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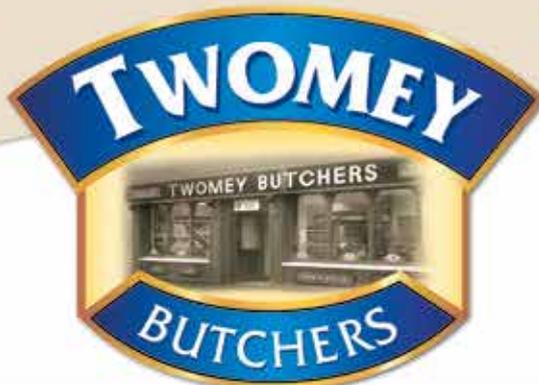


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week's edition. Due to print processes, late submissions will be published in the following edition.

As always submissions as Gaeilge are always welcome too!

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

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On behalf of the Lee Valley Enterprise Board and Macroom Business Association we would like to thank our wonderful supporters and sponsors who made the 2025 Macroom Town Christmas Lights display possible, to those who supported and participated in the fantastic Goldilocks & The Three Bears Pantomime production our joint venture with the Briery Gap.

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Ellen Lynch, Hannah Dinneen, Ann Murphy and Ann Quinlan attended Bride View Cottage for a lovely night of Christmas celebrations, hosted by D.J. Murphy in aid of Cancer CUH.



Denis O'Donovan with one of the many arrangements he created in his demonstration to Macrompian Active Retired in Fr Ryan Hall as part of their Christmas Celebration night

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DAIRÍ FARRELL
SAT 25 APR 2026
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MACROOM PLOUGHING MATCH

Macroom Ploughing strikes gold in 2026. Several years in a row Macroom Ploughing have cancelled their ploughing matches due to adverse weather, not once but twice, but this year it was up, up and away.

Despite the cold a large crowd turned out for this great together of family and friends to see our best 'plough the furrow. Unfortunately the rain had to arrive, but through to form the competitors ploughed on, encouraged by the spectators, and with some constant hot tea, coffee etc in the tent everyone survived!!

Thanks to Angela Leonard and Donie Buckley for the wonderful site and all their help. Thanks to all the Sponsors who year after year support this great club. Thanks to all who attended and contributed generously at the gate. To all those who ploughed and showed their great skills. To the Waterford Judges, and John McCarthy Steward for your dedication. To Peter Scanlon our top class photographer, and all

the other photographers and drone enthusiasts. To Coolcower House for their excellent venue ,staff and wonderful food and lovely warm rooms. To the committee members who worked hard all day, and all those who helped in any way to make this Ploughing Match the success it was. Thanks to all who braved the frosty elements and dangerous roads to be there for the results in Coolcower House that night.

Macroom Ploughing are very proud of the fact that they have so many young ploughing enthusiasts, great to see it. It is being handed down from generation to generation, and great to see the ladies taking part, in a mainly dominated male sport. Well done all

RESULTS:

Senior Tractor Kieran Coakley, Stanley Deane, Ger Kirby

Intermediate Aidan O' Donovan, John A O'Donovan

U 28: James O' Sullivan, Noel Nyhan, James Jennings

U 21: Jerry O'Riordan, Samhran O'Farrell

Ladies : Ellen Nyhan, Katie Hayes

2 Furrow Reversible Senior: Jer Coakley, Michael Wychery

2 Furrow Reversible: Laoise O'Driscoll, Eugene O'Donovan

3 Furrow Reversible: Ger Lawlor, Patrick Buckley

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Aneas Horan Ploughing with his 1944 Stantard Fordson Tractor. Pic. Peter Scanlon



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MC Richard Hinchion.



Collins Family from Rossmore watching their Dad Ploughing



A family day out for the Buckley Family from Rylane.



O'Riordan Cousins from Kilmichael.



Some members of the organising Committee of the Macroom Ploughing; John Kelleher, Michael O'Connell, Jerry Kelleher, Denis Keohane former National Chairperson, Breda Kelleher and Richard Hinchion.



Katie Hayes winner of second place in the Farmette Class.

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Mr. Killian Cronin & Mr. James Cronin joining in with students Paul Dineen, Fiachna McCarthy & Ronan O'Neill during the McEgan College Talent Show in December.

Happy New Year to staff, students, parents and everyone in the Macroom Community. I hope you all have a very peaceful 2026.

In the next few weeks, the Exam years will be preparing for the annual mock exams and for the Leaving Cert's this will be the final preparation for the projects and Oral examinations.

It is tradition for many years in McEgan for the 1st Year Students to have a special Brunch prepared by the LCA Catering Class. The students enjoyed not only the deliciously prepared food but also some great games. This year the 6th Years were also treated to a separate Brunch event. What better way to celebrate the end of term. Well done to the staff who coordinated the event. Thank you to Ms. Galvin, Ms Burke & Ms. Sheehan who were the driving forces behind the food preparation & to Ms. Morris & Ms. McCarthy who organised the 1st Year

activities. As part of the student voice initiative the student Council invited all students to have some festive treats and hot Chocolate on Friday 19th December. Well done to the Student Council, Mr. Twohig & Ms. Casey who organised it. On Wednesday the 17th there was a hugely entertaining and very professional talent show held in the assembly area. Thanks to our 5th yr L.CVP classes under the guidance of their teachers Mr. Long & Ms. Barr who put on a very well run and enjoyable talent show for the whole school. Well done to you both. Some outstanding performances on show from 1st yr to 6th yr and not forgetting our talented staff, also it was great to see everyone in such good spirits. Conan Clery 1st year won the overall prize by playing pieces on the cello blind folded. The Christmas spirit was truly evident on that occasion.



McEgan 2nd Year students Eileen McSweeney & Aine O'Halloran with their snowmen projects which they turned during the ir woodwork class in time for Christmas

THE MACROMPIAN COMMUNITY ACTIVE RETIREMENT

The last 2 events of the year brought the members out in great numbers. In early December we had our Christmas dinner in the Macroom Golf Club. Catherine Sheehan and Margie Dinneen did a great job of organising a Christmas dinner for the members. The meal was followed by music from Danny Golden and several of the members also did a party piece. We finished off a very successful first year with a

Christmas Celebration in Fr Ryan Hall. The members dressed up in their festive outfits and by the look of some of the gear, grandchildren's wardrobes were raided. The night started off with mulled wine and mince pies and other festive bakes provided by Catherine L Murphy, Mary Ryan and Ellen Lynch. We were then entertained with a Floral Demonstration with a festive theme by Denis O'Donovan. We were in

awe at his great talent and all his wonderful creations were raffled among the members. We had a visit from a very special guest, Santa of course aka Paddy O'Sullivan, who brought more sweet treats. Pat O'Connell and his friend entertained us with music and song. It was a very enjoyable occasion for all.



A bouquet of flowers is presented to Catherine L Murphy to acknowledge all the wonderful baking she did for Active Retired events throughout the year. L to R Denis O'Donovan, Mary Ryan, Catherine L Murphy and Ellen Lynch.



Helen Savage, Catherine L Murphy and Ann Quinlan enjoying the Christmas Dinner for Macrompian Community Active Retired at Macroom Golf Club



Catherine Sheehan and Margie Dinneen ready for the party at Macrompian Community Active Retired Christmas celebration night.



Paddy O'Sullivan with Denis O'Donovan at the Macrompian Community Active Retired Christmas Celebration Night

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Christmas Penitential Service

Before the Christmas break, the school community gathered for our annual Christmas Penitential Service. The occasion provided students and staff with an opportunity for reflection during the Advent season. The service was greatly enhanced by the school band, whose wonderful music created a calm and meaningful atmosphere and added to the sense of occasion.

First Year Inclusion Speed Friending

During the final week of term, the school hall was full of conversation as our First Year Inclusion group took part in a speed friending activity. The event provided students with an opportunity to meet new peers, develop friendships and strengthen social connections in a positive and supportive setting. Following the activity, the group enjoyed a walk to Tom Creedon Park, where students continued chatting and getting to know one another in a relaxed environment.

Festive Finish to the Holidays

After a festive two weeks that included Christmas Jumper Day, hot chocolates and chats in the hall, students enjoyed a Christmas quiz on the final day of term, held in the school hall. With chocolates, prizes and plenty of good humour, the event was a

great success and was expertly organised by 5th Year students. It was a fitting and cheerful way to round off the term before the Christmas holidays.

Senior Footballers Continue Championship Campaign
Our Senior Football team has shown great commitment over the Christmas period, continuing their championship campaign with training sessions held in Macroom GAA. The dedication of the players has been matched by the ongoing support of staff, and we would like to thank Mr Ryan, Mr Landers and Mr Doherty for giving their time and expertise during the holidays. The school community is encouraged to get behind the team as they push on in the championship, with upcoming fixtures to be shared on the school's Facebook page.

Model United Nations at City Hall

Our 4th Year students are eagerly looking forward to the upcoming Model United Nations debate, which will take place in City Hall at the end of January. This year, eight students will represent the school: Michael Kelleher, Liam Neville, Peter King, Cian Lee, Daniel Harrington, Oliver Lyons-Thommen, Cathal Lyons, Ryan Mahumutsha and David Kelleher. They will represent a range of countries and organisations, including Sudan, Congo, El Salvador and the International Labour

Conference. The event promises to be a valuable and enriching experience for all involved.

Young Scientist Competition Excitement

Preparations are well underway for the Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition, with five students set to represent the school this year: Jack O'Donoghue, Riordan O'Driscoll, Michael Kelleher, Peter King and William Murray. The students will spend the week in Dublin, where they will take part in the exhibition, experience the event in full and meet students from schools around the country. In a great show of school spirit, our 4th Year students will attend for a day during the week to support their peers and see the projects in action.

Back to School in the New Year

We were delighted to welcome all students back to school after the Christmas holidays. For our 3rd and 6th Year students, the focus has quickly turned to preparation for their upcoming pre-examinations. Teachers are working closely with students to support them during this important period, offering guidance, structure and encouragement as they settle back into routines and revision.



DLS student Markuss Bogdanovs celebrates his first professional fight victory.



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2025 was a busy year for us and we hope to maintain the progress in 2026.

The Mill Road entrance, flower bed and model village continue to be maintained. Pupils from Class 22 of Bishop McEgan College planted some sweet pea and bean plants for us. Youthreach volunteers assisted with cleaning and seating maintenance during the summer. Changes will occur as the millside path is upgraded under the Maseystown development plan. The large natural stone bed at the riverside entrance was completed with the planting of heathers sourced from, and with the assistance of, the Sweet Magnolia

garden centre in Lissarda. The annual Church gate Collection: We wish to thank the people of Macroom and those living nearby for giving so generously at St.Colman's Church, Macroom and St.John the Baptist Church, Caum. Many thanks also for the generosity to the donation boxes in the Garden and around Macroom. Maintenance and repairs were performed on the raised wooden shed, known latterly as Santa's cabin, in the fairy garden compound. Unfortunately, Santa's Grotto did not occur in 2025 due to scheduling conflicts and perception of too much "Santa work" involved in the Fairy Garden. Toadstool seats and tables were replaced, recast and repainted throughout the garden. Thanks to CK Southern Piping in Shanakill for the donation of moulding pipework.

The reading area and seating was repaired. Thanks to Peter Burns for the donation of concrete blocks.

New signage added in the sensory garden and biodiversity areas. Biodiverse "uprooted tree trunk" areas highlighted. Identification signage added to the leaf mulching bins and a woodchip nature trail in the biodiversity area.

The new combined use cycleway, connection, extending for some 70m in length and 2m in width under TII specifications, has been completed. The majority of funding for this was obtained from the Dept. of the Environment, Climate and Communications via Cork Co. Council. The work was performed with the

permission and assistance of Macroom Town Hall and Marie O'Leary, Municipal District Officer. More recently permanent cyclistracks have been provided with funding from the Local Enhancement Programme. Acknowledgement signage has also been erected. This cycleway now provides hard surface access and connectivity for cyclists, pedestrians, wheelchairs and buggies from the main road entrance all the way to the riverbank amenity walk. This walk is to be upgraded in the near future under the Maseystown development plan and is featured in a number of nature walk brochures produced by Macroom Tidy Towns. This active travel project which is still under contract, forms a pleasing x design and is bounded by areas of interest and new figurines, arrangement and location of which was directed by Michael Burns. It also provides direct viewing of the new stone planting bed with central feature.

Numbers of people through the Tiny Feet Fairy Garden both local and tourist have already begun to increase. Access to the many features of the Garden including the Sensory Garden, Static zoo/farm, Biodiversity area, Giants table, live willow tree area, Maseystown model, reading area, planting beds and boxes, benches, picnic tables and numerous statuettes and figurines has been greatly enhanced. Everyone can now traverse the entire circa 1-acre area in comparative ease.



Fairy Garden Volunteers Stewarding at the Annual Church Gate Collection



Some of the New Path in the Fairy Garden



Macroom Tidy Towns annual get together for year-end took place on December 18th in TP Cotter's. This was well attended on the night, and everyone was in the festive spirit. Special word of thanks goes to Jack and Breda Cotter who sponsored the food and use on the venue for the night which was much appreciated.

Tidy Towns activities continue for the full 12 months of the year, with different things happening during Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall. Shortly now the Christmas lights that were put up around the square and on the main streets must be taken down, as well as the crib in the square. Behind the scenes the work continues. Officers will meet in mid January to plan ahead for 2026, such as planning for the AGM and for meeting with the council and listing and prioritising projects. Some work is of a seasonal nature, like the planting of bare rooted



Lisa Manning and Judy O'Sullivan at Macroom Tidy Towns Annual Get Together

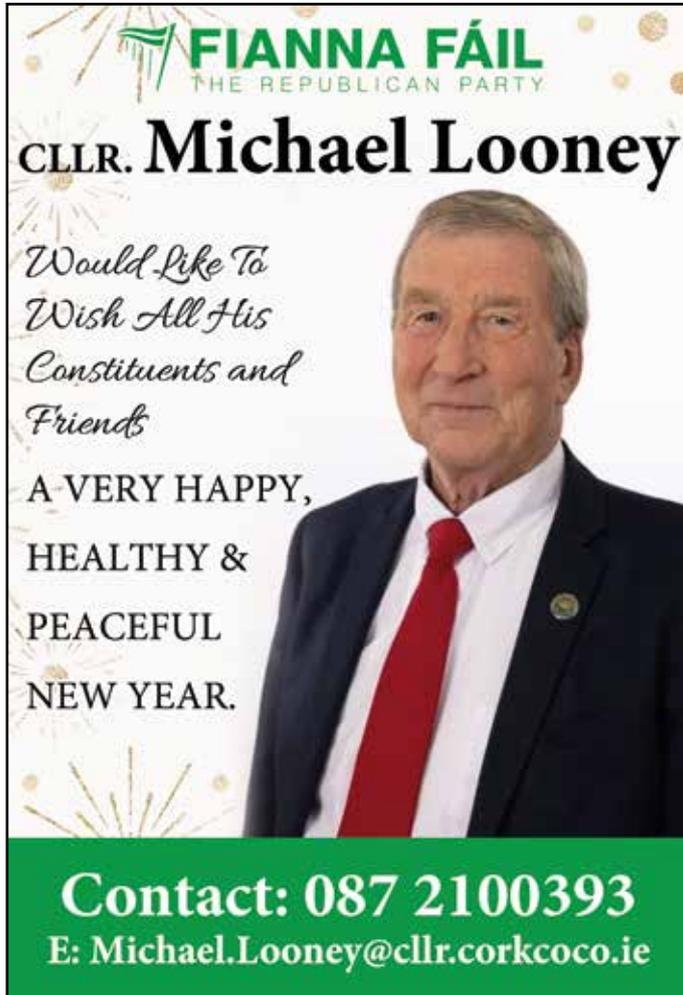
trees which must be carried out over the coming weeks and months.

Many people outside of Tidy Towns volunteers contribute to the overall work of Tidy Towns Schools help out with various initiatives and a few individuals and businesses help by maintaining their own areas. There is room for a lot more of this and while many people compliment and admire what is been done we would like you to consider doing something small



Martin Coughlan and John Lyons at Macroom Tidy Towns Annual Get Together

yourself in your local area, 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 along and join us some Saturday morning at 9am at our base in Maseystown 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.



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Dr. Ben Martin, Founder of Optimal Chiropractic, is pictured with Dr. Noah Hanneysee, Dr. Kishan Kumar, Chris O'Leary, Mary McSweeney and Sarah Crampton as they celebrate receiving the Business All-Star 2025-26 Accreditation from the All-Ireland Business Foundation.

Ballincollig company Optimal Chiropractic has been awarded the Business All-Star 2025-26 Accreditation by the All-Ireland Business Foundation (AIBF).

The recognition celebrates the clinic's trusted reputation for patient focused chiropractic care and its contribution to community wellness in Cork and

beyond. Founded and directed by Dr. Ben Martin, Optimal Chiropractic provides evidence based chiropractic treatment, posture rehabilitation, spinal alignment and holistic wellness support. By blending innovation with integrity, the practice continues to uphold the AIBF pillars of Performance, Trust, and Customer Centricity,

strengthening its role as a leader in Ireland's chiropractic and wellness landscape.

