and were highly commended by their management team. A huge thank you to the football management team for their continued dedication to football in St Mary's.

**Equestrian Team**

Well done to Aoibheann Kelleher, Mia Noonan, Kayla Casey and Avril Casey who proudly represented St Mary's at the Interschools Equestrian Showjumping Competition in Maryville, Carrigaline recently. A special shoutout to Avril Casey who delivered a fantastic performance to finish 2nd in the 80cm Showjumping Class, an excellent result in a very competitive field of over 35 riders.

**TY Activities****Rubbish Film Festival**

"On the 3rd of October the our TY Promo Team took part in a filming workshop called the Rubbish Film Festival organised by Ms Foley. It was a full two day event and our facilitator on the day was Jacqui. The first day we were coming with our ideas, practising and making our own films so we were able to get used to the official filming equipment. It was a great time for us to learn the new skills for filming and editing. We made a one minute video which will be held in a competition next year in Fota Wildlife Park. It was a great day as we spent the day taking videos, acting and editing/making TikTok's. We felt it was a great day for us to pick up some new skills we didn't know. Thank you to Jacqui and the Rubbish Film Festival for a great 2 days" Report by Lizzie Murphy, TY Promo Team



St Mary's 6th years on their well being day to Killarney

Image right: Avril from St Mary's came 2nd at the Interschools Showjumping Competition



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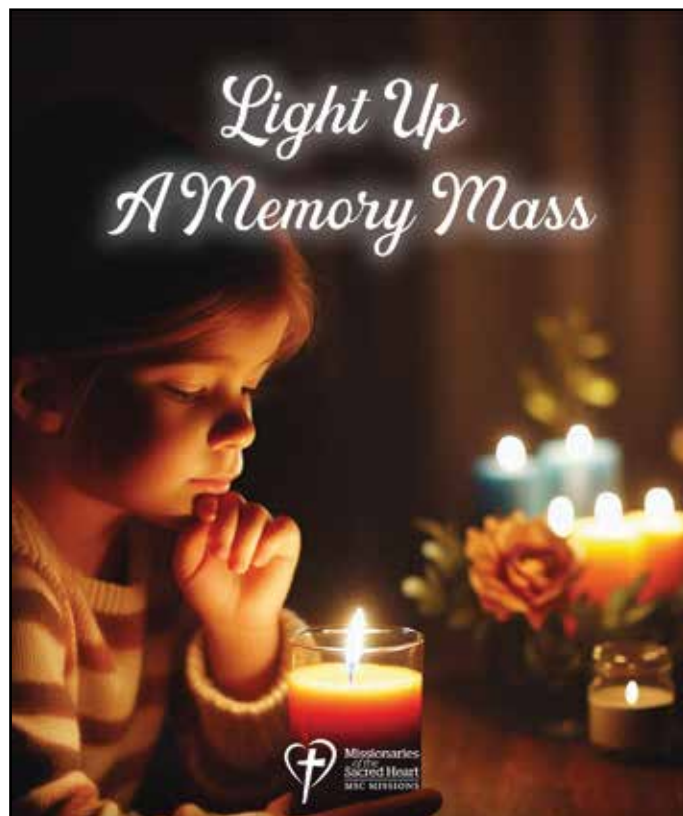
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## MCEGAN COLLEGE



McEgan Students who received their Junior Cycle results on Wednesday October 8th. Parents were invited to the school to be part of the occasion. There was much joy as students celebrated their achievements with their families and teachers.

### McEgan College News: Sport: U19 Boys Gaelic Football:

Hard luck to our u19 Gaelic Football team who narrowly lost out to St. Aidans in their County Championship match. It finished on a scoreline of 1.14 to 1.08. Thanks to all the players and to their coaches, Mr. Browne and Mr. Twohig, for mentoring.

**Girls Gaelic Football:** Our 1st & 2nd yr girls ladies football team travelled to Clonakilty to take part in the first blitz of the year on Tuesday 7th Oct. It was a great team performance and fantastic learning experience for the girls many who have not played together before. Well done to the girls and to Ms Casey & Ms Linehan who are coaching them this year.

**Girls Basketball:** Our girls' basketball teams hosted St. Brogans of Bandon in a week of exciting home matches. The U-16 team delivered an impressive performance, combining fast breaks with solid defence to claim a deserved victory. Standout players included Caitlin Creed and Hannah Dineen, whose energy and skill helped dominate the game. In the U-19 match, our team battled fiercely but narrowly lost in a tightly contested contest. Lily Madigan and Amy Cronin were instrumental in keeping the game close, showing excellent teamwork and determination until the final whistle. Both teams demonstrated great commitment and school spirit. The U-16s will aim to continue their winning form, while the U-19s are determined to

bounce back in their next fixture.

**JC Results:** To mark the occasion of the presentation of the Junior cycle results to students, parents were invited along to enjoy the presentation. It was a lovely moment to be part of as students marked the end of the Junior Cycle. There was both joy and relief as they saw their hard work over the 3 years rewarded in the grades achieved and were applauded by their teachers, family and peers.

**Ecology Field Studies:** 6th year Leaving cert. students explored Killarney National Park to conduct a qualitative and quantitative survey of the flora and fauna in the woodland ecosystem. Sickner mushrooms, Pumpkin spiders and Sika deer were among the many organisms we encountered. A hands-on, practical, inspiring day and enjoyable day was had.

### McEgan Chosen for National Creativity Award Pilot:

We're thrilled to share that McEgan has been selected for the Department of Education's School of Excellence in Creativity Award (SECA), one of just 16 schools in Ireland chosen to take part in this exciting new pilot project. SECA is all about celebrating and encouraging creativity in schools. It's not a compulsory programme but a special award that recognises schools putting creative thinking at the heart of what they do. Our project has two main areas. (1) Creative Teaching: Finding new and imaginative ways to

teach, across all subjects. (2) Creative Spaces: Creating school environments (both physical and social) that inspire curiosity, collaboration, and fresh ideas. This is something we're especially excited about! The SECA project runs over two years, giving us time to test ideas, make changes gradually, and see what works best. We'll be forming a team of staff from different areas to lead the project, and we'll be looking for students and staff to get involved as we go. We see SECA as a fantastic opportunity to build on the creativity already happening here at McEgan. It's a chance to think differently, try new things, and make our school an even more inspiring place to learn and work.

**Sam Maguire.** Now Sam Maguire may have been from Dunmanway which is as you know a Cork Town, but the Cup named in his honour is now resident for the next 9 months at least, in the Kingdom of Kerry! There was great excitement in McEgan on September 30th when the Kerry Goalkeeper, Shane Ryan, teacher in De La Salle, arrived to show Sam Maguire to the Corkonians. He got a mighty welcome from all (especially the Kerry staff.) Of course, the McEgan Staff who are from the Kingdom were only delighted to show allow the Corkonians share some of the glory of being in the presence of said Sam Maguire if only for a brief hour!



McEgan College U19 Girls Basketball team. Back L to R Cecil van Stralen, Abril Llevadot, Orla O Sullivan, Amy Cronin, Ciara McSweeney, Katie Cronin, Mr. Mark Long, Coach. Front L to R, Lily Madigan Tara Twomey Johanna Krebs, Laura Casey.



McEgan 1st & 2nd year girls Gaelic football team took part in a football blitz in Clonakilty recently. Front row: Sarah O'Shea, Muireann Buckley, Eileen McSweeney, Lily Barrett, Arya Landry, Grace Barry. Back row: Viktoria Latso, Fardusa Abdulqadir, Alanna O'Driscoll, Thandolwethu Shibambo, Fia Perry Darby, Fiona O'Sullivan.



McEgan College Leaving Certificate Students who engaged in qualitative and quantitative survey of the flora and fauna in the woodland ecosystem of Killarney National Park as part of their Biology Course. Sickner mushrooms, Pumpkin spiders and Sika deer were among the many organisms they encountered. A hands on, practical, inspiring day was had.



Students from McEgan College welcomed Shane Ryan Kerry Goalkeeper to McEgan College with the Sam Maguire Cup.



First year parents' recently enjoyed an informal gathering at a coffee morning with Home School Community Liaison Máire Ní Laoire.



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## Family Fun at the Toy Soldier Factory A Creative Adventure in Macroom

Last weekend, my children and I embarked on a delightful adventure to the Toy Soldier Factory, conveniently located just a short 35-minute drive from both Cork and Killarney. With three excited kids, ages 8 and 10 and 12, we were eager to dive into a world of creativity and craftsmanship.

**Easy to Find:** The Toy Soldier Factory is easy to locate once you have the postcode P12FN79.

- Nestled in the scenic surroundings of Macroom, the factory stands as a beacon of fun for families.

**Booking and Arrival:** We booked our visit through their user-friendly website, which made the process seamless.

- Upon arrival, we were greeted by friendly staff who made us feel right at home.

**Casting Our Creations:** My 8-year-old chose to create a ballerina, while my 10-year-old opted for a fierce werewolf and the 12 year old a Fairy.

- I decided to join in on the fun and selected a Frankenstein figure to paint.

- The staff expertly casted the metal ballerina, werewolf, Frankenstein and fairy right in front of our eyes, adding an exciting layer of engagement to our

visit.

**Painting Time!** After the casting, we moved to the painting tables, armed with brushes and vibrant paints.

- The process was surprisingly easy, allowing us to unleash our creativity without feeling overwhelmed.

- It took about an hour to complete our masterpieces, with each of us adding personal touches to our figures.

**A Sweet Surprise:** Halfway through our painting session, we were pleasantly surprised when a big bowl of popcorn landed in front of us!

- This delightful treat was a reward for booking online, adding an extra layer of joy to our experience.

**Conclusion:** Our visit to the Toy Soldier Factory was more than just a creative outing; it was a memorable family bonding experience. The combination of casting, painting, and unexpected treats made for a perfect day out. I highly recommend this unique activity for families looking to spark creativity and make lasting memories.

**For more information and to book your visit, check out their website [Toysoldierfactory.ie](http://Toysoldierfactory.ie)!**



## ST JOSEPHS NATIONAL SCHOOL

**We are well into the swing of the new school year in St. Joseph's. We have been making the most of the fine weather while we can and have lots of visitors to teach us new skills each week.**

Our younger pupils are back on their bikes with our friendly cycling tutor Ulick. Liam Slattery is doing what he does best, teaching all pupils the skills of hurling and camogie with lots of fun games for everyone to enjoy.

We have been delighted to welcome back Ann, our expert crochet teacher who has continued to foster

the love of crochet in pupils from 4th-6th. Their creativity knows no bounds!

On the wet days, of which there have been few, 5th and 6th classes have had the opportunity to practice their chess skills in the hall. They are improving week by week.

Our Senior pupils have now completed their round of Sciath na Scol matches for this part of the year. Disappointed not to be moving to the next stage, we are proud of their efforts, and they represented the school with pride also.

We had a lovely Mercy Day Mass on the 24th September where we gathered with our fellow Mercy colleagues, students, parents and members of the community to celebrate the contribution the Mercy sisters have made to Macroom down through the generations. It also marked the 150th anniversary of the initiation of education provision for the children of the town and its surroundings. A joyous and memorable occasion!



Ten Tidy Towns members helped with stewarding for the West Muskerry Athletic Club Road Race on August 12th. Thanks to Veronica Mendieta, Shelia Murphy, Martin Coughlan, Paul Kingston, Liam Walsh, Joe Cronin, Mick Crowley, Lisa Manning, Brian O Sullivan and Peter Burns and well done to West Muskerry Athletic Club for organising such a wonderful and successful event. Areas where they provided assistance were St Coleman's Park, Oakwood, Aldi, Masseytown Junction, Mary Anne's Junction, Coolehane Junction, Bealick Mill, Rusheen Cross and at the Starting Line. Tidy Towns monthly meeting took place on August 5th and some items of discussion included the Coolcower Picnic Area, Heritage Week, new Brochures for Coleman's Park Biodiversity Area and the Masseytown area to name a few.



Right now, the hanging baskets are in full bloom. Thanks to those premises in the town that have put up some nice floral displays on the buildings this year. These greatly enhance the streetscape, and there is room for plenty more! The judging is still ongoing in this year Tidy Town's Competition and again we would ask that all premises to stand back and have a look at

their premises, from the path below to the roof above, free of cigarette butts etc and painted adequately. Five minutes of regular attention would greatly improve matters in some cases and greatly assist the volunteers who must look after so many other things and public areas. Here is hoping we can still retain our gold medal. As always, tidy towns volunteers have been busy with Litter Picking, General Maintenance around town, cutting grass in the green areas on housing estates, weeding, planting, pruning, etc. The Playhouse in the Sensory Garden now has a concrete floor and the musical entertainment piece with the hanging tubes has been refurbished.

So many people compliment the work we do and admire what is been done but why not consider doing something small yourself in your own local areas, as this helps the overall effort, inspires others and there is a feel-good factor. We in Tidy Towns will support you in whatever way we can. You may also like to come along and join us some Saturday morning at 9am at our base in Masseytown as 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.

## MACROOM FLOWER & GARDEN CLUB

Macroom Flower & Garden Club will host a Charity Gala Floral Demonstration by Melaine Harris (AOIFA) entitled "Christmas Traditions" on Thursday 13th November at 8.00p.m. at Coolcower House Macroom

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Bhí Tráthnóna na nGairmeacha ar siúl do dhaltai sinsearach

## COMHGHAIRDEAS

Ar an 8ú lá de mhí Dheireadh Fómhair fuair daltaí Torthaí na Sráithe Sóisearaí – táimid an-bhródúil as bhur n-éachtaí. Ba mhaith linn ár mbuíochas a ghabháil ar na múinteoirí a thug tacaíocht dóibh.

Tréaslaímid le baill de fhoireann Naomh Abán na mBan – go háirithe Iníon Ní Bhriain, daltaí Claire Ní Aodha, Cliona Ní Mhócháin, Doireann Ní Mhócháin agus Saoirse Ní Uidhir - a bhuaigh Craobh Idirmhéanach an Chontae le déanaí.

## TRÁTHNÓNA NA NGAIRMEACHA

Tionóladh Tráthnóna na nGairmeacha i gColáiste Ghobnatan ar an 2ú lá de mhí Dheireadh Fómhair. Bhailigh roinnt aoi, idir cainteoirí aonair ag labhairt faoin ngairm acu féin, ionadaithe ó chomhlachtaí áitiúla, agus ionadaithe ar son eagraíochtaí agus coláistí. Bhí raon leathan earnálacha ann, idir an Dlí, Teicneolaíocht Faisnéise, Na Taibh-Ealaíona, Innealtóireacht, Eolaíocht, Sláinte, Foirgníocht, Eitlíocht, Talmhaíocht, Déantúsaíocht, Cultúr Agus Teangacha, Gnó, Cuntasaíocht, Pobal, Oideachas srl. D'fhreastail slua mór ar an ócáid, idir dhaltai sinsearach na scoile agus a dtuismitheoirí. Táimid thar a bheith buíoch as na h-aiochainteoirí a thug suas a gcuid ama chun a dtaithí a roinnt leis na daltaí. Is cinnte go bhfuil siad tar éis súile na ndaltai a oscailt go dtí na féidearthachtaí atá ann sa saol oibre inniu. Beidh tionchar an tráthnóna le feiceáil sna roghanna a dhéanfaidh na daltaí ar an aistear gairme a bheidh acu amach anseo. Ba mhaith linn ár mbuíochas leis na múinteoirí – Iníon Ní Chonchubhair, Máistir Ó Creimín, Iníon Ní Chonchúir, Iníon Ní Chéilleachair, Iníon Ní Ríordáin agus Bean Uí Liatháin – a d'eagraigh an ócáid. Míle buíochas chomh maith le Seán, Mary, na múinteoirí agus na daltaí idirbhliana a chabhraigh ar an oíche.

We recently organised a Careers Night for our senior students – there was a great selection of exhibitors on the night from a wide variety of areas. We would like to extend a huge word of thanks to all those who gave up

their time and shared their expertise with our students on the night – it is greatly appreciated!

