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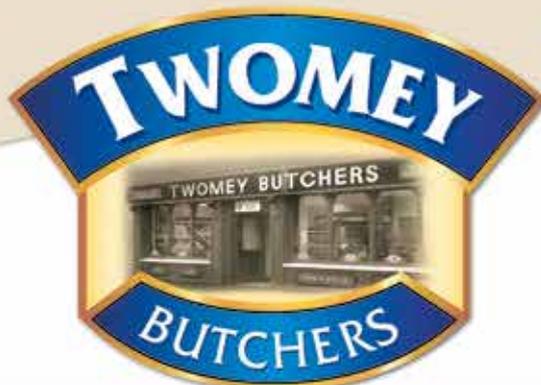
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MACROOM GIRL GUIDES

Ladybird & Brownies

On January 30th brownies attended their step-up
ceremony to Guides in Caum Hall.

Ladybirds have been busy working on their Healthy
Mind badge making their personal "I am special..."
flowers!

Soaring the Skies - Aviation Meeting with Don Crowley

On Friday 30th of January, members of Macroom
Guides and MacEgan Rangers were delighted to
welcome Don Crowley who gave the girls an exciting
and informative talk on aviation. From learning
about load planners, flight planning and all the
behind the scenes of aviation to training and social
life - the girls truly enjoyed the experience and were
full of questions for Don about his life as a pilot.
An interesting fact learnt was that Don's longest
flight was a total of 17hrs 48mins, from Auckland to
Dubai. The girls learnt about visa renewals for places
such as the USA and India and about annual flight
simulators to practise unlikely scenarios that may
occur in the sky. Everyone at Macroom Guides would



Ladybird to Brownie Step Up Ceremony

like to say a big thank you to Don for sharing his time
and knowledge with us and inspiring the younger
generation.

MacEgan Rangers

Senior Branch have been busy planning Gaisce
Adventure Journey Hikes, taking part in activities
to fulfil their Brownie Diva Badge and are looking

forward to the upcoming World Thinking Day
celebrations!

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



Ladybirds with their I am Special flowers - Healthy Mind Badge



Ladybird to Brownie Step Up Ceremony

Dripsey Ambush Annual Parade

Dripsey Ambush Annual Parade will take place on
March 01, 2026 starting in Dripsey Cross at 3.00 pm.

Also a Table Quiz will take place on the Friday February
27th 2026 at the Weigh Inn Dripsey Cross Starting at
8.00 pm. All Welcome.



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MOANFLUIGH, MACROOM, CO. CORK, P12FW11

Killian Lynch Auctioneers are pleased to offer this beautiful modern home on c.0.9 acres. Designed for contemporary living in a scenic setting, this home offers privacy, space & style in equal measure. The property consists of c.1680 sq ft living accommodation & has a fantastic BER rating of A2 making it an energy efficient house and also qualifies it for a green mortgage. The heart of the home is its light filled open plan kitchen/dining room. This is a rare opportunity to acquire your dream home, located c.10 minutes drive from Macroom town & c.40 minutes drive to Cork city. The property is under rural housing control, whereby purchasers will have to meet certain Cork County Council requirements, ie Purchaser needs to have a housing need in the general area. Viewings highly advised. BER: A2 (116863440)

AMV: €395,000



NEW TO MARKET

6 COIS NA COILTE, INCHIGEELAGH, MACROOM, CO. CORK, P12WC60

Killian Lynch Auctioneers are pleased to offer this turn key 3 bedroom mid terrace house. The property which comprises of c.950 sq ft living accommodation would make for an ideal opportunity for a first time buyer or family home. It has a good BER rating of B2 making it an energy efficient house and qualifies it for a green mortgage. The house which is located within a private & quiet development of c.17 houses is walking distance to Inchigeelagh village, c.15 minutes drive to Macroom town, c.40 minutes drive to Cork city. BER: B2 (119101681)

AMV: €240,000



NEW TO MARKET

NO.1 THE GREEN, LIOS NA FEA, MACROOM, CO. CORK, P12 XW44

Killian Lynch Auctioneers are pleased to offer this 3 bedroom end of row semi detached house. The property comprises of c.1050 sq ft living accommodation throughout & is in turn key condition. Overlooking a green area the property also has a good BER rating of B3 making it an energy efficient house & also qualifies it for a green mortgage. Located only c.1km off the Macroom bypass interchange junction, c.2km from Macroom town & c.30 minutes drive to both Killarney & Cork city. BER: B3

AMV: €310,000



NEW TO MARKET

9 OAKRIDGE, MEADOWLANDS, MACROOM, CO. CORK, P12PX54

Killian Lynch Auctioneers are pleased to offer this stunning 4 bedroom semi detached house. The property which comprises of C.1,352 sq ft living accommodation is in turn key condition and has been decorated to a high standard. It also has an excellent BER rating of A3 making it an energy efficient house and also qualifies for the green mortgage. The house boasts a tiled manicured rear garden and a balcony to the front of the property. Located only C.5 minutes walking distance to Macroom town centre and a C.30 minute drive to both Killarney and Cork city. Viewings highly advised.

BER: A3 (118055474)

AMV: €330,000



NEW TO MARKET

ANNIE'S COTTAGE, INCHDROIL, BALLINGEARY, CO. CORK, P12HR63

Killian Lynch Auctioneers are pleased to offer this beautiful 4 bedroom detached house on C.1.3 acres. The property which comprises of C.2,034 sq ft living accommodation and is finished to an exceptionally high standard. Internally the property is bright and spacious with the heart of the home being its open plan kitchen/dining area that is stylish and practical. Surrounded by open countryside and a mature landscape, the property enjoys panoramic views across a tranquil and scenic setting. Located C.10 minutes' drive to Ballingearry village, C. 25 minutes' drive to Macroom town and a C.60 minute drive to Cork city. Viewings highly advised. BER: B3

AMV: €305,000



NEW TO MARKET

DOIRE REIDH, DUNISKY, LISSARDA, CO. CORK, P14 DD88

Killian Lynch Auctioneers are pleased to offer this spacious 4-bedroom bungalow on C.1.5 acres. The property which comprises of C.2,077 sq ft living accommodation occupies an exceptionally large and private site surrounded by open countryside. Internally large windows provide excellent natural light and views over the surrounding gardens. Excellently located only C.2km to Lissarda, C.10 minutes' drive to Macroom town and C. 25 minutes drive to Cork city. Overall this home offers privacy, space and a rare opportunity for those seeking a quiet rural home with scope to enhance & extend.

BER: D3 (117487678)

AMV: €480,000



NEW TO MARKET

MAIN STREET, MACROOM, CO. CORK, P12 AY81

Killian Lynch Auctioneers are pleased to offer this main street commercial premises extending to C.1,000 sq ft living accommodation. The property which comes with large rear gardens is situated in a much sought after area and is suitable for both residential and commercial purposes. The property is in need of renovation, however it will qualify for a renovation grant of up to €70,000. BER: G

AMV: €120,000



TO LET

NEW STREET, MACROOM, CO. CORK, P12HE43

Killian Lynch Auctioneers are pleased to present to the commercial market this unique C.2,013 sq ft commercial premises to let. The property consists of a large C.1,250 sq ft room, W.C, kitchen and upstairs office/storage room. The property is in very good condition throughout. Ideally located C.3 minutes walking distance to Macroom town and C.30 minute drive to both Cork city and Killarney.

€250 per week



TO LET

NO. 33 NEW STREET, MACROOM, CO. CORK P12 K284

Killian Lynch Auctioneers are pleased to offer this well-presented retail unit situated within a prominent location adjacent to the main street of Macroom town. The property has been trading as a well established retail unit and extends to C.1,900 sq ft on the ground floor plus a C.600 sq ft 1st floor mezzanine. The property is open plan and is in excellent condition. Parking adjacent on street.

€300 per week

PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION PAYS TRIBUTE TO LATE MACROOM PHOTOGRAPHER CON KELLEHER

Before he died last year, Con Kelleher photographs graced the covers of albums, and were even turned into stamps by An Post

Con Kelleher, an artist “inspired by the view from the window of his house”, by the Gearagh and the Toon Valley, never chose to hold an exhibition of his photography in Dublin.

His work nonetheless reached the capital, travelling the country and the world on album covers, in frames, and even on An Post stamps.

Photographs by the unassuming Macroom native, who died last January, aged 59, graced the covers of albums by artists including Lúnasa, John Spillane, Sharon Shannon, Jim Murray and the late Séamus Begley. Indeed, it was a portrait of Begley that saw Con’s work drop through letterboxes throughout Ireland in 2024 as one of four stamps in An Post’s ‘Iconic Irish Voices’ collection, also displayed at Dublin’s GPO. Photographing musicians, singers, and other artists became central to Con’s work during a long-term residency at Baile Mhúirne’s Ionad Cultúrtha, which began in 2006 after he documented a performance installation, Idir.

The residency, says his daughter Liadh, started by “very happy accident” and allowed Con to combine his twin passions of photography and music.

Self-taught, he first tried his hand at photography in 1988 as a means of documenting the leatherwork by which he made his living.

“But once he picked up a camera, he knew that was something that was for him,” says Liadh. “As he got more into taking photographs, he started taking family photos and landscapes around Macroom town. There’s an awful lot of people in Macroom that have photographs of the castle arch that my dad has taken. “He photographed communions and weddings and on the side he was taking photographs of the landscape around him. That was what he felt naturally drawn to and he felt very visually inspired by the natural world. “He made some really beautiful images of the Gearagh over his career, one of which is featured on the cover of a Lúnasa album,” adds Liadh, who followed her father into photography.

“He was also really inspired by the view from the window of his house. He lived in Johnstown, Kilmichael, and loved the Toon Valley.”

Con enjoyed experimenting with the camera, she says. “He loved a good forest but he also loved seeking out abandoned cottages and photographing the windows of those places. He made a huge body of work based around windows.”

Operating initially from a shop on Macroom’s Sleaveen Road, he set up a studio and framing workshop at Bealick Mill. “He framed all of his work but he also framed the work of a lot of artists,” says Liadh. “He was multitalented. He left school at a relatively young age and was self-taught at everything he did.”

Con had framed work by Bernadette Ní Choitir, one of the artists involved in the Idir installation, and it was his decision to create portraits of Ní Choitir and her fellow artists that prompted then Ionad Cultúrtha manager



Photos from Con Kelleher’s collection displayed in the Ionad in his memory

Brid Cranitch to offer him a one-year residence at the Gaeltacht cultural centre. “Then it rolled into two years, three years, and he became the photographer in residence permanently,” explains Liadh

“That created other opportunities for him as well and he photographed at the Baltimore Fiddle Fair over a number of years, the Masters of Tradition [Bantry], and Willie Clancy Festival in Miltown Malbay.

“He really got around with his photographing of musicians and as much as he liked the job, he also grew really fond of the music.”

A bass player across multiple genres, Con joined fellow visual artists saxophonist Jonny Pumfrey and jazz drummer John Philip Murray as members of SoundOut, with whom Con once performed for the opening of an exhibition featuring his own photography.

“His work never made it to Dublin, but I’m sure that was by his own design,” says Liadh, whose father’s landscape and abstract photography featured widely in solo and group exhibitions, with portraits from his early years at the Ionad Cultúrtha collected into a book, Arís.

His portrait subjects ranged from Matt Molloy and Martin Hayes to Brendan Gleeson and Jeremy Irons, also serving as a lasting tribute to artists including Séamus Creagh, Arty McGlynn, Jimmy Doyle, Dennis Cahill, and Shane MacGowan, all since having passed

away.

A year since Con’s own premature death, following a short illness, the Ionad Cultúrtha is the venue for a retrospective exhibition of his life’s photographic work, opening this week.

Liadh said she and her sisters Kristina and Molly hope to create an accessible archive of their father’s photography and “would really like for his legacy to live on”.

Liadh, who at 13 was given her first camera by her father, says she has been “hooked” on photography ever since. She marked her father’s birthday last month by using his camera to create a still-life image of a piece of rust he often photographed.

“He took inspiration from the weirdest and most wonderful things — he had an eye for that,” says Liadh.

“He was unique; highly skilled at anything he put his mind to. I don’t think I’ll ever meet anyone quite like him.” Article by Pet O’Connell Irish Examiner

Note from the Lee Valley Editor: Con is held in the loving memory of his mother, his brothers and sisters, his three daughters, and beautiful grandchildren. His vibrant legacy lives on through his photography, his music, and the many lives he touched along the way. Suaimhneas síoraí.

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2nd Years students went to Boots on Half Moon Street for an experience of a busy retail outlet thanks to Boots and Business in the Community who aim to give students real life business experiences bringing education to life.

Past Student George Poklonskyi Receives Prestigious Trinity College Entrance Award: We are delighted to celebrate the outstanding achievement of our former student, Heorhii (George) Poklonskyi, who has been awarded the prestigious Trinity Entrance Award in recognition of his exceptional academic excellence. George's remarkable accomplishment stems from his extraordinary performance in the Leaving Certificate examinations in June 2025, where he achieved an impressive 613 points. This exceptional result has earned him one of Trinity College most coveted entrance awards, a testament to his dedication, hard work, and academic brilliance. George is currently studying Business, Economics and Social Studies. The award was presented to George on Thursday evening, 22nd January, by Trinity College Deputy Provost, Orla Sheils. McEgan Principal, Trish Lynam, had the honour of attending this special occasion to witness George receive this well-deserved recognition. The Trinity Entrance Award is reserved for students who demonstrate truly exceptional academic achievement, and George's success is a source of immense pride for our entire school community. We extend our warmest congratulations to George on this magnificent achievement and wish him continued success in his studies at Trinity College and in all his future endeavours. Congratulations, George!

TY News: The SEPI (Shared Education for Positive Innovation) Climate Summit Finals took place recently in Armagh. Four Transition Year students and two staff travelled to Armagh City for the Fians This programme is hosted by Co-Operation Ireland, brings together schools from across Ireland and Northern Ireland to collaborate on projects, this year the focus was on Climate Action. Paul Dineen, Lily Madigan, Nela Nowak, and Fiachna McCarthy each worked in mixed teams with students from across the country and presented their climate pitches to a panel of judges. The students demonstrated strong research, creativity, and confidence in communicating innovative sustainability ideas. The experience provided valuable learning in collaboration, public speaking, and cross-border cooperation. Thanks is due to Ms Hazel Bourke and Ms

Aoife Galvin who supported the students through the process and travelled to Armagh with them.

Road Safety: Transition Year students attended the AXA Road Safety event at the INEC on Thursday, 22nd January. The event was organised by An Garda Síochána and aimed to raise awareness about the serious consequences of road traffic accidents. Students listened to real-life accounts from individuals who had experienced the trauma of horrific car accidents, giving them a powerful insight into the lasting impact such incidents can have. All emergency service units were in attendance, explaining their roles and sharing their experiences of responding to road accidents. The event concluded with a live demonstration involving a crashed car in front of the stage. An Garda Síochána were first to assess the situation, followed by the fire brigade cutting off the roof to remove the driver. Paramedics then placed the driver on a stretcher and demonstrated emergency medical treatment. The event highlighted the harrowing consequences of serious road traffic accidents and proved to be a vital and impactful learning experience for all students involved.

Trip to Clonakilty Pudding: TY Home Economics students enjoyed an engaging and informative tour of the Clonakilty Blackpudding factory as part of their current study of the Irish food industry. During the visit, students learned how the world-famous products are made from start to finish and gained valuable insight into traditional food production and a successful Irish food business. The students were accompanied by Ms Sheehan and Ms Galvin.

Sports: CrossCountry Running: Tuesday, amid the torrents of rain, the McEgan College cross country team participated in the South Munster Cross Country Championships. A yellow weather warning was not enough to put off these athletes who ran in very tough conditions to complete and compete well in their races. A massive congratulations to the students for braving the muck, wet and wind and pushing themselves to their limits to finish out their races, many of which competing in cross country for the first time! Thanks to Mr. Mark Sheehan, Ms. Shauna Bradley and Ms. Helen Cronin for accompanying the students and surviving

the wet and cold conditions also. Onwards and upwards.

Basketball: Well-done to our first- and second-year teams who began their league on Friday 23rd with 2 convincing wins against North Mon in Neptune stadium.

Business: 2nd Year students recently visited the Boots flagship store on Half Moon Street, Cork City, in partnership with Business in the Community. It was a real case of showing how the theory from a classroom setting is made real. Students were given a behind-the-scenes look at what it takes to run a large retail business, with engaging workshops across a number of departments including Pharmacy, Stock Control, Sustainability and Fragrances. The visit offered valuable insights into the wide range of career paths and skills involved in the day-to-day running of a successful business. A huge thank you to Lisa and the Boots Team and Kirsten from Business in the Community for facilitating such an informative and enjoyable day.