Dr. Ben Martin, Director of Optimal Chiropractic, said:

"We're delighted to receive this accreditation from the All-Ireland Business Foundation. At Optimal Chiropractic, our mission is to help people live healthier, more balanced lives through precise chiropractic care and education. This recognition is a wonderful acknowledgement of the trust our patients place in us and the dedication of our entire team."

Kapil Khanna, Managing Director of the All-Ireland Business Foundation, said: *"Optimal Chiropractic exemplifies professionalism, care, and commitment in Ireland's health and wellness sector. Their accreditation reflects consistent*

excellence and a genuine focus on patient wellbeing."

He said:

"We evaluate a company's background, trustworthiness and performance, and we speak to customers, employees and vendors. We also anonymously approach the company as a customer and report back on the experience. The business goes through at least two interviews and is scored on every part of the process against set metrics."

This accreditation comes on the heels of another milestone, with Optimal Chiropractic being named **Cork Chiropractic Clinic of the Year by the Cork Business Awards** last month. With continued recognition at both local and national levels, the clinic stands firmly at the forefront of chiropractic and wellness care in Ireland."

ST MARY'S NEWS



Ms Queally and Ms Donovan presenting the cheque to Macroom Hospital



St Mary's Junior A Footballers are through to the Munster A Semi Final

Poetry Aloud:

Huge well done and congratulations to Bríd O Driscoll who won the Junior Category of the 'Poetry Aloud' competition held in the National Library of Ireland on Friday 12th of December. Bríd recited two poems in the Joly Theatre: "The Power of Words" by Amanda Gorman and "When I Am Old" by W. B. Yeats. Schools from all over Ireland participated and Bríd was the only Cork finalist. Well done to her on winning the Junior Category and a massive thank you to Ms Murnane for all the preparation work with Bríd! We are very proud of Bríd.

Young Scientist Water Treatment Plant Visit:

TY Students Réaltín, Isabelle and Siún got a tour of Macroom's Water Treatment Plant before the Christmas break. The girls are investigating the impact of the boil water notices on the locals of Macroom and this visit gave them a great appreciation for the water treatment process. Huge thank you to Paul for organising this and answering all of their questions.

Junior A Football:

Before Christmas, our junior A football team beat Skibbereen in a thrilling match. The girls are now into the Junior A Munster semi-final. Well done girls

and huge thank you to their management team and wishing you all the very best of luck in your upcoming semi final.

Christmas Concert:

Ms Queally and Ms Donovan, and members of our senior choir, presented a cheque to Ann O' Connell, Bernie Buckley and Denis Cronin of Macroom Hospital, with the proceeds from our Christmas Concert. A huge thank you to all of our amazing performers on the night. Snippets of all performances can be seen on our Facebook and Instagram accounts. Another huge thank you to everyone who donated on the night.

Stripe Young Scientist:

Wishing our 21 Young Scientists with their 12 projects, the very best of luck in Dublin this week. The girls are competing among a total of 550 projects in the Young Scientist Competition. As mentioned earlier, 4th years Isabelle Roberts, Réaltín Walsh and Siún O'Connor are completing a project titled "Counting the Cost of Clean Water: An investigation into the social, environmental and economical cost of frequent boil water notices in the town of Macroom" Where their project is an investigation into the several effects of frequent boil water notices on the local residents and businesses of

Macroom.

Another one of our projects is from 5th years Roisin O Connell and Jamie O' Callaghan titled "Understanding the Impact of Allergies: Challenges, Awareness, and the Ripple Effect on Families and Society". Their project they plan to investigate the impact of allergies: the challenges, awareness and effects on families and society



1st year student Brid who won the Junior Poetry Aloud Final



5th years Roisin and Jamie competing in the Young Scientist



TY's visiting Macroom Water Treatment Plant



4th years Réaltín, Isabelle and Siún competing in the Young Scientist

The Poets Corner

*New Year,
Old Ground*

By Tadhg Ó Cuill-Maonlaí

*The year turns on, as years have done,
Through field and town, through rain and sun.
We carry names, we mind the dead,
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The village of Ballingree 2006, note the Housing development in the foreground. Pic. Peter Scanlan

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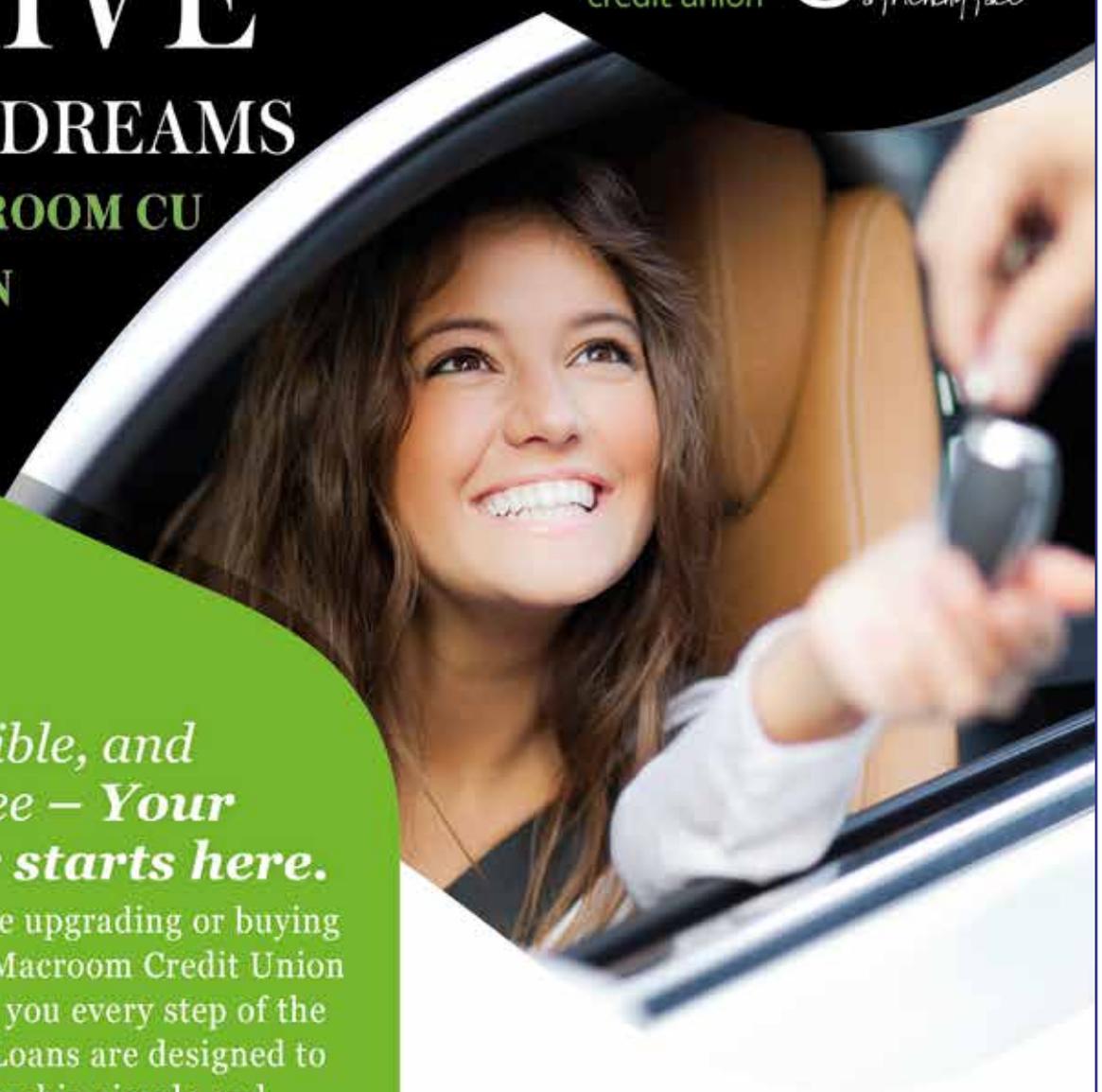


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MUINEFLIUCH NS

December has been a very busy and festive month across all classrooms in Muinefliuch National School. We began the month with our very own Muinefliuch Toy Show, which was thoroughly enjoyed by pupils.

Throughout December, pupils in all classrooms engaged in a wide range of festive art activities, filling the school with colour and creativity. The Middle and Senior Rooms also spent time writing Christmas stories, which they proudly read aloud to the Junior Room, creating a lovely sense of sharing and collaboration across the school.

First class from the Junior Room demonstrated great kindness and community spirit by creating Christmas hampers for the residents of Cahereen Nursing Home. Pupils had the pleasure of delivering the hampers in person and singing festive songs for the residents, a memorable experience for everyone involved.

A highlight of the month was our school outing to The Everyman Theatre in Cork to see the pantomime Cinderella. For many in the Junior Room, the journey itself was an exciting adventure, with the bus trip proving to be a particular highlight.

Festive baking also played a big part in our December

activities, with pupils enjoying the preparation of Christmas cookies and rice krispie buns. We will conclude the term with our Christmas assembly and carol singing, where parents and grandparents will join us in celebrating the festive season together.

December in Muinefliuch has been filled with creativity, generosity and joy, and we now look forward to a busy 2026.



Muinefliuch National School children all excited for Cinderella



Muinefliuch National School children Senior Room reading to Junior room



Muinefliuch National School first class delivering their hampers



Muinefliuch National School children having just arrived in the city for the panto

ST. JOSEPHS NS

We had a truly fun-filled December here in St Joseph's, with plenty of festive cheer throughout the school!

One of the highlights of our school year is always our Christmas shows, and this year certainly did not disappoint. Under the expert guidance of Martina Ring, our Junior Infants and 2nd Class put on wonderful performances in the school hall for the entire school, as well as for their very proud parents. There were so many outstanding performances, and the children absolutely loved their time on stage. All of their hard work really paid off!

Our 4th, 5th and 6th Class girls sang and played beautifully at the Parish Carol Service on December 14th. Our Holy Communion class created a lovely nativity scene at the end of the service, with the girls performing a beautiful rendition of Away in a Manger in the background. Thanks to Ms Cronin, Ms Owens, Mrs Dromey and Mrs O'Mahony for preparing the girls so well – they sounded fantastic!

Well done to all of our students who once again supported the Christmas Shoebox Appeal. This wonderful initiative continues to be very well supported, and we were delighted with the fantastic

response again this year.

After a busy first term, all classes enjoyed some well-deserved treats during the final week before the holidays. The corridors were filled with the delicious smells of cookies, hot chocolates, popcorn for movies, quizzes and much more! A huge thank you to our fantastic Parents' Association for organising a brilliant raffle, with two amazing hampers up for grabs in every classroom.

We would like to wish all our students and their families a very happy, healthy New Year



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CUMANN STAIRE ÚIBH LAOIRE PUBLISH NEW BOOK

Cumann Staire Uíbh Laoire has just published a new collection of Folklore and History from the Ballingearry area. Collected in 1942 from Patsy Kit Ó Murchú in Gort Luachra, Ballingearry, it has now been translated for the first time into English.

It is available for sale in Ballingearry and at www.litriocht.com. A Ballingearry based company who will post it to you.

It has the original book on one page and the English translation on the facing page

There are about 500 items over 170 pages, under different headings covering all aspects of local life; family histories, faction fights, robbery and trickery, night time spirits and fairy abductions, farming and animal lore, landlords and evictions, The Famine and emigration, poetry and singing, curses and cures.

Here is an example

Robbing Lowe, the Ballingearry Landlord

Lowe was robbed: the landlord in Goirtín Eoin, north of Ballingearry.

He had gathered the rent and without a doubt it was a half-year rent. Half-yearly rent was what tenants paid, so you paid it twice a year.

He had almost £600 coming in each year from the land under his command in this parish. That means that he had an almost £300 gathered in for six months' rent. I suppose they were all paying it.

Anyway, there were two or three men and they decided together to rob Lowe.

The robbery was organised by the Gleesons east in Toames.

They were in Ballyvourney before this and they were very friendly with the landlord. Because of this they didn't have a good reputation in Ballyvourney. Sean left Ballyvourney and he finished up in Toames. Billick (Liam Gleeson) was in Ballyvourney and I think that's where he finished up. He had land in Ballymakeera.

But Gleeson went broke in Toames- he had land- and to get some money suited him, and he thought robbery was a way to come upon money.

A man was on his way home from Lowe's house the night it was robbed. He saw the men readying themselves a little further east. He knew well what they were up to - that they were to rob Lowe. He knew it in advance. And that man was very friendly

with Lowe, but if he was, he told him nothing about it. And even the girls who worked in the house with him - they knew that they were coming. They had got the wind of it, in case they might be frightened. And they weren't frightened either.

But the robbers came and they got the money. Lowe said nothing and gave them the money. He was terrified: I suppose he thought they were going to kill him too. He had a small gun - a kind of pistol - and they took that. He told them that he would give them the change in his pocket but to leave the gun with him. They said they were satisfied with that. He had up to 15 shillings in his pocket and he gave it to them. And after that I think they took the gun anyway.

It was a low act, from start to finish, but if it was, they paid dearly for it, in a way. Gleeson got the money, and when he had it, he kept it. Not one penny did he give any of them. They had to be satisfied; they couldn't put law on Gleeson; they were stuck in it too. But he was too clever for them. He put out a rumour that he was going to America. When they heard this, they were afraid they might be caught and what they did was - they gathered off out of the country altogether and went to America and stayed there. And it was a good thing for the people around here that they did, because they were bad news.

How a calf was stolen.

One of them beat all for robbing and stealing. He was over here in a farmer's house one night. I suppose he was working there at the time. A cow was in pain and she calved during night. 'Pon the devil, he was in bed and he got up unknown to anyone.

He went out and he stole the calf. He hid it. He slipped back in and went to sleep. The man of the house arose and went out.

But he was too late. The other man was much too fast for him. Out he went, but if he did, there was no calf before him. The farmer came back in and went up to the room to see him. There he was before him snoring- you could hear him for miles. But it was how he wasn't asleep at all, he was letting on. And I suppose the farmer was doubtful about him. "Oh wisha" he said, as he looked in at him in the bed, "whatever the story, may the Divil take you". Off he went then. But the robber had the calf after the night.

How they went to America

It was difficult for them to go to America because the sailing was postponed. It suited them to go straight away when they heard the rumour that Gleeson was going. But Gleeson had no more notion of going than I have. But he was thinking that that would get them going and it did. They were between two minds then when the sailing was delayed. One of them came back to Macroom from Cóbh. There was a man in Macroom at that time and he could almost save someone from the gallows: He was a Lynch. The robber went to him and told him his story.

"I'll go down with you", he said, "and maybe we'll settle the story". He got a horse and carriage and they went away again.

But there was a man watching all of this, whatever reason he had, and he was a right bliogard. He had a stone in his pocket and he was trying to get the chance to hit the robber with the stone before he left. He knew he was going to America. But the robber was too smart for him: he knew he was watching him, and he knew well the hurry that was on him. He caught a pebble in his hand. East with them, the street east, to the new Bridge. The other man was east before them, and he was waiting for them. He had the stone in his hand. But as they were drawing past him - th'anam 'on diabhal- the robber threw the stone at him. Well, he didn't hit him, but if he had, he'd be bacon. It hit a gate nearby, and left a good mark on it: The mark was to be seen for years after - an iron gate.

Off he went then, himself and Lynch. They went down to Cobh and it didn't take Lynch long to settle the way, and he put them on the boat. They left the following morning. If they had been caught, they would pay dear for the robbery. It was bad enough to do the robbery, if they had the money, but they didn't get a penny of it. And that was coming to them.

It was Lowe's loss, but I suppose he was happy they didn't kill him.

His brother's son came down to Goirtín Eoin then - Anderson was his name.

DROMLEIGH NS

Students from Dromleigh N.S. put on a fantastic Christmas show for their mums, dads and friends on December 17th.

The audience was delighted with superb acting, singing and dancing. Thanks as always to Ger Wolfe for accompanying our amazing musicians on the day.

Congratulations to all the winners of our mega Christmas raffle. Many thanks to our Parents'

Association for organising the event as well as to Co-Op Superstores Terelton, Dromley's Bar and The Yellow House Coffee Bar for selling tickets in advance of the draw.

Students were delighted to have the opportunity to assemble and to thank our wonderful school secretary Mrs Joan Masters on December 19th and give her a token of our appreciation from the staff. Mrs Masters is

the first point of contact in reception and keeps things running smoothly on a daily basis with her trademark friendliness and humour. Thank you Joan from all in Dromleigh N.S.

Wishing all of our students and their families a happy and peaceful new year!

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Dromleigh N.S. students ready for their play recently.

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Hauliers describe government as deeply out of touch



Rural Ireland is being driven off the road by new punishing government imposed fuel taxes, transport charges and levies, with devastating consequences for small family run businesses across rural Ireland.

That is according to Irish Road Haulage Association President Ger Hyland, who has described the current government as being completely out of touch with cost pressures facing rural Ireland.

Hyland was speaking in the wake of a series of new government imposed fuel taxes, new toll charges and fuel levies that kicked in on January 1st and now mean Irish drivers are paying the highest diesel rates in all of the EU.