## LÁ/OÍCHE OSCAILTE

Chuireamar fáilte roimh daltaí rang a sé ar 9ú Deireadh Fómhair agus fuair daltaí blaiseadh do shaol na méanscoile. Bhí deis acu píosa eolaíochta, innealtóireachta, adhmaadóireachta agus eacnamaíocht bhaile a dhéanamh. Ar an lá céanna reáchtáladh an Oíche Oscailte. Bhí deis ag daltaí agus tuismitheoirí an scoil a fheiceáil agus bualadh le múinteoirí. Tá súil againn gur bhain siad taitneamh as! Míle buíochas leis na múinteoirí, Mary, Seán, Gearóidín agus na daltaí a chabhraigh. Tá eolas clárúcháin ar fáil ó [www.colaisteghobnatan.ie](http://www.colaisteghobnatan.ie) - spriocla d'iarraitais: Dé Céadaoin 22/10/25. Enrolment Information available from [www.colaisteghobnatan.ie](http://www.colaisteghobnatan.ie) - application deadline: Wednesday 22/10/25.

## SCOIL GHAELTACHTA

Bronnadh stádas mar Scoil Ghaeltachta ar Choláiste Ghobnatan sa bhliain 2024. Seoladh an Scéim Aitheantais Scoileanna Gaeltachta in 2017 agus is bunchloch an Pholasáí don Oideachas Gaeltachta í. Is é aidhm na Scéime ná tacú le húsáid na Gaeilge i bpobail Ghaeltachta agus an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn tríd an soláthar oideachais trí mheán na Gaeilge a neartú i limistéir pleanála teanga Ghaeltachta.

## SEÓ BÓTHAIR LE CONRADH NA GAEILGE

Ar Chéadaoin an 2ú lá de Dheireadh Fómhair tháinig Conradh na Gaeilge chuig Óstán Ghobnatan agus d'fhreastail daltaí bliain 4 ar cheardlann. Bhí sé an fháisnéiseach ar fad, d'fhoghlaimiomar faoi na gairmeacha difriúla atá ar fáil leis an nGaoluinn agus na poist atá ar fáil sna meáin shóisialta chomh maith.

## CISPHEIL NA GCAILÍNÍ FAOI 19

### le Béibhinn Ní Loingsigh

Bhí cailíní fé 19 ag imirt cluiche cispheile i mBaile Chaisleáin Bhéara ar an Máirt. Cé nach raibh an bua acu, dhein siad a ndícheall chun teacht thar n-ais go láidir ag deireadh an chluiche. Bhí na cailíní 14 pointe taobh thiar de Scoil Phobail Bhéara ag tús an

trú ceathrú ach ar deireadh níor chailleadar ach le 5 phointe. D'imríodar cluiche iontach. Táid ag tnúth go mór leis an gcéad chluiche eile.

## PEIL NA GCAILÍNÍ SÓISEARACH

### le Cliona Ní Mhócháin

D'imir cailíní sóisear chluiche peile ar an 6/19/25 i gcoinne Coláiste Mhuire Réalt na Mara. Bhí sé ar siúl ar a 11:30 sa phortach mar sin, ní raibh aon ghá le bus! Cluiche iontach spleodrach a bhí ann ar dtús ach fuair eamar cúpla scór agus bhíomar go maith chun tosaigh ag leath ama. Sa dara leath tháinig Coláiste Mhuire Réalt na Mara ar ais go láidir, ach bhíomar fós chun tosaigh tar éis cúpla cúl a fháil. Ar deireadh bua iontach a bhí ann do chailíní Colaiste Ghobnatan. Buíochas mór le hIníon Ní Shuilleabháin agus Iníon Ní Bhuachalla a tháinig linn.

## CUAIRT Ó CATHERINE CONNOLLY

Ar an Aoine 3ú Deireadh Fómhair tháinig Catherine Connolly ar cuairt linn - labhair sí le daltaí ó bhliain a sé.

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Scoil Réidh na nDoirí Gearagh projects in 6th class.



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Every day, the children are having amazing fun skipping around the school and staying active with smiles all around.

The children in Seomra Elaine had a very exciting Monday as they started their swimming lessons in the Castle Hotel, Macroom on the 13th of October. There was lots of splashing and laughing in the pool, and a big thank you to the 6th Class volunteers who came along to help out and join in the fun in the water!

Our amazing cailíní played a great game of football on Monday against Rathpeacon, securing their place in the Sciath na Scol Finals in Páirc Uí Chaoimh! Date to be confirmed... but get your black and amber ready and hang them high in support of the girls. #CeannannMháíAbú

This week, we also welcomed back Ms. Dunne to school after her maternity leave. We are all delighted to have her back and look forward to a wonderful year ahead!



Canovee NS girls through to Sciath na scol Final!!



Ag tógaint sos ón baisteach!

## SCOIL NAOIMH MUIRE, FARRAN

## ÉIRE ÓG LADIES BRING HOME THE COUNTY CUP!

**What an incredible start to the week! On Monday, we were absolutely delighted to welcome the victorious Éire Óg Ladies Football team to our school. They visited to celebrate their historic win in the County Senior Final on Saturday, October 11th.**

After an intense, nail-biting encounter that went into extra time in the replay against formidable opponents Aghada, the Éire Óg team finally secured

the cup. This victory was especially meaningful as it was the team's fifth appearance in the final but their first win.

We were particularly proud to welcome five fantastic past pupils who were part of the winning panel: Rebecca, Isobel, and Edel Sheehan, Erin Healy, and Shauna Sheehan.

The players spent time with our pupils, demonstrating the true meaning of their success. They highlighted

the vital lessons that sport teaches, showing our students the importance of training, hard work, resilience, and persistence. It was an inspiring day that showed our students that with commitment and teamwork, landmark achievements are possible.

A huge congratulations once again to the Éire Óg Ladies Football team on their momentous victory!



Éire Óg Ladies Football Team visit



## CARRIGANIMA NS

**Welcome to Our New Principal**

The Board of Management and staff of Carriganima National School are delighted to announce the appointment of Colette Carey as the new Principal. Colette brings with her a wealth of experience in education, leadership, and a deep commitment to fostering a caring, inclusive, and high-achieving school environment. Throughout her career, Colette has demonstrated a passion for supporting both pupils and staff, encouraging creativity, and ensuring that every child has the opportunity to reach their full

potential.

We believe that Colette's vision, energy, and dedication will build on the strong traditions of our school while guiding us confidently into the future.

On behalf of the Board of Management, we extend our full support to Colette in her new role and invite all parents, guardians, and community members to join us in giving her a warm welcome.

We look forward to working together under Colette's leadership to continue nurturing a positive, vibrant, and successful school for all our children and we

are truly excited about the journey ahead.

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## CARRIGADROHID/KILLINARDRISH TIDY TOWNS

**Carrigadrohid Tidy Towns will shine for the festive season.**

A genuine word of thanks to our wonderful community who once again came up trumps with

volunteers and contributions towards our Christmas Lights project.

We are thrilled to announce that we now have full funding and a full team of helpers in place to make

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## Dripsey NS

**In Dripsey National School we were delighted to have the Road Safety Authority attend our school to give a talk and demonstrations on road safety.**

We welcomed 13 new Junior Infants to our school and they all settled in very well and love our therapy dog Simon. Also, our 4th to 6th class have made it to the semi final of the Sciath na Scol after some great performances over the past few weeks.



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## 31ST CORK LISSARDA CUBS AND SCOUTS

**Our fantastic Cubs and Scouts took on an 8km hike in Gougane Barra on Sunday 5th October. The sun shone and everyone was in great spirits, chatting and singing all the way.**

Storm Amy had left the ground quite wet on some parts of the route. Our Cubs laughed when they got stuck in the mud and needed to be pulled free. We

spotted wildlife and enjoyed the peace of spending a day in the hills. It was great practice for the County Hike next month, when we'll join many more Cubs and Scouts at Glengarra Woods and the Galtees.

31st Cork Lissarda have weekly meetings at Crookstown Hall (when we're not exploring the outdoors). Our Beavers are 6-8 year olds, Cubs 9-11

year olds, Scouts 12-15 year olds and Ventures 16-18 year olds. We're always looking for adult leaders for each section (training is provided).

If you'd like to get involved, contact us on 31corklissardawaitinglist@gmail.com or on Facebook at "31st Lissarda Scouts".



Lissarda Cubs and Scouts at Gougane Barra



Lissarda Cubs and Scouts took on an 8km hike in Gougane Barra on Sunday 5th October

## NUACHT UIBH LAOIRE

**Big Congrats to the ladies of Naomh Fionnbarra, the combined parish ladies football team on winning the County Final recently.**

Hope you enjoyed your well deserved celebrations. Well done to all. The lads had a great game against Aghada and qualified to meet Aghabullogue in the PFIC final. Best of luck everyone. Inchigeela hall is still quite busy. There's Bingo on Friday nights with serious jackpots and snowballs. Social dancing on alternate Sunday afternoons is very popular and next dancing date is October 26th with music by Paudie Coffee Band. The card drive on Sunday nights of course is very popular. Mindful Hatha Yoga for everyone continues as well. Info from aofewilliamson@gmail.

com. In Béal Átha the coiste forbartha were delighted to hear the good news that the old lakeside gravel pit in Currahy has been donated to the people by its owners, Dermot O'Mahoney and family. This area once contained a glacial feature called Drumlins, which is a collection of humpbacked hills of sand and gravel topped with a thin surface of soil. The gravel business which was carried on here is long gone but the area reverted into a natural wood, by the lake. The Coiste Forbartha are inviting the public to suggest how best to utilise this wonderful, generous gift. In Gougane Barra, Cronin's Cafe hosted a book launch of a historical work by Anthony Barret called "West Cork at War." It focuses on the author's research

on the Civil War in the West Cork area and the author has dedicated his work to the late Donncha O Laoire who was principal of Scoil Mhuire for many years. Professor John Borgonova of UCC was the main speaker and a large crowd attended. The book may be bought in Dineen's shop in Béal átha. Tá Tig Seartain, a bhí ar chíos ar feadh roinnt blianta, ath oscailte faoi stiúirí muintir Seartain arís. Cloisim go mbeidh ceól traidisiúnta le clos ann agus comh maith leis na gnáth sean deochanna, beidh cocktails agus mocktails go leor!. Comhgháirdeas do muintir na Bailte Slachtmhara i mBéal Átha a bhuigh an chéad áit sa chontae sa chomórtas "Litter Challenge. Bhí ceiliúradh deas acu sa Ghuagán le deanaí." Maith sibh

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## Kilmurry Active Retirement

### A change of heart

Although I had been involved in environmental issues for most of my career, it was only recently that I have begun to take climate change seriously. I don't really know why this is the case. I tend to be slow. Take my attitude to music. I rarely like new songs, well not until they are no longer new and others have moved on to newer sounds. I get the Beatles now, - a bit later than the rest of you. Most seventies music is good - now. I may tolerate the eighties/nineties stuff yet. My journey to concern about climate change has followed a similar course.

In the nineties and noughties, as part of my job in fisheries conservation, I gave presentations on sustainable development. We are utilising the Earth's resources as if we had three earths, I would quote. I was aware of the scientific advice on global warming but had not the realisation that it was something that I had some responsibility for, and that I could and should do something meaningful about it. I thought it was a problem to be sorted by governments. They would agree to tax us out of our bad behaviours and encourage good ones when the time came that it was necessary. Like everything else it would be left to the last minute, but it would happen. I suppose I just trusted.

My view has changed radically. In 2015 I started studying for a master's degree in philosophy. It so happened that the professor of philosophy in UCC at the time, Professor Graham Parkes, was very interested in climate change and, I thought, very much the pessimist. I, on the other hand, have always been inclined to optimism, too often perhaps, regardless of a lack of supporting evidence. This led to robust debate; I am sure to the annoyance of other students. I relied on then current events; I was aware of Pope Francis's encyclical, 'Laudato Si', 'on care for our common home'. In it he calls on all his flock, and all humanity, to change our ways 'by decisive action, here, and now'. It has been credited with having been influential. Then followed the great accomplishment of the seventeen Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) being adopted by all 193 United Nations Member States at the summit in New York in September 2015; a universal plan of action to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure prosperity for all people by 2030. Professor Parkes though was concerned that the presidential hopeful Donald Trump promised to pull the USA out of that agreement. He was concerned too with the rising strength of libertarian philosophy which advocates for the releasing of the strong from the burdens imposed by the weak, (as did the philosophers Nietzsche and Ann Rand). I did not expect Donald

Trump to get elected in 2016, and even then, I had optimistically hoped that his administration's impact on the climate change crisis would be short-lived.

Last year, 2024, I learned that Professor Parkes, had in 2021, then in retirement, written a book, 'How to think about the Climate Crisis'. As you can imagine I was very keen to read it and was struck by the evidence he produced on the rise of the Libertarians, the financial clout of fossil fuels, and the political power of the religious right in the USA. I was also, perhaps by serendipity, gifted Pope Francis's encyclical, which, I admit, I had not previously read. I suppose though, it was the election campaign of candidate Trump, and his determination to 'drill baby drill' and fully exploit the USA's supremacy in fossil fuel which he referred to as 'liquid gold' that opened my eyes to my misplaced optimism. Circumstances were changing and we could no longer trust that the political system of the world would act as I had trusted that it would. I came to have sympathy with the views of those who assert that the major powers had accepted that climate change was real, and that it was changing the world. Rather than focusing on resolving the problem, they claim, that the scramble is already on for the resources that will become scarce in this new more hostile world. Climate change affects the poorest and least prepared countries first, and the consequent economic effects and scarcities give rise to social unrest, which sometimes lead to civil war, displacement, and the flight of refugees to other countries. Governments see that this will be a long-term problem and will heighten strife in the countries to which they flee. So, we can understand the inclination towards political shifts to the far right, walls, new physical borders, protection tariffs, isolationism and reduced overseas development aid (just when it is most needed to give hope to those most affected).

I slowly came to see that I had been neglectful. I needed to change my view and my behaviour. But what can one do, what can we even do collectively. I knew I had much to learn. As I was trying to educate myself, as luck would have it, due to my then role as secretary of Kilmurry Active Retirement, I stumbled across an opportunity to apply for a Department of Climate grant for learning about climate change. Having prepared a draft application, it was circulated to our management committee and then to our membership for decision. We applied and were successful.

This summer many of my colleagues in Kilmurry ARA and I have been learning, and that is to continue for another six weeks. On the 15th of October we will be visiting the Glen Resource centre in Cork. They have

been doing great environmental work there and we are looking forward to learning from them.

On the 21st of October there will be a public meeting in the Heritage room, Kilmurry Museum. We will have Kieran Lattice speaking on behalf of SEAI, (the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland). He will make a 30-minute presentation, including grants available, and then there will be an opportunity for questions from the floor. All are welcome.

We have been given the opportunity to speak for 10 minutes at the Southern Region's Autumn meeting in Killarney on the 28th of October. I hope we can assist other associations that may wish to apply for this or similar grants.

In November we will be travelling to Coachford college, in the hope of getting some advice there, and in the hope too of getting some assistance in calculating our carbon footprints.

We will then have an important members' meeting on the 18th of November. This is to determine whether our membership wish to wind down, continue, or expand our involvement in climate change in 2026 and 2027.

### Ongoing Activities

Bowls, Fit for the Future, Dance to Music, Tea/Coffee Chat, Floor Exercises, Aqua Aerobics, Buff Bones, Weights, Zumba Gold, Meditation, Guided Relaxing, Self Care, Reiki, Coffee crawl, Scootch, Bingo, Cards, Arts and Crafts. We are spoiled for choice, take your pick.

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There are several active retirement associations in the Lee valley. If you are interested in finding out more about an association, which is closer to you than we are, we can put you in contact with the right secretary for your locality, or if you are interested in starting an association, there is support for that too.

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Senior pupils were delighted to travel to Ahiohill on September 16th to put their hurling skills to the test! Dromleigh N.S. will host a clothes recycling collection

again this autumn. Clothing will be accepted on October 17th and 20th between 9-9:30am and 2-3:30pm. We accept clothing, paired shoes, handbags and belts. We do not accept single shoes, pillows, duvets, school uniforms or clothing in poor condition (wet, mouldy, ripped, completely worn).