McEgan Students Linards, Daire & Hugh not bothered by the torrential rain are mud soaked after the recent Cross-Country Championships in Tramore Valley Park.



McEgan College Cross-Country Team who defied the inclement weather due to Storm Chandra to participate in the cross country Championships in Tramore Valley Park on Tuesday 27th January.



TY Home Economic on a visit to Clonakilty Black Pudding as part of their module on Irish Food Businesses

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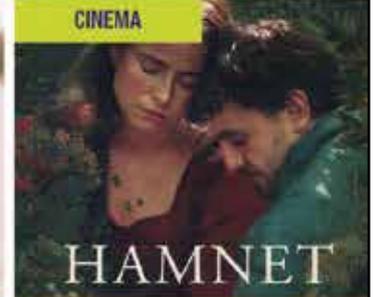
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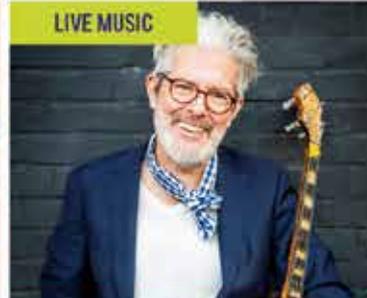
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DLS 4th Year students at the Model United Nations



4th Year DLS students at the AXA Road Safety Show

The Hub Highlights:

R44 students have actively engaged in an Irish language initiative this year, learning new words and phrases and making a conscious effort to use Irish in everyday life. Starting mornings with Duolingo has been very successful and warmly received. Students from The Hub also visited Macroom Garda Station and courthouse, where Garda Orla Doyle delivered a highly informative talk on online safety, making it a valuable educational experience!

Senior Cycle History Cinema Trip

Senior Cycle History students attended The Briery Gap for a powerful screening of Nuremberg. This thought-provoking film brought key elements of their history curriculum to life and allowed students to engage with the topic beyond the classroom. Many thanks to The Briery Gap for hosting us once again.

TY Charity Appeal: A Proud Tradition

DLS students Sean Lynch, Sean Hennigan, Kieran O'Dwyer and Adam Long presented cheques to St Vincent de Paul and Macroom Senior Citizens this week. This is a fantastic tradition in the school for over 25 years, made possible through the TY Annual Charity Appeal at Christmas. Many thanks to everyone who contributed, and well done to all involved.

Tree Planting for a Greener Future

Four DLS students — Declan Connolly, Scott Dennehy, Aidan Collins and Mike Hennessy — took part in the launch of tree planting kits sponsored by Cork County Council as part of the Macroom Decarbonisation Zone initiative. The event took place in the Castle Grounds alongside Biodiversity in Schools, Cork County Council and local schools. A new mini woodland is planned for our school grounds this spring.

South Munster Schools Cross-Country Championship Our Junior and Senior boys represented the school at the South Munster Schools Cross-Country Championship last week and put in a very strong performance. They braved extremely tough conditions — with some even losing their boots along the way — but the determination and effort on show was

outstanding. Many are now looking forward to the next outing! Well done to all involved!

Exploring Future Pathways with Shannon College

Many thanks to Emma Daly from Shannon College of Hotel Management for delivering a very insightful presentation to our students on the wide variety of courses available. It was a valuable opportunity for students to explore future education and career pathways.

TY Learning Beyond the Classroom

TY students have been busy exploring a wide range of hands-on and real-world learning experiences. From cooking and nutrition workshops to on-site architectural visits and road safety activities, students are developing practical skills beyond the classroom. It has been a very positive and rewarding experience for TY students to date, with many more opportunities still to come.

Model United Nations – Cork City Hall

Our students represented De La Salle proudly at this year's Model United Nations conference, held in Cork City Hall. Throughout the event, they conducted themselves with maturity, respect, and confidence, engaging thoughtfully with global issues and representing our school with great credit. A number of students took on the challenge of delivering speeches, representing their assigned countries and organisations with confidence and clarity. Ryan Mahumutsha, Michael Kelleher, Liam Neville, and Cathal Lyons all spoke exceptionally well, demonstrating strong preparation and a genuine understanding of the issues being debated. The experience proved to be an incredibly positive one, with students already asking to participate again next year! Well done once again to Michael Kelleher, Liam Neville, Peter King, Cian Lee, Daniel Harrington, Oliver Lyons-Thommen, Cathal Lyons, Ryan Mahumutsha, and David Kelleher on a fantastic achievement and a memorable learning experience.

Transition Year Trip – AXA Road Safety Show

Transition Year students travelled to Killarney to attend

the AXA Road Safety Show. It was a powerful and eye-opening experience that encouraged students to reflect on road safety, decision-making, and the real-life consequences of risky behaviour. A very worthwhile trip. Thanks to Mr Ryan and Mr Fleming for accompanying the group.

Pre-Examinations

We were very proud of the efforts shown by our 3rd Year and 6th Year students throughout their pre-examinations. The commitment and maturity displayed during this period were commendable. These exams provide invaluable preparation for the State Examinations, helping students to build confidence, develop exam technique, and identify areas for improvement. Well done to all involved on a strong and focused effort.

School Football Highlights

U14 Football

Our U14 footballers continue to work hard and put in great effort as championship approaches. Every week they are out training after school in all types of weather conditions, not allowing it to dampen their spirits. Well done to all involved.

Senior Footballers

We are incredibly proud of our senior footballers, who represented De La Salle with heart, commitment, and class throughout a wonderful championship campaign. Their effort, teamwork, and sportsmanship were outstanding from start to finish, and they set a fantastic example for younger teams across the school. While the championship ended in a difficult loss to Rosscarbery in the final moments, this result does not overshadow the fantastic attitude shown by the group throughout the campaign. Their response and character in challenging matches spoke volumes. Huge credit also goes to the trainers, Mr Ryan, Mr Landers, and Mr Doherty, for their dedication, passion, and guidance throughout the campaign.



Mud, rain and grit — a brilliant showing from DLS students at South Munster Cross-Country.



DLS students representing the school at the South Munster Cross-Country Championships.

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MACROOM BRANCH - PALESTINE SOLIDARITY CAMPAIGN

The Macroom branch of the nationwide Palestine Solidarity Campaign in Ireland have recently marked 2 years of protests, alongside many other groups all over the county and country. The support in Macroom has been heartening. Whether from local businesses offering raffle prizes for fundraisers, or from all those who beep, flash their lights, or raise a thumb as they pass us, it's clear that the vast majority of the public support the Palestinian people and their cause. Noelle O'Sullivan of the group said they're heartened by public support in the town and at the group's monthly 'Bridgil' at Clonfadda bridge. 'About 2 out of every 3 cars will beep in support. We have everything from tractors to ambulances tooting the horn.' Support for Palestine is huge in Macroom with many people seeing echoes in our own history. Noelle says a lot of people have been asking how they can get

involved and the group want to help the community to do just that. Across Ireland, businesses and community groups big and small are being asked to sign up to the 'Apartheid Free Zone' (AFZ) initiative and agree to boycott specific Israeli goods and services. Cork County Council passed a motion in January 2024, declaring the county an Apartheid Free Zone, and a place of "proactive solidarity with the Palestinian people." This AFZ is an initiative by Palestinians to continue the Irish tradition of boycott, adopted by South Africa during their anti-apartheid struggle, and by our courageous Dunnes store's workers here in Ireland at the time. As of today, more than 90 Cork businesses have signed up to the Apartheid Free Zone initiative. Conor Kelleher of Gadafí Dubh bookstore in Baile

Mhic Íre operates one such business and says "I was delighted to sign up. The reaction from customers has been very positive." Members of the Macroom Palestine Solidarity Campaign will be calling to local businesses and groups in the coming weeks to share more information on how to sign up. Visit www.apartheidfree.ie for more information. Macroom Palestine Solidarity Campaign hold a monthly vigil in the Square and a separate 'Bridgil' on Clonfadda bridge over the bypass. We are always looking for new members and would warmly welcome anyone who would like to join. It's never too late to get involved and make a difference. If you would like to attend or join our group please contact us on Instagram @Macroom_Palestine or email macroompsc@protonmail.com



Macroom Palestine Solidarity Campaign

MACROOM YOUTHREACH ART EXHIBITION

The Macroom Youthreach Art Exhibition officially opened on Friday 23rd January in Macroom Library at the Briary Gap, showcasing the incredible work of our students.

A huge thank you to Maeve O'Neill for facilitating this inspiring project in collaboration with Macroom School of Art. This exhibition developed from a six-week collaborative art project (November-December), inviting participants to explore themes of expression, identity, and well-being through a process-led, material-focused approach to art making.

At the heart of the project was cardboard — an everyday, recyclable and accessible material — used both practically and symbolically to represent resilience, adaptability, and transformation. Through tearing, layering, shaping and constructing, students engaged in a tactile creative process that encouraged reflection, experimentation, and creative confidence. The programme would also not have been possible without the continued support of Macroom Library.



Macroom Youthreach Art Exhibition Jan 2026

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to the library staff for their ongoing commitment to our students. By providing an inclusive, welcoming public space to exhibit their work, Macroom Library helps validate young people's creative voices and connects their learning to the wider community. This support plays a vital role in fostering pride, visibility and a sense of belonging for our learners, reinforcing the library's position as a cornerstone of community

learning, creativity and access for all. The programme is underpinned by the Mundy Model, emphasising emotional safety, relationship-building, reflective practice and creative engagement as foundations for learning and well-being. Make sure to visit the exhibition in Macroom Library, open Monday to Saturday from 9.30am to 5.30pm.



Macroom Youthreach Art Exhibition Jan 2026

Macroom Youthreach students with their copy of Macroom History Journal 2025. (The journal is available in many local outlets). (C. Kelleher).



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ST MARY'S NEWS



TY Students at DC MUN in City Hall



Our senior girls placed 1st place in the senior South Munster Cross Country Championships this week!

Junior A Munster Football Final

Massive congratulations to our Junior A Munster Football Champions! The girls had an exhilarating game vs Ursuline Thurles played in Banteer GAA Tuesday January 27th. This is the teams 3rd Munster final in the last 3 years (Junior C, Junior B and now Junior A). Captain Ruby Prendeville received the trophy on the day. A huge thank you to the girls management team made up of Mr O' Connor, Mr Ronan, Mr Quill and Ms E. O' Leary, all who are so giving of their time and expertise to coaching this team to great successes. The girls now progress onto the All Ireland Semi Final stages of the competition. Details of this will be announced in the coming weeks. Well done again girls and management, enjoy the celebrations.

South Munster Cross Country Championships

"On Tuesday the 27th of January we had 17 athletes compete in the Schools South Munster Cross Country. It was an extremely successful day for the school with every athlete qualifying for the Munster schools on the 12th of February. Also a special mention to Saoirse Twomey who has retained her title as senior south Munster champion and our first year student Daire O Mahoney who placed 2nd in the junior girls race. A special thanks to the two teachers who helped out in the rain all day Mr O Connell and Ms Queally. Minor Girls: 4th team, Junior Girls: 1st team

and Senior Girls: 1st team" Report by Sarah Neville - TY Promo Team

TY Activities:

Davis College Model United Nations

"Our TYs and 5th years recently enjoyed a week at the Davis College Model United Nations in City Hall. They represented countries and NGOs such as Malawi, Burkina Faso, Zimbabwe, São Tomé and Príncipe, the Arab League, the Kurdish National Council and UNESCO. The girls took part in debates and proposed amendments to resolutions by other delegates. This was a fantastic opportunity to learn about their own countries and NGOs, and the workings of the UN, as well as a chance to become more confident in public speaking." Report by Doireann Lucey, TY Promo Team Young Environmentalist Awards

We have 2 projects entering the YEA Awards from TY this year. As part of their project they are doing community outreach to raise awareness about their topics. Here are 2 short descriptions of the projects the girls are doing. More details will be available on our social media channels:

Reducing Plastic Waste - Young Environmentalist Awards

TY students, Réaltin Walsh, Isabelle Roberts and Siún O' Connor are raising awareness about the environmental impact of frequent boil water notices

in the area. Building on their successful Young Scientist project, the students investigated how boil water notices increase plastic waste and affect local communities. As part of their Young Environmentalist Awards entry, they have created a Low Plastic Boil Water Notice Guide and are leading an awareness campaign to encourage sustainable choices and responsible water use. The project highlights the important role young people can play in protecting the environment and supporting positive community change.

Increasing Soil Biodiversity - Young Environmentalist Awards

"Our project promotes soil health on Irish farms by introducing multispecies swards to replace traditional pastures. These swards support sustainable farming for future generations by lowering agriculture's carbon footprint and improving soil biodiversity. As biodiversity loss threatens long-term productivity on Irish farms, our goal is to raise awareness of its importance and encourage more sustainable practices. We shared this message by speaking with farmer-teachers, giving talks to TY students, and displaying posters around our town to engage the wider community." By Chloe Galvin, Liadan O' Regan and Grace Mehigan



Liadan, Grace and Chloe are investigating using multispecies swards to promote soil biodiversity on Irish farms



Realtin, Isabelle and Siun are looking into reducing plastic waste during Boil Water Notices in Macroom

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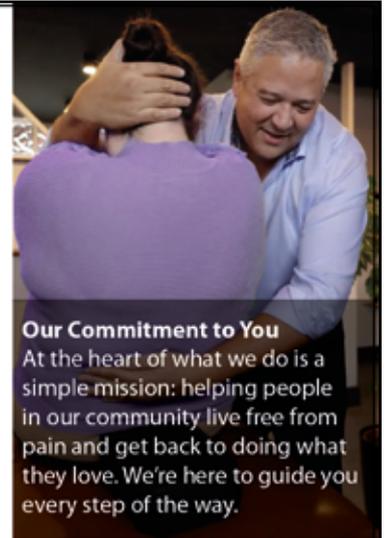
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COMÓRTAS TRASTÍRE

D'fhreastail daltaí ón scoil ar an gcomórtas trastíre i gCorcaigh ar an 27ú lá de mhí Eanáir. Ní raibh an aimsir linn ar an lá ach bhí iarracht iontach déanta ag gach éinne. Comhghairdeas le Siobhán agus Eibhlín Ní Bhríain a bheidh ag bogadh ar aghaidh go dtí Craobh na Mumhan i Mí Feabhra. Go n-éirí libh! Míle buíochas le Máistir Ó Céilleachair agus Iníon Ní Shúilleabháin a thaistil leo!

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D'eagraigh an treoirchomhairleoir seisiúin eolais maidir le roghnú na n-ábhar don Ardteist le déanaí. Faoi láthair atá roinnt ábhar Ardteiste ag athrú - d'athraigh Bitheolaíocht, Ceimic, Físic agus Gnó i mbliana. Beidh Staidéar Foirgníochta, Innealtóireacht, Tíreolaíocht agus Saol, Pobal agus Obair na hArdteistiméireachta (beidh sé seo in ionad CGAT) ag athrú i mí Mheán Fómhair. Bhí Cuntasaíocht agus Béarla chun athrú i mbliana ach tá tabhairt isteach na n-ábhar seo curtha siar go dtí Meán Fómhair 2027 ar a laghad. Míle buíochas leis na múinteoirí a roinn a gcuid saineolais leis na daltaí.

PEIL NA MBUACHAILLÍ

Bhí bua iontach ag buachaillí fé 16 i gcoinne Douglas CS i gcluiche ceathrú ceannais Chorcaí ar an Luan. An scór a bhí ann ná 2-18 go 3-5. Maith sibh a bhuaicailí. Míle buíochas le bhur dtraenálaí Máistir Ó Duinneacha.

SACAR NA MBUACHAILLÍ

Scóráil Bhreandáin Ó Ceallacháin 'hat-trick' iontach nuair a bhuaigh an scoil 6-2 i gcoinne Scoil Phobail Churrach an Eich Bhuí thíos i gCóbh. Jack MacCarthaigh (2) agus Jerh Ó Loingsigh a fuair na cúl eile. Míle buíochas le Máistir Ó Duinneacha.

TAITHÍ OIBRE

Beidh muintir na hIdirbhliana ag dul ar thraithí oibre go luath (9ú Feabhra - 13ú Feabhra). Go n-éirí go geal libh!