According to Hyland,

“Every extra penny at the pump and every levy on our livelihoods is another nail in the coffin of the haulage industry but also on small business in rural Ireland. Haulage companies are being pushed to the brink, with some already forced out of business, as fuel taxes, increased tolls, new port charges and carbon taxes rise relentlessly. That is also driving the cost of potatoes, milk, bread and other supermarket staples that are delivered in the back of a truck”

Hyland accused this government of punishing families in rural Ireland who need their cars to get to work, to get their children to school, and to visit elderly parents.

“Government take the easy option every time and hike taxes on transport – which disproportionately impacts on rural Ireland, where there is no viable public transport alternative. The Irish economy is being made uncompetitive by our own government. At a time when international competition is fierce, the State is actively undermining Irish businesses in rural Ireland by loading additional costs onto the transport sector, which underpins every part of the economy”

Hyland described the current government as the most tone deaf government that we have had in 30 years.

“They don’t seem to grasp the damage they are doing to the Irish economy and to rural Ireland in particular. This government do not seem to care that we, as an island nation, need to be competitive”

Fuel taxes hitting motorists and hauliers alike

Motorists are now paying approximately €5 more to fill a tank of fuel than this time last year, and €19 more than five years ago following the latest hikes. That equates to hundreds of euro every year in additional taxes on hard-working Irish families.

From 1 January 2026, further increases will apply:

Under the Renewable Transport Fuel Obligation (RTFO), the blending rate will rise from 25% to 32%, increasing the cost of unleaded petrol by 2.1 cent per litre and diesel by 3.2 cent per litre (excluding VAT).

The Better Energy Levy will increase from €0.012 to €0.017 per litre (excluding VAT) across all fuel grades.

Carbon tax has risen by €7.50 to €71 per tonne of CO₂, adding more than 2.5 cent per litre to fuel costs.

These increases come on top of new charges at Dublin Port, and increased toll charges for all drivers.

Ports, tolls and hidden charges

Dublin Port has added new charges to goods coming into and out of Ireland, amounting to hidden tariffs on the Irish economy. A 5% increase in container prices combined with a new €15 infrastructure charge represents an effective 46% increase per container. These costs will be passed directly on to consumers in what can only be described as a massive act of self-sabotage on Irish trade interests, particularly given Dublin Port’s pre-tax profits rose to €35.9 million last year.

Toll prices are also rising again. The Dublin Port Tunnel toll will increase by €1 during weekday mornings, while HGVs on the M50, M4, M3 and other routes face further increases. Some hauliers are already paying up to €250,000 a year in tolls alone.

Despite regulations requiring toll operators to provide a 10% discount for frequent users, toll operators make it virtually impossible to access this discount by relying on outdated and impractical systems.

Climate Action Must Be Fair

The IRHA absolutely accepts that climate change is real and must be addressed. However, a just transition is essential. One industry – transport – cannot be made responsible for carrying the burden of all climate change measures.

Macroom Ploughing



Presentation made to Fintan Creadon and Aisling O Riordan by John Kelleher President Macroom Ploughing on the occasion of their marriage in 2024



Kate Downey 1st place in the Local 3 Furrow, Beginners



Dan F O Riordan 1st place in the Local 3 Furrow Standard



Jerry O Riordan 1st in the u 21



J. J. Delaney first place in the Horse section. Pic. Peter Scanlan





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Irish Community Invited to Support Sri Lankan Flood Following Cork Schoolgirl's Remarkable Act of Kindness

Irish people are being encouraged to donate supplies and financial support to assist families affected by severe flooding in Sri Lanka — inspired by the extraordinary kindness of a Cork schoolgirl whose generosity travelled across the world in just three days.

Fourteen-year-old Sophie O'Reilly, a 2nd year student at Ballincollig Community School, donated her entire collection of plush toys to Rasika Edirisinghe, a Sri Lankan PhD researcher at University College Cork. Rasika and a group of Sri Lankan volunteers living in Ireland had already begun gathering supplies and support for emergency relief efforts following the recent floods.

What happened next has captured hearts in both Ireland and Sri Lanka. Within 72 hours of Sophie's donation, her soft toys had reached Sri Lankan children living along damaged roadways and riversides. The toys were personally transported and delivered by Tharindu Ranathunga, a Sri Lankan Researcher at Munster Technological University (MTU), who had travelled home to assist communities affected by the flooding.

Tharindu had already been involved in rapid relief efforts on the ground and has been in direct contact with families impacted by the disaster. Working alongside a network of Sri Lankan volunteers across Ireland and Sri Lanka, he has been helping assess essential needs — identifying shortages, coordinating community response, and ensuring that donated

supplies reach families in affected regions.

Videos sent back to Cork show children from flood-affected areas receiving Sophie's toys with happy smiles — each clutching a colourful plush toy that had travelled more than 9,000 kilometres from Ireland in a matter of days. For many, the toys offered comfort, familiarity and a moment of happiness during an exceptionally difficult period.

"These are not simply toys — they are symbols of humanity without borders, a reminder of the goodness that exists in the world," Tharindu said. "To see children who have lost so much find happiness again because of Sophie's kindness is something none of us will ever forget."

With many communities continuing to face hardship and shortages in the aftermath of the flooding, Sri Lankan volunteers across Ireland are currently collecting donations to be shipped directly to affected regions in Sri Lanka. More support is needed in the days ahead as families recover and rebuild.

How the Public Can Help

Donations of Everyday Essentials, Sanitary items, soft toys, clothing, school supplies and financial contributions are greatly needed to continue supporting relief efforts on the ground.

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To make a financial contribution:

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All donations will go directly towards supporting families affected by the floods, with distribution updates being shared transparently with donors.

A MESSAGE FROM SOPHIE

Sophie's family say she is humbled by the response and hopes the story encourages others to help in any way they can.

"I just wanted the toys to make another child happy," Sophie said. "I couldn't believe they would reach Sri Lanka so quickly."



Dromleigh N.S. elves preparing for the stage before their winter break!



DLS Hub Cinema Trip!



Some of the members of Lissarda Scout Group, handing over our Christmas Food Collection to Bishopstown Lions Club



McEgan 1st Years celebrated the beginning of the Christmas break with a fun-filled morning of activities. They took part in a Christmas themed Kahoot quiz, played 'pass the parcel', had a Christmas breakfast and sang along to some Christmas classics. Our Christmas breakfast was funded by our school's Junior Certificate Schools Programme (JCSP)

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Sir Adrian Carton de Wiart Memorial



Ruins of Aghinagh Church at Aghinagh Graveyard



Sir Adrian Carton de Wiart

Hi! Chris Barrett back wishing you a Very Happy New Year.

Today I am speaking with my husband Martin about a grave we discovered when out walking which intrigued us.

At a time of year when people can feel it is hard to make an effort, I feel it is a true story of resilience that is worth sharing with you.

There is an old ruined church in Caum, built in 1792 on a quiet road near the reservoir. If you walk through the churchyard you might see a grave on the other side of the boundary and if you investigate you might see it is the grave of Lieutenant-General Sir Adrian Paul Ghislain Carton de Wiart and his wife Joan and you might wonder who he was and why here.

In 1951 Adrian married his second wife at the age of 71 and settled in Aghinagh House, which adjoins the church and so they are buried on their own land. He died in 1963 and Joan passed away in 2006. His story is quite extraordinary.

He was born in Brussels in 1880 into an aristocratic family with an Irish grandmother, although the family soon moved to Egypt when he was three and later to England where he lost his mother when he was six. At the age of eleven he was sent to a Catholic boarding school in London and afterwards went to Balliol College, Oxford to study law, following in his father's footsteps.

He wasn't cut out for Law however and dropped out rather than fail the exams. He thought about joining the foreign legion but then the Boer War presented an opportunity. He wrote later that he had wanted to go to war and if the British didn't want him he'd fight for the Boers. He knew his father wouldn't approve of his action especially since Belgium favoured the Boer cause. He was also under age so he joined the British Army as a trooper under a false name.

He was wounded in the stomach and groin on his first encounter with the enemy, was invalided home and his identity revealed. He came back to Oxford and at Christmas he convinced his father that he wanted to be a soldier.

He wasn't deterred by his first experience – in the course of his military career he was shot in the face, head, stomach, groin, ankle, leg, hip, and ear. He was also blinded in his left eye, survived two plane crashes, tunnelled out of a prisoner of war camp, and tore off his own severely injured fingers when a doctor declined to amputate them. (He said it didn't hurt.)

He returned to the army in South Africa, this time as a commissioned officer and spent the time until the

first world war in scattered imperial locations and in England indulging in sports and hunting between wars. In 1908, he married Countess Friederike Maria Karoline Henriette Rosa Sabina Franziska Fugger von Babenhausen. They had two daughters and remained married until her death in 1949. He did however spend many years far from home.

In 1914 he received news that his father was bankrupt and as he would not be getting an allowance he signed up to serve in Somaliland. On the way he found he was missing the start of the first world war and was bitterly disappointed. He enjoyed Somaliland, but he lost an eye in action against the Dervishes and was sent back to England and in due course was able to join in the world war.

In WW1 he suffered wounds in the Somme, Paschendale, Cambrai and Arras also collecting a Victoria Cross and the Belgian Croix de Guerre. On one occasion a bullet passed through his skull.

Later he said, "Frankly, I had enjoyed the war." although this may cover the fact that he saw many friends die and did not take it so lightly at the time. However as a senior officer, supplied with the best food, a servant and given the best medical treatment, he probably did have a better time than most soldiers. The private hospital in Park Lane allegedly kept his pyjamas for his next stay.

He ended the war as a brigadier-general and was then sent as leader of a British delegation to report on the newly liberated Poland in their concurrent struggles against Bolsheviks, Lithuanians, Ukrainians, Czechs and Germans, although these wars did not seem much in comparison to what he had just lived through. He sympathised with Poland and enjoyed the crisis. While on an observation train, it was attacked by a group of Cossack cavalry, and their luxury carriage was hit. They had to jump off and run alongside and reboard, which he managed on the second attempt - not bad with one arm.

He worked with Prince Karol Mikolaj Radziwill, who inherited a large 500,000-acre estate in eastern Poland when the communists killed his uncle. They became friends and Adrian was given the use of a large estate called Prostyn, in the Pripet Marshes, a wetland area larger than Ireland and surrounded by water and forests. Here he lived in quiet comfort for the rest of the interwar years. In his memoirs he said, "In my fifteen years in the marshes I did not waste one day without hunting".

How a one-armed, one-eyed man managed to shoot birds in flight is not explained but the dead birds were appreciated by local villagers.

As the second world war started he had to leave Poland, losing all his possessions and just escaping through neutral Romania on a false passport before it joined the German side. In 1941 he was sent to advise the Yugoslav government in resisting the invasion but his plane failed and ditched in the sea off the coast of Italian-controlled Libya. He and the crew swam to shore and were captured. He spent the best part of two years imprisoned in Italy although made several escape attempts including several months tunnelling. On one attempt he evaded capture for eight days disguised as an Italian peasant (he could not speak Italian, and was 62 years old, with an eye patch, one empty sleeve and multiple injuries and scars). However he regained his freedom in 1943 when the Italian government, wanting to leave the war, chose him to go to England via Lisbon as an intermediary.

His next adventure was to be sent to China as Churchill's personal representative from 1943 to 1946 leaving before the Communist victory, of which he would not have approved. On his return journey he slipped on the stairs and broke several vertebrae, but of course he recovered.

His first wife died in 1949 in Vienna and he married again in 1951 he and Joan bought the old rectory in Aghinagh.

So he spent his retirement in Cork on the shore of Carrigadrohid reservoir and spent a lot of time salmon fishing. His funeral in Aghinagh in June 1963 was followed by a funeral mass in Westminster Cathedral a month later. His widow lived to 102 and was well known in Macroom. She died in 2006 and her ashes are buried with him.

I enjoyed finding out about this true but amazing story and if you care to know more, you can also visit the graveyard in Aghinagh. His memoirs entitled, "Happy Odyssey – the memoirs of Lieutenant-General Sir Adrian Carton De Wiart", can be found online and downloaded. They were different times but it is notable that in 292 pages he never mentions his wife or daughters. However he comes across as a modest and well-meaning man, somewhat puzzled at his success and good fortune.

I am grateful to my husband Martin who followed up the paper trail and hope you also feel this daredevil warranted the additional research. If you or anyone you know would like to respond to this article, please contact me, chrisleevalley@gmail.com

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The Long Hot Summer

By PO'C

In the mid to late 1960's our black and white TV, with it's one station, showed us the series entitled the Long Hot Summer. It starred a young struggling youth played by Roy Thinnes who was in love with a gorgeous heiress but unfortunately was not approved of by her wealthy father. We admired his efforts to gain his approval with his long Cadillac and his striking long locks of hair as the sun blazed down from the sky each day.

Roll on 60 years to the Summer of 2025 which could be similarly described in like fashion. Our turf on Gneevs mountain was cut in early June. The crispy sods were turned over two weeks later and "box footed" shortly afterwards. Before the end of June it was transported home in Con O'Riordan's Toyota jeep and carefully stored in the turf sheds ensuring that our Winter fuel was secure.

The Cork Football team, despite its many critics, after two great tussles with our neighbours from the Kingdom and a rousing victory over Roscommon took us to Croke Park. Meanwhile the Cork Hurling side, with its hordes of Rebel supporters, showed lots of early potential but failed to reach the promised land.

The Cúl camps kept us busy in July and in August.

Those Cúl camps have run throughout the country since the early '90's. They are organised by the various GAA Clubs catering for boys and girls from 6 to 13 years of age and incorporate hurling, football, camogie and ladies football. Each GAA Club has its own individual camp running for five days, Monday to Friday, during the months of July and August. Early booking is required due to their ever increasing popularity. The Annual camp commenced at Clondrohid in 1993 and in their first five years to 1997 attracted 1,000 children and it is still going strong.

We travelled to Ballyheigue and Banna to enjoy some long days of warm sunshine and we appreciated the hospitality of our Kerry neighbours. While our farming brethren might have bemoaned the very little rainfall perhaps we all benefitted from the long spell of marvellous weather.

There are many attractions apart for the seaside at Banna including the history of Roger Casement. He was captured by the British authorities near Banna strand on Good Friday, April 21st 1916, after landing from a German U-Boat. He was endeavouring to land 200 rifles for the 1916 Rising. Being tired and weary from his ordeal he hid at Mc Kenna's Fort and it was there he was captured. He was charged with high treason and hanged in London on August 3rd 1916. In

September we travelled to Nice on the French Riviera to visit some relatives and finally, at the beginning of October, Ryanair took us from Cork Airport to Lanzarote. It's one of the Canary Islands off the coast of West Africa administered by Spain. It is known for its all year round warm weather, its beaches and volcanic landscapes created by the eruptions in the 1730's. There we enjoyed the delights of Puerto Del Carmen from our base at Club Del Carmen. The long hazy days of sunshine were spent travelling along the seaside strip on our Murphy's Pub Cycle mobile with all six of us on board as we pedalled like the blazes.

We strolled through the many souvenir shops with lots of coffee breaks and a few beers as we toasted the "happy hours" at the Bailey Bar. Sure why not, we got four pints of the best beer and two glasses of wine for €11.50. But all good things come to an end - it is now 7pm in the evening of October 2nd as I await my return flight to Cork and the Airport at Farmer's Cross.

The forecast at home is for heavy rain and Storm Amy is due to visit us tomorrow. Thanks to the Lord for our Long Hot Summer - it was great while it lasted.

Móladh Le Dì a Na Glóra.

MACROOM HISTORY GROUP 2025

Macroom History Group , 4 January, 2026. Con Kelleher.

Macroom History Group will hold its first talk of 2026 on 12 January. Mr Anthony Barrett, will speak on 'The Irish Civil War, 1922-23; Background and Local Macroom Incidents'. The Irish Civil War was a very sad period in Irish History. Having won freedom and independence of a sort, the Treaty that resulted divided the country and led to former comrades and brothers taking up arms against one another. As well as causing hundreds of deaths and injuries, there was considerable damage to infra-structures such as buildings, bridges, railway lines and stations,

post offices and banks and so on. Instead of tackling the problems of establishing a new country with enthusiasm, hope and imagination, the country was left depressed and demoralised before it began. Enemies of an independent Ireland were happy to see Ireland weakened as a result and many in Britain and Northern Ireland were pleased with the turn of events. Partition took root and the possibility of Irish Unity evaporated. The noble sentiments of the 1916 Proclamation were largely lost.

Thankfully, the war lasted less than a year before the Republicans dumped arms and ended hostilities. Though any war casualty or injury is a tragedy,

compared to other civil wars, the numbers killed and injured were, thankfully, relatively small.

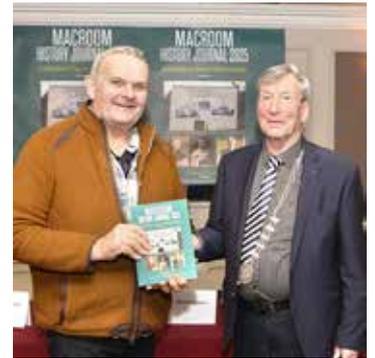
Anthony Barrett' talk will forensically and coolly examine the background of this tragic War, describes in details some of the horrible incidents of the period and explain the outcome and after-effects of the conflict. His recently published 'Civil War in West Cork is a wonderful piece of history and underlines that much of the fighting took place in West Cork. The talk promises to be interesting and informative. The lecture will be in The Castle Hotel on Monday 12 January, beginning at 8 p.m. and the entry is €8, and €5 for members. Anthony's book will be on sale.