Save the Date! Our Halloween Party takes place on

Friday 24th of October from 7 to 9pm. No mobile phones allowed. Fun for all the family - raffle, music, dancing, games, face painting, tuck shop.

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Senior pupils from Dromleigh N.S. enjoying their football training sessions with their coach Mr Tadg Sheehan.



Dromleigh N.S. hurlers all set for their Sciath na Scol fixture in Ahiohill on September 16th.

## INDEPENDENCE MUSEUM KILMURRY

**The management committee of Independence Museum Kilmurry would like to thank all those who supported our 60th Commemoration Weekend on the 19th – 20th September, and in particular the families of the founding members of the original museum – The Terence MacSwiney Memorial Museum.**

A sincere thank you to Cathal MacSwiney Brugha and his wife, Catherine for attending our weekend events. Cathal's mother Maire MacSwiney Brugha was patron of the museum for many years.

Many thanks to Senator Eileen Lynch, Councillors Michael Looney, Kate Lynch, John Collins and Margaret McDonnell for attending the Mass and

launch of Exhibition, and Aindrias Moynihan, TD for attending the Walking Tour. A special word of thanks to Cork County Council Commemorations Committee and Conor Nelligan, Heritage Officer Cork County Council and to Irish Community Archive Network (ICAN) for their continued support and encouragement.

We were delighted to see so many people attending the Commemoration Mass and the launch of the exhibition on Friday night. A special thank you to Fr. Michael Kelleher, Fr Kieron O'Driscoll, Ann O'Callaghan, Sacristan; St. Mary's Church Choir and Peadar O'Riada.

We would like to thank Kilmurry GAA for their

assistance in stewarding the weekend events and to Helen Murphy for catering on Friday night.

The 60th commemoration weekend would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of the Exhibition Committee, the Fundraising & Organising Committee and the KHAA volunteers who spoke at the Walking Tour of Kilmurry Village on the Saturday afternoon.

The Exhibition will remain open for several months in the Heritage Room, Independence Museum Kilmurry. See Kilmurry Museum website for opening times.



Kilmurry Museum 60th Anniversary Walk audience. Pic Con Kelleher



Kilmurry Museum 60th Anniversary Exhibition Boards



Dora Ogoto and Oluwa Bunmi from Nigeria pictured at the SECAD Multiculturalism in Food event at the Macroom Food and Craft Festival on Saturday. Pic: Diane Cusack



Farhana Tanveer and Farheen Ghazal from Pakistan pictured at the SECAD Multiculturalism in Food event at the Macroom Food and Craft Festival on Saturday. Pic: Diane Cusack



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**OCTOBER STATION MASSES:** Saturday Oct 18 in Carriganima at 11am. Saturday Oct 25 in Clondrohid at 11am

**MOVEMENT OF CONTINUOUS PRAYER FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE:** Next 24 hours Monday Oct 27 to Tues Oct 28.

**LINE DANCING:** It is on in the Community Hall on Thursday nights from 7pm to 8.30pm. Everyone welcome,

**BINGO:** Continues every Wed night at 8.30pm. Thanks to all who help to organise and run it, Well done. Everyone welcome. Your support is much appreciated.

**SINGING IN THE TAVERN:** This lovely sing a long group or tell a story group meet the 2nd and the 4th

Monday nights in The Tavern from 9pm. The next session is Monday Oct 27 They would love to see you there

**30th ANNIVERSARY 1995 MID CORK CHAMPIONSHIP REUNION:** In the Mills Ballyvourney on Sat Nov 29 at 7.30pm. Tickets €40. Dinner and Entertainment. For more info, contact Dan Creedon, Pat O'Connor, Noel McDonagh, Pascal Buckley, Darren O'Brien

**CARRIGANIMA DEV GROUP HALLOWEEN FAMILY FUN DAY:** In the pub Carriganima on Monday Oct 27 4 to 7pm. Carved Pumpkin Competition, Dress up Competition, Kids entertainment, teas, coffees, refreshments, Raffle. For more info contact Sheila 0877838753, or Martin 0879843830. Your support will be appreciated.

**JACKIE'S SCORAIOCHT:** In the Laine Bar Wed Oct 29. A great night assured

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**GAA NEWS:** Congratulations to the under 12 footballers who were victorious over Donoughmore in the Shield Final in Ovens, the lads started at a blistering pace in the first half and had a comfortable lead at halftime 3.08 to 1.03. Donoughmore came out in the second half and were a different team and if not for our goalie who made a couple of fantastic saves it could have been a different story, the lads kept their cool and defended brilliantly and held on to the end, final score Clondrohid 4.09 Donoughmore 2.07

As the season comes to an end we would like to thank all the parents for bringing the lads to training and to all the matches also we would like to thank our sponsors MJK Oils

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Clondrohid u12 footballers who defeated Donoughmore in the Shield Final in Ovens



Clondrohid u6's who played Kilnamartyra in stormy conditions recently



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# LIEUTENANT GENERAL ARTHUR PERCIVAL, CHARLIE BROWNE, AND THE TOWN THAT MADE A FOOL OUT OF FIELD MARSHALL MONTGOMERY



Macroom Castle in 1921



Macroom Castle in 2025

**Every action has a reaction, and it would be fair to say that the events on Percival's march to Bandon and on to Kinsale with the Essex Regiment had an effect on later events in Macroom after the announcement of a truce.**

Our story starts on the 8th June 1921 when Sean Hegarty O/C of Corks number 1 brigade, Daniel Corkery Commandant of the IRA, and Charlie Browne Adjutant of the 7th battalion were resting in a safe house owned by the Delaney family in an area called Toames just outside Macroom. They had been there for 4 days awaiting developments, when, while sitting down for a meal, a shot rang out. A young man by the name of Daniel Buckley who had been coming to tell the men that the military were approaching was spotted by the enemy and shot dead. It was Percival's Essex Regiment that had killed the boy, and now they were on a mission to find whomever the boy had been trying to warn.

The 3 men made good their escape from Delaney's and made their way towards Kilmurry Company area which was used frequently by the 3rd Brigade Flying Column. By the following morning, Billy Powell informed them that they were in line with the march of Percival's men back to Bandon after one of their roundups. While they were making their way back to safer terrain Dan Corkery spotted one of their scouts and when he signalled for the scout to get out of the line of sight a volley of shots rang out and the men had no choice but to run for it. Powell and Browne were in front and were captured by a cycling column while Dan Corkery and Sean Hegarty made good their escape. Dan lay in furze until darkness fell while Sean kept on the move until he reached Ryders farmhouse in Cloughduv.

Powell and Browne were arrested and kept with the other prisoners, (many of them not volunteers at all but everyone was under suspicion). Percival's column numbered about 160 men and on 10th June they marched southwards towards Newcestown and on to Bandon. While on the road Percival's men shot dead volunteer Matt O' Donovan for no apparent reason and gleaned great pleasure from the action. They arrived at Bandon military barrack and rested for a few hours before beginning the trek to Kinsale which was the Headquarters for the Essex Regiment. On the Western Bridge they met the funeral of 25-year-old Maurice Quinn of the Old Head area who had died at ballykindler internment camp. Percival arrested the large number of male mourners and made them join the march to Kinsale. Belts and braces were removed so the men could not run.

The 50 or so men arrested at the funeral were tried for unlawful assembly and fined £5 each, a huge sum, all

the while knowing that the money would be spend on drink for the guards at the officer's mess.

On the 16th June Billy Powell was released. Charlie Browne however was transported to Victoria Barracks (now Collins Barracks) and detained in the infamous 'Cage', a barbed wire compound where men could be held indefinitely.

Less than 4 weeks later on the 11th July 1921 the truce was announced although by all accounts this was not what the Republican army had wanted. The Crowns army continued their violent and vindictive raids until the night of the 10th, including the shooting dead of an innocent young boy in Coachford.

Liam Deasy O/C 3rd brigade said 'The end came abruptly and indeed unexpectedly. Had I been asked my opinion beforehand; I should have opposed a cessation of hostilities at this time'.

Tom Barry 'No Divisional or Brigade officer of the IRA knew anything about the negotiations of the Truce except through the reports appearing in the Daily Press.

This truce allowed men to go home but they were to remain on alert in case hostilities started again. The IRA had one firm conviction – that activity would resume in time, possibly 3/4 weeks, so they prepared with training camps and discipline. The British had broken the rules of a Truce before so why not again?

However, not all remained on alert. Flashy new clothes were worn by many men, glad to be rid of the trench coats and heavy boots. They were seen as heroes by many of their neighbours and naturally they enjoyed the attention. The Crown forces complained as they could no longer recognise the enemy while Truce negotiations were still being conducted.

Brigadier Sean Hegarty insisted his officers remain on alert and it was this alertness that drew their attention to a car without number plate parked outside Williams Hotel in Macroom. When the driver asked what he was doing there he gave a sharp reply in an English accent saying they were on a fishing trip. However, the republican policeman noted no fishing rods with the party so he went to the castle to report his findings. The man normally in charge would have been Dan Corkery who escaped capture the month previous, but, in his absence, the senior officer in charge was the Adjutant, Charlie Browne.

Charlie made his way to the hotel and found three men. He recognises one of them as a cruel officer from his time in the 'Cage'. This officers methods for getting intelligence were known to be vicious. He immediately contacted HQ and was told to arrest the men. They were taken to the Castle for questioning and found to have concealed weapons even though they were in civilian clothing. A firing squad was immediately

dispatched.

Field Marshall Bernard Montgomery, now in Victoria barracks, would make it his personal mission to find out where his three offices were. Within two days of the arrest a detachment of military arrived in Macroom to interrogate the Irish police and search for the men. Over the next 2 weeks they came several times and each time they got more menacing.

Montgomery believed that he was the man to defeat the IRA. A special Cork City Intelligence Unit was formed and a stream of orders were issued from Monty's desk.

Finally in frustration they placed lorry loads of troops on the hill overlooking the castle and demanded to know where the 3 officers were. The IRA gave nothing away. The last time they came to Macroom they set up machine guns on the square but the lone sentry in the little turret, Neil O' leary, shouted out 'Put you bloody hands up!'

Charlie Browne was prepared for this day. behind the soldiers on the hill were hidden a strong detachment of the Eighth battalion, while members of the Seventh and Sixth were scattered around the town. On the Castle walls a Vickers machine gun pointed down at the officers.

Bernard Montgomery moved forward towards the Castle. Charlie Browne came to meet him, covered by Mick O' Sullivan with the Vickers machine gun.

'Unless your troops are withdrawn within five minutes, he said, my men have orders to fire'.

Monty had no choice but to retreat. He was at a disadvantage to the man who had been his guest at the 'Cage'. A man that had witnessed the shooting of a young man at a funeral in the name of fun. He had witnessed the torture of his comrades and friends. He had suffered immeasurably in the pursuit of Irelands freedom. Bernard Montgomery had finally met his match in a place that he thought he would easily command.

If Montgomery hadn't walked away, and had ordered his men to fire there would have been bloodshed on the streets of Macroom that day. The Truce would never have happened and perhaps even the Civil War would have been avoided. Or perhaps not.

But, in this writer's opinion, the actions of Percival's officers against one man would later be the fuel in the belly of Charlie Browne when he warned Monty and his men to leave Macroom or face the consequences. References – Monty – The making of a General.

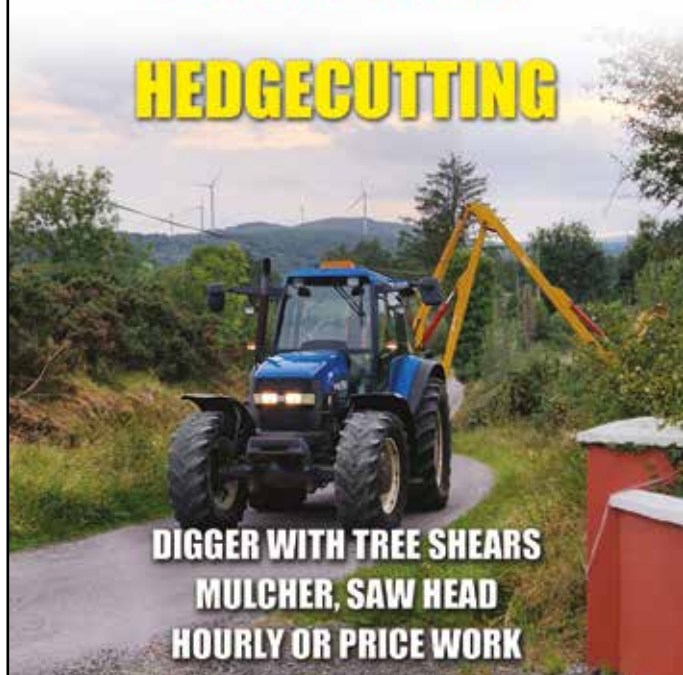
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AED Installation Location at ESB Inniscarra Generating Station (L-R: Iain Grant CFR, Pat Daly ESB, Joe Moroney CFR, Frank Barry ESB)



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AED Presentation at ESB Inniscarra Generating Station (Back-row L-R: Donal Lehane ESB, Martin Lyons ESB, Owen O'Byrne ESB, Ger Keeley ESB, Frank Barry ESB, Front-row L-R: Iain Grant CFR, Pat Daly ESB, Joe Moroney CFR, Michael Quinlan ESB)



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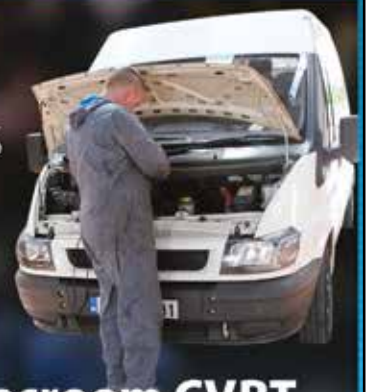
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### MJK Oils Muskerry Junior A Hurling Championship

Semi Finals: Donoughmore v Grenagh, Inniscarra v Ballinora

Final: Ballinora v Grenagh at Coachford, Sunday October 19th, 3.30pm throw in.

### Grenagh 2-21 Donoughmore 0-22 aet

Grenagh have qualified for the MJK Oils Mid Cork Junior Hurling championship final for the first time since 2022 by defeating Donoughmore in a very closely fought semi final at Blarney and it required extra time to separate the near neighbours. These teams had met in mid June last in the league final with Donoughmore comfortably coming out on top by a four point margin but it was clear from an early stage herey that Grenagh were fully determined to reverse that result. They stunned Donoughmore with two goals in the opening half to lead by two points at the interval and coming down the home straights in normal time they twice came from behind to earn equality at the final whistle. After an even first half in extra time, Grenagh dominated the last ten minute period and scoring five points in a row without reply they were clear winners at the end.

Grenagh are a more experienced team than their young emerging opponents and opened well to settle quickly. They went two points clear in as many minutes but Donoughmore answered with a brace, 0-2 each after three minutes and the contest was on! Grenagh got a major boost in the fifth minute when Sean Joyce dropped a high cross into the Donoughmore goalmouth, Robert Coleman stretched highest to collect and belted the sliotar past Shane Sexton from close range. Donoughmore replied with four points on the trot, one from Kevin O'Connell and three from Adam Dinan to lead by 0-6 to 1-2 as the first quarter ended. On 18, Donoughmore conceded a second goal, identical to the first, Shane Morey sending in a high centre, Robert Coleman again catching and clinically finishing.

Grenagh added two more points from Dan Twomey in reply to a David O'Connell point for Donoughmore but in the closing minutes, the latter had points from O'Connell and Shane O'Neill before Dan Twomey brought his personal tally to 0-4 from a free to leave his side leading by 2-5 to 0-9 at the break. Donoughmore had concede three points from frees and tellingly had hit over eight wides in that opening half.