RÉAMHSCRÚDITHE

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GLUAIS/GLOSSARY

Gheobhaidh tú liosta den fhoclóir a úsáidtear go minic ar na meáin shóisialta/Lee Valley ar shuíomh na scoile. On our school website you can find a list of vocabulary that are used frequently on our social media posts/Lee Valley.

GLUAIS

- scoláireacht iontrála - entrance scholarship,
- cógaisíocht - pharmacy
- trastíre - cross-country
- Teanga Chomharthaíochta na hÉireann - Irish Sign Language
- Scoil Phobail Churrach an Eich Bhuí - Carrignafoy Community School
- réamhscrúduithe - pre-examinations

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Macroom History Group (Founded 2023)

Next Talk, 9 February 2026.

"The French landings in Cork that never were, 1900-1904 & 1922; A European tour in the intelligence archives" will take place on Monday the 9 Feb., '26 in The Castle Hotel, at 8.00 p.m. The speaker is Dr. Jérôme Aan de Wiel. He is a UCC history lecturer; because he has lived and studied in Holland, France and Ireland, he is fluent in Dutch, French, German and English and he can read and understand Italian and Spanish. Thus, he is able to read these countries' archival material and is especially interested in matters and events that concern Ireland. His talk is among the fruits of his research.

He describes this lecture in the following way: 'Between 1900 and 1904, French military intelligence had extensive contacts with Irish republicans/separatists. While the British army was in difficulty

during the Boer War in South Africa, plans were conceived to mount surprise French landings in Kinsale, Courtmacsherry Bay, Ballycotton Bay, and Oysterhaven. There was possible Russian involvement. But the signing of the Entente Cordiale between France and Britain in 1904 drastically changed the geostrategic outlook. Yet, there was a twist in these cloak and dagger contacts as Irish republicans approached French military intelligence in Paris at the beginning of 1922 to offer a secret plan of alliance against Britain, this very shortly after the signing of the Anglo-Irish Treaty in London. By whom had General J.J. O'Connell been sent to Paris? Well-known for his interesting talks, it promises to be an interesting evening.

Con Kelleher.



General J.J. O'Connell, Free State Army General who was involved in negotiations with the French, after the Treaty was signed! (Supplied by J. de Wiel).

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New Climate Ambassador.

A new year, new possibilities for planet protection, and a new, energised & inspiring cohort of Climate Ambassadors for 2026 came together for training recently in Cork. Among them was our own young Tidy Towns volunteer, Sean Cremin, a 5th year student at Coachford College. Sean cares deeply about protecting the environment and was inspired by last year's Tidy Towns ambassador John Lyons and has taken inspiration from his work. He wishes to make meaningful change within his own community and further afield. He sees how we are all affected now by Climate Change at Global, National and local level in so many ways that he is keen to make a difference. He will be engaging in community initiatives that contribute to a sustainable future for everybody such as conserving the earth's resources and working to prevent global warming. Actions will relate to communications, education, as well as initiatives related to biodiversity and energy use. Sean will be keeping in touch via the following;
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Grass Cutting. Grass cutting by Tidy Towns volunteers in 14 housing estates and 3 roadside areas has ceased since the end of 2025 as this was unsustainable. This had been taking place, with the assistance of 'scheme'

workers, for a considerable number of years, since the former Urban District Council was abolished. It was an exceptional practice and does not happen in other towns throughout the county. Those estates affected estates will have to maintain their own green areas from here on and any queries relating to this should be made with the council.

'Meet the Clubs Day, Feb 7th. Tidy Towns, Fairy Garden and the Men's Shed will each have stands at this event which takes place from 12-3pm in the Macroom Leisure Centre. This is organised by the Lions Club, and we look forward to seeing ye all on the day.

Tidy Towns AGM. This years AGM takes place on Tuesday, February 10th at 7:30pm in the Castle Hotel. This is a public meeting and everybody is invited to attend and have your say and perhaps make a commitment to help. Remember the date.

Tidy Towns Volunteers have been busy over the last few weeks with Litter Picking, Pruning, hoeing and weeding flower beds, taking down Christmas lights and the crib.

You may also like to join us some Saturday morning at 9am at our base in Masseytown as we are always open to new people joining and helping with the work. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Lisa at 087-1434770.



The late John Gallery one of the founding members of Macroom Men's Shed



John Gallery and Members of Macroom's Men Shed on Trip to Allihies Men's Shed in 2021

31ST CORK LISSARDA CUB SCOUTS

Our Cubs are off to a great start in 2026! We took part in the Lee Valley County table quiz in Blarney on Sunday 18th January. Our 5 Lissarda teams had lots of fun, testing their knowledge with rounds of trivia, riddles, pictures and dingbats. Out of 50 teams in the competition, one of our teams came third and another

(with only one point in the difference!) came fourth. We're very proud of all of our Cubs for doing their best.

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

year olds, Scouts 12-15 year olds and Ventures 16-18 year olds. We're always looking for adult leaders for each section (training is provided). If you'd like to get involved, contact us on 31corklissardawaitinglist@gmail.com or on Facebook at "31st Lissarda Scouts".



Lissarda Cubs who came 3rd in the Lee Valley County Quiz, 18 Jan 2026



Lissarda Cubs who came 4th in the Lee Valley County Quiz, 18 Jan 2026



Macroom U17 Girls who faced Carrigaline at home recently



Macroom U13s who travelled to Cobh recently

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CLONDROHID COMMUNITY HALL: It is that time of the year again and the Ahakeera Drama Group are back in our midst. They will present their hilarious comedy *Separate Beds* by Sam Cree in the Hall on Friday night February 13 at 8pm. Tickets €12 will be available on line, locally, and at the door.

Their show last year was brilliant, this year they guaranteeing the same. So be advised and get your ticket. There will be a raffle on the night, with some great prizes. Please support your Community Hall, the all important venue in our Parish, in this fundraiser, it will be appreciated, and thank you.

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

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

SINGING IN THE TAVERN: This lovely sing a long or tell a story group meet the 2nd and the 4th Monday nights in The Tavern from 9pm. The next session is Monday Feb 9 They would love to see you there.

GAA NEWS: Heartiest congrats to St. Mary's Junior Football Team who were victorious in their Munster Football Final last week V Ursulines Thurles. They now progress to the Junior All Ireland SF Stage. Well done to all the Clondrohid girls on the team.

LOTTO: Results for Jan 28. Jackpot of €1,400. €70 Donnacha Spillane Horsemount, €20 Felicity Kelleher Bridgemount, Damien Burns, Macroom, Lexi O'Driscoll Macroom, Ann Mc Sweeney On Line



West Cork Response receiving a cheque for €750 from Clondrohid GAA from their Married V Singles match on St Stephen's Day



Clondrohid Playground Group receiving a cheque for €750 from Clondrohid GAA from their St. Stephen's Day, Married v Singles game

MUINEFLIUCH NS

January was a very busy month in our school, with a wide range of learning experiences across all classrooms.

Each Friday, local drama teacher Martina Ring worked with pupils in the junior, middle and senior classrooms, encouraging self-expression, teamwork and confidence through drama activities. The senior

classroom began the WiseWater programme every Thursday, where pupils are learning about water conservation and responsible water use in a practical and engaging way. In the middle room, pupils have been learning about the solar system and demonstrated their understanding through creative and detailed project work. We were also delighted

to welcome Aaron from the Wildworks, who led outdoor learning sessions focused on trees. Pupils had great fun measuring trees to estimate their age and learning about Ogham writing, helping them to make meaningful links between nature, history and hands-on learning in our school grounds.



Pupils from the Middle classroom with their projects on the 'Solar system'



Drama teacher Martina Ring with the Junior classroom in Muinefliuch NS



The 'WiseWater' programme in the senior room in Muinefliuch NS



Pupils learning about Ogham writing with Aaron from the 'Wildworks'

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Tuesday Feb 10th 7:30pm Macroom Tidy Towns AGM in the Castle Hotel.

Friday 27th Feb 8:00pm Table Quiz at the Weigh Inn, Dripsey Cross.
Sunday March 1st 3:00pm Dripsey Ambush Annual Parade starting in Dripsey Cross

INNISCARRA HISTORICAL SOCIETY UPCOMING EVENTS

• **Tuesday Feb 10th** 8:00pm in Vicarstown NS Kathleen Flynn The Colthurst Family
 • **Tuesday Mar 10th** 8:00pm in Dripsey NS Anne Twomey – Title to be advised
 • **Tuesday Apr 15th** 7:00pm in Cloghroe NS David O'Brien – Family History Workshop

(a participation fee will apply)
 • **Tuesday May 12th** 8:00pm in Berrings NSNeil O'Brien – The Muskerry Tram
 If you are not a member of Inniscarra Historical Society you are very welcome to attend. An admission fee of €3.00 will apply to talks for a non-member.
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DROMLEIGH NS

Dromleigh N.S. students were delighted to welcome a very special guest speaker to the school on January 27th.

Ms Susan Crowley spoke to our senior students on behalf of Cork Mental Health. Students were engaged with her presentation from the start which focussed on each student recognising their support team and the importance of seeking out that support. Ms

Crowley also highlighted the central role of exercise, nutrition and sleep for wellbeing as well as preparing for change such as moving to post-primary school and dealing with peer pressure. Many thanks to Susan and all the team at Cork Mental Health. Our senior students passed on skills such as teamwork and creativity as they taught our junior students the traditional craft of making St Brigid's crosses on

January 30th. Well done to all! Dromleigh N.S. activities are now available to follow on Instagram @dromleighns. Keep up to date with all of our projects. We are also on Facebook, follow 'Dromleigh N.S Kilmichael', or our website www.dromleighns.ie



Ms Susan Crowley from Cork Mental Health delivered a very informative presentation to the senior pupils from Dromleigh N.S. recently.



Dromleigh N.S. pupils worked hard on the traditional craft of St. Brigid's crosses on January 30th.

UIBH LAOIRE NOTES

Inchigeela Car Booters

We Liz, Beryl, Brid, Joan & Colette from Inchigeela Car Booters would like to thank everyone who supported our recent fundraising Sale and Raffle for Cork Penny Dinners, Stand for Feile and Good Shepard, Cork . A total of €1701.50 was raised. The monies have been donated to the Charities. We would like to thank the following people who helped us with our fundraiser: Gussie, Billy and all at Inchigeela Bingo, Joe, Anne, Eamonn, Brid, Tess and all at Creedon's Hotel. Seamus Twohig & Jamie O Callaghan our wonderful raffle ticket sellers on the night. Uibh Laoire Active Retirement Group. Thanks again and see ye all in December 2026

Fundraisers

Inchigeela National School thanked the Ahakeera Drama Group and the big crowd who supported the recent drama in the hall. The full proceeds of the raffle was donated to the local school. Our neighbours, St Endas National School in Kilnadur, were the beneficiaries of a great Tractor Run recently and they thanked all who supported and sponsored the event. Well done to the Inchigeela Car Booters whose Christmas Market gained over €1700 for the charities, Penny Dinners, Stand for Feile and Good Shepherd,

Cork

Garda Clinic

A Garda will attend at the Parish office on the 9th and 23rd of February 8 pm to 9pm to assist anybody who wishes to talk to them on any matter.

Presentation

Croi na Laoi tidy towns presented the West Cork Rapid Response team with €1350 recently, the proceeds of donations collected on the day of the opening of the new walking routes. Thank you all who were involved.

Gift of O' Leary Clan

To mark 30 years of the annual summer gathering of the O Leary clan from all over the world in Inchigeela, the members have kindly donated 50 tree saplings to the community. These will be planted by Croi na Laoi on the River Island park. The gesture is greatly appreciated by all.

Active Retired

The parish Active Retired group will hold their AGM on Wednesday 25 of Feb in Cuan Barra, Ballingearry at 8pm New members welcome.

The Scootch Game

This bit of fun is held by the Parish Active Retired group each Wednesday morning, at 11am in the hall

in Inchigeela. It's open to all ARA members and you can begin and end whenever you wish. It's a mildly competitive game and gives you easy, relaxed exercise without any strain. It's a game where you can find new friends and discover skills and talents you never thought you had . Then there's the lovely tea and a chat, which I suspect is an equally strong attraction !

Seanchas Patsy Kit

Padraig O Murchú lived in Gort Luachra near Gougane Barra and died there a century ago. Although he lived in hard times, he had great intelligence and great knowledge of his parish and was an authority on the genealogy of families for miles around. He was blessed with an ability to retain stories he'd heard and to tell those stories long afterwards. Bhí Gaeilge, álainn líofa aige ón gclíamhán aige. Seán O Cróinín of Baile Mhúirne, who collected folklore, interviewed him and collected hundreds of different pieces from him . These pieces were taken down, word for word from Padraig and have been now produced,with their translations, by Cumann Staire Uibh Laoire in over 340 pages. The collection can be got locally or from WWW.litriocht.com for €10



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Kerstin, Caroline, Greta, Dermot, Roná, Finlay, Síle, Niamh agus Seamus a chuaig ar staitse idir na grúpaí. Pictures le Nóra Ní Luasa.



Frozen: Derry agus Johnathan.



KPop Demon Hunters: Angelita, Anna agus Annette



ABBA: Síle's Kerstin.



Denis Ó Murchú buaiteoir 2026, (The Greatest Show man), le Marisa Hoare, buaiteoir 2024.



Wicked: Siobhán agus Tj.



Dolly Parton: Greta.



Meat Loaf: Bernice agus Daithí.



Sa tríú áit - The Village People: Anthony Ó Donnchú, Jonathan McCarthaigh, Abán Ó Riordáin, Gary Ó Loingsigh agus Justin Ó Tuama.



Mary Poppins: Seamus, Niamh agus Caroline.



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Kilmurry Active Retirement

Volunteer - Oh No....well just maybe

It is the time of year that many voluntary organisations are holding their Annual General meetings. This is the case for most of the 500 or so active retirement associations around the country. In our case it is coming up on February the 10th. I have learned that it can be a difficult time for members of most associations. Kathleen O'Shea is a member of Kilmurry ARA, but she also does trojan work in establishing and maintaining support to active retirement associations in Cork and Kerry. I learned from her that there is a tendency in some situations for those in officer positions to think that they must stay on indefinitely, while others want to or must vacate their workload urgently. In too many organisations insufficient attention is being given to succession. On the other side of the coin, some members may feel that either there will be no change in their associations, or that they may be pressurised into some position for which they feel ill-equipped. I suppose it is understandable then that Annual General meetings are not the favourite meetings for anyone and are often sparsely attended.

And yet there is no doubt that we greatly value the contribution that voluntary associations and organisations make to our communities and to our society. Researchers have found that volunteering increases trust within a community. It brings together people from different walks of life and different backgrounds. This strengthens social cohesion. It enables people to bond and help each other. It reduces prejudice. It is not only the services that organisations provide that we value. It is much more. We know instinctively that we would be much poorer without them. They provide that type of security and belonging that the nation, important as it is, just cannot do for us. They help extend and define what it is to belong. They extend our homes from being inside our houses to that territory chosen or inherited, that we instinctively love or come to love. They contribute to keeping us anchored in our places. They help make what is that we consider home.

If this is so, as undoubtedly it is for most, you may wonder then, why it is that many organisations struggle to attract the very voluntary effort on which they depend. Why is it that some are nervous or afraid to engage, while others feel the obligation to remain -often overburdened. Of course there is not one, but several reasons. The French philosopher Simone Weil, having lived her formative years during the second world war, was driven to understand what caused the breakdown in society. She suggested that it was this that had allowed, on occasion with the active support of their neighbours and former friends, the slaughter of six million Jews, and in addition gypsies, disabled, and those with any overt special needs.

It is comforting to think that community support is constant, something that exists, does not have to be worked at, supported, or maintained. Unfortunately, it is not so. It is not so because, natural as communities are, they face powerful counter forces. This is particularly so in modern capitalist societies. Capital is necessary for development, and development has lifted many nations and their peoples out of extreme poverty. It is driven by demand, demand not just for needs but for wants, desires for material benefits,



Kilmurry Active Retirement Zumba class gathering in Crookstown hall

that are predominately personal and individualistic. Individualism is not conducive to group cohesion, shared responsibilities or interconnectedness. Corporations are most often driven by profits, and profits derive from and drive efficiency. If you are go-ahead employee in such a corporation, and they need a new office in Singapore, then that is where you go. You leave community and are kept so busy that it is difficult to engage in a new one there. But more often, you are not asked to move. You are kept so busy, in the pursuit of efficiency, that you have little time to call your own, and too little to countenance commitment to anything else. As time has gone by, many have come to feel empty, and alienated from others. This is not the natural state for human beings. We do not know what is wrong with us. We are inclined to seek to fill the deep want, to feel connected to something, preferably something easy, even if that opportunity is provided by some populist advocating that the reason you feel dissatisfied is due to their identified convenient scapegoat.