Dr. Con Kelleher speaking at the Launch of the 'Macroom History Journal 2025' Pic. Peter Scanlan



Cllr. Michael Looney presenting a copy of the 'Macroom History Journal 2025' to Maura Walsh IRD Duhallow.



Cllr. Michael Looney presenting a copy of the 'Macroom History Journal 2025' to Joe Creadon



Canon Donal Roberts speaking at the Switching on of the Christmas Lights in Rusheen. Pic Peter Scanlan



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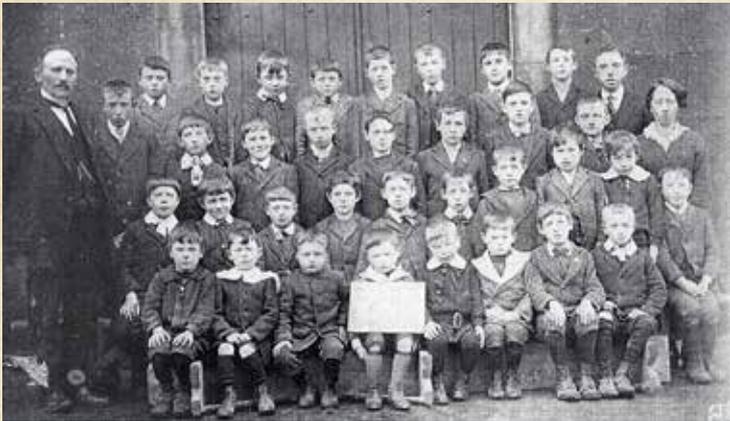
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Bealick Mill in the process of being restored (No Date) Pic. Peter Scanlan



May 1989
Fr Kehily, P.P., Kilmurry planting a tree at Crookstown to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of the Red Cross. On right, Tessie Buckley, Chairperson Crookstown Red Cross.



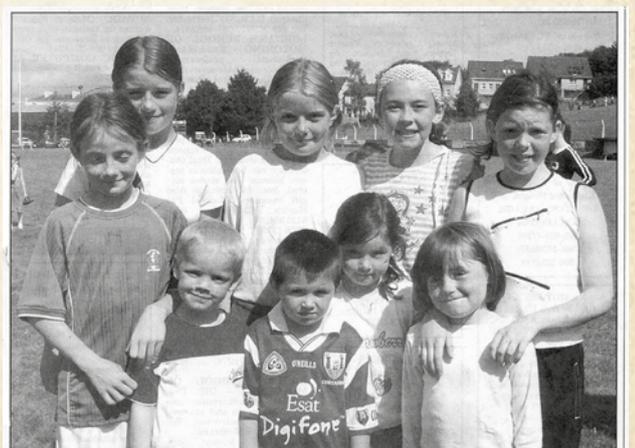
Danish Dancers in Macroom in 2005



Spiked Hair style !! It is interesting what a Cactus plant in the background can do. (Celtic Ross Hotel 2011). Pic. Peter Scanlan



Crookstown Panto 1998. Pic. Peter Scanlan



Sarah, Claire, Linda and Michelle Byrne, Sean and Kelly Browne, Jessica Ring and Niamh and Sean McMahon, enjoying the Macroom Family Festival. (Picture: O'Sullivan Photo)

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2RN was Ireland's first official radio broadcasting station in the Irish Free State. It began broadcasting on January 1, 1926, on 390 metres Medium Wave from a studio and office at 36 Little Denmark Street in Dublin and continued until 1933 when it was succeeded by Radio Athlone later Radio Éireann and now Raidió Teilifís Éireann (RTÉ).

The first voice broadcast on 2RN was a test broadcast which took place on November 14, 1925 at 6.45pm when Séamus Clandillon 2RN's first Director of Broadcasting announced: "Seo Raidió 2RN, Baile Átha Cliath ag tástáil." (This is Radio 2RN, Dublin testing). The test broadcast lasted three hours. The station was run by the Irish Post Office, under the Department of Posts and Telegraphs. The station call-sign was originated by the British Post Office and the name 2RN was thought to be inspired by the last three syllables of the song title "Come Back to Erin," (to Er-in = 2RN). The station was officially opened at 7.45pm with a broadcast in Irish by Douglas Hyde, founder of the Gaelic League and later first President of the Irish Free State. In his address Hyde spoke of his hope for radio as a unifying force for Irish listeners. Séamus Hughes was 2RN's first announcer.

Dáil Éireann and The Wireless Telegraphy Act, 1926, decided that broadcasting should be a state service, organized by the Postal Ministry and financed by licence fees, advertising and import duties on wireless sets and components. Programming began at 7.30pm each evening when 2RN broadcast a "tuning note," a tone to enable listeners to properly tune in their receiver. The station was on the air for just three hours in those early days.

The early focus of 2RN was on music programmes, which were broadcast live. At the start there were no news bulletins or weather forecasts due to lack of agreement with news agencies. Unlike RTÉ Radio 1 today there were few speech programmes in the early years of 2RN. Just a few weeks after they commenced broadcasting the frequency had changed from 390metres to 398m and by the end of the year they were forced

to change again to 319m. In 1928, 2RN left Little Denmark Street and moved into its new headquarters in the GPO on O'Connell St. Dublin, (with a Henry St. entrance).

Unfortunately, most Irish people, especially if you lived more than twenty miles away from Dublin, could not receive 2RN's signal. When faced with numerous complaints from Cork, Clandillon remarked in The Irish Radio Review, a magazine dedicated to the service, that they did not know how to operate their sets. Rather than increase power it was instead decided to operate a number of low-powered stations from different areas. The first of these opened in Cork on April 26, 1927 when the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs J.J. Walsh opened station 6CK in the former women's Gaol in Sunday's Well in Cork. The upper floor of the governor's house was converted into Cork's first broadcasting studio and offices, which now houses "The Radio Museum Experience." It turned out to be the only low-powered one. Minister Walsh had been a local TD for Cork Borough and this may have influenced his decision to set up a second station in Cork. Much of 6CK's output was simply a relay of the national service but it also had a significant input into the programmes of 2RN. Within three and a half years of its opening the Cork station closed down in September 1930, mainly because of financial problems, problems which were to recur frequently down through the years, for example a disc cutting machine wasn't purchased until 1936, with the result that archive material from this period is practically non-existent. A high-power station was established in Athlone in 1932, to coincide with the staging of the Eucharistic Congress. In 1933, 2RN, 6CK and Athlone became known as 'Radio Athlone' (Radio Átha Luain) and were receivable across virtually the entire country. In 1938 Radio Athlone became known as Radio Éireann. In 1966 after launching a television service a few years earlier, it became Raidió Teilifís Éireann (RTÉ).

When construction of a new radio building was complete in Donnybrook,

Dublin in 1971, the phased move from the GPO began. On September 24, 1973 the first live broadcast was made from the new Radio Centre. By November 8, 1976 in its 50th year all RTÉ Radio broadcasting had now joined RTÉ Television on the Montrose campus in Donnybrook in Dublin.

I remember when we got our first radio or wireless as it was sometimes called, in 1961. I can still feel the excitement when Baile Mhúirne man Jackie Dineen brought it into our house, he set it up for us and showed us how to work it and how to move the dial to get the different stations. I remember we all gathered around this magic box as it was being set up for us. To hear a voice, music and song coming from the set was for us a magical moment. We used to look into the back of the radio to see if we could see anybody. We felt if we could hear them we should also be able to see them, but alas to our great disappointment I'm afraid we saw nobody, so we had to settle for sound only.

I remember the sponsored programmes, these were the main means of advertising for the broadcaster. They were always a great favourite and a very popular fifteen minute programme. They were broadcast Monday to Saturday from 8.15am to 9am and 1pm to 3pm, with the News bulletin at 1.30pm. The latest new single records were played as well as all the oldies. Indeed I can still recall if a favourite song of ours came on the radio we would alert one another to come in and listen to it. Some songs that come to mind were "The Boys from the County Armagh" sung by Bridie Gallagher, "Lovely Leitrim" by Larry Cunningham, "I'll Tell Me Ma" by The Clancy Brothers and Tommy Maken. The very first sponsored programme featuring Euthymol toothpaste, was broadcast on December 31, 1927. Other well known sponsored programmes down through the years included: Mitchelstown Creameries "The Home of Good Cheese," Golden Vale, Clár Ghael Linn, Clár Chomhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann, Singer Sewing Machine with their slogan "Singer Ireland presents Ireland's Singers." Jacobs sponsored a



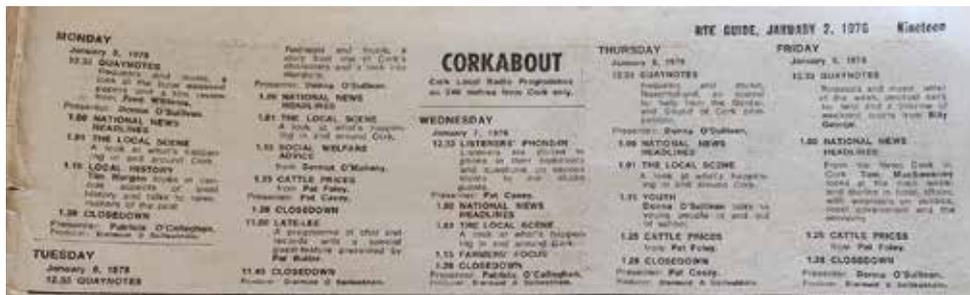
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programme "Dear Frankie" (1963-1985) presented by Frankie Byrne, who solved people's problems. She began the programme as follows: "This is Frankie Byrne with another edition of woman's page, a programme for maybe about you, now the problems I'll be discussing today may not be yours but they could be someday". She gave relationship advice to listener's requests and claimed she knew nothing about Domestic Science but she did know about love. Associated Ballrooms where you were given a diary of the Showbands that were playing in the various ballrooms around the country. The Irish Hospital Sweepstakes Programme, (1930-1960), when we were advised to buy a ticket at £1 each. The Waltons Programme on a Saturday afternoon presented by Leo Maguire, became among the best known and longest running sponsored programmes. He opened and closed his show as follows: "This is The Waltons Programme, your weekly reminder of the grace and beauty that lie in our heritage of Irish song, the songs our fathers loved"...To everyone at home in Ireland or across the Irish sea I wish you all a very happy weekend and Waltons last word is if you feel like singing do sing an Irish song."The programme was broadcast for almost 30 years. On Saturday January 3, 1981 sponsored programmes came to an end making it the end of an era spanning over 50 years.

Back then radio advertising was done live. One day Larry Gogan came in during a mid morning Rodney Rice Show and made his way to the microphone in the middle of politicians, among them Taoiseach Jack Lynch and did his advert live. When Larry had done his advert piece Jack went up to him and said: "You'd sell Ice Cream to the Eskimos." Another time Larry Gogan and Corkman Chris Curran who was an Actor/



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Comedian/Radio-Man, were recording a radio advert for Galtee/Three Counties Cheese. Chris Curran kept making funny faces to make Larry laugh. Larry got such a fit of the giggles he could not stop. The result being it was a case of Take 1, Take 2, Take 3.

From 1937 onwards former Director General of the GAA Seán Ó Siocháin from Cill na Martra, Macroom presented and sang on many Radio Éireann programmes including Ireland is Singing, Round the Fire, and Baladmakers Saturday Night. These programmes consisted of music, song and script. Seán started with 10/- (ten shillings) a week, which increased to £1 (one pound). After about seven years another increase of 10/- was sought, the result being a couple of them including Seán was sacked.

The legendary Din Joe (Denis Fitzgibbon) who was born in Cork City and whose programme Take the Floor was RTÉ's top radio show for years, (1953-1978). He introduced the show like this: "Ladies and gentlemen once again we invite you to lift the latch, open the door, step right in and take the floor." This hugely popular radio show hosted by Din Joe in which he told jokes and featured the Rory O'Connor dancers, along with music, storytelling and house dancing. Din Joe used to call out the moves: "Take your partner's doh-see-doh, round the floor and off we go." He showed people how to dance on the radio. At the time no one saw anything odd about listening to dancing on the radio. Din Joe was a showman, a comedian, a motor salesman, first for Volkswagen and ending up as M.D. for Toyota.

Ciarán Mac Mathúna joined Radio Éireann in 1954 and travelled around Ireland, England, Scotland and America collecting traditionally Irish music, songs and stories. He presented Ceolta Tíre, A Job of Journeywork (1957-70) and Mo Cheol Thú (1970-2005). I have very happy memories of neighbours calling to our house just to listen to Ciarán and his programme A Job of Journeywork. For 75 years Radio Éireann has been broadcasting The Angelus bell daily at midday and 6pm. It was first broadcast on the feast of the Assumption on August 15, 1950. Initially broadcast live the bells were recorded at St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Dublin.

Céilí House is one of the longest running radio shows on RTÉ radio, which still runs to this day. Every Saturday night we listened to it religiously with Seán Ó Murchú as presenter. Seán presented the very first Céilí House close on 70 years ago, on Saturday May 23, 1959, from 10.30 to 11.00pm. He introduced the programme as follows: "Bail ó Dhia oraibh a cháirde, céad míle fáilte romhaibh go Teach an Céilí". (You are very welcome my friends and a hundred thousand welcomes to Céilí House). He introduced musician's, singers and Céilí Bands from all around the country. The Gallowglass Céilí Band were the very first band to take part in that first programme. The Ardellis Céilí Band took part in the programme two months

later. Brian Lawlor was the founder of the band and he shared a flat with Seán Ó Murchú. Seán tells this funny story on the programme: "Before Brian Lawler broke all the rules and took a one way ticket to Cork, we shared a flat together close to the South Circular rd. here in Dublin. We were both happy and holy bachelors at the time, well maybe not so holy. Great people we were for John B's black pudding and the sausages too. I remember we burned out two kettles, two frying pans and three teapots in a month".

In those early days before the advent of RTÉ television, the weekly listenership to Céilí House was said to exceed one million. We were all very excited in our house each time one of our own The Donal Ring Céilí Band appeared on the programme. Donal was a very proud Corkman and we in turn was very proud of Donal as he was our second cousin.

A priest in the west of Ireland once changed the time of confession so that he and his parishioners could listen to Céilí House. In the 1950's in England people climbed lamp posts with their radios to hear Céilí House and other such programmes. Others Céilí House presenters down the years included Breandán Ó Duíll, Peter Browne and Kieran Hanrahan. Kieran was the longest presenter of the programme and has now stepped down after 30 years at the helm. He presented his final programme at Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann in Wexford on Saturday August 9, 2025.

Another favourite programme of ours was Fleadh Ceoil an Radio (1963-1968) with Seán Ó Riada, Ceoltóirí Chualann, Seán Ó Sé, and Ireland's master seanchaí (storyteller) Éamon Kelly. We particularly enjoyed Éamon Kelly's storytelling. With our radio sitting on a shelf about six feet from ground level. My father who normally sat on his chair underneath the radio, but to hear Éamon properly, he got up off his chair and stood with one leg on the ground and one leg on the chair as he rested on his knee, making sure he heard every word that came from the mouth of Éamon. Éamon Kelly was born on the Cork Kerry border in Gneeveguilla, Sliabh Luachra, Co. Kerry. Some of his famous stories were The Looking Glass, Mick the Fiddler, The Umbrella, Emigration and Porter in the Hat. Éamon used to stay with Denny Cronin (Denny Gougane) who had a hotel in Gougane Barra, it was there he collected some stories from the local people including the Tailor and Ansty. Throughout the 1950's and onwards Éamon Kelly became the voice of storytelling on Radio Éireann. He first appeared on Din Joe's Take the Floor, then The Rambling House then on to Here's a story for you to Fleadh Ceoil an Radio.

Back in the 1960's RTÉ Radio opened at 8am with its signature tune 'O'Donnell Abú'. The station closed down midmorning from just after 10am until 1pm and again in the afternoon from just after 3pm to 5pm. It closed down nightly just after 11.30pm and reopened again at 8am the next day.

It was the listeners who choose 'O'Donnell Abú' as the identification tune signal for the national station. Over several days in February 1936, twenty tunes were played for listeners to Radio Athlone. The purpose being to let the listeners select a suitable identification tune. By a large majority, the tune selected was 'O'Donnell Abú.' It still remains the station identification signal for RTÉ and can be heard each morning at 5.30 on RTÉ Radio 1, just before the daytime programmes begin.

Hospital Requests was another popular programme where people sent in requests

to play music and get patients names mentioned on the radio who were in hospital. The Kennedys of Castleross was an Irish serial drama or soap opera, broadcast on radio from 1955-1973. Each fifteen-minute episode was transmitted at lunchtime on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For the final episode, RTÉ broke with convention and broadcast a special one-hour edition on Saturday February 24, 1973.

Gay Byrne presented many radio programmes and was for many years the top broadcaster at the station. He presented The Gay Byrne Show from 1973-1998. It was the Irish housewives favourite programme.