Four points were shared evenly on the resumption before Grenagh opened up a two point gap only to be reined in by Donoughmore with points from Dinan and Seán O'Hanlon, 2-9 to 0-13 at the three quarter mark. Again Grenagh went clear with points from corner forwards Twomey and Coleman, again Donoughmore responded well, points from Shane O'Neill and Mark Lucey, Scott Barrett and Dinan bringing them level on 51 and then further points from Kevin O'Connell and another Dinan free had them in the lead, 0-19 to 2-11 by the 56th minute. Donoughmore now conceded two careless frees which Dan Twomey sent over for Grenagh but in the 64th minute Donoughmore hit the front with a Jack McCarthy point, only to be cruelly denied by a point from a Dinan free two minutes later which left the teams heading for extra time, 2-14 to 0-20.

Extra time produced only three further scores in the first t minute half, Joyce and Twomey for Grenagh, Dinan for Donoughmore and Dinan levelled the scores one minute after the resumption. It was to be Donoughmore's last score as the gritty and more experienced Grenagh outfit fired over five points without reply, 0-3 from Twomey, one each from Michael White and Seán Joyce, earn their passage to the final and another joust with Ballinora who



Grenagh who lost to Donoughmore in Muskerry JFC semi final

defeated them 2-17 to 0-11 in the recent group game in late September.

Scorers: Grenagh: D Twomey 0-14 (0-10 f, 0-1 65), R Coleman 2-1, S Joyce 0-3, S Morley, D Warren, M White 0-1 each. Donoughmore: A Dinan 0-9 (0-3f), K O'Connell 0-3, S Healy 0-2(f), D O'Connell 0-2, J Crowley 0-2, S O'Hanlon, S Barrett, M Lucey, D McDonald 0-1 each

Grenagh: James Walsh: Kevin O'Neill, Paul Barry Murphy, Alex Kiely: Jason O'Keeffe, Kelvin Cummins, John Lehan: Danny Warren, Ted Twomey: Darragh Kenny, Sean Joyce (capt.), David Coleman: Robert Coleman, Shane Morley, Dan Twomey. Subs: Ray McNamara 41, Paul Ahern 45, Jack Twomey 54, Dara O'Shea 62, Niall Coleman 62, Michael White 65, Brian Walsh 70.

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### Ballinora 1-25 Inniscarra 2-8

Ballinora are on course to make it five in a row in the MJK Oils Mid Cork Junior Hurling championship when they meet Grenagh in what will be a repeat of the 2022 final pairing, a game which brought Ballinora their second crown. Their meeting with Inniscarra at Cloughduv was predicted to be a good test of their present form but in truth the reigning champions were by far the better side and enjoying a lead of 0-13 to 1-2 at half time they already looked to have one foot in the final. Their goal in the 39th minute from Danny Dineen gave them a 1-17 to 1-5 advantage and finished off any hope that Inniscarra might have harboured about an effective rally.

Ballinora played with the wind behind them in the opening half and made it tell with two early points from Darragh Holmes but they were slightly upset when a Jerry Roche point for

'Scarra in the 6th minute was immediately followed by a well taken goal from Jack Shine. Shane Kingston,

operating at centre back for the champions, had a point to quell any anxieties and Ben Mayer, a constant danger in the attack, added another to level the scores on 8 and Ballinora began to control matters up to the interval. With Neil Lordan, Shane Kingston and Tim Forde very determined in defence and Liam Lyons and Danny Dineen on form at midfield, the Ballinora attack got a regular supply of quality ball and used it to effect. Points from Alan O'Shea and Sean Lyons had Ballinora in front at the end of the first quarter, O'Shea, Liam Lyons and Mayer added points to open up a five point gap by the 20th minute and another four points in succession followed from Darragh Holmes, Seán Lyons and Danny Dineen to make it 0-13 to 1-1 by the 25th minute. Inniscarra had their first score in almost twenty minute when Jerry Roche sent over and Ardal O'Connell then pointed a '65' but Ballinora were in command, Dineen and Mayer had a point apiece before the interval when the champions led by 0-15 to 1-3 and were hurling well.

Ballinora opened the second half scoring with another two points to emphasise their determination to remain in control and when Shane and Michael Murphy answered with a brace for 'Scarra, back came the winners on 39 with a goal from Danny Dineen, set up by Darragh Corkery. Ballinora now led by 12 points and were never going to lose that lead.

The gap was widened by two further points from Ben Mayer before Jack Shine and Michael Murphy had 'Scarra points to make it 1-19 to 1-7 at the opening of the final quarter. Inniscarra battled on but Ballinora, who had an uncertain group stage, are now in much more focussed mindset and never let their control slip. A second goal for Inniscarra from substitute Conor Geoghegan on 48 provoked a four point reply before a late exchange of points brought proceedings to a predictable close.

Scorers: Ballinora: D Dineen 1-4, B Mayer 0-9 (0-6f, 0-1'65'), D Holmes 0-4, A O'Shea, S Lyons and L Lyons 0-2 each, S Kingston and C Quirke 0-1 each.

Inniscarra: J Shine 1-1, C Geoghegan 1-1, J Roche 0-2, M Murphy 0-2 (0-1f), A O'Connell 0-1 ('65'), S Buckley 0-1.



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Ballinora: Barry Crowley; Tim Forde, Neil Loran, James Byrne; Mark O'Brien, Shane Kingston (capt), Colin O'Flynn; Liam Lyons, Danny Dineen; Seán Lyons, Darragh Corkery, Darragh Holmes; Alan O'Shea, James Keohane, Ben Mayer. Subs: Ivan Quirke for J Keohane inj 12, Conor Quirke for D Corkery 40, Robert Quirke for A O'Shea and Michael Quirke for C O'Flynn, both 47, James Lordan for M O'Brien 50.

Inniscarra: Kieran Rice; Seán Ahern, Colm Herlihy, Trevor O'Reilly; Mark Linehan, Shane Buckley, Jack O'Dwyer; Michael O'Connell, Seán Quinlivan; Jack O'Mahony, Jerry Roche, David Enright; Jack Shine, Michael Murphy, Ardal O'Connell. Subs: Liam Buckley for M O'Connell ht, Conor O'Sullivan for T O'Reilly 38, Conor Geoghegan for S Quinlivan 46, Conrad Desmond for M Murphy 50, Donal Dineen 58  
Referee: Robert Whelan, Gleann na Laoi.

## Ross Oil Junior A Football Championship

**Semi Finals:** Éire Óg v Aghinagh: Grenagh v Donoughmore

Final: Aghinagh v Donoughmore, Saturday Oct 25th in Macroom @ 3:00pm.

## Donoughmore 2-14 Grenagh 0-6

Donoughmore inflicted a heavy defeat on Grenagh in the first semi final of the Ross Oil Mid Cork Junior football championship at Ballyanley. The writing was on the wall for Grenagh from an early stage as Donoughmore led by 1-4 to 0-1 after Scott Barrett had the goal for the winners in the 20th minute and it was 1-6 to 0-4 at half time, all Grenagh scores coming from free taker Ultan Duggan.

A Grenagh rally was killed off by a bad miss in the 38th minute when a goal would have reduced the gap to three points, Scott Barrett had another goal in the 48th minute to make it 2-10 to 0-5 and thereafter the sides merely played out the time remaining.

Scorers: Donoughmore: S Barrett 2-4 (0-1f), D Keating 0-3 (0-2f), D Holland 0-2, D McDonnell 0-2, G O'Sullivan 0-2 (0-1f), A Dinan and K O'Connell 0-1 each. Grenagh: U Duggan 0-4 (frees), T Twomey and L Walsh 0-1 each.

Donoughmore: Kevin O'Riordan; Frankie Honohan, Mark Foley, Seán Broderick; Rory Honohan, Josh Crowley, Kevin O'Connell; Seán O'Hanlon, Mark Lucey; Adam Dinan, Gavin O'Sullivan, Daniel Holland; Declan Keating, David McDonnell, Scott Barrett. Subs: Paul Crowley, Donnacha Morrissey, Jack Murphy, Daniel Honohan

Grenagh: Michael White; Tyrone Dorgan Desmond, Kevin O'Neill, Paul Ahern; Niall Coleman, Ted Twomey, Danny Warren; John Lehane, Dan Twomey; Sean Joyce, Robert O'Connell, Ultan Duggan; Jack Twomey, Liam Walsh, Darragh Kenny. Subs: Shane Morley 28, Paul Barry Murphy 38, Alex Kiely, Dara O'Shea  
Referee: John Ryan, Macroom

## Aghinagh 2-8 Éire Óg 0-13

Aghinagh joined Donoughmore in the final of the Ross Oil Mid Cork Junior Football Championship after earning their passage with a narrow win over Éire Óg at Coachford.

Aghinagh are back in the final for the second year in a row, mission accomplished, but they will be hoping for an improved performance as they seek to add a second Mid Cork title to their sole victory in 2021. Donoughmore last won the divisional title in 2011.

Éire Óg led at half time y 0-8 to 1-2, Con Buckley's goal for Aghinagh after 4 minutes invaluable in keeping his out of sorts side in contention. It was 0-9 to 1-3 at the three quarter stage but a Liam Twohig point followed by a goal from William Coakley ignited the Aghinagh men and their supporters, who had been unusually subdued up to this. Seán Murphy and Seán Hurley continued to be accurate for the Ovens men but they



Aghinagh Junior A team who defeated Éire Óg in the mid cork semi final and progress to meet Donoughmore in 2 weeks time.

were still a point adrift at the final whistle.

Scorers: Aghinagh: C Buckley 1-2 (1x0-2), W Coakley 1-0, L Twohig 0-4 (0-1f), T Sheehan and S Cummins 0-1 each. Éire Óg: S Hurley 0-4 (0-2f), S Murphy 0-4 (0-3f), M Murphy 0-2, K Hallissey 0-2 (1x0-2), D Kirwan 0-1.

Aghinagh: Jason McCarthy; John Lynch, Donagh O'Riordan, Olan Cummins; Declan Ambrose, Luke O'Leary, TJ Buckley; Mathew McCarthy, Thomas Morgans; Jack Kearney, Con Buckley, Shane Corkery; William Coakley, Liam Twohig, Gearóid O'Sullivan. Subs: Seán O'Riordan 17, Tom Buckley 47, Tadhg Sheehan 50, James Ambrose 54, Seán Cummins 55.

Éire Óg: Eoin Kelleher; Cillian Murphy, John Kelleher, Kevin Cooper; Dan O'Connor, Dermot O'Herlihy, Adam McCarthy; Oisín O'Shea, Mark Kelleher; Denny Murphy, Brian Thompson, David Kirwan; Seán Murphy, Michael Murphy, Seán Hurley. Subs: Kevin Hallissey 39, Kevin Beechinor and Eoin O'Shea, both on 49, David Casey and Colm Quigley, both on 57.

Referee: Peter O'Leary, Cloughduv.

## Ballincollig Credit Union

### Junior B Football Championship Final:

Naomh Abán 0-13 Aghabullogue 1-8

Junior B Football Plate Final:

Canovee 2-7 Aghinagh 1-9

## Ladies Football

Cork LGFA Senior A Final (replay): Éire Óg 1-12 Aghada 1-8

Éire Óg are the new Credit Unions Cork LGFA senior A county champions after overcoming titleholders Aghada in the replayed final at MTU Cork, their first win after four consecutive senior A finals losses.

Memories of defeats to Mounseabbey (2021, 2022 and 2023) and Aghada (2024) have been replaced by scenes of unbridled joy. Aghada did not relinquish their title without a fight and extra-time was needed to separate the sides.

Lisa Murphy got on the end of a pitch-long move and found the bottom corner inside 2 minutes. Aghada drew level at 1-0 to 0-3 but would not score again for a full 18 minutes.

Éire Óg's Ruby Halligan denied Kaitlin Smith, Emma Cleary scored prior to another Halligan save thwarting Yvonne Burgoyne and another certain goal. A Laura Cleary free stretched the Éire Óg lead to four but Aghada found the net after 24 minutes and at half time it was 1-4 apiece.

A tense second half produced six scores, Aghada were thankful for three Abigail Ring frees.

Éire Óg went 20 minutes without a score until Laura Cleary, Orlaith Cahalane and Lisa Young efforts made it 1-7 each at the final whistle.

Éire Óg gained the upper hand in the first period of extra-time as Sadhbh McGoldrick and Emma Cleary scored in quick succession. Róisín Phelan and Orlaith Cahalane scored at either end to leave the Ovens club 1-10 to 1-8 ahead at the final changeover.

A yellow card was the final blow for a battling Aghada

as Isobel Sheehan and Órlaith Cremin points confirmed victory for an overjoyed Éire Óg who will now be away to Waterford champions, Comeragh Rangers, in the Munster LGFA senior A championship next weekend. Scorers for Éire Óg: L Murphy 1-1, E Cleary 0-3, L Cleary (0-1f), Ó Cremin 0-2 each, S Cronin, O Cahalane, S McGoldrick, I Sheehan 0-1 each.

Éire Óg: R Halligan; R Sheehan, J O'Gorman (captain), I Sheehan; A Hayes, M Cahalane, E Crowley; S McGoldrick, S Cronin; E Cleary, O Cahalane, Ó Cremin; L Cleary, L Murphy, A Rodgers. Subs: G Young 42, K Cahalane 53, D Walsh 69, M McGoldrick 78, E Healy 78.

## LGFA Senior A final: Aghada 1-7 Éire Óg 0-10 (Drawn Game)

Aghada and Éire Óg will have to do it all over again following a Cork Credit Unions Cork LGFA senior A county final draw at MTU.

In a repeat of last year's final, 2025's re-run lived up to its billing.

There was nothing to separate two evenly matched teams in front of a huge attendance.

Level seven times throughout the hour, reigning champions Aghada live to fight another day. Éire Óg, avoiding a fifth consecutive senior A county final loss, get another crack at the champions next weekend (details to be confirmed).

"Of course, we would have loved to have won it today," Éire Óg manager Peter McGoldrick added. "It's a privilege to get another run out in the final. Everybody gave one hundred percent and it will come down to the wire again the next day, I'm sure."

Scorers for Éire Óg: O Cahalane 0-4, L Cleary 0-2 (0-2 f), S McGoldrick, E Cleary, Ó Cremin, S Cronin 0-1 each. Éire Óg: R Halligan; G Young, J O'Gorman (captain), I Sheehan; S Cronin, M Cahalane, E Crowley; S McGoldrick, L Cleary; E Cleary, O Cahalane, Ó Cremin; L Murphy, A Hayes, A Rodgers. Subs: R Sheehan 34, E Healy 41, K Cahalane 53, M McGoldrick 60.

## Cork GAA County Championship 2025

### Premier Senior Football:

Semi Finals: St Finbarrs 2-13 Ballincollig 1-9

Nemo Rangers 2-14 Newcestown 0-19 aet

Relegation: Valley Rovers 1-16 Carbery Rangers 1-10

Final: St Finbarrs v Nemo Rangers, Sunday Oct 26th 3.30pm P Uí Chaoimh

## St Finbarrs 2-13 Ballincollig 1-10

St Finbarr's strong finish helped them to defeat Ballincollig at SuperValu Páirc Uí Chaoimh. It will be an all-city clash in the decider, a repeat of three years ago, after Nemo Rangers got the better of Newcestown.

The Barrs had failed to score from play in an opening 30 minutes that lacked everything you would associate with a championship outing and they were relieved to be trailing by just a point at the interval, Ballincollig leading by 0-4 to 0-3.

The Togher outfit came out a different animal for the new half inspired by Steven Sherlock, who scored 1-9

over the hour. His goal with 20 minutes to go gave the city team a lift.

Ballincollig continued to frustrate their opposition in the early minutes after the restart and a Peter O'Neill white flag pushed the Muskerry men two points clear. A majestic Sherlock two-pointer from play gave his team the lead for the first time after 35 minutes, quickly followed by a Conor Dennehy effort, 0-7 to 0-5. After 55 minutes, St Finbarr's got their second goal 2-11 to 1-8, the teams shared the last four points as the Barrs progress to the final against Nemo.

Scorers for Ballincollig: D O'Leary 1-0, B O'Connell, S Kiely, L Fahy 0-2 each, D Dorgan (f), T O'Connell, S O'Neill, P O'Neill 0-1 each.