We are, I think, so lucky in Ireland, that we still have such a strong sense of community spirit. Let's not take it for granted. We seem to have the tendency to import the culture of larger English-speaking communities. Let's be selective in this. Undoubtedly, our State could do more to support our voluntary sector. There are many obvious reasons to do so. If they are not convinced, then let them just consider cost effectiveness. We for instance have exercise courses and other courses promoting health and wellbeing for our 99 members on at least four days a week. We are saving the health service, and we the taxpayers, hundreds of thousands each year by increasing our health spans. Our climate grant of €2500, received in 2025, must have been among the most effective and impactful government spending last year.

If you are not particularly attracted by the benefits to the community or to the country when you consider volunteering, perhaps you may be interested in the many personal benefits in doing so. In some countries, gerontologists - social scientists who study aging populations, encourage doctors to give older people a prescription to go volunteer for something. Scientific research supports it. Volunteers consider themselves to be in better health than their peers who do not. Their blood pressure is lower, and they appear to be aging more slowly than other people of the same age. Some research studies have found that volunteering is associated with a lower risk of having a heart attack.

The mental health benefits include less symptoms of depression and being more satisfied with life. It often quickly brings a boost in mood, and a deeper sense of meaning and purpose.

If you decide to volunteer, to be a catalyst in encouraging social change in a way that is important to you, you will not be alone. According to our 2022 census 711,379 people volunteered, which was 14% of our population. Of those who volunteered over 40% did so in a sporting organisation. The next highest was volunteering in the community with over 30%, and this was the most popular choice for those over sixty-five. Interestingly, those who volunteer are more inclined to volunteer with a second organisation than the general population is to their first. They have learned that they benefit.

We encourage you to support the organisations of which you are a member. Go along to the AGMs, even if only to lend your moral support. Or get involved in a way that suits you, starting as small as need be. Your future self will thank you.

Activities are back.

Some of our activities have already restarted and we will be in full swing by mid-February.

On Mondays, bowls are back at 10.20am in Coachford. Staying Fit courses being given by Evelyn are on Mondays in Crookstown at 5.30pm and in Kilmurry at 7pm.

On Tuesdays, Rose Mc Carthy classes are in Kilmurry Museum at 2pm.

On Wednesdays aqua aerobics are back at 10am in Macroom. Zumba has recently restarted in Crookstown at 6.15pm on Wednesdays. It is exceptional value at just €50 for the 10 sessions. You may still join, pro rata, for the remaining sessions. However, you do need to join our association, as it is an insurance requirement.

On Fridays, the buff bones course is on from 1.30 to 2.30pm in Crookstown hall.

If you would like to join us, our association is open to all and now is a great time to join. You will get a full year for your membership fee of just twenty euro. Our philosophy is that age makes no difference, but health does. We try to do what we can to keep healthy and challenged in body and in mind, and together that is easier. We will you just as busy as you choose to be and positively engaged in the community. We think you would enjoy it. For more information contact 0894057676 or kilmurryactive@gmail.com.

NEWS FROM MACROOM MEN'S SHED

At the recent AGM of the Macroom Men's Shed, a vote of condolence was passed by the members to the Family of the late John Callery R.I.P. John was one of the founding members of the shed when it was formed in 2015. As a carpenter John used all his skills and his passion for working with wood, in getting

the shed up and running. He designed Bird, Bat and other boxes for the first GLAS Scheme for the farming community. He was gifted wood turner and passed on his skills to a lot of his colleagues in Macroom Men's Shed. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam

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DLS students at the launch of Cork County Council's Macroom Decarbonisation Zone Initiative.



Sean Cremin, a 5 th year student at Coachford College.



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Sr Mairead Buckley, Temple Street Convent, celebrated her 90 th birthday, 70 yrs in education & 60 yrs in Religious life with her family. Sr Mairead is from Cahircarney, Ballymakeera, is a Chaplin in Scoil Mhuire, in Cabra.

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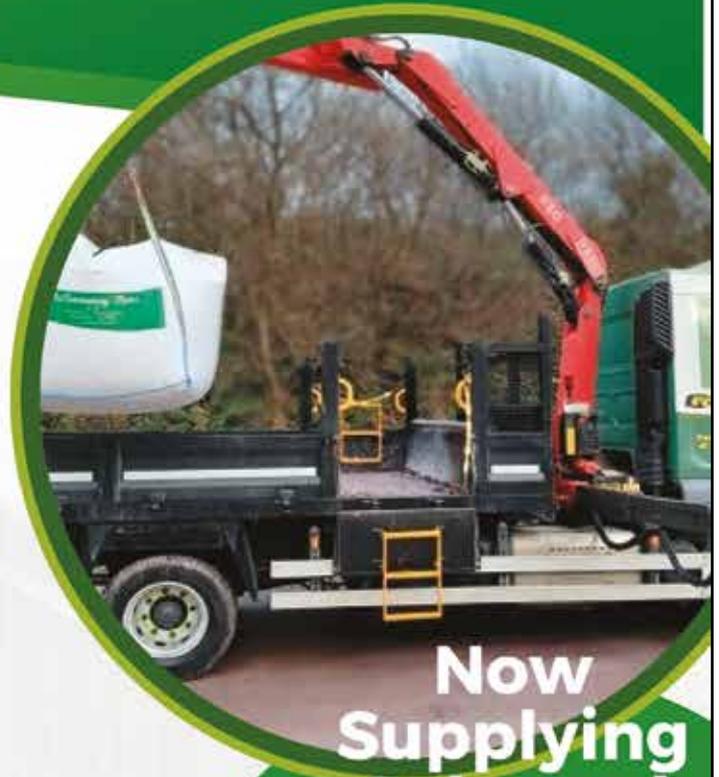
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RADIO AND MACROOM, 1926-1960



Clonmel people listening to a radio broadcast in the 1930s (RTÉ Stills, *The GAA A People's History*, pp. 186-7).



Cork All-Ireland Football Champions 1945. Ned 'Togher' Casey is the Cork player at the far left, back row.

By Con Kelleher, 1 Feb., '26.

'The Irish Free State was thus born simultaneously with radio, coming into being in a world in which the airways were wide-open spaces suddenly filled with voices and music, a great lost continent conjured into existence from thin air.' Christopher Morash, Professor of English, N.U.I., Maynooth, 2010.

This quotation describes the blank canvas and potential of Irish radio in the 1920s. How radio in Ireland developed and how it affected Ireland and every parish and small town therein is interesting and important. An outside was able to penetrate homes directly for the first time ever. Irish radio reflected Irish society, was shaped by it and, in turn, helped to fashion the 'new' Ireland after 1922. Ireland in 1999 was very different from 1926 – the history of Irish radio explains much of the change. Although some Irish listeners had been able to listen to BBC radio signals from 1922, 2RN came on air officially in 1926. It was Ireland's first national station, and when it began, its facilities were basic. This chapter argues that radio-broadcasting had a seismic effect on Ireland, including Macroom. While perhaps outside of normal 'pastimes', radio informed and entertained Ireland and Macroom 1926-99. This essay asserts the centrality of radio in forming Ireland.

Heinrich Hertz discovered radio waves in 1889, and Guglielmo Marconi was the first person to develop practical radio communications, about 1894-5; he commercialised its use in 1898. Developments were so rapid that in November 1920, the Philadelphia KDKA radio station in broadcast the American Presidential Election results, and is considered the first big 'moment' in U.S. radio. In January 1922, Marconi made the first English broadcast and BBC was on air by the following November. BBC, as 2BE, began transmitting from Belfast in September 1925 and in that year 1925, introduced at Daventry the then most powerful transmitter in the world. With suitable equipment, broadcasts were heard in Ireland. Shortly, radio became established across the world and in Ireland. From the founding of the Irish Free State (1922), the government was under pressure to provide an Irish radio station, and the task fell to government-minister J.J. Walsh, a former telegraphist, first called a Postmaster General, later Minister for Posts and Telegraphs. The context was that the country was stressed, exhausted and broke after the War of Independence and the Civil War, with bitterness widespread. The country was straitened financially, and money to found a radio station was scarce. De Valera and Sinn Féin were boycotting the Dáil and the Catholic Church was in a powerful moral position and had much sway over the people and the government. Gorham, a future director, commented:

2RN 'was expected not merely to reflect every aspect of national activity, but to create activities which did not exist. It was expected to revive the speaking of Irish; to foster a taste for classical music; to revive traditional music; to keep people on the farms; to sell goods and services ...; to provide a living and a career for writers and musicians; to reunite the Irish people at home with those overseas: to end partition.'

For the Eucharistic Congress, a 5 Kw transmitter in Athlone, the centre of the country, became temporarily operational

in 1932. The Congress was successfully broadcast and devout Catholics all over the country felt as if they had participated in the ceremonies. They also heard John McCormack sing and the Pope's message read. It sent a powerful signal about the power of broadcasting and boosted sales before and after the event. The entire island was now 'covered' radio-wise. By 1949, three quarters of the population had coverage at home. However, to receive radio, locations needed electricity and rural electrification had 80% countryside coverage by only 1965, and 99% by 1975.

Transmitting from Cork gave better reception in Macroom, only twenty-four miles away. Macroom was one of the first towns in Ireland to have electricity. Although probably received well before then, the first documented evidence of radio reception in Macroom is from 1933 when Jerry Twohig, a local bicycle and wireless dealer, set up a 'Radio outfit' at a school sports that relayed the All-Ireland Hurling Final between Limerick and Kilkenny, possibly as an advertising ploy. The reception was excellent and the 'listeners followed the remarks of the commentator with bated breath'. Gorham estimated that only 5,000 of 25,000 set owners had paid the licence fee in July 1926 but this number had increased to 15,000 by the following year. Fee-payers' numbers had reached only 26,000 by 1931.

2RN supported the conservative ethos of the state and supported 'the Gaelic Revival through lectures, concerts and Irish language broadcasts'. However many of these broadcasts were not popular, with very low listenership. Despite some gloomy forecasts, the transmission of Gaelic games was very good for the GAA and hugely popular, and coincided with the broad nationalist agenda. The contribution of Micheál O'Hehir was immense as he became the voice of the GAA for decades before switching to TV broadcasting in the 1960s. Both radio and the GAA benefitted greatly. Meantime, 2RN changed its name to Radio Athlone and then to Radio Éireann in 1937. T.J. Kiernan appointment as director in 1937 brought further improvements including the development of the station's orchestra.

De Valera fused his Catholicism and Republicanism when speaking at the opening of the 1932 Eucharistic Congress and he further used radio to spread his vision and policies when launching the Athlone transmitter in 1937. His May 1945 broadcast, at the end of WWII, in reply to Winston Churchill's criticism was well received and praised for its steadfastness, dignity, fairness and restraint.

The first Macroom person to gain radio prominence was soprano, Rita Lynch (mezzo soprano), Park View, Macroom won the John McCormack Cup, a national competition in 1938 and the final was broadcast live. Her daughter recalls that Macroom was on tenterhooks during the transmission and celebrated her victory. Afterwards, Rita became an established national classical singing star. She broadcast regularly with the Radió Éireann Orchestra and on other programmes during and after The Emergency. George McSweeney was a Macroom dentist and an accomplished accordion player. He began a music programme, *At Home*, on 15 April, 1950, compered by Mary Kerins, Main Street, Macroom, later his wife, and it ran for many years. Seán Ó Siócháin (Kilnamartyra) played football with Macroom in

the 1930s and was a fine ballad singer. He worked first as a National Teacher in Dublin before becoming Ard Runáil (General Secretary) of the GAA. He sang frequently on Radió Éireann's Saturday night broadcasts for which he is still fondly remembered.

Listenership surveys 1953-55 showed potential audience figures of Radio Éireann (RE) 85%, Radio Luxembourg 53% and BBC Light 49%. These numbers were probably higher in rural areas such as Macroom where radios were often situated in kitchens, and despite RE's shorter broadcasting hours. Irish dancing programmes were surprisingly popular but Irish-language programmes had low ratings – often with single-figure percentage listenership.

Footballer Ned 'Togher' Casey was one of the first Macroomians to become a radio star. He was a member of the Cork team that won the 1945 All-Ireland – Jack Lynch (a future Taoiseach was a team mate). Unfortunately Macroom did not have a senior team that year and 'Togher' was released to play with a great Clonakilty team. Cork had won the Munster final for the first time since 1928, beat Cavan in the semi-final and Galway in the final. Ned was an essential member of the team and played major roles in the defeats of Tipperary and Kerry.

By this stage, radio broadcasts of Gaelic games were a very important part of Radio Éireann's schedule and popularity. Provincial finals, All-Ireland semi-final and finals and Railway Cups were the matches covered. The 1926 All-Ireland Hurling Kilkenny-Galway semi-final was broadcast from Croke Park by P.D. Mehigan during the summer and it is credited with being one of first, if not the first, field game to be aired live. The Press in Britain was very powerful and prevented the transmission of live soccer and rugby games. Micheál O'Hehir began broadcasting in the 1930s and his contribution was immense. It was in this context that 'Togher' became a household name.

Cork senior footballers unusually, and unsuccessfully, contested successive senior football All-Ireland finals in 1956 and 1957. The 1956 final was deferred to 7 October due to a Cork outbreak of poliomyelitis when Galway beat Cork before a crowd of 70,772. Five Macroom players started for Cork – Dan Murray, Mick Goold, Eric Ryan, Niall Fitzgerald and Johnny Creedon, and the radio was the only way for many Macroomians to enjoy the 'action' as it unfolded. Creedon emigrated to New York in early 1957 and another Macroom player, Timmy O'Callaghan was on the Cork selection that year. Canovee's JJ Hinchion played in '57 but Cork agonisingly lost again. Micheál O'Hehir was the commentator and as John McGahern wrote, '(O)nce Michael O'Hehir's (sic) voice crackled from the Crossor, the tension was unbearable'. Programmes featuring local personalities attracted large local radio audiences, especially when participating in high-profile events such as All-Ireland finals.

In 1955, The Kennedys of Castleross, (Castleross was a fictional Midlands town, and it could have been any town in Ireland), began and it ran until 1973; it was sponsored by Fry Cadbury. Among new programmes, Gay Byrne's weekly Jazz Corner was popular and a far cry from the jazz denunciations of the 1930s, and a sign of the coming liberalization of the country, in which he was to play a major role. Other major radio events of the late 1950s



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were the (re-)opening of the Cork Studios at Union Quay and the beginning of a Cork-based string quartet. Radio coverage was extended to a presidential election/PR referendum, Irish Presidential visits to the United States, The Lourdes Centenary, the death of Pope Pius X and the election and coronation of Pope John XXIII – all of which had many hours of air-time.

The prospect of a national television station overshadowed radio and its development.

Among fears was the concern that television would diminish and spell the demise of radio. In time this proved false, and as many television presenters came from and continued to perform on radio, their radio appeal and allure was enhanced.

How Irish radio developed in Ireland 1960-1999 will be addressed in Part II.

programme. Commonly known as 'Dear Frankie', the programme ran until 1985. Unknown to listeners, Frankie had personal problems and perhaps explained why her advice was so good and the programme so popular. It was the first to address any issues of this kind.

There were many pirate radio stations in the 1960s, but were located in large centres or off the Irish coast. Though difficult to gauge, it seems that they made little impact in rural towns and areas such as Macroom. By the 1970s, the pirates' presence forced legal change. In response to the multiplicity of pirate stations with their emphasis on pop music, popularity and cheaper advertising rates, RTÉ Radio 2 began broadcasting in 1979 and used the pirates' same formula. It featured mostly pop music but also broadcast other musical genres and news programmes. Its presenters included Larry Gogan, Vincent Hanley, Jimmy Greeley, Ronan Collins and Jerry Ryan. Some were recruited from RTÉ and others from the pirate stations. Cork local stations included. For example Cork pirate stations ERI and South Coast radio were bought out by County Sound, a private Mallow-based station. Red FM is another commercial radio station that concentrates on community events and local sport. The latter did not broadcast until 2002. Community radio also emerged and was put on a statutory footing in 1994. By 2023, Newstalk was the only national speech-mostly station. Regional and local stations covered local issues and events – (Cork) County Sound/C103 concentrated on the older age group, country music and sport, especially GAA matches. Red FM used more pop music and focused on younger people. Kerry Radio's most popular music was Country and Western and all these had listeners in Macroom.