There are many stories told of the days of the wet battery and dry battery and getting them charged for big GAA games with Mícheál Ó hEithir. Mícheál was born in Dublin in 1920. He successfully auditioned for Radio Éireann at the age of 18. His first ever GAA commentary was the All-Ireland Senior Football Semi-Final when Galway defeated Monaghan in Mullingar, on August 14, 1938. His fee for that first broadcast was £3.10s (three pounds and ten shillings). His voice was to become synonymous with radio coverage of hurling and football, his broadcasts were so important to the thousands of people who gathered around the radio sets in the 1940s and 1950s in Ireland and abroad. As well as GAA he also covered horse racing and horse show-jumping. He covered major GAA games from 1938 until 1985. During his time at the microphone he commented on 47 All-Ireland Hurling Finals and 52 All-Ireland Football Finals, clocking up a grand total of 99 All-Ireland Finals. Unfortunately illness prevented him from covering his 100th All-Ireland Final. He began his greeting as follows: "Bail ó Dhia oraibh go léir a cháirde agus fáilte romhaibh". (You are all very welcome my friends). He signed off as follows: "Le sin a cháirde seo libh Mícheál Ó hEithir á rá slán agaibh go léir". (With that my friends this is Mícheál Ó hEithir saying goodbye to you all).



RTÉ Guide front cover from November 18, 1983 where they ran a story about the success of Local Radio in Cork. Pictured are some of the team of presenters/reporters behind the success of RTÉ Cork Local Radio. Pictured left to right Barrai Mescall, Alf McCarthy, Donna O'Sullivan, and Caimin Jones.

Incidentally the GAA and 2RN had the honour of giving the first live broadcast of a sports event in Europe, when the 1926 All-Ireland hurling semi-final in which Kilkenny beat Galway 6-2 to 5-1, was broadcast on 2RN and the commentator was Corkman journalist P.D. Mehigan who was born and schooled in Ardfield Clonakilty. The founder of 2RN, P.S. O'Hegarty asked Mehigan to do a live commentary from the Hogan Stand and Mehigan agreed. For Mehigan it was an unique experience: "I was in Croke Park an hour before the match. The mysterious signal came that I was 'on the air' and the engineer nodded to me to fire away.

In 1953 Seán Óg Ó Ceallacháin took over from his father Seán Ó Ceallacháin as presenter of RTÉ Radio 1s Sunday night GAA Sports Results programme. Seán Óg had worked alongside his father for the previous five years, and continued on until he retired in 2011. This made him RTÉ's longest serving broadcaster. He entered the 2012 Guinness Book of Records for achieving the longest career in radio sports broadcasting worldwide.

In 1954 Paddy Crosbie presented The School Around the Corner. Paddy travelled around Ireland to visit primary schools. He asked the children questions about themselves or their families and would always ask them to describe a funny incident. The child would recite a poem or sing a song. For most Irish people these words of the song composed by Paddy Crosbie will never be forgotten:

The school around the corner's just the same.

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Yes, the school around the corner's just the same.

In 1958 RTÉ opened a new regional radio studio in Union Quay in Cork. In 1995 they moved to Fr. Matthew St. Cork, to join the Television network. Máire Ní Mhurchú was an award-winning broadcaster with the station, winning a Jacobs award in 1969 and who became head of RTÉ Cork. She spent four decades with the station, retiring in 1998. She presented many programmes from the Cork studios, including Children Talking and The Echo Boys, which was filmed for television in 1977. Other programmes from the Cork studios included A Munster Journal, Anseo 's Ansiúd sa Mhumhain, Late But Light and A Woman's World. The other presenters/producers included Síle Ní Bhriain, Donncha Ó Dúlaing, and Uinsinn Mac Gruairc. Máire helped to launch the careers of many leading RTÉ figures including Mary Wilson, Tony O'Donoghue, Eileen Whelan, Ger Canning and Marty Morrissey. Alf McCarthy, former radio presenter/producer, lived in Máire's neighbourhood and remembers calling to her house at the age of 12 or 13, seeking her advice on how to get into radio. "Alf, Larry Gogan will never read the news," she told him. Some years later he became presenter of Cork About.

RTÉ Cork Local Radio was a local radio station serving Cork city and county. It was known as Cork About. It first went on the air on March 2, 1974. It was broadcast

on 240 metres Medium Wave only in the earlier years. It was just a half an hour programme to begin with from Monday to Friday, but expanded over the years including weekends. The producer at the time Baile Mhúirne man Breandán Ó Ciobháin predicted: "It'll do alright as soon as the Cork people get used to their own accents". They got used to it alright and it was very successful. The station opened with Breandán's voice "This is RTÉ Cork Local Radio broadcasting on 240 metres Medium Wave." In the early weeks the local programme was presented first by Jim Sherwin and then by John O'Donoghue. The other presenters/reporters over the years included Donna O'Sullivan, Mark Cagney, Alf McCarthy, Tony O'Donoghue, Pat McAuliffe, Marty Morrissey, Michael Corcoran, Barry Meskill, Pat Butler, Steve Bolger, Martina O'Donoghue and Diarmuid Ó Suilleabháin. They may not have been very well known back then but they all became national familiar household names some years later. Cork Local radio featured local news, views, sport, music and chat as well as entertainment and other wide-ranging items of specific interest to listeners in and around Cork. The programme also included local advertising. One of the most prominent broadcasts was the soap opera Under the Goldie Fish. The Goldie Fish on top of St. Anne's Church, Shandon in Cork is a salmon-shaped weathervane, that is where Cónal Creedon got the title for

his long-running soap series on RTÉ Cork local radio. In 1989 RTÉ Cork Local Radio rebranded as Cork 89FM and in 1994 it became RTÉ Radio Cork. RTÉ Cork Local Radio closed down in January 2000.

Donna O'Sullivan was one of the longest serving members of staff, at RTÉ Radio Cork. It was almost by accident that she found herself in the RTÉ Cork studios in June 1974, declaring she would like to be a radio announcer and if all else failed, she was quite prepared to make

the tea. When she began, she earned £3 per day. In the 25 years she worked there she says: "I've been anxious, overworked and annoyed but never bored. Cork people are endlessly interesting, and so I've never tired of making programmes, about and with them. Cork people love to talk, they almost always have something to say and are not shy to say it."

Micheál Ó Cróinín



RTÉ Guide Programme listing for Radio Éireann (RTÉ Radio 1) Thursday January 21, 1965.

Five Years On The Legacy of Dr. Ruth Mitchell-Quill

It has now been over five years since the passing of Dr. Ruth Mitchell-Quill, a pioneering psychiatrist, community advocate, and dedicated champion of rural Ireland.

She was one of the first Irish women to qualify in psychiatry from Oxford University and went on to play a key role in transforming mental health services in Ireland. The daughter of Herbert J. "Seán" Mitchell, former O.C. of the renowned First Cork Brigade, IRA, Ruth grew up in a home noted for its faith, service, and patriotism. She lived most of her life in the Mitchell home at Kerrypike, Blarney ("Glenwood"). When ex-chief of staff Tom Barry (of Kilmichael fame) visited Our Lady's Hospital (of which she was later clinical director), where many male nurses were former Volunteers, he would fondly remark, "Now lads, look after Ruth." As a schoolgirl, she had won a scholarship to the renowned Coláiste na Mumhan Gaeltacht college in Ballygeary.

Throughout her medical career, Dr. Mitchell-Quill championed community-based rehabilitation and was instrumental in introducing clinical art therapy into mainstream psychiatric care. As a senior psychiatrist at the Southern Health Board and later clinical director, she worked tirelessly to improve quality of life and promote new approaches to patient wellbeing. Her research was incorporated into the national overhaul of psychiatric services, in an era in which caring for those with mental illness or incapacity was largely taboo. She represented Ireland at the World Medical Congress in New York City, and



possessed a public platform for her new methods for many years.

Equally active in agricultural and environmental circles, she became the first woman elected to the General Committee of the Munster Agricultural Society in 1971 and later served as Vice-President. She worked closely with Teagasc, the IFA, and local groups to advance rural health, safety, and women's involvement in farming. Locally, she co-founded the Dawstown-Blarney Point-to-Point. Along with her husband, Dr. Timothy Stephen Quill (a native of Clondrohid, later residing in the Blackrock and Blarney areas near Cork City), they were the subject of features by 'That's Farming' in 2021, eulogising

their unique contributions to rural life in Ireland. Dr. T. Quill, a veterinary surgeon, was a General Committee member of the Munster Agricultural Society and enjoyed a platform on the Macra na Feirme club lecture circuit on animal science and welfare. His observations on plastic cartons and carcinogenic effects on milk would later be the subject of an article feature. He was well known to his Quill uncles and close cousins around the parishes of Clondrohid, Ballyvourney, Ballygeary and the Kerry border. Her tough, gritty character, combined with a passionate grassroots spirit, embodied her beliefs with conviction. A lifelong equestrian enthusiast, Dr. Mitchell-Quill co-founded Horse-Riding for the Disabled Ireland (RDAI) and developed Ireland's first free equine therapy programme for deaf children in 1974. Additionally, she was the organisation's honorary medical doctor. She also organised one of the country's earliest environmental exhibitions, which drew over 30,000 visitors and promoted conservation within agriculture. Her contributions are commemorated annually through the Dr. Ruth Mitchell-Quill Memorial Perpetual Trophy (described by Agriland as "prestigious"), awarded by the Munster Agricultural Society in recognition of service to rural society. She also served on the Co. Cork Area Committee of the Irish Pony Society. Her legacy continues to inspire those working at the intersection of health, community, and the land she loved.

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Hurling
Canon O'Brien Cup
U.C.C. 2-18 Cork 2-17

William Buckley struck the winning point as UCC regained the Canon O'Brien Cup in an entertaining post-Christmas contest against an experimental Cork side.

The benefit for Ben O'Connor is that many of the Skull and Crossbones' best performers were also seeking to catch his eye. Ben Cunningham reeled off 1-10, with 1-9 from placed balls and his other point the score of the day. Ballinora full-back Shane Kingston also impressed.

The victory marked the Students' fourth success in the 12th iteration of the pre-season challenge, with proceeds at the gate split between worthy causes: Stand for Féile and Rise & Shine.

Cork got back level with a Declan Dalton free followed by a brilliant flick for Shane Kingston's fiercely-struck 59th-minute goal. Cork hit their final three chances wide, Buckley nailed his shot from the sideline for the winner.

Scorers for UCC: B Cunningham (1-10, 1-8 frees, 0-1 65); P O'Shea (1-0); Finn O'Brien, W Buckley (0-3 each); R Troy (0-2).

Scorers for Cork: C Darcy (1-1); J Cahalane (0-4, 1 free); S Kingston (1-0); B O'Sullivan, C McCarthy (2 frees), S Desmond, D Dalton (2 frees) (0-2 each); C O'Brien, E Twomey, M Mullins, J O'Connor (0-1 each).

UCC: Fionn O'Brien (Bruree); S Daly (Randal Óg), Shane Kingston (Ballinora), E Guinane (Valley Rovers); D Scully (Dromin-Athlaca), John Dwyer (Ballincollig), E Downey (Glen Rovers); R Troy (Newtownshandrum), Tadhg O'Connell (Ballincollig); B Cunningham (St Finbarr's), P O'Shea (Erin's Own), C Walsh (Kanturk); W Buckley (St Finbarr's), Finn O'Brien (Erin's Own), R O'Sullivan (Na Piarasaigh). Subs: P O'Sullivan (Fr O'Neills), D Cremin (Midleton), H Boyle (Clara, Kilkenny), B Lehane (Watergrasshill) 51, J Enright (Inniscarra) 52. Cork: B Saunderson; E Roche, C Doolan, D O'Leary; C O'Brien, C Tobin, E Twomey; M Mullins, B O'Sullivan; C Darcy, C McCarthy, J O'Connor; A Walsh, S Desmond, J Cahalane.

Subs: Seán O'Donoghue (Inniscarra) 39, Declan Dalton 39, Shane Kingston (Douglas) 39.

Referee: S Scanlon (Newcestown).

Weds 7th Jan 2026 Cork v Limerick away 7.30

Mon Jan 12th at Mallow: Cork v Clare 7pm

Allianz National Hurling League 2026 (Six games)

January 25th At home to Waterford at P Uí Chaoimh 3.45pm

Sat Jan 31st away to Galway at Pearse Stadium 7pm

Sat Feb 7th at home to Tipperary at Supervalu P Uí Chaoimh 7.30pm

Sun Mar 1st away to Kilkenny at UPMC Nowlan Park 3.15pm

Sat Mar 7th away to Limerick TUS Gaelic Grounds 7pm

Sat Mar 21st at home to Offaly at Supervalu P Uí Chaoimh 7pm

Munster Senior Hurling Championship 2026
April 19th
Tipperary v Cork in Thurles

Clare v Waterford

April 26th
Cork v Limerick in Cork

Waterford v Tipperary

May 3rd

Clare v Limerick

May 10th

Waterford v Cork in Waterford



DLS U17 Munster Football Finalists 2025

May 17th

Tipperary v Clare

Limerick v Waterford

May 24th

Cork v Clare in Cork

Limerick v Tipperary

Final: June 7th

Football - McGrath Cup

Tuesday Jan 6th Cork v Tipperary at Moyne

Templetohy 7pm

Sunday Jan 11th Cork v Limerick at P Uí Rinn 2pm

Allianz National Football League 2026 (Seven games)

Sunday Jan 25 Cork v Clare at Supervalu P Uí Chaoimh 1.30pm

Sun February 1st Away to Louth 1.30 DEFY Páirc Mhuire, Ardee

Sun Feb 15th away to Offaly 2p in Tullamore

Sun Feb 22nd at home to Meath in P Uí Rinn 2pm

Sun Mar 1st away to Derry, Celtic Park 1pm

Sat Mar 14th at home to Kildare in P Uí Chaoimh 5pm

Sun Mar 22nd away to Tyrone at Healy Park Omagh 1-15pm

2026 Munster Senior Football Championship
April 11th - QF

Tipperary v Waterford

Limerick v Cork
April 25th

Tipp/Waterford v Limerick/Cork

Kerry v Clare

Munster Final: May 10th
Looking back to 2025 Allianz National leagues
Allianz National Hurling League Div 1A final

Cork ended their 27-year wait for an Allianz Hurling League title in some style in SuperValu Páirc Uí Chaoimh. They ruthlessly put to the sword a Tipperary team that simply couldn't live with their athleticism, skill, and clinical finishing.

Speed is a difference maker in sport and Cork's advantage in this respect was very apparent and central to their victory.

The three first-half goals they scored that effectively decided this match all owed a lot their ability to outstrip a Tipperary defence that just couldn't handle the pace with which Cork could run with the ball.

There were other important factors that swayed the match for Cork.

They were much better than Tipperary at winning possession from their own puck-out and their half-backs Ciaran Joyce, Robert Downey, and Cormac O'Brien and midfielders Tim O'Mahony and Ethan Twomey dominated the middle third of the field.

That gave Cork the platform to supply their forwards with nicely arrowed deliveries and players like Darragh

Fitzgibbon and Alan Connolly were in the mood to make the most of them.

Cork's goals came in the 22nd, 27th, and 35th minutes and all of them showcased their ability to cut through teams with their speed of limb and thought and finish ruthlessly.

Before the goal-rush, Tipperary had given as good as they'd gotten.

They were ahead 0-5 to 0-4 by the 11th minute, and at that juncture of the match would have been relatively pleased with how the contest was panning out.

They were moving the ball nicely through the lines and in Jason Forde had a forward who was clearly full of confidence as he sniped over two really classy points.

Cork had a stiff breeze at their backs, but weren't really making the most of it, and even when they broke two points clear Tipp reeled them in again with scores from Darragh McCarthy (free) and Jake Morris to leave the score 10 points a piece

But then, in the blink of an eye, the game changed utterly.

Darragh Fitzgibbon, Tim O'Mahony and Diarmuid Healy flashed over three points in two minutes before Alan Connolly struck for the game's first goal.

O'Mahony picked him out with a nice pass and he showed a clean pair of heels to Eoghan Connolly before finishing emphatically to the net.

The teams exchanged two points each before Cork scored their second goal.

Brian Hayes did brilliantly to win possession in ruck of bodies before hand-passing it to Fitzgibbon who went straight for the jugular and guided the ball past the advancing Barry Hogan.

Points from Sam O'Farrell and substitute Darragh Stakelum reduced Tipp's deficit to nine points, but they were floored again when Cork struck for a third goal.

Tipperary looked really vulnerable whenever they turned over the ball in their own half and it happened again when Connolly was dispossessed and Ethan Twomey raced through before firing a rocket of a shot to the far right corner of the net for the best goal of the game yet.

Tim O'Mahony hit the last score of the half to put Cork 3-16 to 0-12 ahead at half-time and very much in control of the game.

The second half was a relatively flat affair. Cork seemed to take their foot off the gas and, while Tipperary battled away manfully, they never looked like scoring the goals they needed to get back into the contest in a meaningful way.

There were some silver linings for the Premier County with an eye to the Munster championship. Substitutes Sean Keneally and Andrew Ormond improved their attack when they came on and Darragh Stakelum also made an impact from the bench.

Jason Forde and Jake Morris were good in bursts and Sam O'Farrell is a young hurler with a very bright future ahead of them.