Ballincollig: J Gibbons; L Jennings, JP Murphy, S Murphy; L Fahy (c), F Down, D Desmond; P O'Neill, S Dore; H Ahearne, L O'Connell, S Kiely; B O'Connell, D O'Mahony, D O'Leary. Subs: S O'Neill 35, T O'Connell 44, D Dorgan 46.

Before the game, a minute's silence was observed in memory of former Ballincollig and Cork underage star Killian Lee, who died suddenly last Monday.

### Senior A Football

**Semi Finals:** Cill na Martra 1-17 Éire Óg 1-13: Knocknagree 2-19 Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh 1-10 Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh 1-10 Knocknagree 2-19  
Relegation: Fermoy 0-17 O'Donovan Rossa 1-18  
Final: Cill na Martra v Knocknagree on Sunday Oct 26th 1.30pm at P Uí Chaoimh

### Cill na Martra 1-17 Éire Óg 1-13

Cill na Martra took 15 shots in the first half of this Senior A semi-final. Ten were on target, the Gaeltacht men had a 0-11 interval tally. Éire Óg took 13 shots in the same opening half an hour. Only five were on target. Their three efforts from out beyond the arc sailed wide, as did the five taken from inside the 40-metre curve.

The difference, six points 0-11 to 0-5 - on the scoreboard.

That easy-to-follow trend continued upon the change of ends. Éire Óg's wide count finished up at 13, Cill na Martra's finished at just three.

Éire Óg didn't have a loosely policed Seán Ó Fóirréidh and Daire Mac Lochlainn carrying energy, authority, and intent from deep. They had no Dan Ó Duinnín stitching passes and punching holes out around the arc. And they certainly had no Jason Mac Cárthaigh or Damien Ó hUrdail coming out beyond that same strip of white paint and sinking orange.

"Our shooting boots were on tonight, thankfully," said Cill na Martra manager Morgan O'Sullivan.

Promoted from the Premier Intermediate ranks two years ago, the quarter-final appearance of last year's second-tier voyage has now been bettered by at least two steps.

Nine minutes from the end, their lead was 11 points strong, 1-17 to 0-9.

"I think the grades are so even now the way the county board has the championship structured, so if a team does go up, they are well able for that higher grade. Having said that, we were second best to Dohenys in the quarter-final last year. Thankfully this year we have stepped up another bit. It is a brilliant position to be in," O'Sullivan continued.

Every finger is now crossed that that momentum won't be derailed by second-half injuries to three of their most important players. Full-back and goalscorer Tadhg Ó Corcora went to the sideline on 44 minutes clutching his shoulder, so too did midfielder Antóin Ó Cuana eight minutes later. The eight minutes of injury-time played was attributable to the lengthy stoppage for full-forward Ciarán Ó Duinnín

"Since my involvement with this team, I see the work



Foireann Cill na Martra v Éire Óg. SAFC semi final at Páirc Uí Chaoimh, 11.10.25

that goes on in the background, in the community, at underage. The commitment from everyone right through the club is brilliant and the support the team here get is a sign of that. These lads in there, they coach younger teams in the club so there is a right good connection through all the teams right through the club."

Scorers for Cill na Martra: D Ó hUrdail (0-5, 2tp); J Mac Cárthaigh (tp, 0-1 free), D Ó Duinnín (0-3 each); T Ó Corcora (1-0); S Ó Fóirréidh, S Ó Duinnín (0-2 each); D Mac Lochlainn, A Ó Cuana (0-1 each).

Scorers for Éire Óg: R O'Flynn (1-3); D Goulding (0-4, tp free, 0-2 frees); D Clifford (0-3); C McGoldrick (0-1 free), D Foley, C O'Callaghan (0-1 each).

Cill na Martra: M Ó Deasúna; D Ó Conaill, T Ó Corcora, F Ó Faoláin; C Ó Meachair, S Ó Fóirréidh, D Mac Lochlainn; G Ó Goillidhe, D Ó Duinnín; E Ó Conaill, A Ó Cuana, J Mac Cárthaigh; C Ó Duinnín, S Ó Duinnín, D Ó hUrdail.

Subs: C Ó Fóirréidh for Ó Conaill (HT); C Mac Lochlainn for Ó Corcora (44, inj); A Ó Duinnín for Ó Cuana (52, inj); M Ó Duinnín for C Ó Duinnín (58, inj); A Ó hUidhir for S Ó Duinnín (65)

Éire Óg: C Kelly; C Clifford, M Brady, D McCarthy; M Griffin, C McGoldrick, H Murphy; D Clifford, R O'Toole; R Flynn, C O'Callaghan, E O'Shea; D Foley, J Murphy, B Hurley.

Subs: M Corkery, J Sheehan both ht, D Goulding 36; J Galvin 38, D Dineen 52.

### Knocknagree 2-19 Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh 1-10

Knocknagree are back in the McCarthy Insurance Group Cork SAFC final after they halted Béal Átha's great championship run in SuperValu Pairc Uí Chaoimh. They will play Cill na Martra in the final, as they did in the opening round of the competition back in July.

It will be their third final in four years, and they were full value for their win here with Anthony O'Connor and Denis R O'Connor outstanding in attack, kicking 1-10 between them. Béal Átha were ahead in the tenth minute, 0-3 to 0-2.

That was about as good as things got for them for the remainder of the half and Knocknagree were 2-10 to 0-5 in front at the break.

Béal Átha had a couple of points in the third quarter, but Knocknagree had far too much scoring power, 2-15 to 0-7 with fifteen to go. As the game petered out the Duhallow men kicked four-in-a-row before a point from Ó Loingsigh and 1-2 from Diarmuid Mac Thomáis brought things to a conclusion.

Scorers for Knocknagree: A O'Connor (1-6, 0-2 2ptr, 0-2 frees), M McSweeney and DR O'Connor (0-4 each), N O'Connor (1-0), T O'Connor (0-2), F O'Connor, M Mahoney, and E McSweeney (0-1 each)

Scorers for Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh: D Mac Thomáis (1-2), C Ó Loingsigh (0-4), S Ó Tuama (0-2), D Seartan and B Seartan (free) (0-1 each).

Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh: M Ó Riordáin; S Ó Donnchú, P Ó Tuama, C Ó Nuanáin; E Ó Duinnín, D Seartan (c), B

Ó hArgáin; D Ó Briain, S Ó Tuama; D Ó Ceallacháin, C Ó Loingsigh, G Ó Laoire; D Mac Thomáis, C Ó Duinnín, S Ó Luasa. Subs: D Ó Ceallachain and B Seartan 35, N Ó Laoire 46, C Ó Tuama 53

### Premier Intermediate Football

**Semi Finals:** Aghabullogue 2-11 Naomh Abán 0-15

Uibh Laoire 1-19 Aghada 1-8

Relegation: Bandon 2-19 Macroom 2-20

County Final: Aghabullogue v Uibh Laoire at P Uí Chaoimh Sunday Nov 2nd 3.30pm

### Aghabullogue 2-11 Naomh Aban 0-15

The big attendance at a sunny Macroom for the county Premier Intermediate football championship semi final was treated to a fine game culminating in a gripping last ten minutes. Aghabullogue held out and deservedly move into the county final for the second year in a row and their clash with Uibh Laoire in an all Muskerry final is eagerly awaited.

Two goals from Luke Casey for Aghabullogue in the first half were crucial. The first after 11 minutes gave them respite as Naomh Aban were on top and the second just before half time was the difference between the teams at the break, 2-5 to 0-8, slightly flattering to the winners.

In the second half Aghabullogue gradually worked themselves into a six point lead, 2-11 to 0-11 with 50 minutes on the clock but N Aban put in a tremendous rally from here to the final whistle and reduced the gap by four points but just failed to get closer against a defence which has yet to concede a goal in this season's campaign

Scorers: Aghabullogue: L Casey 2-0, M Bradley 0-6 (1x0-2f), E O'Sullivan 0-2 (1x0-2f), J Corkery 0-1, P Ring 0-1, A O'Sullivan 0-1. Naomh Abán: E Ó Mir 0-4 (0-2f), M Ó Duinnín 0-3 (1x0-2f, 0-1f), D Ó Laoire 0-2, M Ó Liatháin 0-2, D Ó Ceocháin 0-1, D Ó Ceallaigh 0-1, A Ó Luasa 0-1, C Ó Donnchú 0-1.

Aghabullogue: John Buckley; Tom Long, Conor Smyth, Paul Dilworth; Paul Ring, Shane Tarrant, Breandán O'Sullivan; Colm Gillespie, Adam Murphy; Aaron O'Sullivan, John Corkery (Capt), Pauric O'Sullivan; Mathew Bradley, Evan O'Sullivan, Luke Casey. Subs: Cialan O'Sullivan for P O'Sullivan 52, Oisín O'Connell for B O'Sullivan 57, Dhani Merrick for J Corkery 59.

Naomh Abán: Micheál Ó Donnchú; Séamus (Jim) Hendy, Críostóir Ó Déasúnaigh, Colm de Róiste; Jack Ó Donnchú, Dara M Ó Loingsigh (Capt), Éanna Ó Críodáin; Seán Ó Riordáin, Caoimhín Ó Donnchú; Aodhán Ó Luasa, Maidhc Ó Duinnín, Donncha Ó Ceocháin; Dónal Ó Ceallaigh, Darragh Ó Laoire, Ed Ó Mir.

Subs: Micheál Ó Liatháin for M Ó Duinnín (42), Colm de hÍde for É Ó Críodáin 45, Niall Ó Ceallaigh for D Ó Ceocháin 51, Wayne MacCarthaigh for C Ó Donnchú 55, Marc Ó Críod for C de Róiste 62.

Referee: Liam O'Shea (Carbery Rangers).

### Uíbh Laoire 1-19 Aghada 1-8

The Uíbh Laoire train just keeps on rolling. Ten years ago, they won a first Mid-Cork Football title in 30 years. Three more followed before they made the leap to the Intermediate 'A' grade in 2020 and by 2022, they had arrived at Premier Intermediate. They are now 60 minutes away from senior football and their manager, Barry Oldham remarked "It's fantastic for the club. This crop of players has been unbelievable for the club, great servants. What they do week in, week out in training, they're just an unbelievable bunch of players. We're only a small club, a population of 400 or 500 people and we're in a Premier Intermediate final, striving to be senior, and that's unbelievable."

In Páirc Uí Rinn they had too much class for Aghada. Chris Óg Jones, kicked 1-5 from play, Cathal Vaughan pulled the strings at centre-forward, Timmy Roberts was imperious at midfield while their defence conceded 1-3 to the great Pearse O'Neill and only 0-4 off play to the rest of the Aghada attack.

Scorers for Uíbh Laoire: C Óg Jones 1-8 (3f), C Vaughan (0-3), T Roberts 0-2, C O'Leary 0-2 (2pt), C O'Riordan 0-1, B O'Leary 0-1, I Jones 0-, S O'Leary 0-1

Scorers for Aghada: P O'Neill 1-3, J O'Hanlon 0-2 (1f) and J McKenna 0-2 (2pt), C Hegarty 0-1.

Uíbh Laoire: J Creedon; B Murphy, D O'Donovan, C O'Riordan; K Manning, D O'Riordan, C Galvin; T Roberts, C O'Leary; S O'Riordan, C Vaughan, B O'Leary; S O'Leary (c), C Óg Jones, I Jones. Subs: B Cronin 50, S Pickering 50, F McSweeney 53, A O'Dea 57, B O'Riordan 59.

### Intermediate A Football

Semi Final: Ballinora 2-17 Kilmurry 1-16; Adrigole 0-22 Ilen Rovers 0-24

County Final: Ballinora v Ilen Rovers, Sunday November 2nd 1.30pm P Uí Chaoimh

### Ballinora 2-17 Kilmurry 1-16

A win for Ballinora and their place in the county final was the surprise result from this clash of divisional rivals and it was well deserved. Ballinora were the more convincing football team – sharper in thought, cleaner in touch. The first half was football at full tilt. Kilmurry taking a 1-10 to 1-9 lead to the break and only two of the opening half's scores came from placed balls – it was as open and expressive as the game allows. When Denis O'Mullane clipped over under pressure in the 41st minute, it was the first score since the interval. But that two-point cushion didn't last. A Kevin Werner free and a Neil Lordan two-pointer swung momentum Ballinora's way by the 44th minute – their first lead since the sixth. Ruadhán Ó Curraín's free and a neatly-worked Liam Wall effort restored Kilmurry's edge, but six minutes later Ballinora hit the front again. They would not be led again..

A quick break – Shane Kingston's pass sent Michael Quirke racing clear. Quirke's shot dipped late under the bar 2-12 to 1-13.

Kilmurry clawed it back to a single point as normal time expired, but Ballinora's Ivan Quirke clipped one

over and O'Brien fisted over seconds later. Laurence Asling teed up Max O'Leary for a Kilmurry reply, but O'Brien answered again. Then, in the 64th minute, Darragh Holmes won the next kick-out, sent Michael Quirke charging through, and the latter sealed it with a white flag.

Scorers: Ballinora: M Quirke 1-2, M O'Brien 1-2, K Werner 0-3 (2 f), N Lordan 0-3 (1 tpf), I Quirke 0-2, R Quirke 0-1 (f), S Kingston 0-1, L Lyons 0-1, D Holmes 0-1, J Byrne 0-1. Kilmurry: D O'Mullane 0-7 (3 tp), R Ó Curraín 1-5 (0-3 f), L Wall 0-1, John O'Mullane 0-1, L Asling 0-1, M O'Leary 0-1.

Ballinora: A McAllen; A Lavery, N Lordan, C O'Flynn; J Byrne, S Kingston, D Dineen; J Lordan (c), D Holmes; M Quirke, I Quirke, M O'Brien; L Lyons, R Quirke, K Werner. Subs: T Burns for Lyons (39), J Keohane for Werner (55), I Wycherley for J Lordan (59 inj), A O'Sullivan for R Quirke (60+2).

Kilmurry: J McDonnell; B Hinchion, W Ronan (c), E Keane; A Asling, K Kelleher, T Collins; John O'Mullane, James O'Mullane; R Duggan, L Asling, L Wall; S O'Leary, R Ó Curraín, D O'Mullane. Subs: M O'Leary ht, J McGinn 49

### Premier Junior Football

Semi Finals: Buttevant 2-16 Canovee 0-12

St Nicks 0-14 Cobh 0-12

Relegation: Millstreet 1-14 Ballydesmond 0-13

County Final: St Nicks v Buttevant at P Uí Chaoimh Sat Oct 25th at 7pm

### Buttevant 2-16, Canovee 0-12

Buttevant ended Canovee title aspirations with an impressive performance in the McCarthy Insurance Group Co. Premier JAFC semi final at Glantane. All of their scores came from play, a clinical display of attacking football.

The perfect start for Buttevant with a two-pointer from the throw-in. Though Canovee opened their account from a Jack Kelleher pointed free, Buttevant pressed forward, the Hanlon brothers, David and Conor on target to split the uprights.

Up front, David Hanlon kicked back to back points, Lenehan adding his second two-pointer.

A labouring Canovee attempted a recovery, Buttevant 'keeper Ronan Donovan denied Evan Dodd before a Kelleher point reduced the leeway 0-9 to 0-4 at half time.

Buttevant found a slicker gear on the changeover, Michael O'Neill placed Conor Hanlon to net. Canovee played their way back into contention, their initial score from play surfaced in the 35th minute courtesy of Mark Healy.

However Canovee faced an uphill task after a long-range delivery finished unthe Canovee net. Canovee weren't prepared to let their challenge collapse, two pointers from Kelleher and Conor Dodd narrowed the arrears, 2-11 to 0-10 at the three quarter stage.

The Buttevant response was to regain control.

Scorers for Buttevant: D Hanlon 0-6, M Lenehan 0-6

(2tp), C Hanlon 1-2, K Lenehan 1-0, M O'Neill, P Behan 0-1 each.

Canovee: J Kelleher 0-7 (0-5f, 1tpf), C Dodd 0-3 (1tp), M Healy 0-2.