Gay Byrne's Late Late Show (from 1962) caused major tensions and was to have a profound effect on Irish social mores'. Byrne's tandem radio shows (from 1973) extended the boundaries of topics covered. His radio programme was heard mostly by women, and many new topics such as domestic violence, abuse, unmarried pregnancy, abortion, farm inheritance etc. Doyle O'Neill wrote this about Byrne's radio show:

Simultaneously to his role as television host, Byrne also presented the popular radio program (sic) The Gay Byrne

Show, originally called The Gay Byrne Hour. The poet Brendan Kennelly once referred to Byrne as the 'comforter of the afflicted and the afflicter of the comfortable'. He believed Byrne's radio show had all the hallmarks of an open university because it aired on radio subjects that were furtive and normally hidden in Irish life.

The show filled the heretofore silent RTÉ afternoons. Many women still worked in the 'home' only and Byrne had a ready-made audience. While the 1960s saw Irish society opening to a reasonable amount, 'the 1970s still bore the legacy of conservatism and censorship'. As time passed, the programme became bolder. John Cadden joined as producer in 1979 and he was 'restless, searching and . . . politically-minded'. With telephone technology that permitted direct audience participation, the programme explored the darker, more hidden aspects of Irish life such as teenage, single pregnancies and abortions. Byrne thus reflected society and challenged the authority of Church and State. Unemployment reached 17.5% in 1983, and inflation was 12%; about 228,220 left Ireland from 1987-1990. Listening to discussion on these issues affected Macroom people, just as in every area of Ireland, and this is part of the power of radio. It has the ability to reach the inner sanctums of home, at work, in their cars, and it was able to present and discuss important and hidden topics, and in Byrne's show, through listeners' own testimonies. With newspapers and television, radio played an important role in the exposure of Catholic clerical hypocrisy and institutional abuse in the 1990. Bishop Casey's and Fr Cleary's paternities, Fr Seán Fortune and the Ferns diocese abuse case(s) and cover-up etc. dramatically underlined and accelerated the Catholic Church's fall from grace, influence and power in the country. These revelations deeply affected the trust of Irish Catholics and decreased attendances. The Church had lost forever its position of absolute moral authority in the country. The media's role was essential to telling the story, and the subsequent fall-out. From the '90s, Marion Finucane and Jerry Ryan and others also explored the plight of women and the foibles and vices of Ireland's powerful. All helped to shape and change Ireland.

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From modest beginning, radio in Ireland played an important and influential role in the evolution of Irish society. From 1926-1960 its place was quiet, conservative and mostly uncontroversial. When Ireland 'opened-up' from the 1960, radio, taking its cue from the times, and using less reverent and more aggressive British/American television techniques, it became more searching. Seminal presenters such as Frankie Byrne, Gay Byrne, Marion

Finucane, Jerry Ryan, together with TV and newspaper, changed the country. Sacred cows fell one by one and none more so than the Catholic Church. Its wounds were self-inflicted with the revelation of the hypocritical behaviour of clerics, the sexual abuses of children and women and the shameful treatment of children and young women wrongly confined. Radio played a big part in these discoveries and in publicising the stories. Technology, Vatican Two, joining the EU provided the context for the evolution of radio and in turn, the and in turn, ushered in the dramatic and radical effects on society. Radio certainly entertained people through music, quizzes, debate, sports coverage, lectures, coverage of major religious and political events. However its serious aspect took advantage of its audience and exposed the country to ideas, the lived experience of people and the challenged the previously accepted and often rigid authority.

Thus radio in Macroom was not only an important pastime but a vehicle for change and challenge, especially from 1960-1999 as it was with the rest of the country.

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Conversation with Michael Kelleher (78), Macroom, 17 June, 2022.

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Cork Senior Footballers 1956; Munster Champions and All-Ireland Finalists. It includes Macroom players Dan Murray, Mick Goold, Eric Ryan, Niall Fitzgerald and Johnny Creedon- all now deceased, R.I.P)

Image right: Rita Lynch's early awards and successes, 1939-42 (Mary Shaw-Davies collection).





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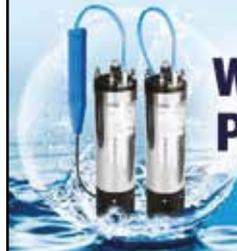


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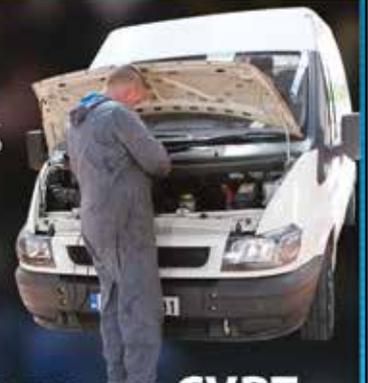


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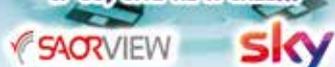
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"Both India and the EU have been hit by US tariffs; this trade deal will enable both economies deflect the impact of these regressive policies and ensure increased economic growth and prosperity.

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GROW MENTAL HEALTH

Hi! Chris Barrett Here!

Today I have the great pleasure of speaking with Jerry Cronin of GROW Mental Health.(G.M.H.)

This is a world-wide peer support organisation for people who are recovering from mental health issues. Jerry is an employee of GROW. His role is area Coordinator for the Southern Region. There is a group in Macroom. Anyone is welcome to drop in 8pm Thursdays, The Family Resource Centre, Masseytown, Macroom. You can also visit them on the GROW website. www.grow.ie In addition, if you prefer, you can contact Jerry confidentially on Jerry 086-0271990. jerrycronin@grow.ie

If the situation feels more serious to you, and you feel suicidal, Pieta House are the experts. PIETA HOUSE Emergency 1800247247 I asked Jerry how you could tell if you were feeling low or anxious, or if the situation was more serious. Jerry replied that often these symptoms might be covering up an underlying problem. It is totally O.K. to drop in for a cup of tea and a chat. There are absolutely no requirements. No diagnosis, referral or appointment is needed.

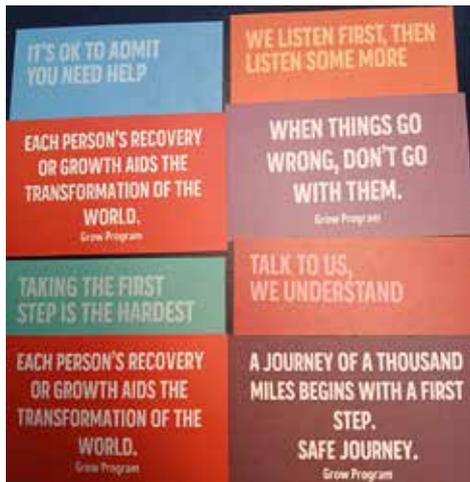
Taking the first step is the hardest and it is O.K. to drop in even if you don't feel very unwell. The age range is normally between 18 and 90. Groups would vary in size from about 5-6 to 10 people.

The '12 step Recovery Programme', is fundamental. One of the issues people have is that of being seen. But remember that everyone is there for the same reason. The group is totally committed to confidentiality. It had its origins in Australia in 1958. The organisation GROW grew out of A.A. An Irishman, a priest called Father Con Keogh in the Archdiocese in Sydney, had a huge mental breakdown. After several years in psychiatric hospitals he was discharged. He found there were no supports for people recovering from mental illness. He found comfort by attending A.A. (Alcoholics Anonymous).

Like A.A, GROW is non-denominational and encourages people to take comfort in whatever faith tradition they were born into, or whatever faith tradition they are comfortable with. GROW feels it is advantageous to have a belief in a higher power, but the group does not discuss religious practice.

Father Con Keogh found that many others were like himself, not living with addictions but were recovering from mental health issues. As a result, they set up their own organisation with the support of their A.A.peers.

They called the new organisation 'GROW' and that name has remained. The movement spread throughout Australia in a few years. In 1969 the first



Inspirational thoughts.



Jerry Cronin, Coordinator of the Southern Region and the Macroom Group.

Irish GROW group was formed in Athea in W. Limerick. Right now there is a GROW meeting weekly in most towns in Ireland.

There are also 20 Irish groups Online, designed for people who are unable to attend for whatever reason. The Online groups are not regionally based, so a Macrompian could be in a group with someone as far away as Dublin, Sligo or Mayo. The Online groups started as a result of Covid, and proved to be very popular. There are exclusively male and female groups online, but most groups are mixed gender. The beauty of online groups is that with approximately 15 or more groups, there would be a time available to suit everybody. There are no age restrictions here either.

With no time limit or expectation, some members remain in groups for 15 -20 years. Groups will have a facilitator who does what it says on the tin, facilitates the groups and ensures that each group runs smoothly.

Every group also has an organiser and a recorder to ensure everything runs properly. They do quite a lot in leadership. These would all be people who have experienced mental health issues themselves. They undergo continuous training in leadership. GROW is for everybody, but not everybody is for GROW! That is to say, that the GROW programme may not be the best journey for someone at a particular time.

As for the Macroom group, Jerry will almost always be present and people can phone him first.

I ask Jerry what happens when someone walks in the door? He replies that you will always get a warm welcome. You will never be questioned. You will

not even be asked your name. You will be invited to choose to sit within or outside of the main group to observe.

There is absolutely no pressure to contribute. In fact you are encouraged not to share until you feel comfortable.

Most meetings last about 90 minutes and then there is a cup of tea and a chat. The chat could typically be anything from local gossip to G.A.A, but topics brought up earlier in the group are not discussed. The cup of tea reinforces friendship with light banter. There is another social side to GROW and that is the Regional Conference and National Conference, held annually.

Groups come together for a social meal or a social evening at least once a year. Often plans are made to visit places of interest e.g. Killarney National Park or Crag Caves. These visits could sometimes be made with a mixture of groups. This really does expand people's social life. Invariably, people make friendships which continue on outside the group.

Finally, GROW has groups in prisons and is involved with hospitals where they visit to do an Awareness Programme.

I am very grateful to Jerry Cronin for sharing his valuable time with us, and I found him to be very open and easy to speak to. If you are affected by any of the issues he deals with, I encourage you to take the plunge and contact him.

If you or anyone you know would like to respond to this article, please contact me chrisleevalley@gmail.com



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DEPENDENT RELATIVE TAX CREDIT

If you pay income tax, a tax credit reduces your tax by the amount of the credit. If you maintain a dependent relative at your own expense, you may qualify for the Dependent Relative Tax Credit. Maintaining a relative means meeting the costs of everyday living. You may need to provide evidence like bank statements or transfer records showing you've contributed to your relative's living costs.

To qualify for the tax credit, the income of your relative must be below a limit.

Who is a dependent relative?

The relative you claim for can be related to you or to your spouse or civil partner if they are:

- A parent who is widowed or is a surviving civil partner
- A son or daughter who lives with you and who you depend on because of your ill health or old age
- A relative who cannot maintain themselves due to age or illness

Your dependant relative does not have to live in Ireland.

A child under the age of 18 will not qualify as a dependent relative unless they live with and care for you. A child under 18 may qualify for the Incapacitated Child Tax Credit.

What is the income limit for a dependent relative?

If your dependent relative's income is more than €18,028 in 2025, you will not get the tax credit for that year. In previous years, the income limit was €17,404 in 2024, €16,780 in 2023, €16,156 in 2022 and €15,740 in 2021.

All of your dependent relative's income is included for the income limit. This includes social welfare payments, pensions, and deposit interest.

How much is the Dependent Relative Tax Credit?

The Dependent Relative Tax Credit is €305. For the years 2021 to 2024, it was €245.

Can I backdate this credit?

Yes, you can claim for up to four years. If you've been supporting a dependent relative since 2021 without claiming, you may be able to claim back for all four years.

How do I prove financial support?

You may need to provide evidence like bank statements or transfer records showing you've contributed to your relative's living costs

How do I apply for the tax credit?

If you are a PAYE taxpayer, you can claim the Dependent Relative Tax Credit online by signing into Revenue's myAccount service and using PAYE Services.

If you pay tax under the self-assessment system, you can claim the credit when you file your income tax return and make a self-assessment.

Alternatively, you can claim the credit by completing the relevant form which you can download from Revenue's website or pick up from your local Citizens Information Centre:

- Form DR1 Claim for Dependent Relative Tax Credit or
- Form DR2 Claim for a son or daughter or a child of your civil partner on whose services you depend)

The completed form should be sent to your Revenue office. It may take longer to update your tax credits and issue a Tax Credit Certificate if you submit a paper claim.

Can I claim back for health expenses for a relative?

You do not have to be getting a Dependent Relative Tax Credit to claim tax back on medical expenses you pay for a relative.

If you pay qualifying health expenses on behalf of another person (whether they are dependent on you or not) you may be entitled to claim tax relief on the amount paid. You can claim relief on expenses like:

- Doctors' bills
- Maintenance or treatment in hospital
- Prescribed drugs and medicines.

If you pay fees for a nursing home that provides 24-hour on-site nursing care, you can claim income tax relief at your highest rate of tax.

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CORK VS KERRY IN KILLARNEY – THE GREATEST RIVALRY

By POC

On Saturday January 17th last I made the familiar trip westwards over the County bounds to the most famous of Inter County rivalries Cork versus Kerry. In the 1960's, with no television at home and poor radio sports coverage, the local weekly papers The Cork Weekly Examiner, The Kerryman (the Cork edition, as the Corkman had yet to be published) provided the build up to the annual Munster Football Final. It was the main topic of conversation at the creamery and under the laurel tree outside the church in Clondrohid before Sunday mass.

My first trip to Killarney was on Sunday June 26th 1966 when a youthful Cork team defeated Limerick 5-10 to 1-8 to qualify for the Munster Final versus Kerry. For the Limerick game I had travelled with my friend Dermot O'Connell in his black Morris Minor with the numerical 545. Dermot was a wonderful man who excelled in his role as Probation Officer for the Cork/Kerry region. He was also an all round sportsman be it Public Speaking, Road Bowling, Gaelic Football and he also wielded the camán on a few occasions. Sadly he passed away in 2025. Go nDeana Dia Trocaire Ar a Anam Dilis.

For the Final my father secured a lift for me to Killarney from Michael Kelleher from Gortnalicka - a staunch GAA supporter. On that famous Sunday July 17th the sun shone brightly, the stadium was packed and the

atmosphere was electric. The game itself overflowed with incidents, controversy and good football. Niall Fitzgerald from Macroom, hero of many games, was introduced in the second half. He had kicked the winning point for Cork in the Final at the same venue in 1956. Late in this game a high ball was floated into the Kerry square and the wily Macrompian eluded Paud O'Donoghue to deflect the ball past Johnny Culloty and Cork were champions 2-7 to 1-7.

The journey home was joyful with Michael Kelleher, Ted Ring, a youthful Dan Kelleher and myself, all in high spirits. Later that evening the Carnival at Clondrohid opened with a Fancy Dress Parade. Jerry O'Connor (better known as Jerh D) proudly wore his Red Cork Jersey which he had worn while playing for the Rebels team in New York. He rounded up a few more of us together and we won first prize under the banner "The Mighty Kingdom Fell and an Old Veteran Returns".

Over the years we made numerous trips to Fitzgerald Stadium. This included travelling with my former school mate Denis Mehigan from Toonsbridge to see the famous Kerry trainer Jackie Lyne, uncle of Pat Spillane, as he got Mick O'Dwyer, Mick O'Connell and many more ready for the All Ireland Finals of 1969 and 1970. The excellent Cork team of the early '70s won three Munster Finals including Killarney, in the rain, in 1974. Some years later it would be trips

to see the renowned Mick O'Dwyer with his famous squad including the Spillanes, the Lynches and the legendary Paudie O'Shea.

The Kerry team had their Golden years until 1987 when Larry Tompkins and Shay Fahy inspired Cork to victory at Killarney. The following years were magic with victories in Killarney in 1989, 1993 and 1995. The intervening 31 years since then saw the Green and Gold dominant at Fitzgerald Stadium despite some near misses by the Rebels. Of course we always travelled in great numbers and once again it was to the Mc Grath Cup Final in Killarney on Saturday January 17th last. The game was keenly contested but while it lacked the cut and thrust of championship the one point victory was very welcome.

If the Rebels reach the Munster Final on the upcoming weekend of the 5th May it should once again be Cork versus Kerry at Fitzgerald Stadium. It will be our first year to travel west on the Macroom/Ballymakeera Bypass to Killarney. The Red and White brigade will cross the County bounds in their hoards and the atmosphere in the town will be electric. The sun will shine down from the Mc Gillicuddy Reeks as it usually does on the magnificent green sward to continue this age old rivalry - we live in constant hope - Rebels Abú.