But there's no getting away from the fact that this was still a dispiriting day for the Premier County after a League campaign that had been positive until today's Final.

If they're to have a serious tilt at the Munster Championship, they need to get more pace into the team and fine a way to create and finish more goal chances.

As for Cork, on the basis of what they showed in the first half in particular of this League Final, they have all the tools they need to go one better than they did last year.

Cork scorers: Darragh Fitzgibbon 1-4, Patrick Horgan 0-7 (5f), Alan Connolly 1-2, Ethan Twomey 1-2, Diarmuid Healy, Shane Barrett, Tim O'Mahony all 0-2, Ciarán Joyce, Brian Hayes, Tommy O'Connell all 0-1.

Tipperary scorers: Jason Forde 0-7 (2 6s, 1f), Darragh McCarthy 0-4 (all frees), Jake Morris 0-3, Sean Kenneally, Sam O'Farrell, Darragh Stakelum all 0-2, Alan Tynan, Gearóid O'Connor, Andrew Ormond all 0-1. Cork: Patrick Collins; Niall O'Leary, Eoin Downey, Seán O'Connor; Ciarán Joyce, Robert Downey, Cormac O'Brien; Tim O'Mahony, Ethan Twomey; Diarmuid Healy, Darragh Fitzgibbon, Shane Barrett; Patrick Horgan, Alan Connolly, Brian Hayes. Subs: Seamus Harnedy for Diarmuid Healy (48), Mark Coleman for Cormac O'Brien (51), Declan Dalton for Brian Hayes (53), Tommy O'Connell for Ethan Twomey (56), Shane Kingston for Shane Barrett (67)

Tipperary: Barry Hogan; Robert Doyle, Eoghan Connolly, Michael Breen; Joe Caesar, Ronan Maher, Bryan O'Mara; Craig Morgan, Willie Connors; Sam O'Farrell, Alan Tynan, Gearóid O'Connor; Darragh McCarthy, Jake Morris, Jason Forde. Subs: Darragh Stakelum for Willie Connors (23), Sean Kenneally for Joe Caesar (ht), Dylan Walsh for Gearóid O'Connor (44), Andrew Ormond for Darragh McCarthy (47), Seamus Kennedy for Alan Tynan (57)

Referee; Seán Stack (Dublin)

Final Div 1 NHL Table 2025

Tipperary 10 pts
Cork 9 pts
Kilkenny 6 pts
Galway 6 pts
Limerick 5 pts
Wexford 4 pts
Clare 2 pts
Waterford were not in Div 1 in 2025

The most recent meeting between Cork and Waterford was in Munster Championship in May last: Cork 2-25 Waterford 1-22

Cork qualified for a first Munster final in seven years with a performance that was only moderate, and it was pretty hairy in the final quarter thanks to a brave Waterford effort led by their record championship scorer Stephen Bennett.

Sixteen wides for Cork on a blustery afternoon in SuperValu Páirc Uí Chaoimh told a story as did the fact they were eight points up with 20 minutes to go and were dragged into an arm-wrestle by the Déise.

Cork were a point ahead after facing the wind in the opening period (0-13 to 0-12), Brian Hayes flicked in the first goal of the game seconds after the restart. Tim O'Mahony hunted down Paddy Leavey, turned him over and supplied Darragh Fitzgibbon who handpassed to Hayes and with one hand on the hurley he did the rest.

After a Patrick Horgan free, Waterford responded with a brace of points before Shane Barrett sprayed a goal chance wide of the mark in the 40th minute. A second goal did arrive in the 49th minute when Hayes broke down a ball and provided Horgan on his outside and



DLS Senior Footballers in action against Fermoy.

the Glen Rovers man arrowed the sliotar passed Billy Nolan's far side.

That green flag sent Cork six clear and for good measure the brilliant Hayes and Barrett added two further points but Waterford weren't done for yet. Dessie Hutchinson came off the bench to point and then Stephen Bennett had a goal in the 58th minute. Seconds later, he struck the butt of the post as Cork's full-back line panicked. Jack Prendergast followed up at least with a point and the margin was three.

Cue a time for cool heads and in Darragh Fitzgibbon with his first point and substitute Shane Kingston with his first offering Cork had them. Yet three of the next four points were Stephen Bennett frees and with over a minute of normal time to go the gap was three.

Diarmuid Healy showed a clean pair of heels to point and Cormac O'Brien landed one from distance to ease the tensions. With Horgan having been replaced, it was left to Fitzgibbon to land a securing free prior to Bennett finishing out the game's scoring.

Waterford must have felt like they secured a victory before a ball was pucked when team captain Conor Prunty won the toss and opted for his side to be backed by the gale in the first half.

They would have to be ahead at half-time and after 10 minutes 0-5 to 0-1 up they looked well on their way to their way to that objective. Three of their attack were off the mark and unusually none of them included Jamie Barron and Bennett, who so much they have rested on for scores this year.

Cork settled into the game with a hat-trick of points. Mark Coleman was followed by Hayes and Horgan converted his second free. Another threepeat followed a Mikey Kiely effort and Cork were 0-7 to 0-6 up after 19 minutes.

That Cork finished the half with more wides than Waterford spoke of their superiority in general play when Waterford would have been encouraged to shoot on sight with the wind. The teams were level six times in the remainder of the half prior to the second of two Alan Connolly points giving Cork a crucial advantage at the break.

Waterford's Darragh Lyons was fortunate to avoid a yellow card for making contact with Shane Barrett's helmet.

Scorers for Cork: P. Horgan (1-8, 0-7 frees); B. Hayes (1-2); S. Harnedy, S. Barrett (0-3 each); A. Connolly, D. Fitzgibbon (1 free) (0-2 each); M. Coleman, S. Kingston, C. Lehan, D. Healy, C. O'Brien (0-1 each).

Scorers for Waterford: S. Bennett (1-7, 0-7 frees); S. Walsh, P. Fitzgerald (0-3 each); M. Kiely, J. Prendergast (0-2 each); B. Nolan (free), M. Fitzgerald, J. Barron, K. Bennett, D. Hutchinson (0-1 each).

Cork: P. Collins; S. O'Donoghue, E. Downey, G. Millerick; M. Coleman, C. Joyce, C. O'Brien; T. O'Mahony, D. Fitzgibbon; B. Roche, S. Barrett (c), S. Harnedy; A. Connolly, B. Hayes, P. Horgan.

Subs for Cork: D. Healy for B. Roche (48); L. Meade for T. O'Mahony (60); S. Kingston for A. Connolly (62); D. Cahalane for G. Millerick (temp 63-ft); C. Lehan for P. Horgan (70+3); T. O'Connell for C. O'Brien (70+5).

2025 Allianz Football League Div 2 – Round 7 Cavan 0 – 19 Cork 0 - 21

After seven matches, it came down to one strike for Cavan but unfortunately for the Breffnimen, Dara McVeety's two-point effort trailed just wide as the hooter sounded, denying them promotion to Division 1. McVeety, shot on sight from the wing with his side down by two and his effort just trailed wide to the left – results elsewhere meant that, implausibly, had it gone over, Cavan were up.

However, while the large home crowd were disappointed, Cork deserved their win – they were hungrier, used the ball better and never trailed in the match.

The visitors led by six, 0-11 to 0-5, at half-time, having played with a strong breeze at their backs. The Rebels should have been much further ahead, spurning two glorious goal chances midway through the half, Mattie Taylor and Paul Walsh the culprits..

The scores were level at 0-2 a piece after seven minutes; Brian Hurley opened the scoring, Dara McVeety replied and then Mark Cronin (free) and Sean McEvoy traded scores.

But Cork kicked on thereafter, with two-pointers from Brian O'Driscoll and Cronin and singles from Hurley and Chris Óg Jones stretching their lead to 0-08 to 0-02.

Cavan, struggling to win primary possession, pulled one back but Jones added another and a fisted point from Sean McDonnell made it 0-10 to 0-03.

They should have been further in front – Mattie Taylor kicked wide when one-on-one and Paul Walsh was denied by an excellent Gary O'Rourke save – and Cavan ate into their advantage before the break.

Cavan started the second half with points from Donnelly and McKiernan (free) but Cork, dominant on kick-outs, strung together four in succession from the impressive Sean McDonnell (two), O'Driscoll and Jones to make it 0-15 to 0-7.

Two-pointers from James Smith and Dara McVeety drew Cavan closer on the run-in, with Cormac O'Reilly also chipping in, but Cork, who missed some easy chances, kept the scoreboard ticking through Ian Maguire, Cathal O'Mahony, Cronin and McDonnell.

Two massive scores late on brought Cavan back within two but they couldn't get on level terms.

Cork: MA Martin; S Brady, D O'Mahony, Neil Lordan (Ballinora); B O'Driscoll (0-03, 2pt), R Maguire, M Taylor; I Maguire (0-01), Colm O'Callaghan (Éire Óg); P Walsh, E McSweeney, S McDonnell (0-04); M Cronin (0-05, 2f, 2pt), B Hurley (0-02), Chris Óg Jones (Iveleary) (0-04). Subs: B Murphy for D O'Mahony (temp, 9, reversed 12), R Deane for P Walsh (25), S Walsh for E McSweeney (53), C O'Mahony (0-02) for B Hurley (54), C Cahalane for S McDonnell (67)

This win guaranteed Div 2 league survival for Cork.

2025 Allianz National Football League Div 2

7 games played and the final table was as follows:

Monaghan 10 points – promoted
Roscommon 9 pts – promoted

Meath 8pts (+5 scoring difference)

Cavan 8pts (-6)

Cork 8pts (-7)

Louth 6pts (-14)

Down 6pts (-10)- relegated

Westmeath Opts – relegated

Relegated from Div 1 to 2: Derry and Tyrone

Promoted from Div 3 to 2: Offaly and Kildare

Div 2 next season: Meath, Cavan, Cork, Louth, Derry, Tyrone, Offaly, Kildare.

2026 Cork Championship Programme – Key Dates

The 2026 County Championship will begin with:

· *McCarthy Insurance Group Football Championship – Round 1: July 24th – 26th*

· *Co-Op Superstores Hurling Championship – Round 1: July 31st – 2nd August*

Playing sequence: 1v2, 3v4: 1v4, 3v2: 1v3, 2v4.

Cork County Championship - Grades and Groups 2026

Hurling: Premier Senior

Group 1: 1 Blackrock, 2 Glen Rovers, 3 Kanturk, 4 Fr O'Neill's.

Group 2: Sarsfields, Charleville, Douglas, Newtownshandrum.

Group 3: Middleton, St Finbarr's, Bride Rovers, Newcestown.

Senior A Hurling:

Group 1: Blarney, Castlelyons, Watergrasshill, Ballyhea.

Group 2: Na Piarasaigh, Erin's Own, Killeagh, Fermoy.

Group 3: Carrigtwohill, Inniscarra, Ballinhassig, Courcy Rovers.

Premier Intermediate Hurling:

Group 1: Bishopstown, Ballincollig, Éire Óg, Aghabullogue.

Group 2: Dungourney, Cloyne, Castlemartyr, Lisgoold.

Group 3: Carrigaline, Valley Rovers, Kilworth, Ballymartle

Intermediate A Hurling:

Group 1: Aghada, Bandon, Kilbrittain, Russell Rovers.

Group 2: Middleton, Mallow, Kildorrery, Blackrock.

Group 3: Erin's Own, Sarsfields, Youghal, Ballygiblin.

Premier Junior Hurling:

Group 1: Ballygarvan, Glen Rovers, Kilshannig, Nemo Rangers.

Group 2: Cloughduv, St Catherine's, Milford, Tracton.

Group 3: Mayfield, Argideen Rangers, Barryroe, St Finbarr's.

Football:

Playing sequence: 1v2, 3v4: 1v4, 3v2: 1v3, 2v4

Premier Senior Football

Group 1: 1 St Finbarr's, 2 Carrigaline, 3 Mallow, 4 Douglas.

Group 2: Newcestown, Nemo Rangers, St Michael's, Valley Rovers.

Group 3: Castlehaven, Ballincollig, Knocknagree, Clonakilty.

Senior A Football

Group 1: Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh, Kanturk, Dohenys, Aghabullogue.

Group 2: Cill na Marta, Carbery Rangers, O'Donovan Rossa, Newmarket.

Group 3: Bishopstown, Éire Óg, Clyda Rovers, Kilshannig.

Premier Intermediate Football:

Group 1: Glanmire, Uibh Laoire, Bantry Blues, Rockchapel.

Group 2: Kiskeam, Aghada, Macroom, Castletownbere.

Group 3: Naomh Abán, Fermoy, Nemo Rangers, Ballinora.

Intermediate A Football:

Group 1: Ilen Rovers, Kilmurry, Buttevant, Glanworth.

Group 2: Gabriel Rangers, Mitchelstown, St Finbarr's, Dromtarriffe.

Group 3: Bandon, Adrigole, Boherbue, Kildorrery.

Premier Junior Football:

Group 1: Cullen, St Vincent's, Millstreet, Kinsale.

Group 2: Inniscarra, Cobh, Glenville, Urhan.

Group 3: Canovee, St Nick's, Na Piarasaigh, Kilmacabea.

Cork County League Programme 2026 – Key Dates

The 2026 County Leagues will commence as follows:

McCarthy Insurance Group Football Leagues: Sunday, 1st March 2026

RedFM Hurling Leagues: Sunday, 8th March 2026

League Finals are scheduled for:

McCarthy Insurance Group Football League Finals: 3rd to 5th July

RedFM Hurling League Finals: 10th to 12th July

McCarthy Insurances Football Leagues

There are 7 Divisions, each of ten teams.

Commencing March 1st 2026 with Round 1 pairings:

Div 1: Carbery R v Clonakilty, Cill na Martra v Newcestown, Éire Óg v Castlehaven, Nemo Rangers v Douglas, St Finbarr's v Knocknagree

Div 2: Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh v Castletownbere, Carrigaline v Ballincollig, O'Donovan Rossa v Clyda Rovers, St Michaels v Uibh Laoire, Valley Rovers v Dohenys

Div 3: Bandon v Mallow, Bishopstown v Aghabullogue, Kilshannig v Newmarket, Naomh Abán v Fermoy, Rockchapel v Kanturk

Div 4: Aghada v Nemo Rangers, Boherbue v Glanmire, Buttevant v Macroom, Gabriel Rangers v Adrigole, Kilmurry v Kiskeam

Div 5: Ballydesmond v St Vincents, Bantry Blues v Ballinora, Canovee v St Nicks, Kinsale v Millstreet, Mitchelstown v Ilen Rovers

Div 6: Argideen Rangers v Kildorrery, Dromtarriffe v Na Piarasaigh, Glanworth v Aghinagh, Glenville v Cobh, Kilmacabea v Cullen

Div 7: Inniscarra v Passage West, Ballygarvan v Carbery Rangers, Castlemagner v Mayfield, St James v Donoughmore, Liscarroll/Churchtown Gaels v Nemo Rangers

Red FM Hurling Leagues

Commencing March 8th 2026

Div 1: Charleville v Carraigtwohill, Killeagh v Douglas, Middleton v Fr O'Neill's, Sarsfields v Glen Rovers, St Finbarr's v Blackrock

Div 2: Ballymartle v Ballincollig, Bride Rovers v Valley Rovers, Kanturk v Carrigaline, Na Piarasaigh v Newcestown, Newtownshandrum v Erin's Own

Div 3: Courcy Rovers v Ballinhassig, Éire Óg v Castlelyons, Fermoy v Blarney, Inniscarra v Russell Rovers, Lisgoold v Bandon

Div 4: Blackrock v Kilworth, Ballyhea v Kildorrery, Cloughduv v Aghabullogue, Mallow v Bishopstown, St Catherine's v Watergrasshill

Div 5: Glen Rovers v Cloyne, Kilbrittain v Middleton, Milford v Ballygarvan, Tracton v Castlemartyr, Youghal v Dungourney

Div 6: Ballygiblin v Erin's Own, Sarsfields v Killavullen, Aghada v Diarmuid O'Mathúna's, BallinacCarthy v Argideen Rangers, Kinsale v Mayfield

Div 7: Douglas v Ballinora, Killeagh v Barryroe, Passage West v Na Piarasaigh, St Finbarr's v Carraig na bhFear, Kilshannig v Meelin

Fixtures:

Jan 11th to 12th All-Ireland Junior Club Final Kilbrittain v Easkey in Croke Park

Sun, Jan 11th @2pm McGrath Cup R2 Cork v Limerick

in Páirc Uí Rinn

Mon, Jan 12th @7pm Munster SHL R2 Cork v Clare in Mallow

Sat, Jan 17th Munster SHL Final Co-Op Superstores Munster Senior Hurling League Final

Sat, Jan 17th McGrath Cup Final McGrath Cup Final

Sun, Jan 25th @1.30pm NFL R1 Cork v Cavan in SuperValu Páirc Uí Chaoimh

Sun, Jan 25th @3.45pm NHL R1 Cork v Waterford in SuperValu Páirc Uí Chaoimh

Sat, Jan 31st @7pm NHL R2 Cork v Galway in Pearse Stadium

Sun, Feb 1st @1.30pm NFL R2 Cork v Louth in DEFY Páirc Mhuire

Sat, Feb 7th U17 F R1 Leinster Minor Football League Round 1

Sat, Feb 7th @5.30pm U20 H Challenge Cork v Kilkenny in SuperValu Páirc Uí Chaoimh

Sat, Feb 7th @7.30pm NHL R3 Cork v Tipperary in SuperValu Páirc Uí Chaoimh

Tues, Feb 10th @8pm Wed, Feb 11th Universities Final Sigerson Cup Final

Sat, Feb 14th U17 F R2 Leinster Minor Football League Round 2

Sun, Feb 15th Universities Final Fitzgibbon Cup Final

Sun, Feb 15th @2pm NFL R3 Cork v Offaly in Glenisk O'Connor Park #

Sat, Feb 21st U17 F R3 Leinster Minor Football League Round 3

Sun, Feb 22nd @2pm NFL R4 Cork v Meath in Páirc Uí Rinn

Feb 27th - 28th

Sat, Feb 28th U17 F SF Leinster Minor Football League Semi-Final

Sun, March 1st Club F League R1 McCarthy Insurance Group Football League

R1 Sun, March 1st @1pm NFL R5 Cork v Derry in Celtic Park

Sun, March 1st @3.15pm NHL R5 Cork v Kilkenny in UPMC Nowlan Park

Tues, March 3rd @8pm Sat, March 7th U17 F Final Leinster Minor Football League Final

Sat, March 7th @7pm NHL R6 Cork v Limerick in TUS Gaelic Grounds

U21 B Hurling Championship County Final

Bishopstown 4 - 13 Aghabullogue 1 - 17

In the U21 B HC final at the 4G pitch in SuperValu Páirc Uí Chaoimh, Bishopstown were five points clear at the finish but they were under severe pressure all the way from a never-say-die Aghabullogue side.