Canovee: B Cheasty; E Lehane, E McNabola, D O'Sullivan; C Dodd, R Delany, E Cunningham; A Murphy, C O'Neill; L Kelleher, J Moynihan, M Healy; A Moynihan, E Dodd, J Kelleher. Subs: D McMahon ht, S O'Connor 46, W Aherne 46, E McNabola 53.

### HURLING

#### Premier Senior Hurling

Semi Finals: Midleton 0-29 Blackrock 1-25

Sarsfields 1-22 St Finbarrs 2-18

Relegation: Newtownshandrum 1-19 Erin's Own 1-14

County Final: Midleton v Sarsfields, Sunday Oct 19th 3.15pm

#### Senior A Hurling

Semi Finals: Castlelyons 4-12 Blarney 0-19

Carraigtwohill 1-14 Bride Rovers 3-14

Relegation: Courcey Rovers 0-16 Bishopstown 0-14

County Final: Castlelyons v Bride Rovers Saturday Oct 18th 7.30pm

#### Truism: Goals win games.

#### Castlelyons 4-12 Blarney 0-19

Castlelyons retired with a 2-8 to 0-10 interval advantage but eleven second-half minutes had seen the cushion fully eroded, Mark Coleman's accuracy from dead balls nicking away Castlelyons' lead bit by bit as Blarney took advantage of the wind. When Shane Barrett set up his brother Cian on 42, it was 0-15 to 2-8 for the mid-Cork outfit and a final meeting with Bride Rovers beckoned. Castlelyons needed something and they went back in the lead and they would not cede it. A 20m free afforded Fenton the chance to put them two ahead, but he gambled. Though his low effort was kept out, Morrison was on hand to pull to the net: 3-10 to 0-15.

Coleman once again reduced the arrears before a superb Shane Barrett turnover led to Blarney sub Jerry Murphy tying the game on 56. They conceded two points to Castlelyons and then a superb goal and that was that!

Scorers for Blarney: M Coleman 0-11 (0-9 f, 0-1 64), S Barrett 0-4 (0-2 f), C Barrett, D McSweeney, J Murphy, S Mulcahy 0-1 each.

Blarney P Hallissey; D Murphy, S Crowley, S Mullane; C Power, P Crowley, A McEvoy; O Hegarty, M Coleman; D McSweeney, S Barrett, E Kirby; S Mulcahy, C Barrett, C McCarthy.

Subs: C Hegarty 49, J Murphy 54.

#### Premier Intermediate Hurling

Semi Finals: Dungourney 0-17 Ballincollig 3-13

Ballinhassig 3-15 Cloyne 2-14

Relegation: Castlemartyr 1-19 Mallow 0-19

County Final: Ballincollig v Ballinhassig, Sunday Oct



Aghinagh U10 at TJ Lyons Cup



Aghinagh U12 on a visit to Croke Park

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19th 1.15pm P Uí Chaoimhi

**Ballincollig 3-13 Dungourney 0-17**

Three second-half goals secured Ballincollig's passage to the Co-op Superstores PIHC final following their win over Dungourney at Caherlag.

The wind was a major factor and Dungourney opted to play against it in the first half, despite winning the toss. They went in 0-11 to 0-6 behind, which was manageable given how strong the gale was.

Ballincollig's ability to get goals at crucial times and keep a clean sheet was enough to see them through to the final, having lost the last two semis.

Defensively in the second half, the likes of David O'Sullivan and James Dwyer, returning from injury off the bench, led by example, with Tadhg O'Connell also dropping deep to pick up crucial ball.

The question was would it be enough, given Ballincollig had missed some placed balls, and Dungourney could pick scores from range with the wind.

A huge moment came just 15 seconds into the second half. O'Connell roared up the middle and fed Adam Wills, who burst through the Dungourney defence to find the back of the net.

The East Cork side responded and really started to make the wind tell, as they hit eight points without reply. Their work-rate and intensity put ferocious pressure on Ballincollig when they tried to work the sliotar out.

Two Leahy frees and scores from Niall Motherway reduced the deficit – 1-11 to 0-10. Ahern converted another free headed another to put only two between them.

Further scores from the industrious Shane Hegarty and Mike Leahy had the sides level after 51 minutes, before Wills got Ballincollig's first point of the second half. Cillian O'Callaghan replied to level it before team captain Cian Dorgan, just on as a sub due to an injury that prevented him starting, got the crucial goal for Ballincollig, a blow Dungourney never recovered from. With a minute of normal time left Darragh O'Mahony got their third after a fine team move to put the result beyond doubt, with a late Seán O'Neill point capping off a very strong closing spell for the Village.

Scorers for Ballincollig: B Keating 0-5 f, D O'Mahony, A Wills 1-1 each, C Dorgan 1-0, S O'Neill, D O'Sullivan (0-1 f) 0-2 each, C O'Driscoll, T Morgan 0-1 each.

Ballincollig: J Linehan; F Denny, J Murray, B Dore; B Coleman, D O'Sullivan, D O'Leary; M Oldham, T Morgan; S O'Neill, T O'Connell, D O'Mahony; A Wills, C O'Driscoll, B Keating. Subs: J Dwyer h-t, C Dorgan 46, P Kelly 60, P Morris 61.

**Intermediate A Hurling**

**Semi Finals:** Aghabullogue 5-18 Aghada 3-19

Bandon 0-10 Sarsfields 0-8

Relegation: Mayfield 1-16 Youghal 3-14

County Final: Aghabullogue v Bandon P Uí Chaoimh, Sat Oct 18th 5.30pm

**Aghabullogue 5-18 Aghada 3-19 aet**

The game was an extra-time classic, and it was only in the 20 minutes of additional time Aghabullogue claimed their place in the final against Bandon. James O'Hanlon had rescued a draw for Aghada in the sixth minute of second-half injury time, 2-16 to 4-10.

And it was O'Hanlon who restarted the scoreboard, but a run of seven unanswered points reignited the Aghabullogue challenge.

Aghabullogue's fifth goal from Luke Casey in the 77th minute sealed the victory. For Aghabullogue hopes for the double remains alive. Goals were key currency for the winners - five in all, in a contest where referee Niall Fahy was strict on over-carrying.

James Lane kickstarted their green flag run in the

eighth minute, James Foley grabbed their second goal 10 minutes later and that would enable them lead 2-6 to 0-9 interval. The second half was only two minutes old when Aghabullogue struck for goal number three, this time from Odhran O'Connell - an Aghabullogue side, it must be said, without the injured John Corkery. It remained a one-point game until Lane registered his second goal, and Aghabullogue's fourth, in the 50th minute. It gave them a four point lead but Aghada pulled themselves together again in the sixth minute of added time O'Hanlon levelled.

Aghabullogue dominated the opening period of extra-time to forge 4-15 to 2-17 ahead.

Casey's goal enabled them to take control again and lead by seven. Scorers for Aghabullogue: M Bradley (0-10, 0-5 frees), J Lane (2-1), L Casey (1-3), Odhran O'Connell (1-2), J Foley (1-1), S Tarrant (0-1).

Aghabullogue: I Barry Murphy; T Long, C Timmons, TJ Buckley; C Gillespie, P Ring (Capt), P O'Sullivan; S Furey, C Furey; J Buckley, J Foley, S Tarrant; M Bradley, Odhran O'Connell, J Lane. Subs: L Casey 39, B O'Sullivan, M Dennehy both 50, Oisín O'Connell 57, J Buckley 69.

A minute's silence held for Kerry Corcoran before this Co-Op Superstores Cork IAHC semi-final at Ballyanly. The wife of Aghabullogue footballer Dhani Merrick had sadly passed away mid week.

**Premier Junior Hurling**

**Semi Finals:** Cloughduv 0-19 Glen Rovers 1-18

Kilbrittain 1-17 Ballygarvan 0-18

Relegation: Barryroe 1-21 Meelin 0-11

County Final: Glen Rovers v Kilbrittain Friday Oct 17th 7.30pm at P Uí Chaoimh

**Glen Rovers 1-18 Cloughduv 0-19**

A late goal, when the sides were level, secured Glen Rovers' passage to the Co-op Superstores Premier JHC final after their win over Cloughduv at Páirc Uí Rinn.

Cloughduv took the lead in the second minute when Mark Verling scored from a long-distance free. They missed a couple of easy chances to increase their lead before Aodh Twomey got their second to double their advantage. Glen got off the mark, with Mark Walsh replying and Cloughduv led by 0-3 to 0-1 after eight minutes.

With 10 minutes gone the Glen were back on level terms, 0-3 each and they then went two points clear. A free from Verling made it a one-point game again, before Glen made it 0-6 to 0-4. Eoghan Clifford and Aaron Elliott were each on target to see the sides level again before another Verling free put Cloughduv back in front, 0-7 to 0-6, after 18 minutes.

Another Verling free put Cloughduv two up, Glen had a point and their 'keeper saved magnificently to deny Verling a goal. Walsh pointed from the breaking ball, the Glen pointed to make it 0-9 to 0-7. Aidan O'Leary pointed for Cloughduv but two late Glen points left only one between them at half-time, 0-11 to 0-10.

The Glen levelled in the first minute of the second half, they now had the wind at their backs and they went back in front from a 65, and followed with three more points to lead 0-15 to 0-11 with 37 minutes gone. Odhran O'Driscoll and Eoin McNabola replied for Cloughduv to leave two between them after 44 minutes, 0-15 to 0-13.

Again the Glen responded with two more points to put four between the sides but O'Leary and Verling replied for Cloughduv, before another point for the Glen. With five minutes to go there was only one between the sides, thanks to Twomey and Brian Verling, before the latter had them level, 0-18 each.

With three minutes to go the Glen got the vital goal, now 1-18 to 0-18. Mark Verling pulled a point back for Cloughduv but time ran out for the Muskerry men.

Scorers for Cloughduv: M Verling 0-6 (6f), A Twomey, M

Walsh, S O'Leary, B Verling 0-2 each, E Clifford A Elliott, A O'Leary, O O'Driscoll, E McNabola 0-1 each.

Cloughduv: Stephen O'Donoghue; James Moynihan, Pádraig O'Driscoll, Liam Kelleher; Odhran O'Driscoll, Eoghan Clifford, Max O'Leary; Mark Walsh, Aaron Elliott; Brian Verling, Aidan Murphy, Mark Verling; Seán O'Leary, Aodh Twomey, Aidan O'Leary. Subs: Eoin McNabola ht, Oisín McDonald 43, Ciarán Canty 53.

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U21 A Football: Final: Ballincollig 2-15 Éire Óg 0-15 aet.

County QF: Ballincollig v Douglas, winners v Beara

U21 B Football: Final: Donoughmore 2-10 Inniscarra 0-3

County QF; Carraigtwohill v Donoughmore: s/f: Robt Emmet's or Ballymartle

U21 C Football: Final: Blarney 1-8 Iveleary/Dripsey 0-10

QF; Blarney/Rathpeacon v Kildorrery: S/F; Winners play Cobh

**AGHINAGH GAA**

Under perfect autumn sunshine in Banteer, Aghinagh U14s capped off a remarkable season with a superb victory over BK Plunketts in the Division 2A County Final. The young Aghinagh side produced a powerful performance to claim their third trophy of the season, adding the County title to their League and Championship crowns.

Aghinagh started brightly, showing intent and composure in front of goal. Early points from Seán MacSullivan, Fionn Kelleher, Seán Twohig, and Matthew Corkery established control of the contest. Their sharp attacking play was rewarded when Fionn Kelleher found the net midway through the first half, pushing Aghinagh into a commanding 1-4 to no score lead.

To their credit, BK Plunketts battled back strongly, finding rhythm before the interval and carrying that momentum into the second half. They chipped away at the deficit, and early in the second half they were up 3 points, setting up a tense finale.

However, Aghinagh's response in the final ten minutes was the mark of champions. With the game in the balance, they found another gear — Seán MacSullivan burst through for goal, before Seán Twohig sealed the victory with a brilliant finish soon after. From there, Aghinagh controlled possession and saw out the game with maturity beyond their years.

As the final whistle blew, the Aghinagh supporters erupted in celebration. It was a day to remember for this exceptional group of players and their management team, led by Stephen O'Shea, whose tactical acumen and calm leadership have drawn playful comparisons to Jim Gavin — and with a treble of titles under his belt, few could argue.

Aghinagh's U14s can now proudly look back on a historic season, one built on teamwork, skill, and a winning spirit that promises a bright future for the club.

Sean Mac Sullivan 1.04, Sean Twohig 2.03, Fionn Kelleher 1.01, Jack Corkery & Donagh Murphy Kingston 1 point each.

**Aghinagh Fé12 Group 3 Football Champions**

Huge congratulations to our outstanding U12 footballers who were crowned champions on Sunday last after a thrilling final victory over neighbours



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Aghabullogue in Éire Óg.

Earlier in the summer, Aghabullogue had come out on top in this fixture, but our boys knew that to turn the tables every single player would need to step up – and that's exactly what they did.

At half-time, it was still all to play for, with Aghinagh holding a narrow lead: 2-05 to 2-02.

The second half saw our lads produce an exhibition of football, showing skills and maturity well beyond their years. They fought for every ball, won battles across the pitch, and were clinical in front of goal, much to the delight of the large Aghinagh support who cheered them all the way.

Final Score: Aghinagh 6-11 Aghabullogue 2-05

Pictured here is captain Liam O'Brien accepting the cup. A huge thank you to our dedicated coaches Paud, Seamus, Tom, Gearóid, Ava & Marie for their time, guidance and leadership.

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#### **Aghinagh U12 SQUAD AT CROKE PARK BLITZ**

The Aghinagh U12 squad enjoyed a memorable outing on July 29th as they travelled to Croke Park to take part in a Munster GAA blitz. The day itself was a huge success, both on and off the pitch. Highlights included a guided tour of the stadium before taking to the hallowed turf themselves to showcase their skills. The boys looked the part too, proudly wearing their new squad half zips. A massive thank you goes to all the parents, friends, and community members who gave their time and support to make this unforgettable experience possible for the boys. In addition, thank you to the U12 coaches –Paud, Ava, Marie, Seamus, Gearoid & Tom. Their work in the background ensures days like this are achieved.

#### **Aghinagh u11 Victorious in the Neily Twomey Cup**

Congratulations to the Aghinagh U11 team who claimed the top prize in Canovee.

The team battled through the group stages with wins over Newcestown, Sliabh Luachra and Canovee, before going on to secure a comprehensive victory over Macroom in the final.

It was a great morning of football, full of skill and determination. Every player played their part, with the subs making just as big an impact as those they replaced. Well done to all involved.



**Aghinagh U11 Neily Twomey Winners**



**Aghinagh U12 League Champions**

#### **AGHINAGH U8 Team**

Well done to all our U8 players who recently took part in a blitz in Kilmichael. They have made mighty progress since the start of the year.

#### **Aghinagh U10s at the TJ Lyons Cup**

Well done to our U10s who took part in the TJ Lyons Cup Tournament hosted by Canovee GAA.

The boys put in fantastic performances in the group stage, topping their group with three wins from three games.

They faced a tough challenge in the semi-final against Naomh Abán. After a battling first half, our lads showed huge determination and effort in the second half but were narrowly edged out by the eventual Cup winners.

Congratulations to Naomh Abán on their victory, and a big thank you to Canovee GAA for organising another excellent tournament.

#### **LAOCHRA ÓG**

**15th September 2025** Day one St. Joseph's National school Macroom. Around 200 girls from 1st to 6th classes will get a chance to wear a helmet and hold a hurl. The equipment gathered from generous club members, Cork County Board and Munster Council. A lot of equipment to cater for the different age groups because only a small few have their own.

Some say it's a complete waste of time when you might only get 4/5 girls to join and play with Laochra Og but it's not about that, it's giving the girls the chance the experience of playing the game. Parents and girls make their own minds up after that.