Niall Fitzgerald deflects the ball past Johnny Culloty. 1966.



Jerry O Connor and his group at the Clondrohid Fancy Dress parade 1966

17 July 1966. "The Mighty Kingdom Falls and an Olde Veteran Returns" Back in Clondrohid on the evening of a Munster Final in Killarney in which Cork had defeated Kerry for the first time in nine years. The introduction of Niall Fitzgerald to the full forward position was the key to the success.



Paddy Corkery, Tony Buckley, Diarmuid O'Connell, Tadgh Kelleher, Macra Public Speaking Winners.

Dermot O Connell and his team , winners of the 1967 Public Speaking competition.



I.Cork football team 1966

The Cork senior football team who beat Limerick in the semi-final of the Munster championship at Killarney on Sunday last. Front row (from left): J. O'Mahony, B. Crowley, M. O'Loughlin, B. Murphy, J. O'Sullivan, J. Carroll, E. Ryan. Back row: F. Hagan, McCarthy, D. Moore, J. Lacey, C. O'Sullivan, M. Burke, W. Morgan, J. Cogan.

ÉIRE ÓG COMMUNITY GATHERS TO CELEBRATE 136 YEAR HISTORY



Accordianist Liam O'Connor entertaining the audience at the Éire Óg GAA Club celebrations at the Rochestown Park Hotel.



Tom O'Driscoll, Gail Fitzgerald and Dianne Keating at the Éire Óg GAA Club celebrations at the Rochestown Park Hotel. Picture: David Keane

Cork. Tuesday, February 3rd, 2026. Éire Óg, a GAA club located in the heart of the Ovens and Farran communities, recently held a commemorative event at the Rochestown Park Hotel in honour of the club's 136 year history.

The event, which was hosted by RTÉ's Marty Morrissey, recognised both Éire Óg's storied history and the 40th anniversary of the club's victory in the 1985 Cork Intermediate Hurling Championship.

The event served as a means of both honouring Éire Óg heroes of the past whose successes the club strives to build on, and showing appreciation for the club's volunteers who play an instrumental role in its continued and future success.

The event included specially produced documentary-style videos featuring prominent club members both young and old, including Kevin Murray, Patrick O'Flynn, Denis Desmond, John O'Flynn, Dick Nagle,

Mick Malone and Tom Brennan of Éire Óg's 1985 Cork Intermediate Hurling Championship winning side who beat Blackrock by a single point.

Attendees at the event, which was organised by club members Michael Kelleher, Mick Malone, Michael O'Flynn and James O'Leary, were treated to performances from Eurovision winner Paul Harrington, The Three Tenors, and accordianist Liam O'Connor.

"In bringing our community together, this unique event celebrated the contributions of everyone who has been part of Éire Óg's history through both good times and bad," said Mick Malone of Éire Óg's 1985 Cork Intermediate Hurling Championship winning side.

"From committee members and players to coaches and supporters, this event served as an expression of the club's sincere gratitude to those who have played a part in making Éire Óg a club that is so close to our hearts," said James O'Leary, who also donned Cork's

red jersey.

Éire Óg's proud achievements include a blitz of four Cork Senior Camogie Championships in the space of eight years, a Cork Senior Hurling Championship, three Cork Intermediate Hurling Championships, and, most recently, a Cork Senior A Ladies Football Championship in 2025.

Éire Óg also has a stellar record of producing intercounty stars. These include the 1985 side's Mick Malone who won two All-Ireland Senior Hurling Championships for Cork in 1976 and 1977; Colm Sheehan, who scored two goals as Cork won the All-Ireland Senior Hurling Championship in 1966 against Kilkenny; and the pairing of Ciarán Sheehan and Daniel Goulding, who were instrumental in Cork's most recent All-Ireland Senior Football Championship victory in 2010 against Down.



Michael O'Flynn and Pat Malone with Marty Morrissey at the Éire Óg GAA Club celebrations at the Rochestown Park Hotel



Pat Malone and Mick Malone speaking to Marty Morrissey at the Éire Óg GAA Club celebrations at the Rochestown Park Hotel.



Niall Kingston and Michelle O'Flynn enjoying the performance of The Three Tenors at the Éire Óg GAA Club celebrations at the Rochestown Park Hotel. Picture: David Keane



Bishop John Buckley alongside Marty Morrissey at the Éire Óg GAA Club celebrations at the Rochestown Park Hotel.

GAA - ALLIANZ NATIONAL HURLING LEAGUE 2026 (SIX GROUP GAMES)

Cork 3-25 Waterford 1-16 in Cork
Galway 1-21 Cork 2-20 in Galway

Sat Feb 7th Cork v Tipperary at Supervalu P Ui 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 Ui Chaoimh 7pm

Division 1A NH League Table after Round 2

Tipperary 4 +23: Cork 4 +17: Kilkenny 2, Waterford 2, Limerick 0, Galway 0, Offaly 0

Cork 3-25 Waterford 1-16

The Ben O'Connor era was ushered in with a free-flowing 15-point demolition of Waterford in the Allianz NHL in front of 20,464 fans at SuperValu Páirc Uí Chaoimh.

Cork debutant William Buckley notched 1-4, as did stalwart Declan Dalton.

Ben O'Connor called upon 10 of last year's All-Ireland final team to start his first competitive game as manager. As well as Buckley, Alan Walsh and Hugh O'Connor received their debuts off the bench. Dáire O'Leary began at full-back on his return to the panel. Waterford were without half of the team which last played in championship, against Cork, in 2025 and so were given little chance of succeeding here and the pundits were correct. The Déise were outclassed from the off as Cork scored nine points from their first nine shots inside nine minutes. Declan Dalton lined out at full-forward and opened the scoring. Cork kept piling on the scores. Shane Barrett was given the freedom of the Páirc as he roamed from centre-forward for three quick fire points. Darragh Fitzgibbon, Diarmuid Healy, Buckley, and Alan Connolly also got off the mark.

Dalton batted across the goal for Connolly to tap in, 1-11 to 0-3 after 18 minutes. Fitzgibbon, Buckley, and Healy tacked on the next trio for a 14-point lead.

Things went from bad to worse when Mark Fitzgerald dragged down Brian Roche, the referee produced the black card and awarded a penalty, which Dalton rocketed into the top corner. Cork led 2-16 to 0-9 at half-time.

When Halloran was fouled by Robert Downey, Murphy reached for his black card and gave a penalty. Shane Bennett came forward from the half-backs to drill it low to the net. In the very next play, Alan Walsh intercepted a pass and Connolly fed Buckley, whose one-handed swing beat the advancing keeper. They led 3-19 to 1-11. The sides split the final eight points between them before Waterford lost Seán Walsh in stoppage time for interference with the face guard. Verdict: Not championship tempo hurling – too easy for Cork

Scorers for Cork: William Buckley, Declan Dalton (1-0 pen) 1-4 each; Alan Connolly 1-2 (1f); Diarmuid Healy 0-4; Darragh Fitzgibbon (0-1f), Shane Barrett 0-3 each; Mark Coleman 0-2; Tommy O'Connell, Brian Roche, Hugh O'Connor 0-1 each.

Cork: Patrick Collins; Niall O'Leary, Dáire O'Leary, Seán O'Donoghue (Inniscarra); Cormac O'Brien, Robert Downey, Mark Coleman (Blarney); Tommy O'Connell, Darragh Fitzgibbon; Brian Roche, Shane Barrett (Blarney), Diarmuid Healy; William Buckley, Declan Dalton, Alan Connolly.

Subs: Alan Walsh for Dalton (42), Hugh O'Connor for Barrett (48), Eoin Roche for O'Leary (51), Micheál Mullins for Downey (55), Robbie O'Flynn for Healy (61).

Waterford: Billy Nolan; Conor Prunty, Daniel Lalor, Conor Keane; Iarlaith Daly, Mark Fitzgerald, Shane Bennett; Darragh Lyons, Seán Mackey; Reuben Halloran, Jamie Barron, Jack Fagan; James Power, Seán Walsh, Charlie Treen.

Subs: Joe Booth for Fagan (8, inj), Brian Lynch for Lalor (20), Calum Lyons for J Power (42), Michael Kiely for Booth (51), Mairtin Power for Daly (58).

Referee: Johnny Murphy (Limerick).

Cork will travel to play Waterford in the Munster championship on Sunday May 10th next.

NHL Division 1A: Galway 1-21 Cork 2-20

A rip-roaring Saturday night league encounter in Salthill ended with Cork's quality edging out Galway's high-energy resistance. Two goals from interval replacement Brian Hayes, effectively settled the matter. The 2025 Hurler of the Year nominee was not going to miss the chances, identically served up on a platter by team captain Darragh Fitzgibbon.

It looked as if Cork's bench and elevated tempo would yield a comfortable victory but an impressive late rally by Galway saw Aaron Niland burst into scoring life with five closing points to leave the final outcome in the balance but Cork held out.

A pleasant, dry evening promised well for the match and if the night turned cold, the Salthill wind didn't make itself felt as forcefully as usual for the players or the crowd of 8,464.

The home side opened with coltish energy, slamming into the tackle and coming out with ball. Their man marking was energetic, and they back up each other enthusiastically. Cork appeared bemused as they got no time to settle. For 12 minutes, they were becalmed on three points, as Galway racked up 1-7 by the 23rd minute.

Cork were at sixes and sevens and granting plenty of space to their opponents to exploit as they wished. Cathal Mannion, who was everywhere in that dominant opening phase ended the match with seven wides, three from frees – contrasting with Niland's late marksmanship.

Overall, Galway had 15 wides and three dropped short whereas the winners were six and two.

Daithí Burke switched on to Shane Barrett and initially countered well but Barrett's quality eventually shone with six points from play and just one wide.

The enforced departure of Fleming in the 28th minute seemed to trigger a crisis for Galway, who led by six 1-9 to 0-6 but proceeded to concede the last five points of the half. Barrett, Séamus Harnedy, Brian O'Sullivan and Fitzgibbon had the deficit down to one by the break, 0-11 to 1-9. Harnedy on his first appearance of the season, 15 years after his debut, ended up with another four-point haul.

The match developed a bit of an edge with a couple of scatters breaking out and some pushing and shoving at the half-time exit but in general, the impression was of a fine contest between the teams.

It ran, nearly score-for-score, until Hayes's first goal in the 61st minute, edged Cork in front 1-18 to 1-16 and when they added 1-2 in the next four minutes for a seven-point lead, 2-20 to 1-16. Galway rallied but just fell short.

Cork: Patrick Collins (Ballinhassig); Niall O'Leary (Castlelyons), Dáire O'Leary (Watergrasshill), Eoin Roche (Bride Rovers); Eoin Downey (Glen Rovers), Robert Downey (Glen Rovers), Mark Coleman (Blarney); Tommy O'Connell (Midleton), Brian O'Sullivan (Kanturk); Darragh Fitzgibbon (Charleville, c), Shane Barrett (Blarney), Séamus Harnedy (St Ita's); Brian Roche (Bride Rovers), Declan Dalton (Fr

O'Neill's), Alan Connolly (Blackrock). Subs: Brian Hayes (St Finbarr's) for B Roche ht, Tim O'Mahony (Newtownshandrum) for B O'Sullivan ht, Robbie O'Flynn (Erin's Own) for D Dalton 48, Hugh O'Connor (Newmarket) for S Harnedy 64, Brian Keating (Ballincollig) for D Fitzgibbon 70. Also: Paudie O'Sullivan (Fr O'Neill's), Ger Millerick (Fr O'Neill's), Darragh O'Sullivan (Ballinhassig), Ethan Twomey (St Finbarr's), Micheál Mullins (Glen Rvrs), Alan Walsh (Kanturk)

Cork Manager Ben O'Connor took over a damaged group after last July's horror All-Ireland second half. The score-as-you-like win over a weakened Waterford was a start but too early for conclusions. This was satisfactory enough: recovery from a poor start and hitting the boost when needed.

Ben O'Connor commented: "We knew coming up here we were going to get a battle. They put it up to Tipp last Saturday night, ran out of steam in the end. "We'd a fierce travelling crowd tonight but last week we had 20,000. It does make a difference. We are delighted for it and we'll have the same now next Saturday night (for Tipperary).

Can't wait to get up there on Saturday night at the Páirc."

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

May 17th: Tipperary v Clare, Limerick v Waterford

May 24th: Cork v Clare in Cork, Limerick v Tipperary

Munster Hurling Final: June 7th

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Allianz National Football League 2026 (Seven games)

Cork 0-24 Cavan 2-17 Round 1

Louth 1-12 Cork 1-17 R2

Sun Feb 15th away to Offaly 2pm 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 Ui Chaoimh 5pm

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

Division 2 NF League Table after round 2

Cork 4 +6: Meath 4 +5: Kildare 3 +9: Louth 2 +0: Derry 2 +0:

Tyrone 1 -3: Cavan 0 -3: Offaly 0 -14

Cork football supporters were conspicuous by their absence when Cork lined out against Cavan in the opening round of the Division 2 Allianz NFL. The attendance at the hurling game which followed was over 20,000 spectators, by observation the numbers present for the football game did not number a quarter of that figure.

Cork gave a patchy performance: slightly the better team in the first half but outplayed for much of the second and when they fell seven points in arrears with ten minutes to go the outcome looked bleak. The introduction of Mattie Taylor, the St Finbarr's pair of Ian Maguire and Steven Sherlock and young Dara Sheedy of Bantry transformed the Cork performance, Sherlock kicked a two-pointer, Cavan kicked a few wides and gave Cork hope. The Cork support found its voice and the Rebels went at the opposition in a manner all know they are capable of but so often



Senior Footballers after their defeat to Rosscarbery in the Munster Championship

don't deliver.

Certain defeat became glorious victory when Steven Sherlock, absent last year for his own reasons after enduring what many considered shoddy treatment the previous season, took the pressure and sent over a two-point free to give Cork the narrowest of victory margins to the delight of the Cork football faithful present.

Whether this level of performance would merit promotion is a moot point which the coming weeks will answer.

Cork 0-24 Cavan 2-17

Steven Sherlock curled over a two-point winner as Cork came from seven points behind against Cavan to kick the final eight in a row for a nerve-shredding win at Páirc Uí Chaoimh.

The St Finbarr's star, the outstanding forward in last year's county senior football championship, marked his return to competitive inter-county action with a pair of orange flags after being introduced as a substitute on 53 (Brian Hurley off- Sherlock on) to complete a remarkable turnaround that got Cork out of jail after a poor second-half performance as their Division 2 promotion hopes got off the launch pad. Cavan started well with three points inside three minutes from Oisín Brady, Dara McVeety, and Gerard Smith before Cork steadied with three of their own. Cork leapt ahead when Seán McDonnell launched a two-pointer, and Mark Cronin extended that advantage.

Cavan were back in front after 16 minutes when McVeety palmed in Conor Brady's pass, the Breffnimen led 1-4 to 0-6, but that would prove their last lead of the half.

Paul Walsh pointed before Cronin converted the only placed ball of a flowing first period.

Luke Fahy and Cronin edged Cork two ahead, but McVeety took his tally to 1-3 and Oisín Brady punished a misdirected kick-out with a smart one-two move from the sideline to curl over.

Hurley had Cork's last three points of the half, including a closing two-pointer to make it 0-13 to 1-8 at the break.

After Fahy's second point, Cavan flipped the script. As the home crowd grew impatient with Cork's over-elaboration, (across and back, reluctance to shoot) the visitors reeled off 1-4 without reply. Gearóid McKiernan came into the game with a point, a two-point free after Cork failed to hand the ball back, and a series of kick-out wins. Meanwhile, Seán McDonnell was denied a goal by Cavan goalkeeper. Ciarán Brady (Arva) struck 1-1 to complete the full set of forwards scoring, with McVeety sending him through to rattle the net. Niall Carolan came close to another goal when firing over.

Cavan led 2-14 to 0-16 when Ryan Brady was sin-binned, but Cork couldn't initially close the gap. They conceded the next three points, including a two-point free from Lynch. That 59th-minute conversion would prove the last score from Cavan.

The Cork comeback began with scores from McDonnell, a Sherlock two-pointer, and from a Cronin mark. That made it a one-score game. Progress continued with a Cronin free before Chris Óg Jones became the sixth starting forward to get off the mark. Their escape was complete when Sherlock was fouled as he attempted to get off a two-point attempt and the 'Barrs man curled over the winner from just outside the arc.