The foundations of Bishopstown's victory were laid early. They struck twice for goals inside the opening 17 minutes – led by 1-5 to 0-3 after ten minutes, then 2-6 to 0-3 and when Cillian Murray converted a close-range free on 20, the Bishopstown lead had stretched to nine points, 2-7 to 0-4.

Bishopstown were to score just one more point before the interval while Aghabullogue closed the first half strongly, outscoring Bishopstown by 1-4 to 0-1 in the closing exchanges to trim what had been a commanding deficit to just three at the break. Points from Lane and Foley preceded a crucial goal – a quick free worked between the pair – with Lane's initial effort dropping short before being spilled under pressure from Seán O'Sullivan, who poked home. That left the gap at three, 2-7 to 1-7 with a minute until the short whistle. Another Murray free briefly steadied the Town, but an outstanding score from Foley before the break ensured Aghabullogue went in only three adrift, 2-8 to 1-8.

Aghabullogue got the deficit down to one point early in the second, when James Lane and James Foley struck the opening two points inside a minute of the restart and suddenly it was a one-point game.

Bishopstown steadied themselves emphatically. Cillian Murray had a shot saved by Aghabullogue goalkeeper Joseph Foley but the sliotar ran loose and Town forwards forced the ball over the line, 3-8 to 1-10. teJames Lane and James Foley (free) were on target again as Aghabullogue kept fighting but the Town hit two points in reply before Fergal Gillespie hit the next point to leave three between the teams.

Then, in the 48th minute, Bishopstown hit their fourth major when the ball broke favourably for Murray, who drove home to put Town six clear, 4-10 to 1-13 now.

Aghabullogue got the deficit down to four with six minutes remaining as they closed in again, while only a brilliant save denied James Foley a green flag. A Foley point from a free had the margin down to three heading towards added time, 4-11 to 1-17 (23 to 20), but Murray (free) and Daly were on target to stretch Bishopstown's advantage to five.

A challenge on James Lane resulted in a red card for a Bishopstown defender, Aghabullogue threw everything forward in search of the goals they needed but they ran out of time.

Scorers for Aghabullogue: James Foley 0-8 (0-5 f), J Lane 0-4, Odhran O'Connell 0-3 (0-1 f), S O'Sullivan 1-0, F Gillespie, C Gillespie 0-1 each.

Aghabullogue: Joseph Foley; Daniel O'Leary, Daniel O'Sullivan, Breandán O'Sullivan; Colm Gillespie, Oisín O'Connell, Ciarán Thompson; Fergal Gillespie, Odhran O'Connell; Pierce O'Connell, James Foley, Barry Kendall; Seán O'Sullivan, James Lane, A O'Sullivan. Subs: Shane Bermingham 40, Seán Cummins 51.

Aghabullogue's impressive record for 2025
County Premier Intermediate Football Champions
County Intermediate A Hurling Champions
Division Four County Football League Champions
Division Five County Hurling League Champions
Mid Cork U21 B Hurling Champions
Mid Cork Div Two Junior Hurling League winners
A year to remember!

Runai's report to Muskerry GAA AGM (Part 2 of 2)

Cumann Réiteoirí Mhúscraí GAA MID-CORK REFEREE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT 2025

The Divisional Championship Final results provide evidence of a strong and vibrant division. At Junior level Ballinora once again and for a fifth in a row - in hurling and Donoughmore in football after a lapse of some fourteen years following a replay were victorious. We would like to wish both Ballinora and Donoughmore the best in their ongoing campaigns at county level. Congratulations to Aghabullogue on achieving a double at Intermediate level with success at both hurling and football. We wish them all the best at Senior A football next year.

We are fortunate to have seen a further five referees complete the Referee's Course in 2025 and these will contribute to facilitating games throughout the Division during 2026. Congratulations to Robert Whelan who has been added to the Munster Academy of Referees and to Dave Murnane who refereed a number of National League games and officiated at the Tailteann Cup and the All-Ireland Minor Football Final. A number of Muskerry referees took charge of various games including: John Ryan refereed at Munster U21 Football and is selected to referee the County U21A Football Final; Colm Vaughan at All-Ireland U23 B and Minor Camogie Finals, Diarmuid Kirwin at the Cork Senior Camogie Final. There are many more referees - too many to mention here - who took Rebel Óg finals across all grades.

Sympathies to the family and friends of Michael O'Sullivan a former referee who died this year. Michael devoted many years of service as a referee to the Division and County - a contribution greatly

appreciated. We are indebted to all referees who take the field to officiate at games. Thank you for your service. Gura fada buan sibh. Diarmuid Ó Muimhneacháin (Mid-Cork Referee Administrator).

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CULTURAL REPORT 2025

Tá deireadh ag teacht le 2025 agus tá oícheanta dorcha an gheimhridh linn, tá gné chultúrtha ár n-eagraíochta iontach ag teacht i ngluaiseacht mar a bhíodh sé. Ar an drochuair, tá an Scor ag dul in olcas le roinnt blianta anuas ach buíochas le Dia, choinnigh croí beag ag bualadh ag na scoileanna iontacha laistigh dár roinn i gcomórtas scor na bPaisti faoi stiúir triúr ban áitiúil i Maire, Tracy agus Dolores é.

Ós rud é gurb é seo mo chéad uair tuarascáil scor/chultúrtha a chur i láthair agus gur sheas an triúr ban ar leataobh ag tús na bliana, bheadh sé mí-cheart domsa agus do bhord Mhúscraí gan é a thuairisciú agus buíochas a ghabháil leis an bhfoireann as a gcuid iarrachtaí a thug siad do Scór Roinn Mhúscraí thar na blianta.

As 2025 is ending and the dark winter nights is upon us, the cultural aspect of our wonderful organisation gets into speed dial as it was once the case. Unfortunately for a number of years now Scór has been in decline but thankfully it was kept going by a small beating heart by the wonderful schools within our division in the scor na bpaisti competition in the stewardship of three local ladies in Maire, Tracy and Dolores.

As this is my first time presenting a scor/cultural report and the three ladies have stepped to one side at the start of the year it would be wrong of me and the Muskerry Board not to report it and to thank them for the efforts to which they have given the Muskerry Division Scór down through the years.

Like with everything when the acting committee step to one side, it takes time to get the setup up and running again with a new Scor committee but with the help of my fellow Muskerry board officers we felt that we had to put our best foot forward for the division to keep the culture alive so we put out an SOS to the division and with the help of two cultural officers from the west side of the division involved and the teachers of the division we got the ball rolling for Scór na bPaisti. Unfortunately, due to the time constraints we could only run a straight final this year. The talent on the day was exceptional to give all the participants their due credit, with the winners on the day progressing to the county semi final and then some to the county final. Unfortunately, the Muskerry reps in the county final weren't successful in coming first or second but as previously mentioned they can hold their heads high in getting to the county final.

Results from the final of Scór na bPaisti in Muskerry are as follows:

Nuacneas: Farran NS

Rince Foirne: Berrings NS
Sean Nros Rince: Berrings NS
Amhranaíocht Aonair: Scoil Lachtain Naofa Cill na Martra
Figur Rince Aonair: Scoil Aban Naofa Baile Bhuirne
Ceoil Uirlise Aonair: Berrings NS
Aithriseoireacht/Sealaocht: Berrings NS
Ceoil Uirlise: Berrings NS

Bailead Ghrupa: Berrings NS
Trath na gCeisteanna: Scoil Aban Naofa Baile Bhuirne
While Scor na bPaisti was in full flight Scor Sinsear was getting under way but as in previous years in this sector of scor, participation was very limited in Muskerry with Inniscarra GAA providing ballad group and musical instrument group and they all went straight to the county final and did themselves, their club and division very proud. Trath na gceist for Scor sinsear was done in a county wide like previous years and on the first night there were three teams from this division which took part Naomh Aban, Aghabullgue and Cill na Martra allcoming in the top three teams and qualified for the county final in Ovens.

Colm O'Mocháin, Oifigeach Cultúir agus Teanga Bhord Mhúscraí

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

Referees: - I would like to thank all the Referees in the Cóiste for their wonderful service and commitment over the past year. They have gone above and beyond for the past few months, especially with the demand on them.

It should be noted that without our referees we would not be able to progress with our games. To Miah Moynihan who in the role as Referee Administrator, has been of huge support to me, especially when we had so many championship & league games to cover in a short space of time. Again, this year we have added 5 new referees to our list, and we hope they will take more of an active role in 2026. Continued success to Jim McEvoy in his role as County Referees Administrator, also to the referees who represented the division in covering county finals, inter county games during the year. I wish you many more years of success.

Media: - My thanks to all our local media who do so much work to promote our games locally, especially Brendan Kenneally, Lee Valley Outlook/Southern Star, Barry O'Mahony Echo Live, John O'Shea Echo Live, Kevin Murphy Echo Live and Michael Scanlon of C103 all of whom provide great coverage of our Divisional activities.

County Board Delegates: My thanks to Enda Linehan & John Crean for representing Muskerry Board at the County Board for the past twelve months.

Congratulations: Congratulations to all players and managements from the Muskerry Division who represented Cork at any grade during the year especially the Senior Teams with Muskerry represented by players Shane Barrett (Blarney) vice-captain Cork Senior Hurling team, Mark Coleman (Blarney). Padraig

Power (Blarney) Sean

O'Donoghue (Inniscarra) also PWC All Star award winner, Tomas O'Connor (Inniscarra) winner Lory Meagher Cup with New York in hurling. Colm O'Callaghan (Eire Óg), Luke Fahy (Ballincollig), Sean Dore (Ballincollig) Chris Og Jones (Iveleary), Neil Lordan (Ballinora), Daniel O Duinnin (Cill na Martra), Seanie O Foirreidh (Cill na Martra), in football. U20 Hurling & Football representation: Ed Myers (Naomh Abán) Denis O'Mullane (Kilmurry), Sean O'Leary (Kilmurry), Ben O'Connell (Ballincollig), Danny Miskella (Ballincollig), Dave O'Leary (Ballincollig), Sean O'Neill (Ballincollig) Colm Gillespie (Aghabullouge), Aaron O'Sullivan (Aghabullouge) Sean O'Sullivan (Aghabullouge).

Managements and Backroom members from our division Michael O'Brien (Ballincollig) U20 Football Coach, Ray O'Mahony (Eire Og) U20 Football Manager, Bryan Linehan (Inniscarra) Coach/Selector Dublin Minor Hurlers, Sean Leisk (Inniscarra) Coach Cork U23 camogie, Tadhg O Riordan (Cloughdru) Coach Cork U23 camogie, Dr Aidan Murphy (Inniscarra) Medic Cork Senior Hurlers.

To all our EPH Controls Muskerry Sports Star Award winners for 2025 – Danny Mickella(Ballincollig) U21 A Football winner, Mark Coleman (Blarney) Cork Senior Hurler, Colm O'Callaghan (Eire Og) Cork Senior Footballers, Paul Ring (Aghabullouge) Premier Intermediate Football winner, Matthew Bradley (Aghabullouge) Intermediate Hurling winner, Gavin O'Sullivan (Donoughmore) Junior A Football winner, Neil Lordan (Ballinora) Intermediate Football winner, Ben Mayer (Ballinora) Junior A Hurling winner, Sean O'Donoghue (Inniscarra) PwC Sports Star award winner, Aoife Rodgers (Eire Óg Ladies Football) Senior Ladies Football winner, James O'Dwyer (Ballincollig)



Coachford u16 team were kindly presented with their new football shirts by the manager of Macroom credit union Seamus Hogan

U21 A Hurling winners. We look forward to having all our award winners, board delegates, club members in attendance for the Gala event in Talbot Hotel Cork on Saturday 17th January 2026 where we will announce our overall EPH Controls Sports Star winner along with our Muskerry Junior Football, Muskerry Junior Hurling & Muskerry Intermediate Football Teams of the year.

Tributes

Regretfully a number of our members from various clubs within the division have passed to their eternal reward since our last AGM. We also lost our former President Tadhg Ó Gealbhaín R.I.P this year. Our sincere condolences to the families of all those concerned.

We remember in our prayers all the deceased members from various clubs who have passed during the year. Ar dheis lámh De go raibh siad.

A Novena of masses will be offered for all deceased members of the association in Muskerry.

Conclusion

I hope I have covered all the activities and events in the Division for 2025, but should any delegate feel that some items are missing, every opportunity will be afforded to him/her to raise the matter and have a short discussion on it at this meeting.

I would like to Thank my fellow officers for all their help for the past 5 years, the Board delegates, and the Cork County Board who have been helpful during the year. 2025 was a year where we had some changes to league & championship structures and with the help of you all we got through them. Most importantly, for the year all our competitions were completed. I would also like to wish all the clubs the very Best of Luck for the year ahead.

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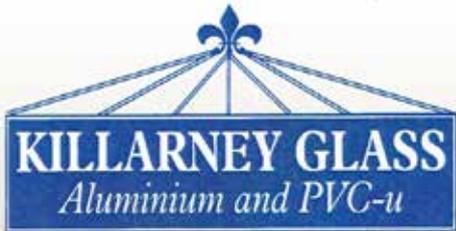


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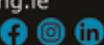
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What's Another Year

The Wisdom of Looking Back

The 16th Century Spanish saint - Ignatius of Loyola - is considered the patron saint of decision making. His great insight came while he was convalescing from a leg injury in battle. God was communicating within him through his daydreams initially, leading him away from selfish pride and towards self-giving service of others.

It was only on reflection, looking back over his experience, that Ignatius was able to sort out what was genuine.

It would take him many years to be able to listen fully to what God was saying, to temper his own unruly impulses and be of real service to others.

God seems to work with us slowly and patiently through different experiences, and we need reflection or 'looking back' to see it clearly.

The end of the year and the beginning of a new one is a really good time to look back and evaluate the experiences of a whole twelve months.

Undoubtedly there will be up and downs, laughter and tears, light and darkness.

It can be easy to write it off as being 'past' or over, just focussing on moving on and forgetting, but there are surprising discoveries to be made in following this simple process.

A bit like getting to a mountain top, you can see clearly the path you have walked from the top, and it also indicates the best way of getting down.

This moment of taking stock or looking back over the journey yields surprising results; you can see more clearly and it helps you to travel forward.

Key to the process is connecting yourself to the 'light' or God, that allows you to see and which uncovers the darkness that only obscures things.

The 'Examen' is used to review how you have been during the year and where God has been; it is much easier to see looking back.

Often we can have a negative slant on our memories of the year and it is important to try to balance that.

Find a quiet space and try to put aside an hour, some people find a lighted candle helpful to remember to 'live in the light'.

The five steps are:

1. Ask God for light (try to see the year just passed through God's eyes, not merely your own), see what stands out
2. Give thanks: get in touch with gratitude for the year you have just lived is a gift from God. This can be a struggle again as negativity can dominate, but there are always some lights to focus on.
3. Review the year chronologically (look back on the months just completed, being guided by the Holy Spirit). In going back through the year, it can be helpful to use a diary or even photos on your phone, often you can be surprised about all the things you did, people you met, and may have forgotten much.
4. Face your mistakes or shortcomings (face up to what is wrong—accept mistakes; work out what you would do better to improve).
5. Look toward to the year to come (ask God for help to live a better year).

It can be helpful to write your observations or insights in a diary or journal to get them clear in your head. From this exercise naturally flows the desire to look at the coming year, what kind of year do you want, what would you like to happen, what do you want to avoid? Again, it is worth taking time to look at this, maybe as a separate exercise and begin looking at what you really want, what is going to satisfy your soul. It's all about tuning into this experience of a close God who wants the best for us and is trying to communicate with us through reflection and prayer.