#### **Congratulations to our Junior ladies who are heading for the county final on Saturday 27th !**

They played Carrigtowhil yesterday in Ballymacorcoran in the semi final. The wind was so strong, so it took a while to get our scores. We took full advantage of the wind in the second half and all the girls gave a fantastic display of camogie, coming away with a well deserved win. Huge congratulations to the whole panel who have been fantastic and we wish them the very best in the final. Thanks to Carrigtowhil for a great game. Thanks to sponsors The Tavern. Thanks also to all the

supporters and all who wished the girls well. They will play Castlemartyr in the County final, so come on out again and show your support. Thanks to Pat Helay who had the pitch in fantastic condition for our semi final, its very much appreciated.

**16th September 2025** Congratulations to our u6 hurling team 2025 who finished up their season tonight at Ballymacorcoran receiving their medals and some treats .A fantastic group of boys with some great hurling skills gained over the season.Thanks to the parents for their support all season.Thanks to the trainers and mentors for their help and time all year. Special thanks to Liam Slattery for all his time and effort at the beginning of the season with the team ..The future is bright..Laochra Og Abu.

**17th September 2025** s to our u8 hurling team 2025 who finished up their season last evening at Ballymacorcoran receiving their medals and some treats .A talented group of lads with some great hurling skills gained over the season with both ground hurling and air hurling .Thanks to the parents for their support all season.Thanks to the trainers and mentors for their help and time all year - Heber McMahon, Pat Murphy, Padraigh Flemming, David Callaghan,Paudie Lucey.

**20th September 2025** Our u14 Camogie team welcomed St. Mary's from Enniskeane to Ballymacorcoran this afternoon for a championship game. Playing against a strong wind in the first half, the home side trailed by 8 points at half time. They put in a massive second half performance but the visitors held on to win 4-7 to 3-7. Thanks to St. Mary's for a great, competitive game. Thanks as always to the parents for their support and to our sponsor James Hickey and family.

**29th September 2025** U9s finished their year with a blitz in Kilbrin. 2 teams with 3 games each and they were excellent. Thanks to the kids, parents for their continued support and the helpers. Thanks to team sponsors Niall Murphy Tarmacadam. Thanks to Pat for making it a pleasure to train on the carpet he keeps. Under 11 Hurlers became Denis Nagle Sheild winners.

#### **Rathmore G.A.A defeat Laochra Óg Hurling & Camogie Club in East Kerry Hurling Shield Final.**

Well done to the u14 Hurling team whom travelled to Kilgarvan last Saturday 27th of September to



**Aghinagh U8's**

for the Denis Healy memorial u14's tournament. we played some tough games. We played St.Colums in the shield final. Both sides were level multiple times. A great win for the team. Thanks to our team sponsors M & J Kelleher Ltd - MJK Oils. Thanks to Kilgarvan for their hospitality and for hosting the event. Thanks to all the parents for travelling and supporting the team. Well done to all the lads who played this evening.

Our Junior ladies played the Junior C County final last Saturday in Cork Camogie Grounds against Castlemartyr. Unfortunately it was not our day last Saturday and congratulations to Castlemartyr on a great win. This panel of players, a really young side have been absolutely brilliant all season and given us so many good days out winning all the championship group games , and also winning the league earlier in the year . We are extremely proud of this panel and the time and commitment they have shown all year and we look forward to going again next season. Thanks to sponsors The Tavern.

Thanks to Healy's Spar who sponsored the water for

the panel for the game. The girls were treated to lovely food at Coolcower House after the game and many thanks to the Junior Manager Niall Murphy for looking after this for the girls. Thanks to everyone who took the time to wish the girls well and supported them all along. To the management team for all their time, and help its much appreciated, Niall, Finbarr, Margaret and Suzann. And special thanks also to Margaret who looked after all the first aid for us. Finally, to Danielle for looking after administration for us and Pat for having our home pitch in fantastic conditions, thanks to you both. So well done again girls, all at Laochra Óg are very proud, a fantastic achievement to reach a county final.

**1st October 2025** The U12 Camogie team against Bishopstown last Sunday. Girls played a great game winning all their group matches. They now play Mallow in the Final next Saturday.

Freya was captain on the day and with sadness it was her last game for Laochra Og before she moves to her new home. Thanks also to her mum Dee whom has been a brilliant volunteer for Laochra Og over the

years looking after the girls, without volunteers like Dee no team.

Thanks to the U12 trainers for looking after the girls in Bishopstown, Bishopstown Camogie for a good sporting game and parents for transport and support. Thanks to team sponsors James Hickey and family.

**2nd October 2025** Congratulations to Laochra Ogs U6/7 Camogie Team who wrapped up the season with our final session on Wednesday. Throughout the year the girls were dedicated, worked very hard, showed huge team spirit & most importantly made friends & had fun. A sincere thank you to all the parents for your support, encouragement, and commitment throughout the season and to team sponsors Mulcahy Insurances Ltd.

We'd also like to show our appreciation to our coaches, volunteers, and everyone involved in making this season such a positive experience. Your time and dedication to the team are what make our club so special. We look forward to seeing all the girls again soon. Laochra Og Abu.



Junior Camogie v Castlemartyr 29th September 2025



Laochra Og U6 Hurling team 16th September 2025



Laochra Og U7 Camogie team 2nd October 2025



Laochra Og U8 Hurling team 17th September 2025



Laochra Og U12 Camogie v Bishopstown 1st October 2025



Laochra Og U14 Camogie v St. Mary's Enniskeane 20th September 2025



Laochra Og Laochra Og U14 Hurlers in Denis Healy Memorial Kilgarvan 29th September 2025



Laochra Og U11 Hurlers Denis Nagle Shield winners 28th September 2025

## Cloughduv Camogie



Comhghairdeas to Cloughduv U15's on winning the Muskerry Cup against Blarney on the tightest of scorelines 1.10 to 1.09



Katie Murray captain of Cloughduv U15s

**The U 16 Cloughduv Camogie team have had a very productive season in 2025. They have moved up through the ranks from A grade to Premier 2 and onto Premier 1.**

This team were U14A County Finalists in 2023. In 2025 they were successful in the League campaign winning all their games against Eire Óg, Ballyhea, Clonakilty and Carrigaline to win Premier 2 League captained by Sarah Sheppard. As a result Cloughduv were promoted to Premier 1. They were busy with Cup games during the summer months recording some successes playing Premier 1 teams, which was great preparation for the Championship. For championship they played Sarsfields, Douglas, Newtownshandrum and Inniscarra in very competitive games, recording 2 wins and 2 losses.

It's wonderful to see the girls competing at the top level in Cork camogie and certainly the future looks bright for these girls.

The U15 Cloughduv Camogie team began their Muskerry League campaign way back in March playing Blarney in dreadful conditions. It was an eye opener for our girls who suffered a heavy defeat. They persevered and went on the play Aghabullogue and Inniscarra in home and away fixtures along with Blarney again at home. Cloughduv finished second in the league table behind Blarney and would have to wait until October the play the Cup Final. The girls were busy all season playing with the U16s in league, cup and championship games. The U15 Muskerry Cup Final was played under lights in Cloughduv and was a nail biting game with Cloughduv securing

victory on a scoreline of 1:10 to 1:9 captained by Katie Murray. A tremendous result for the girls who are going from strength to strength. In a few short years they have moved up through the lower grades to compete and collect silverware at the top level.

The U15 St Val's team have maintained their winning ways as a dominant force in Ladies Football securing the 2025 League. They played Naomh Fionnbarra in the final and captain Orla O'Brien lifted the trophy.

The U16 St Val's team finished off their season on a winning note, were crowned U16 A2 County Champions defeating Bandon in a physical contest, captained by Ruby Prendeville.

It's worth noting that the majority of these girls play both codes and many were involved in all 4 finals this season.



St Val's U16 A2 County Champions



Cloughduv U15 Muskerry Cup Champions



Cloughduv U16 Premier 2 County Champions



U15 St Val's LGFA Div 1 Summer League Champions



Macroom U14 Division 1 Mid Cork Champions



Canovee; Huge well done to our superb U-16's tonight as they defeated Donoughmore 7-14 to 0-10. Some excellent football played.



Éire Óg Ladies visit schools



Éire Óg Ladies visit schools



St Mary's junior football team had a great win against Coláiste Choilm recently



St Mary's 1st year Camogie blitz in Mallow



Aghinagh's Liam O'Brien accepting the cup for the U12 footballers who were crowned Fé12 Group 3 Football Champions



Foireann mná Naomh Abán, winners of the 2025 Cork Credit Unions Ladies Football Intermediate Championship. Beidh siad ag imirt Sinsir an bhliain seo chughainn. Pic le Nóra Ní Luasa.



Achadh Bolg. Pic le Nóra Uí Luasa.



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U17 footballers after their fantastic defeat of Coláiste Chríost Rí on Friday.



Finbar Creedon TY student held the Kerry Flag but donned his Cork Top and Scot Forde McEgan goalkeeper shared goalkeeping updates with Shane Ryan on the day he brought the Sam Maguire Cup to McEgan.



Laochra Og U9 Hurlers 28th September 2025



DLS U14 footballers - Team Saffron



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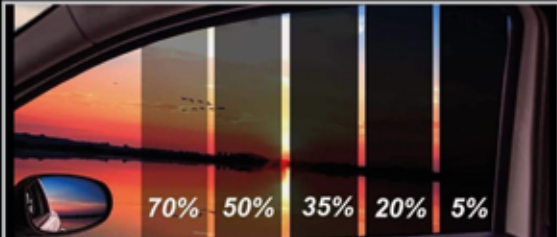
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## A Word of Victory

*"Do not withhold good from those who deserve it when it's in your power to help them. If you can help your neighbour now, don't say 'come back tomorrow and then I'll help you'. Don't plot harm against your neighbour for those who live nearby trust you. Don't pick a fight without reason when no one has done you harm" (Proverbs 3:27-30 NLT).*

Welcome back dear student as the song says...everybody needs good neighbours. To have good neighbours, one must be a good neighbour. But in God's eyes it's not just those you live close to; the Word is quite clear - God closely watches our treatment of others. And others watch too. How we do anything, is how we do everything. "Owe nothing to anyone—except for your obligation to Love one another. If you love your neighbour, you will fulfil the requirements of God's Law. For the Commandments say, 'You must not commit adultery. You must not murder. You must not steal. You must not covet.' These - and other such commandments, are summed up in this one commandment: 'Love your neighbour AS yourself.' Love does no wrong to others, so love fulfils the requirements of God's Law. This is all the more urgent, for you know how late it is; time is running out. Wake up, for our Salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is almost gone; the Day of Salvation will soon be here. So, remove your dark deeds like dirty clothes, and put on the shining armour of right living" (Romans 13:8-12 NLT). That's a great picture - removing dark deeds like dirty clothes. When our clothes get dirty from working or eating, one cannot wait to get out of them and get washed - it's a great sensation: putting on fresh clean clothes and feeling spotless. It gives you clear headspace and renewed vigour and outlook. This is what leaving behind old sinful patterns and mindsets will do when we replace them with the ways of God.

Two weeks ago, we studied how God's prophet Isaiah, became distressed in the Presence of God at his filthiness. And how a burning coal from the Mercy Seat that touched his lips made him clean (Isaiah 6:1-7). It's interesting that it was Isaiah's lips that were touched, as it's most often by the words of our mouths that we are contaminated with Satan's muck, and that we defile others - with poisonous words. Jesus warned.... 'but I tell you that men will give an account on the Day of Judgment for every careless word they have spoken. For by your words, you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned' (Matthew 12:36-37).

Sure, some folks are not easy to be around and may have a bad attitude - but that shouldn't dictate ours! All through the Word, God specifically calls out strife, unforgiveness and bitterness because it's against His nature and character (Leviticus 19:16-18). Even while dying on the Cross having been rejected, mocked, hated, cursed, and frankly, butchered - Jesus cried to God on behalf of those who had done this - "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34). They knew well they were killing Him: they had eyes - but spiritually they didn't recognise their depravity because they were under demonic control. All of us have sinned and fallen short of God's Glory" (Romans 3:23). Strife is a subtle and dangerous trap (Proverbs 10:12). Forgiveness is there for everyone, and we need it! God desires that we Repent, and release Mercy (James 2:13; Mark 11:25). Jesus was once asked.. 'who is my neighbour?' by a man wanting to justify himself with his own good works (Luke 10:29). Lord, help us to not make that mistake.

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## ANNIVERSARIES



In loving memory of

**DENIS, SEAN,  
DAN, CON  
LYNCH**

**Togher, Ballymakeera, Co. Cork**



Remembered always

By Bertie & Joan O Leary & family

## 50TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**AMY LEHANE**

**"Prospect House", Carrigadrohid.**

**Whose anniversary occurs on  
October 13th.**

*Long time gone,  
Never Forgotten.*



Pat.

*Just a thought .....*

Ath. Seán Mac Cárthaigh,  
Baile Bhuirne / Cúil Aodha

## A dangerous word

When I was a young fella TV cop shows were a large part of our compulsory weekly viewing. I used to love it when the 'bad guy' would get caught and arrested - and be read their Miranda rights as they were being handcuffed - "you are under arrest, you have a right to remain silent, you have a right to an attorney, anything you say can be taken down and used in evidence against you in a court of law." Foolishly, to add to the viewing drama the guilty party might brag or fling insults at the detective - our hero! How dare they?

While we will never face arrest we should be careful 'for the record' what we ourselves say! We might have to eat our words later because some people we know may have a tremendous power of recall. When someone begins a conversation reminding us with "I remember what you said ..." we usually shudder at what might be referred to, scrambling in our minds to recall having said it ourselves.

A word for future reference that we should be very slow to utter is 'NEVER.'

I would never do that (again)!

I could never live there.

I will never marry.

I would never date him or her.

I could never see that myself doing that.

Are you doing something now you thought you would 'never in a million years' see yourself doing? The surprise might be that you like a line of work, person or a place you could 'never' have envisaged years ago. Someone might even remember it back to us - "oh I thought you didn't like him, that you would 'never' go out with him...and yet here you are."

How often we recall the "never do that statements" of our parents. When I lean my elbows on the table, or stretch to put my feet on my furniture, I quickly recoil! I have a flashback moment to those stern warnings.

'Never' is a dangerous word in the Gospel. It is usually used to exclude or limit God's power or His mercy. Or it is an expression of arrogance or pride: St Peter is a prime example at the Last Supper addressing Jesus - "Even if everyone should lose his faith in you, I never will!" (Matthew 26:33).

We know how that worked out. Pride came before his fall. Peter was humbled twice. He most certainly denied Jesus not only once, but three times that very night.

We must therefore be careful with 'never'.

'Never' closed some people's minds to God's purposes.

"Prophets NEVER come from Galilee. Look into the matter yourself." (John 7:52)

But 'never' can be a good thing - to commit oneself to never sinning out of fear of offending God or others.

Pride can be our downfall though. The words of the Act of Contrition in Confession include the phrase "I will never sin again." But these are preceded by the words addressed to God: "with your grace."

I must therefore try to surrender what God's grace wants - taking one day at a time. If I allow it, life can be an adventure and full of surprises as well as challenges and invitations.

I try to be open-minded to 'what's next.'

Because - you never know!

*God bless. Fr Seán*

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## 7th &amp; 15th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**EILEEN &  
TADHG  
O'CALLAGHAN**  
Knockroe, Killnamartyra,  
Macroom

Eileen died on 7th September 2018  
Tadhg died on 27th October 2010

*Looking back with memories,  
Upon the path ye trod,  
We bless the hours we had with ye,  
And will leave the rest with God.*



Fondly remembered by Their Family,  
Grandchildren, Great Granddaughter and  
extended Family, Friends and Neighbours.

## 8th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**JERH  
LYNCH**  
Clondrohid, Co. Cork  
Who died 26th October 2017  
A beloved father

*God saw the road was getting rough,  
The hill was hard to climb,  
He gently closed your weary eyes,  
And whispered 'Peace be thine'.  
A golden heart stopped beating,  
Hard-working hands at rest,  
It broke our hearts to see you go,  
God only takes the best.*

*Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam  
Naomh Gobnait guidh air.*



Dad's Anniversary Mass will be on  
Thursday, 30 Oct. 2025 at 9.30am,  
in St Abina's Church, Clondrohid

From your loving daughters Pauline,  
Louise, Deirdre, Denise, Carol, and Linda

## 13th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**GARRY COTTER**  
8'0 Mahonys tce, Dripsey,  
Co. Cork  
Whose anniversary occurs on the  
21st of October

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



Remembered today and always  
by Eleanor, Tom, Dylan,  
Rebecca, Clodagh.