Cork: P Doyle; S Brady, D O'Mahony, T Walsh; B O'Driscoll, R Maguire, Luke Fahy (0-2); Colm O'Callaghan (0-1), S Walsh; R Deane (0-1), S McDonnell (0-1-1), P Walsh (0-0-2); M Cronin (0-0-7, 3f, 1m), B Hurley (0-1-1), Chris Óg Jones (0-0-1).

Subs: M Taylor for R Maguire (46 mins), D Sheedy for Deane (48), I Maguire for S Walsh (48), S Sherlock (0-2-0, 1tpf) for Hurley (53), M Shanley for Brady (60).

Louth 1-12 Cork 1-17

Cork footballers made it two wins from two outings in the Allianz National League, something that the Rebels have not achieved in the top two divisions for ten years. After losing to Leinster champions Louth in recent years in previous key encounters away in league and championship, Cork needed to win this one and they put in an impressive performance at Drogheda in fulfilling their desire.

There was much to admire in the Cork performance. Football supporters would have been happy to see Steven Sherlock and Brian Hurley both start, Matty Taylor starting in defence, a pre-match boost from the selectors. With the team playing a lot of quick ball into attack, the Cork forwards revelled in the supply and built up an eight point lead by the interval. They were sharp and determined all over the field and had the confidence to see off a Louth resurgence after the interval to re-establish their control in the final quarter. The Louth goal was a defensive error but came too late to affect the result.

Louth opened the scoring but Luke Fahy equalised and when Louth regained the lead Steven Sherlock levelled from a free. A point from Tommy Walsh and a fisted effort from Chris Óg Jones put Cork in front 0-4 to 0-2 by the 11th minute and they matched a Louth point through a Mark Cronin effort, 0-5 to 0-3 after 17 minutes. Chris Óg Jones, set up by Brian Hurley, then clung a smashing goal and Cork never looked back thereafter. They outscored the home side by 0-5 to 0-1 in the period before half time, two-pointers from Hurley and from a Sherlock free, added to a Mark Cronin point which saw Cork lead by 1-10 to 0-5 at half time, in control but not yet secure.

Louth outscored the Rebels by 0-5 to 0-2 (Sherlock and McDonnell) in the fifteen minutes after the restart and the lead was down to five points, 1-12 to 0-10. Cork introduced Rory and Ian Maguire, the latter helping the outstanding Colm O'Callaghan to regain control of midfield and the forwards, while being a little wasteful, kept the scoreboard ticking over to keep Cork clear of the danger area. It was 1-17 to 0-12 when Cork conceded the late goal to

Louth, a high ball into the goalmouth not blocked by the defence.

Scorers for Cork (1-2-13): S Sherlock 0-8 (1x0-2pt f, 0-4 f, 0-1 45), C Óg Jones 1-1, B Hurley (1x0-2), S McDonnell, M Cronin 0-2 each, T Walsh, L Fahy 0-1 each.

Cork: Patrick Doyle; Maurice Shanley, Daniel O'Mahony (c), Tommy Walsh; Matty Taylor, Brian O'Driscoll, Luke Fahy (Ballincollig); Colm O'Callaghan (Éire Óg), Seán Walsh; Paul Walsh, Seán McDonnell, Mark Cronin; Steven Sherlock, Brian Hurley, Chris Óg Jones. Subs: Rory Maguire for M Taylor (46), Ian Maguire for S Walsh (48, blood), Ruairi Deane for P Walsh (53), Darragh Sheedy for M Cronin (58), Conor Daly for B Hurley (68), Jacob O'Driscoll for B O'Driscoll (70).

2026 Munster Senior Football Championship

April 11th – QF Tipperary v Waterford: Limerick v Cork

April 25th – SF Tipp/Waterford v Limerick/Cork: Kerry v Clare

Munster Football Final: May 10th

LGFA - Ladies Gaelic Football

Lidl National Football League Division 1

Cork 1-10 Kildare 2-7

Cork and Kildare played out a thrilling Lidl National Football League Division 1 draw at MTU Cork in the opening round of the league.

The new rules being trialled had a positive effect in providing a very entertaining encounter.

Kildare were 2-6 to 1-6 ahead with less than 10 minutes remaining when Cork found another gear. Two Abigail Ring efforts and a Katie Quirke free, meant it was all square with time almost up.

Then, Alannah Prizemann's converted free looked to have won it for Kildare. That was until Quirke's fifth converted free of the afternoon, four minutes into injury-time, salvaged a point for the Rebels.

Kildare were the better team in the opening half and built a 0-5 to 0-3 lead, Quirke and Grace Ní Mhurchú points kept Cork in touch.

Melissa Duggan had a Cork goal but Kildare matched it in injury-time and the Lily Whites led at the break, 1-5 to 1-3.

A low scoring third quarter saw the team draw level, 1-6 apiece, as Emma Cleary, Leah Hallihan and Quirke (free) scored for the Rebels. In the 50th minute Kildare had a second goal 2-6 to 1-6 but Cork drew level through Rig and Quirke and when Kildare went back in front, Quirke rescued a point for Cork from a late free.

A new-look Cork happy to get their Division 1 campaign off to a positive start..

Scorers for Cork: K Quirke 0-5 (0-5 f), M Duggan 1-0, A Ring 0-2, G Ní Mhurchú, E Cleary, L Hallihan 0-1 each.

Cork: Caoimhe Richmond; Melissa Duggan, Dara Kíniry, Katie Horgan; Amy Corcoran, Sabh McGoldrick

(Éire Óg), Rosie Corkery (Naomh Abán); Aoife Healy, Abby O'Mahony; Rachel Leahy, Grace Ní Mhurchú (Naomh Abán), Emma Cleary (Éire Óg) (captain); Rachel O'Regan, Katie Quirke, Liah Hallihan. Subs: Áine Terry O'Sullivan for R O'Regan (42), Kate Redmond for A O'Mahony (50), Abigail Ring for L Hallihan (50), Emma Hurley for R Leahy (57), Ciara Hughes for R Corkery (58).

Cork 1-10 Galway 2-5

A goal from Áine O'Sullivan was the critical score for Cork as they got the better of Galway in their Lidl Ladies National Football League Division One clash at Páirc Uí Rinn. The goal came just after Galway had scored two of their own, and it put the home side back in front, a lead they never gave up.

Cork opened the scoring after eight minutes when Grace Ní Mhurchú pointed. The Naomh Abán lady took advantage of the quick free rule to set up another Cork attack, and subsequently finished the move. It took until the 17th minute for the second score to arrive, when Katie Quirke pointed from a free, after she was fouled herself, to double Cork's lead.

Galway got off the mark from the kick out and they were back on level terms after 20 minutes when Rosín Leonard pointed from a free in a low-scoring start to the tie.

Healy made a great run to score the home side's third point and they soon stretched their lead to two. Ní Mhurchú was involved again as she played Rachel Leahy in. Her pass found O'Sullivan who slotted over to make it 0-4 to 0-2.

Coen replied from another free for Galway, Katie Quirke got her second of the half to make it 0-5 to 0-3 as half time approached. Points were exchanged, Cork led by 0-6 to 0-4 at the break.

Three minutes into the second half Galway took the lead when after a goalmouth scramble Andrea Trill found the back of the net, to make it 1-4 to 0-6.

Credit to Cork they responded quickly with a free from Quirke putting them back on level terms. With 37 minutes gone Cork were back in front with another free from Quirke making it 0-8 to 1-4. Three minutes later Galway had their second goal, Leonard's pass across the goal palmed home by Coen.

However, the goals kept coming, this time Cork finding the back of the net. Shauna Kelly set up O'Sullivan who blasted to the net to put the home side back in front 1-8 to 2-4. Abigail Ring pointed for Cork with Hannah Noone replying for Galway to keep a point in it with time running out. Quirke pointed from a free to put two between the sides in the last minute as Cork hung on for the win their overall display deserved.

Cork: Caoimhe Richmond; Amy Corcoran, Dara Kiniry, Katie Horgan; Melissa Duggan, Sabh McGoldrick (Éire Óg), Rosie Corkery (N Abán); Aoife Healy (0-01), Abby O'Mahony; Rachel Leahy, Grace Ní Mhurchú (N Abán)

(0-01), Emma Cleary (Éire Óg); Áine T O'Sullivan (1-02), Katie Quirke (0-05, 4f), Abigail Ring (0-01).

Subs: Shauna Kelly for K Horgan (28 inj), Ciara Hughes for R Corkery (37), Liah Hallihan for A Ring (53), Kate Redmond for A O'Mahony (56).

Next Round: Armagh v Cork February 7th.

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 2026

There are 7 Divisions, each of ten teams.

Commencing Feb 27th-March 1st 2026 with Round 1 pairings:

All games on Sunday March 1st unless stated otherwise

Div 1: Cill na Martra, Éire Óg

Cill na Martra v Newcestown 11.30am at Cill na Martra, Éire Óg v Castlehaven 11.30 in Ovens, Carbery R v Clonakilty, Nemo Rangers v Douglas, St Finbarrs v Knocknagree

Div 2: Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh, Ballincollig, Uibh Laoire

Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh v Castletownbere 11.30am, Carrigaline v Ballincollig, Sat 28th Feb 1pm, St Michaels v Uibh Laoire in Mahon 11.30am, O'Donovan Rossa v Clyda Rovers, Valley Rovers v Dohenys

Div 3: Aghabullogue, Naomh Abán

Bishopstown v Aghabullogue 11.30am, Naomh Abán v Fermoy 11.30am, Bandon v Mallow, Kilshannig v Newmarket, Rockchapel v Kanturk

Div 4: Macroom, Kilmurry

Kilmurry v Kiskeam 11.30am, Buttevant v Macroom 11.30am, Aghada v Nemo Rangers, Boherbue v Glanmire, Gabriel Rangers v Adrigole

Div 5: Ballinora, Canovee

Bantry Blues v Ballinora 11.30am, Canovee v St Nicks 11.30am, Ballydesmond v St Vincents, Kinsale v Millstreet, Mitchelstown v Ilen Rovers

Div 6: Aghinagh

Glanworth v Aghinagh 11.30am, Argideen Rangers v Kildorrery, Dromtarriffe v Na Piarasigh, Glenville v Cobh, Kilmacabea v Cullen

Div 7: Inniscarra, Donoughmore

Inniscarra v Passage West Sat 28th 11.30am, St James

v Donoughmore at Ardfield 11.30am, Ballygarvan v Carbery Rangers, Castlemagner v Mayfield, Liscarroll/Churchtown Gaels v Nemo Rangers

Looking back on the 2025 leagues:

McCarthy Insurance Group County Football Leagues Aghabullogue, Uibh Laoire, Kilmurry, Canovee secured titles in their respective divisions and Uibh Laoire in contention for the Div 3 title still to be played for.

Division 1

Final: St Finbarrs 1-20 Clonakilty 2-15

Final placings: St. Finbarr's 16, Clonakilty 15, Nemo Rangers 14, Douglas 9, Cill Na Martra 9, Newcestown 9, Castlehaven 7, Éire Óg 5, Carrigaline 4, St. Michael's 2

Relegated: Carrigaline and St Michaels

Round 9 2025:

Éire Óg: 0-14 Cill na Martra: 1-11

Éire Óg avoided relegation from Division 1 of the McCarthy Insurance Group Football League after securing a draw with Cill na Martra in the final round game at Ovens. It was a fair result in the end, both teams battling hard for victory in a game of fluctuating fortunes. Éire Óg, trailing by four points after 53 minutes, were the happier at the finish, the result gained saving their Div 1 status while consigning Carrigaline, coached by former player and coach with Cill na Marta Kevin O'Sullivan, to the drop back to Div Two next season.

Brian Hurley had an Éire Óg point after two minutes, the Gaeltacht side drew level through a Micheál Ó Deasúna effort, the latter then converted a two-point free after 16 minutes. The sides then exchanged points, Éire Óg goalkeeper Chris Kelly landing a 45 and Damien Ó hUrdail pointing Cill na Martra. A Kelly free and a Jack Murphy effort drew the sides level, 0-4 each after 22 minutes.

Ciarán Ó Duinnín sent Cill na Martra back in front, but they lost a man to a black card six minutes before the break. A Conor McGoldrick point left the sides level at half-time, 0-5 each.

Éire Óg kicked the first four points of the second half with Daniel Goulding and Darragh Clifford making it 0-9 to 0-5 after 35 minutes but then Cill na Martra took over, adding 1-5 to their tally, Damien Ó hUrdail's goal after 41 minutes, a crucial score, 1-10 to 0-9.

Éire Óg had a badly needed score from Daniel Healy's fisted effort after 53 minutes followed by a Hurley two-pointer to leave a point in it. Dermot O'Herlihy drew his team level before Clifford kicked a point to edge Éire Óg ahead with three minutes to go. Cill na Martra did get a point to level matters when Danny Ó Conaill pointed.

Scorers for Éire Óg: B Hurley 0-3 (1 2pt), C Kelly 0-2 (0-1 f, 0-1 45), D Dineen, H Murphy, C McGoldrick, D Clifford, M Griffin, D Goulding, D O'Herlihy, J Murphy, D Healy 0-1 each.



St Mary's Junior A Football Team are Munster Champions!!



At the recent EPH Controls Muskerry Sports Star of the Year awards, Muskerry GAA had only 1 trophy for the 1st ever Joint Winners Paul Ring & Matthew Bradley. We caught up with them on Saturday night at the Aghabullogue Hurling Football & Camogie Club Victory social & finally presented both with their richly deserved awards.



Macroom FC Lotto relaunch 3 tickets for €5



Macroom U12 at a recent home win against Corinthians

Cill na Martra: D Ó hUrdail 1-1, M Ó Deasúna 0-3 (1 2pt f), S Ó Duinnín, D Ó Conaill 0-2 each, C Ó Meachair, C Ó Duinnín, E Ó Conaill 0-1 each.
Éire Óg: C Kelly; A McCarthy, D Dineen, John Kelleher; H Murphy, C McGoldrick, D McCarthy; D Clifford, M Griffin; Jerome Kelleher, B Hurley, E O'Shea; D Goulding, D O'Herlihy, J Murphy. Subs: D Healy
Cill na Martra: J Ó Loingsigh; M Ó Cathasaigh, F Ó Faoláin, C Ó Meachair; D Ó Conaill, D Ó Buachalla, C Ó Fóirréidh; A Ó Cuana, G Ó Goillidhe; C Ó Duinnín, M Ó Deasúna, E Ó Conaill; D Ó hUrdail, D Ó Duinnín, S Ó Duinnín. Subs: D Mac Cárthaigh h-t, A Ó hUidhir 48, A Ó Loingsigh 50.

Div 2

Final: Knocknagree 0-17 Carbery Rangers 0-11
Final placings: Carbery Rgrs 18, Knocknagree 14, Dohenys 10, O'Donovan Rossa 10, Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh 10, Ballincollig 8, Valley Rovers 8, Castletownbere 7, Kanturk 5, Fermoy 0
Relegated: Kanturk and Fermoy

Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh 3-11 Castletownbere 0-9

Beal Átha finished in joint third in the Div 2 league with a comfortable win over visitors Castletownbere in their final league outing. Beal Átha had a slight edge all through and led by 2-5 to 0-6 at the interval, goals in the 12th and 26th minutes telling blows. A third goal in the 43rd minute finished any hope of a Castletown revival.

Scorers: Diarmuid MacTomáis 2-5, Sean Ó Luasa 1-0, S Ó Muineacháin 0-3, Sean Ó Donnchú, Conchur Ó Loinsigh, Tim Ó Laoire 0-1 each.

Béal Átha: Barra Ó Súilleabháin; Seán Ó Donnchú, Barra Ó hÓrgáin, Peatsáí Ó Tuama; Nollaig Ó Laoire, Ciarán Ó Núnáin, Gavin Ó Laoire; Éanna Ó Duinnín, Daire Ó Briain; Daire Ó Ceallacháin, Seán Ó Luasa, Conchur Ó Loinsigh; Diarmuid MacTomáis, Cian Ó Duinnín, Tim Ó Laoire.

Kanturk 1-12 Ballincollig 1-5

An uninspiring league campaign for The Village came to a close at Kanturk where the home side took the points but suffer relegation along with Fermoy. Kanturk led at half time by 0-7 to 1-2 and were comfortably in front by the 50th minute when they had opened up a six point gap, 0-11 to 1-2.