Put your resolutions in an envelope- mark it with

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Have a happy and reflected New Year !

God bless. Fr Seán

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A Word of Victory

"Therefore, let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe"
(Hebrews 12:28).

Welcome back dear student, warmest wishes for a happy, healthy, and peaceful New Year! There's certainly lots happening in the world. All around us Biblical prophecy is being fulfilled - we shouldn't be surprised. Spiritual battles are raging between dark and light, between good and evil. People who don't know God are confused and deceived - even mad at God. Our foe is not God, but the powers of darkness - Satan and his demons are stealing, killing, and destroying at every opportunity (John 10:10). It's easy to blame God rather than investigate and face the Truth. Complacency and lack of knowledge of God's Word contribute to the problems. The enemy comes dressed as an angel of light (2 Corinthians 11:14). What better way to fool your prey than to hide your existence? A modern trojan horse, causing destruction, fear, and defeat. But for those who will believe in the Lord Jesus, humbly repent of sin, and accept Him as Lord, the outcome is much different. "The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God stands forever" (Isaiah 40:8). No matter what's going on, God's Word proves true, outlasting all opinions! The Lord Jesus was born, grew up, died on the Cross, and was raised from the dead, fulfilling every prophecy about God's promised Messiah. The Word of God is the testimony of Jesus; His life and teaching are the heart of prophecy (Revelation 19:10 Amplified Bible). We must not fear what's transpiring in the world. We should only fear God.

Jesus asked... "what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, if he loses His own soul?" (Matthew 16:26; Mark 8:36). Life is a rollercoaster - mountain top experiences one day, and down in the valley the next. But relationship with Jesus keeps one stable. "He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High will remain stable and fixed under the shadow of the Almighty, whose power no foe can withstand" (Psalm 91:1-2 Amplified Bible). The enemy is active and cruel, but his power is nothing compared to God. Jesus defeated him at the Cross (Colossians 2:13-15). The joyous message of the Gospel is - God so loves each and every human being that He gave His Only Son to die in our place, taking our sin and curse, enduring such pain, suffering, sickness, and torment so that we could be healed and made whole, forgiven and reconciled to the Father through His sinless Blood (John 3:7-16; Romans 5:6-11).

Folks watch romantic movies dreaming of true love. Yet the 'Greatest Love' of all is available for us all to receive freely (Matthew 10:8). The Friend who sticks closer than a brother. The Shepherd who tends all our needs. The Giver of every good and perfect gift. The Author of Life; Prince of Peace; Wonderful Counsellor. His Name is Jesus, the Son of God. He loves you friend. He gave everything for your deliverance and freedom! God doesn't try to buy our love - He has given each one of us a free will to accept, or not. But He longs for us to choose Him. To Believe in Him. To live for Him, in obedience to His Word, following His lead - walking in Love. There is a high call upon our lives (John 15:16). Yes, the world is unstable, but everything is - without God. It's time to return to Him and begin this year right. Don't settle for 'the same old... same old'. Seek God's purpose and plan for your life! Listen to our latest podcast episodes 'Vision For 2026' on Spotify for more.

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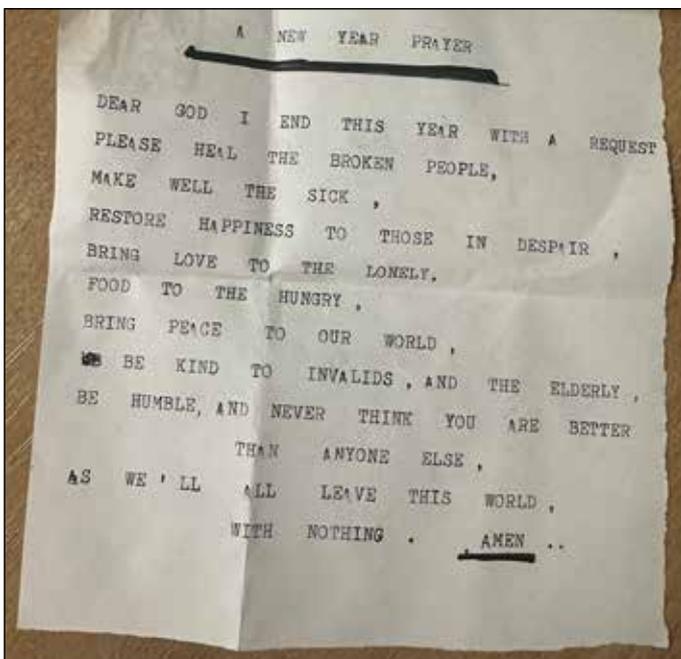
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FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In memory of
EILISH KELLEHER
Inchigeela
who died on January 11th, 2025

A loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother so dearly missed by her family every day

As we lovingly remember our mother Eilish, we, her children, Martin, Mary, Derry, Bernie, Loretto and Kieran sincerely thank all who supported us and sympathised with us on our sad loss.

Thank you to all our family, relatives, friends and neighbours; to all who called to Mam's home, to those who travelled from near and far to attend the funeral services, to those who sent Mass cards, enrolments, letters, flowers, to people who phoned and supported us in various ways, to you who posted tributes and condolences on RIP ...

We are truly grateful.

Thank you to the Staff and Management of Care Choice Nursing Home in Macroom for the care they gave Eilish during her final years, to Dr. John O'Riordan, Dr. Peter Cronin, and Dr. Sean Foley who often called to treat Eilish in Care Choice, to Dr. Maeve Bradley for all her 'home visits' to Eilish as her mobility issues progressed and for her help in relation to the death certificate on the Saturday of Eilish's death.

Our thanks to all the 'home help' carers who helped her daughter Bernie in caring for Eilish while she was still living at home, and to neighbours and friends who called to see her.

Our gratitude to Cyril Casey and Casey's undertakers for their kindness and for their professionalism and to the grave diggers.

Thank you to Fr. Anthony O'Mahony, Fr Robert Brophy, and Bishop John Buckley for concelebrating the funeral Mass, and to the altar servers.

Thanks to Norma Galvin, Martina Ring and the Choir for the music which made the funeral Mass so meaningful, and to Marie Noonan, Sacristan, for all her help.

Thank you to Eilish's grandchildren and great-grandchildren for lovingly participating in the funeral service, doing readings, and bringing up gifts and mementos.

Thank you to Joe and Ann Creedon and the staff of Creedon's hotel for the excellent catering.

Finally, to all of you who helped and supported us in any way, please accept this notice as an expression of our gratitude and appreciation.

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



Eilish's First Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in the Church of St. Finbarr and Holy Angels, Inchigeela, on Sunday, January 11th, at 11.30am.

May Eilish rest in peace in the love of the Lord.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of
TIMOTHY DINEEN
Milleens, Kilbarry, Macroom, Co Cork.
Who died on 17th Jan 2025.

We lovingly remember Timothy on his first Anniversary. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all who supported and sympathised with us on our sad loss. To all who attended the Rosary and Funeral and those who sent mass cards and condolences.

A huge thanks to all our kind neighbours, relatives and friends, who called to the house, supporting us and bringing so much food and refreshments and for all their extra help and kindness during those days.

Sincere thanks to Dr Hurley's Family Practice, Macroom and to all the staff at CUH for their wonderful care during Timothy's illness and short stay in hospital. To Fr Anthony who offered the funeral mass and for all his kind words.

To Mary's sister Teresa and those who joined her, for the beautiful singing and to the organist Norma Galvin.

Thanks to Cyril and staff of Casey's undertakers for their kindness, sensitivity and professionalism and to the grave diggers.

To the staff at Creedons Hotel, Inchigeela for the refreshments after the funeral. Please accept this as a token of our heartfelt appreciation and gratitude.

Timothy is sadly missed by his loving wife Mary, his sons Jerry, John, Tim and David. His daughters in law Dawn and Niamh, his grandchildren Jack and Zoe and all his relatives and friends.

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



May Timothy Rest In Peace.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of
JOHN CREEDON
Carriganarra Road, Ballincollig, Cork
Late of Mullinroe, Clondrohid
Who died on 4th January, 2025

As we lovingly remember John on his first anniversary, his wife Clare, sons Pat, Michael and John, daughter Helen, his beloved grandchildren Tim, David, Ediel and extended family would like to extend heartfelt thanks to our relatives, neighbours and friends who sympathized and supported us on our sad loss.

We thank all those who attended the Funeral Home and Funeral Mass, those who sent mass cards and online condolences.

A special thank you to Fr. Ronan Sheehan who celebrated the Funeral Mass and Rosie and Derry for the beautiful music and singing.

We thank Dr. Dan Hinds, Marymount and Cathy for the excellent care. Sincere appreciation to Crowley Funeral Directors for their professionalism.

Please accept this acknowledgment as an expression of our deepest gratitude. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions.



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

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

*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.*

THE MIRACLE PRAYER



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

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In loving memory of
PATRICK O'MAHONY
Toames East, Macroom
Who died 17th January 2025

As we lovingly remember Patrick on his first anniversary, the O'Mahony family wish to express our sincere gratitude to all those who sympathised with us on Patrick's death. We wish to thank those who attended the funeral and burial, those who sent Mass cards, online condolences and those who travelled distances to be with us. A sincere thanks and much appreciation to Fr. Anthony Buckley and Fr. Crowley who assisted Canon Humphrey O'Mahony, in the celebration of his brother Patrick's funeral mass. A special word of thanks to Parish Priest, Fr. Pat O'Donovan, to Kathleen Buckley, Sacristan, for her help at this time, Kathleen Murray and the Toames Church choir in making the mass so meaningful.

A special thanks to the staff of Carechoice Nursing Home Macroom for the kindness shown while caring for Patrick. Thank you to the doctors and staff of Sullane Family Practice and especially the staff of Matt Murphy's Pharmacy Macroom, for the professionalism and kindness extended to Patrick during the years of his illness. We would like to express our appreciation to the doctors and staff of Bon Secours Hospital, Cork and C.U.H. for their wonderful care of Patrick.

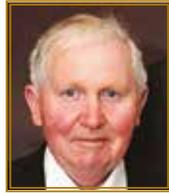
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Many thanks to the neighbours and friends who called to see Patrick during his illness and whose visits he very much appreciated. Please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our deepest gratitude.



Patrick's Anniversary Mass will be held in St. Finbarr's Church, Toames at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday 18th January, 2026. May he rest in peace.

9TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of
DIARMUID O'CONNELL
Ballymakeera, Macroom, Co. Cork
Who died 9th January 2017

*Memories are special,
They don't fade away.
We think of you often,
Especially today.
Though heaven and earth divide us
We are never far apart,
You are always in our thoughts and prayers
And forever in our hearts.*



Sadly missed by his wife Ina and family.

10TH ANNIVERSARY



In fond remembrance of
DAN JOE HALLISSEY
Munavdra, Inchigeela
Who died on 13th January 2016.

*For this one farmer the worries are over,
lie down and rest your head,
Your time has been and struggles enough,
put the tractor in the shed.
Your labor is done,
your home now is heaven;
no more must you wait,
Your legacy lives on, your love of the Land,
and we will close the gate.*



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4TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of
DAVID STEARMAN SMITH
Nead Na Spidoige, Augeris
Ballingeary, Macroom
Died 21st January 2022 aged 65.

*There is always a picture before us
A voice we would love to hear
A smile we will always remember
Of a husband, father and grandfather
Who we all loved so dear
Deep in our hearts lies this picture
More precious than silver or gold
Its a picture that we look at
to remember you are near.
In our hearts we know you will never grow old
Rest in peace beloved until we meet again.*



In our hearts, gone to soon, love always. Kate your loving wife, daughter Claire son in law Andy grandchildren Ethan and Emilia, sister Sue, brother Mike sister in law Pauline, brother in law Jimmy sister in law Chris, nieces and nephews friends and neighbours.

2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of
MARY BUCKLEY (NEE O'BRIEN)
Cooleclevane, Kilmichael, Macroom,
Co. Cork (formerly Tullyland, Bandon)
RIP 20th January 2024

*Those we love don't go away,
they walk beside us every day.*



Lovingly remembered and forever missed by husband Barry, sister Patricia, niece and nephew Louise and John, nephew in law Glenn and grand nieces Olivia, Isla and Sophia.

2ND ANNIVERSARY



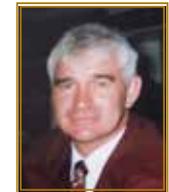
In loving memory of
DAN O'CONNOR
Knockshanavee Farnanes
Who died on 4th January 2024

*Will those who think of Dan today
A little prayer to Jesus say
A beautiful life that came to an end
You died as you lived everyone's friend*



Lovingly Remembered By Mary & The O'Connor Families

18TH ANNIVERSARY



Remembering with love
JERRY TWOHIG
32 St. Colmans Pk, Macroom
Who died on 10th January 2008

*A smile for all, a heart of gold,
One of the best the world could hold.
Never selfish, always kind,
These are the memories you left behind.
As you were Jerry you will always be
Someone special in our memory.*



Always remembered by his wife Margaret, his daughters Caroline & Emer & his son Mark, Grandchildren Adam, Cliona, Aoife, Darragh & Alex.

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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.

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10TH ANNIVERSARY



Treasured memories now and always of our dear Dad

TIMMIE KELLEHER

**Belmont Place, Crookstown
Whose 10th Anniversary occurs on the 9th of January**

*Softly in the morning,
you heard a gentle call
You took the hand God offered you
And quietly left us all
We thank you for the years we shared
The love you gave, and the way you cared
Deep in our hearts you will always stay
Loved and remembered every day*



Always in our thoughts,
Forever in our hearts, Your loving family.

15TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

EILEEN KELLEHER

Carrigthomas, Macroom who died on the 11th of January 2011

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



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

Always remembered by her loving family.

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A NEW YEAR PRAYER



Dear God, I end this year with a request please heal the broken people, make well the sick, restore happiness to those in despair, bring love to the the lonely, food to the hungry, Bring peace to our world, be kind to invalids, and the elderly, be humble, and never think you are better than anyone else, As we'll all leave this world. Amen

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE



Forever and Always Missed

DAMIAN DINEEN

Remembering Damian on his 53rd Birthday which occurred on the 4th Jan 2026

Happy Heavenly Birthday Damian
*Today is full of memories
Happiness and tears
Of birthday celebrations
We've shared throughout the years.
And thought we'll always miss you
The endless joy you brought
Warms our hearts with gratitude
And fills our every thought.*



Pat, Mary, Ann, Con Gearoid, Eileen
Aoibhinn, Rhóna, Úna, Conor & Katie

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17TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**MOLLY
CREEDON**

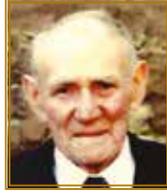
Who died on 6th January 2009

*Deep in our hearts
your memory is kept
To Love
To Cherish
And Never Forget.*



Always remembered by Joe,
Sharon & Sam x

19TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**PADDY
O'MAHONY**

Cloncud, Kilmarmytra, Macroom
who died on 12th January 2007

*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 are always there.*



Deeply missed and always remembered
by his loving family.

6TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

BRIDGET LYNCH

Ullanes East, Ballymakeera,
Macroom, Co. Cork, who died on 9th
January 2020.

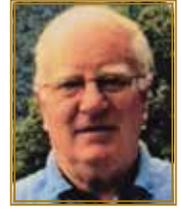
*Go mbeannaí Dia dhuit a Ghobnait Naofa.
Go mbeannaí Muire dhuit
is beannaim féin duit.*

*Is chugat-sa a thánag ag
gearán mo scéil leat.
Is a d'iarraidh mo leighis ar son Dé ort.*



Will those who think of her today, a little
prayer to Jesus say.
Always remembered by Margaret, Jack,
Diarmuid & their families.

4TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

TED KELLEHER

Gurrane, Clondrohid
Who died on the 5th Jan 2022

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



Always remembered by his wife Juliana,
son Matthew, daughters Margaret,
Catherine, Jackie and families

2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

JUDY DINEEN

Coachford
Who died on 22nd January 2024

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



Always remembered with love by your
sons, daughters, sons in law, daughter in
law, grandchildren, family and friends.

**5TH ANNIVERSARY
& BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE**



In loving memory of

**MARGARET
LEHANE**

Deshure, Terelton, Macroom,
Co. Cork

Died 14 January, 2021

*You gave us years of happiness,
Then sorrow came with tears,
You left us lovely memories,
We will treasure through the years.*



Fondly remembered and deeply missed
by her loving family: her husband, Jerry;
children, Catriona, Siobhán and Conor;
sons-in-law, Colm and Kevin; Conor's
financée, Vivian; and grandchildren, Oisín,
Hannah, Evan, Darragh and Aoife.

5TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

JERH TWOMEY

Doire Fingín, Réidh na nDoirí, whose
5th anniversary occurs on 14th
January 2026.

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



Remembered always by Haulie,
Donnchadh, Mary and the Twomey and
Lynch families.

3RD ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

JUDY SHANNON

Rusheen, Aghinagh
Who died on 18th January 2023

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



Lovingly remembered by Denis, Denise,
Hazel & families.

Judy's anniversary mass will be
celebrated in Rusheen Church on Sunday
18th January at 11.00a.m

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