## 3RD ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**DENIS  
MOYNIHAN**  
Cahir, Ballingearry, who died on the  
7th of September 2022.

*Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam dilis  
Denis, your song was sweet & true,  
A gift from God that carried through,  
You sang, you played with grace,  
And joy lit up your smiling face.  
You loved your family, you loved the craic,  
With stories told and laughter back,  
Your hands made music, your heart made  
home, And now with Jesus, you're not alone,  
The saints now hear your lovely songs, Where  
every soul & voice belongs,  
Though we will miss your gentle way,  
We'll meet again in the light one day.  
Our lady, hold him in your care,  
Until we're called to join him there.*



Lovingly remembered by his wife Joan,  
daughters, sons, and daughter in laws,  
son in laws, grandchildren & great grand-  
daughter.

## 15th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**ANNIE  
COTTER**  
Ballingearry, Co. Cork  
Whose anniversary occurs  
on 27th October

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



Always remembered by the O'Sullivans  
and the Kearneys

## 13th ANNIVERSARY



With love we remember

**GARRY COTTER**  
8 O' Mahoney's Terrace, Dripsey  
who died 21st October 2012

*Twelve years have passed  
since that sad day,  
You closed your eyes and slipped away,  
You left so quickly without a fuss,  
And broke the hearts of all of us,  
A pleasant smile, a heart of gold,  
No better brother / uncle this world  
could hold.*



Loved and remembered always by  
Peter, Lorraine, Jordan, Chelsea, Emily  
and Devin

## 13th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**GARRY COTTER**  
8 O' Mahonys tce, Dripsey,  
Co. Cork.  
Who died on the  
21st of October 2012

*Silent thoughts,  
sincere and true,  
from a family who thought  
the world of you.  
No longer in our lives to share,  
but in our hearts you're always there.*



Always remembered  
by your mother Eileen & family

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

Say this prayer three times for three days  
and your favour will be granted.  
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## 7th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of my Dad

**DERRY  
COAKLEY**

Late of Castle Street Macroom  
Who died on the 24th October 2018.

*There isn't a day that passes  
I don't think of you somehow,  
I'd give the world to see your smile  
and hear your laughter now.  
You loved your JCB diggers,  
your pride shone clear to see,  
and every time I spot one now,  
it brings you back to me.  
The years keep slowly moving on,  
but my heart still feels the same,  
I miss your voice, your gentle ways,  
just hearing my own name.*



Always and forever Dad  
Your loving daughter Deirdre.

## FIRST ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**JOHN A DUNLEA**

Loughleigh Carrigadrohid  
Whose 1st anniversary occurs on  
October 26th

*As long as we live,  
We will always be glad,  
And thankful to God,  
For the years that we shared.*



Forever in our hearts and sadly missed  
by your wife Nula, Daughters Jacqui,  
Lynn, Stephanie & Hilda. Sons Pat & John  
Sons in Law, Daughters in Law and his 21  
Grandchildren

## 13th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**PADDY JOE  
O'SULLIVAN**

No. 3 Cois Cille (formerly of  
Ballyvoige), Kilnamartyra, Macroom.  
Who died on the 13th October 2012

*We sat beside your bedside,  
Our hearts were crushed and sore;  
We did our duty to the end,  
Til we could do no more.  
In tears we watched you sinking,  
We watched you fade away;  
And though our hearts were breaking,  
We knew you could not stay.  
You left behind some aching hearts,  
That loved you most sincere;  
We never shall and never will,  
Forget you, father dear.*



Lovingly remembered and sadly missed  
by his family

## 17th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**ROSARIE  
O'RIORDAN**

Inchisine, Toames, Macroom  
whose 17th Anniversary occurs on  
21st October 2025

*Deep in the heart lies a picture  
Of a loved one laid to rest  
In Memories frame we keep it  
Because she was one of the best.*



Loved and missed by all your family xxxx

## 11th ANNIVERSARY



I ndil chuimhne ar

**MICHEÁL  
O'HERLIHY  
(ÓH-IARLAITHE)**

Gortnatiobrad, Baile Mhúirne.  
A fuair bás ar an 14ú Deireadh  
Fómhair 2014.



Lovingly remembered and  
sadly missed by  
his wife Elizabeth, his sons & daughters,  
grandchildren, extended family & friends.

Naomh Gobnait guidh orainn.

## 9th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**JACK  
MURPHY**

Inchinaneave, Kilbarry, Macroom  
Passed away 16th October 2016

*Time and years slip quietly by  
But love and memories never die.  
In our hearts you will always stay  
Loved and remembered everyday.*



Always remembered by Don, John,  
Mairéad and families.

## 2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**KATHLEEN  
O' LEARY**

Inchirahilly, Crookstown  
who died 28th October 2023

*Don't remember me with sadness,  
Don't remember me with tears,  
Remember all good times,  
Shared throughout the years,  
So please don't be unhappy,  
Just because I am out of sight,  
Remember that I'm with you,  
Every morning, noon and night.*



Always loved and remembered by  
her family.

## 10th ANNIVERSARY



Loving Memory of our  
Wonderful Brother

**GERARD  
O'CALLAGHAN**

20 St Colman's Pk. Macroom  
22nd October 2015

*Of all the special gifts in life  
However great or small,  
to have you as our Brother  
Was the greatest gift of all.  
May the winds of love blow softly  
and whisper in your ear  
"We love and miss you Brother  
and wish that you were here"  
Deep in our hearts, your life is kept to love  
and cherish, not forget.  
No more tomorrows we can share  
But yesterdays are always there.  
A silent thought, a secret tear  
Keeps your memory ever near  
In our hearts forever xxx*



Loved and remembered by your Sisters Joan,  
Mary, Denise. Brother-in-laws Joe, Kieran  
and Daniel. Nieces Alannah, Ellie and Grace.  
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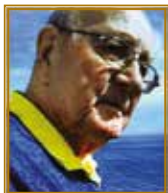
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## 7th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**TOM  
HAYES**

7, Sullane Place, Macroom  
who died on the 20th October 2018

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



Lovingly Remembered by  
Antoinette

## 26th ANNIVERSARY



Treasured memories of

**SALLY ANNE  
SHANNON**

Rusheen, Aghinagh  
who died on 27th October 1999  
aged 17 years

*I close my eyes and see your face  
Smiling at me, from a beautiful place  
You tell me, you are never far away  
And that we will meet  
Again some day.  
I ask if you could stay a while  
I miss your laugh, I miss your smile  
Then you whisper sweetly into my ear  
I never leave you i'm always here.*



Loved forever by Dad, Denise, John, Hazel,  
Shane, Shauna, Cathal, Jack, Luke, Ryan,  
Dylan, Jamie and extended family.

## 4TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**JOSEPHINE  
MURPHY**

late of Oakwood Court, Macroom,  
Co.Cork

who died on 25th October 2021.

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

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



Fondly remembered by her loving family.

## 15th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**JERH  
BUCKLEY**

Castlemore, Crookstown  
Who died on 15th October 2010

*You were always there,  
When we needed you.  
No task too great or small  
With loving heart and willing hands  
For us you did it all.*



Always loved, never forgotten  
by Babe, Mary, Willie & family

## 6TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**DONAL LEHANE**

Deshure, Terelton, Macroom,  
Co. Cork

Who died on 17th October 2019

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



Sadly missed by your loving family  
Ellenor, Con and Con Donal

## 4TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**JERRY  
LYNCH**

Ullanes East, Ballymakeera  
Who died on 22nd October 2021

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



Loving remembered by  
Eileen and Family.

## 7TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**EILEEN  
O'RIORDAN**

Ballymakeera East

Who died on 24th October 2018

*As time unfolds another year  
Memories keep you ever near  
Silent thoughts of time together  
Hold happy memories that will last forever*



Loved and missed every day by her loving  
family

## 14TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**FINBARR  
(JER ARTHUR)  
O'LEARY**

Currahy, Ballingearry  
whose 14th Anniversary will occur on  
October 16th.

*Looking back with memories  
Upon the path you trod  
We bless the hours we had with you  
And will leave the rest to God.*



Lovingly remembered by  
his Wife Margaret & family

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## FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

**CHRISSIE O'NEILL**

**Coolacareen, Macroom, Co. Cork**  
**Who passed away on 18th October 2024**

*A loving mother and grandmother,  
so dearly missed every day.*

On this the first anniversary of Chrissie's passing, her family would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all who supported us throughout our sad loss.

A special word of gratitude to the emergency services – the ambulance personnel, the first responders and An Garda Síochána – for their care and kindness. To Fr. O'Mahony and Fr Eamonn Barry for his comforting presence at our home and for celebrating Mam's funeral Mass.

To Jim Cunningham of The Carrig Inn for providing refreshments after the funeral, and to Fitzgerald Undertakers for their professionalism and compassion.

Our sincere thanks also to those who sent Mass cards, messages of sympathy and online condolences – they were very much appreciated.

We remain deeply grateful to our kind neighbours, friends and extended families for the ongoing support, prayers and kindness shown to us during the past year as we continue to cope with the devastating loss of Mam.

Lovingly remembered and  
sadly missed always.  
May her gentle soul rest in peace.



Your loving children, Aidan, Alan,  
Martina, Mary, your grandchildren  
and sons in laws.

## FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

**EILEEN O'SULLIVAN**

**Poulanargid, Lissarda**  
**Who died 22nd October 2024.**

As we lovingly remember Eileen on her first anniversary, we, her family, would like to acknowledge and thank most sincerely friends, kind neighbours, and relatives for all your help and support.

To all who called to the house, sent mass cards, condolences in RIP.ie, brought food to the house, attended prayers and funeral mass, thank you.

Special word of thanks to the guards who called to the house on the morning of her death.

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Sincere thanks to Fitzgerald's Undertakers who were so professional and kind to us. As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgment as a token of our appreciation.

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



Eileen's first anniversary Mass will take place Sunday, 26th October in Kilmurry Church at 10 am.

## FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



*I ndal chuimhne ar*

**DONNCHA Ó LAOIRE**

**Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh, who died on 19th October 2024.**

Ag cuimhneamh go grách ar Dhonncha, fear Chéile, athair agus Granda, ar a chéad cuimhneacháin. Ba mhaith linn, a bhean céile Fionnuala, a leanaí, Caitríona, Eoghan agus Neasa, a chliamhain, Anthony, Maria agus Stephen, a garleanaí, Siobhán, Doireann, Ciarán agus Cormac, agus a chlann go léir, ár mbuiochas a ghabháil libh go léir as ucht bhur dtacaíocht agus cineáltas l rith an am deacair seo.

We wish to thank all those who attended the wake, the funeral Mass and burial; those who sent Mass cards, sympathy cards, online condolences, phoned and texted. We are extremely grateful to Fr. Antony O'Mahony for the meaningful funeral Mass, along with Nóra, the sacristan, for preparing the church. A special thank you to the choir, with who Donncha was a proud member, for helping us to create a special send off. Our special thanks to the team at Casey's Undertakers, for their professionalism, guidance and support throughout the funeral.

Thank you to our wonderful neighbours and friends who helped us through and accompanied us in bringing Dad home to Ballingearry. We extend our appreciation to those who called with refreshments and lent a hand during the wake. We especially want to thank the GAA for hosting the wake in the clubhouse and for their meaningful Guard of Honour along with Scoil Mhuire, which Donncha would have greatly appreciated.

Our sincere thanks to Dr. Ken Harte, the doctors and nurses in CUH, and especially the doctors and nurses in St. Finbarr's Hospital, where Dad spent his final days. Your kindness and support will never be forgotten.

As it is impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgment as an expression of our deepest gratitude. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.



Fondly remembered by all of his family and dear friends.

Go raibh míle maith agaibh go léir.  
Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

Donncha's First Anniversary Mass will take place on Sunday 19th of October at 10am in Ballingearry Church.

## FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

**JEREMIAH MC CARTHY**

**Dripsey, Co. Cork & Newbridge, Co. Kildare.**  
**who died on the 17th October 2024.**

As we lovingly remember Jeremiah on his first anniversary, we, the McCarthy, Sexton, and O'Riordan families, would like to thank all those who sympathized with us on our sad loss.

Sincere thank you to Fr. Peadar Murphy and Martin, Bill, and the team at Fitzgerald's. We also appreciated the beautiful music provided by Jim O'Connell and Kieran Cotter.

Thanks to Mai Fitz's kind hospitality after the funeral.

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



*Out of our lives you may have gone,  
but in our hearts you still live on.*

## FIRST ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**HUMPHREY (FRED) LYNCH**

**The Glebe, Coachford & formally of Ballyverane House Macroom.**  
**Who died on 17th October 2024**

*Every day in some small way,  
memories of you come our way.*



Always remembered by your family.  
Joan, William, Martha, Nephews & Nieces.

## NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART



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

#### 4TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**MAISIE THOMPSON**

Inchincurka Dunmanway. Who died on the 15th October 2021.

*So many things have happened  
We wanted to share.  
So many times we needed you  
And wished that you were there.  
Your smile lit up brighter than the sun,  
You were both strong and gentle  
Both witty and fun.  
Although we smile and make no fuss  
No one misses you as much as us.*



Always remembered, sadly missed by your husband Jimmy and all the family.

#### 2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**KATHLEEN LUCEY**

Killbarry, Macroom, Co. Cork  
whose 2nd anniversary occurs 28th October

*You are more than a memory silently kept,  
you are part of our lives we will never forget,  
everyday in some small way,  
memories of you come our way.*



Sadly missed by the Lucey family.

Kathleen's Second Anniversary mass will be celebrated on the 19th October at 11:30am in St. Finbarrs and Holy Angels Church, Inchigeela.

#### 5TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**DENNY MURPHY**

whose 5th Anniversary occurs on the 26th of October 2025.

*Just a prayer from the family who loved you,  
Just a memory fond and true,  
In our hearts you will live forever  
Because we thought the world of you.  
Loving you is easy, We do it every day,  
Missing you is a heartache,  
That never goes away.  
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.  
Will those who think of Denny today,  
a special prayer to Jesus say.  
Suaimhneas síorraí dá anam dílis.*



Deeply loved, sadly missed and always remembered by his heartbroken wife Caitríona, precious daughters Gráinne and Riona. Brother Stevie, sisters Noreen, Mary, Anne and their families.

#### 13th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**EILEEN KELLEHER**

who left us on 14th October 2012.  
Carriganorthane, Clondrohid, Macroom

*A light is from our household gone  
a voice we loved is stilled  
a place is vacant in our home  
which never can be filled.*



Always missed by her loving husband Connie, children, grandchildren, relatives and friends

#### 20th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**FINBARR (BARRY) MURPHY**

Tirnaspidoga, Inchigeela, Macroom  
Whose anniversary occurs on 21st Oct 2025

*Down the path of memories  
We gently thread today  
All our thoughts are with you  
as life goes on its way.*

*Lifes greatest gift is remembrance.*

*Will those who think of Finbarr today,  
A little prayer to Jesus say.*



Always remembered by Kathleen, Family and extended family.

#### 8th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**MARGARET (PEGGY) LUCEY**

Knockeenacutting Macroom  
Who died 15th October 2017

*A mother's love is a guiding light,  
a gentle voice, a heart of pure gold.  
Though time moves on, her love remains,  
forever cherished in our hearts.*



Always in our thoughts and prayers  
Your loving family.

#### 32nd ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**BERTIE O'NEILL**

Who's 32nd Anniversary occurs around this time.



Remembered by Peggy, John, Mick, Louise, Regina and Shane.

#### 7TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**TIMMY KELLEHER**

Coolcaum Kilnamartyra  
on his 7th anniversary

*You are more than a memory silently kept,  
You are part of our lives,  
We will never forget,  
Every day in some small way,  
Memories of you come our way.*



Always remembered by his wife Lizzie, family, and extended family

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