Div 3

Final: Uibh Laoire 1-21 Clyda Rovers 2-10
Final placings: Clyda Rovers 15, Uibh Laoire 14, Naomh Abán 12, Mallow 10, Newmarket 9, Kilshannig 9, Rockchapel 7, Bishopstown 7, Kiskeam 5, Aghada 2.
Relegated: Kiskeam and Aghada

Iveleary 1-21 Clyda Rovers 2-10

Iveleary won the McCarthy Insurance Group Division

3 Football League title following a comfortable win in the end over Clyda Rovers at Donoughmore. There was just a point in it at the break with Iveleary in front, but they produced an excellent second half to be clear winners at the finish by an eight point margin.

This is Iveleary's second successive league crown having won Division 4 a year ago and they now progress to Div Two for next season, joining their parish neighbours Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh from Senior A and Ballincollig from the premier Senior ranks.

Chris Óg Jones got the scoring underway with a point after three minutes only for Clyda Rovers to equalise in under a minute later. Points from Chris Óg Jones and Sam Pickering had Uibh Laoire in front, Clyda Rovers replied with a goal after 7 minutes to lead 1-1 to 0-3. The outstanding Cathal Vaughan had a two-pointer in reply but back came Clyda with 1-1 to retake the lead, 2-2 to 0-5 for the Avondhu men by the end of the first quarter.

Another Cathal Vaughan two-pointer was answered by a Clyda point, which was followed by three unanswered points for the Muskerry men by the 18th minute. Two Clyda points were matched by a Timmy Roberts two-pointer to leave Iveleary with a one point 0-12 to 2-5 lead. Roberts and Chris Óg Jones extended their side's advantage going into added time, Clyda matched these with two more points, Uibh Laoire led by one at the interval, 0-14 to 2-7.

The winners has three points to Clyda's one in the ten minutes after the resumption per Vaughan and a Chris Óg Jones free, 0-17 to 2-8 after 40 minutes. A Clyda point was decisively answered by a point from Sam Pickering and another Roberts two-pointer and Iveleary were on their way to victory leading by 0-20 to 2-9 after 51 minutes. A Clyda point was followed by a goal from substitute Aaron O'Donovan for the Muskerry men four minutes from time and that settled the outcome, Ciarán Galvin's late point a further embellishment.

Scorers for Iveleary: C Vaughan 0-6 (2 2pt), T Roberts (2 2pt), C Óg Jones (0-2 f) 0-5 each, A O'Donovan 1-0, S Pickering 0-2, K Manning, C Galvin, C O'Leary 0-1 each.

Iveleary: Joe Creedon; Barry Murphy, Danny O'Donovan, Daniel O'Riordan; Kevin Manning, Seán O'Leary (c), Ciarán Galvin; Barry O'Leary, Conor O'Leary; Timmy Roberts, Cathal Vaughan, Seán O'Riordan; Brian Cronin, Chris Óg Jones, Sam Pickering. Subs: Ciarán O'Riordan 42, Aaron O'Donovan 43, Kevin Jones 51, Brian O'Riordan 56, Jack Sweeney 59.

Newmarket 1-14 Naomh Aban 1-15

Newmarket led by 0-9 to 0-7 at half time, it was level at 0-9 each on 35 and a Naomh Aban goal on 39 gave the visitors from the Muskerry Gaeltacht the

advantage and they had opened up a 0-6 gap before a Newmarket goal on 50 reignited the home sides challenge. It was level on 53 at 1-14 each but Naomh Aban got a point five minutes from time and held on for the victory.

Naomh Abán 1-17 Kiskeam 1-14

In the final round league game at Páirc Iosagáin, Naomh Aban were four points down at half time but had fought back to be level by the 40th minute, 1-7 to 0-10 for Kiskeam.

Still level on 47 before Naomh Aban pulled away and a late goal for Kiskeam caused some anxiety before the final whistle brought relief.

Naomh Abán: Eoghan Ó Luasa; Séamus Ó Mathúna, Chris Ó Deasúnaigh, Colm de Róiste; Jack Ó Donnchú, Dara M Ó Loinsigh, Shane Ó hÓrgáin; Seán Ó Riordáin, Caoimhín Ó Donnchú, Deaglán Ó h Allamháin, Dara Ó Laoire, Marc Ó Críod; Wayne MacCarthaigh, Dónal Ó Ceallaigh, Edbhárd Ó Mír. Ionaidí: Conchur Ó Murchú, Éanna Ó Críodáin, Fionn Ó Loinsigh, Séamas Hendy, Donncahd Ó Ceocháin, Aodha Ó Catháin, Brian Ó Riordáin, Micheál Ó Donnchú, Ciarán Ó Críodáin, Ronan de hÍde, Éanna Ó Laoire, Gearóid Ó Luasa, Maidhcí Ó Liatháin, Maidh Ó Duinnín, Niall Ó Ceallaigh, Colm Ó Murchú, Donagh Ó Loinsigh, Ciaran Ó Luasa, Jeremiah Mac Suibhne, Jack Ó Murchú, Finlay Walker, Ciarán Ó Colmáin, Liam Ó Murchú.

Div 4

Final: Aghabullogue 0-19 Bandon 2-2

League Table: Aghabullogue 14, Bandon 13, Macroom 12, Buttevant 11, Glanmire 10, Adrigole 9, Boherbue 8, Nemo Rngrs 7, Bantry Blues 6, St. Vincent's 0

Relegated: Bantry Blues and St Vincents

Aghabullogue 0-19 Bandon 2-2

A strong first-half performance laid the foundation for Aghabullogue's victory in the McCarthy Insurance Group FL Division 4 final at Ballinora (Ballymaw).

Taking full advantage of the strong wind, Aghabullogue built a commanding 0-16 to 0-1 lead by half-time, finishing the opening period with three crucial two-point scores.

Bandon mounted a brief response early in the second half, registering a point followed by two goals but the extremely hard working Aghabullogue side bottled them up thereafter and with a quarter of an hour to go it was clear who would take the title.

Scorers for Aghabullogue: E O'Sullivan 0-5 (1 2pt, 0-1 f), L Casey, A O'Sullivan (1 2pt, 1 2pt f) 0-4 each, C Gillespie, A Murphy 0-2 (1 2pt) each, J Lane, P O'Sullivan 0-1 each.

Aghabullogue: John Buckley; Paul Ring, Dhani Merrick, Tom Long; Breandán O'Sullivan, Shane Tarrant, Cialan O'Sullivan; Colm Gillespie, Adam Murphy; Aaron O'Sullivan, Mathew Bradley, Pádraig O'Sullivan; James Lane, Evan O'Sullivan, Luke Casey. Subs: Paul Dilworth (55), James Foley and Seán

O'Connell for A O'Sullivan (both 58).

Bantry Blues 2-8 Macroom 2-13

This game was a must win one for Bantry Blues to avoid relegation but they went down to a Macroom side which deserved their win. Macroom led at half time by 1-8 to 1-3 and when Dylan Twomey fired in his second goal early in the second half the visitors were in control and stayed on top to the finish.

Macroom: Declan Kiely: Michael Cronin, Rory Buckley, Don Creedon: Alan Quinn, Johnny Murphy, Shane Meaney: Tony Dineen, Caleb Dinneen: Mark Hunt, Cormac Buckley, Jack O'Riordan: Eolan O'Leary, Fintan Goold, Dylan Twomey. Subs; Cillian O'Donovan, Mark Condon, Oisín O'Sullivan, Seán Kiely, Cormac Burke, Bobby Murphy.

Div 5

Final: Kilmurphy 2-23 Gabriel Rangers 0-13

Final placing: Gabriel Rgs 16, Kilmurphy 16, Ballinora 14, Ilen Rovers 11, Kinsale 9, Mitchelstown 9, Millstreet 6, Ballydesmond 4, Glanworth 3, Glenville 2
Relegated: Glanworth and Glenville

Kilmurphy 2-23 Gabriel Rangers 0-13

Gabriel Rangers had a victory over Kilmurphy recently in the last round of the league (17 to 1-6) when Kilmurphy were already promoted and qualified for the final. When the sides met again at Dunmanway in that final, the Muskerry men were clear winners, even though the eventual result did not look likely at half time when only a goal separated the teams, 1-7 to 0-7. By the three quarter stage however Kilmurphy had the win in the bag, leading by 2-15 to 0-10 and on top, where they remained to the finish.

Kilmurphy scorers: Ruadhán Ó Corráin 1-11 (3x2p, 0-1f), Denis O'Mullane 1-0, James O'Mullane 0-3, Kyle Kelleher 0-2, Rory Duggan 0-2, Lloyd Aisling, Tomas Collins, Conor Kelleher, Seán O'Leary and Max O'Leary 0-1 each.

Kilmurphy: Jason McDonnell: Eoin Keane, William Ronan, Brian Hinchion: Tomás Collins, Kyle Kelleher, Sean O'Leary: James O'Mullane, Conor Kelleher: Rory Duggan, Ruadhán Ó Corráin, Alexander Aisling: Denis O'Mullane, Laurence Aisling, Joe O'Mullane. Subs; John O'Mullane, Max O'Leary, Aaron O'Mahony, Ryan Leahy, Oisín McDonnell, Daniel Cahalane.

Glanworth 0-13 Ballinora 1-14

Ballinora finished what has been a good league campaign with an away win over Glanworth who are now relegated. Ballinora led by 1-12 to 0-3 at half time after being aided by the strong breeze and heavy rain. The Mid Cork side held on confidently in the second half.

Ballinora: Alex McAllen: Colin O'Flynn, Adam Laverty, Conor Quirke: Nathan Davis, Mike Lordan, Ian Wycherley: Ciarán O'Donoghue, James Lordan: Michael Quirke, Darragh Holmes, Kevin Werner: James Keohane, Ben Mayer, Conor Murphy.

Div 6

Final: Canovee 5-9 St Nicks 1-6

Final placings: St. Nick's 14, Canovee 14, Cobh 14, Aghinagh 10, Dromtarriffe 9, Cullen 9, Kildorrery 8, Na Piarasigh 6, St. Michael's 4, Mayfield 2
Relegated: St Michaels and Mayfield

Canovee 5-9 St Nick's 1-6

Canovee were crowned McCarthy Insurance Group Division 6 Football League champions after a dominant display saw them beat St Nick's in Ovens. Two goals from Jack Kelleher and another from James Moynihan had Canovee leading by 3-4 to 1-1 at half time.

The Muskerry side had hit the ground running and never looked back, delivering a performance full of pace, intensity, and clinical finishing. Further goals from Conor Dodd and Aidan Moynihan added to the misery for the Blackpool side, who were missing several key players.

Scorers – Canovee: J Kelleher 2-5 (0-1f), A Moynihan 1-1, J Moynihan 1-1, C Dodd 1-0, P Healy, J Riordan (f) 0-1 each.

Canovee: Ben Cheasty; Eoghan Lehane, Eoin McNabola, Evan Cunningham; Conor Dodd, Odhran O'Driscoll, Shane Riordan; Aidan Murphy, Brian McNabola; Liam Kelleher, James Moynihan, Mark Healy; Aidan Moynihan, Seán Connor, Jack Kelleher. Subs: Ryan Delaney 5, Evan Dodd 41, Gavin Coleman and Denis O'Sullivan (both 48), Cillian Newman and Jason Riordan (both 51), Paul Healy 54, Shane O'Riordan 59.

Aghinagh 1-13 St. Nicks 7-7

The exchanges were balanced early on in this contest but St. Nicks went on a goal scoring spree before half time to lead 5-5 to 1-5 at the break. It was more of the same in the second half with Aghinagh having plenty possession but St. Nicks were able to poach the all-important goals to run out convincing winner and qualify for the final while Aghinagh finished in fourth place out of ten teams in the group.

Aghinagh: Anthony Kiely; John Lynch, Dylan O'Riordan, Olan Cummins; Tom Buckley, Donagh O'Riordan, Declan Ambrose (0-1); Matthew McCarthy (1-0), James Ambrose; Seán Kelleher, Gearóid O'Sullivan (0-2), Luke Ring (0-1); William Coakley, Aodh Twomey (0-1), Con Buckley (0-8). Subs: Donal Corkery, Alan McMahon, Paul O'Sullivan.

Div 7

Final: Argideen Ranges 1-12 Kilmacabea 1-8

Final placings: Argideen Rgrs 14, Kilmacabea 14, Ballygarvan 11, Inniscarra 11, St. James' 11, Liscarroll/Churchtown Gaels 10, Castlemagner 8, Nemo Rangers 7, Urhan 4, Ballyhooley 0

Relegated: Urhan and Ballyhooley

Ballyhooley 1-16 Inniscarra 5-15

In their first season in county league, Inniscarra finished with five wins, one draw and three defeats in their campaign and will be happy with their form.

They were too good for Ballyhooley and deservedly took the points.

Inniscarra: Liam O'Connor 2-5, Dylan O'Sullivan 1-3, Adam O'Connell 1-2, Dan O'Connell 1-2, Shane Buckley 0-2, Mark Linehan 0-1.

Inniscarra: Dominick Kelleher: Neil Vaughan, Jack O'Dwyer, John O'Brien: William O'Connell, Frank Horgan, Shane Buckley: mrk Linehan, Davidf Linehan: Donal Dineen, David Coughlan, Liam O'Connor: Adam O'Connell, Dan O'Connell, Dylan O'Sullivan.

Red FM Hurling Leagues 2026

Commencing March 8th 2026 with Round 1 pairings:
Div 1:

Charleville v Carraigtwohill, Killeagh v Douglas, Middleton v Fr O'Neill's, Sarsfields v Glen Rovers, St Finbarrs v Blackrock

Div 2: Ballincollig

Ballymartle v Ballincollig, Bride Rovers v Valley Rovers, Kanturk v Carrigaline, Na Piarasigh v Newcestown, Newtownshandrum v Erin's Own

Div 3: Éire Óg, Blarney and Inniscarra

Éire Óg v Castletyons, Fermoy v Blarney, Inniscarra v Russell Rovers, Courcey Rovers v Ballinhassig, Lisgoold v Bandon

Div 4: Aghabullogue, Cloughdub

Cloughdub v Aghabullogue, Blackrock v Kilworth, Ballyhea v Kildorrery, , 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, Ballinascarthy v Argideen Rangers, Kinsale v Mayfield

Div 7: Ballinora

Douglas v Ballinora, Killeagh v Barryroe, Passage West v Na Piarasigh, St Finbarrs v Carraig na bhFear, Kilshannig v Meelin

Looking back: Red FM

County Senior Hurling Leagues 2025

Division 1

Final: Sarsfields v St Finbarrs
Sarsfields 14, St. Finbarr's 12, Glen Rovers 11, Charleville 11, Douglas 11, Blackrock 10, Fr. O'Neill's 8, Carraigtwohill 7, Carrigaline 4, Kanturk 2
Relegated: Carrigaline and Kanturk

Div 2

Final: Middleton v Killeagh

Middleton 14, Killeagh 14, Erin's Own 14, Newtownshandrum 10, Valley Rovers 8, Ballymartle 8, Ballincollig 7, Na Piarasigh 7, Éire Óg 6, Fermoy 2



McEgan 1st Years, and 2nd years Basketball teams that won both games against North Monastery Teams at Neptune stadium recently

Relegated: Éire Óg and Fermoy

Éire Óg 5-20 Newtownshandrum 4-20

Éire Óg emerged on the right side of this epic nine goal encounter in Blarney in the final round of the 2025 league. Newtownshandrum raced into an early lead scoring 1-1 after four minutes however Dylan Foley was quick to respond with a goal of his own. Eoin O'Shea raised two green flags in the opening half, scoring a 21 yard free and a penalty. The half finished 3-11 apiece. The second half continued to thrill with further goals from the impressive Mark Kelleher and Dylan Foley. Éire Óg defended heroically in the final few minutes to secure the win as they now turn their focus to their opening championship fixture vs Ballymartle.

Éire Óg: E O'Shea; C Clifford D O'Herlihy D McCarthy: D Dineen C McGoldrick D Coakley: D Clifford L Considine: B Hurley E O'Shea D Casey: D Foley D Healy M Kelleher. Subs: D Kelly

Div 3 Final: Newcestown v Bride Rovers

Newcestown 13, Bride Rovers 13, Ballinhassig 12, Courcey Rvs 11, Blarney 9, Castlelyons 8, Russell Rvs 8, Lisgoold 8, Blackrock 6, Mallow 2.
Relegated: Blackrock and Mallow

Div 4 Final: Bandon v Inniscarra

Bandon 18, Inniscarra 13, Watergrasshill 9, Kilworth 9, Kildorrery 8 Cloughduv 8, Bishopstown 8, St Catherine's 7, Tracton 6, Youghal 4
Relegated: Tracton and Youghal

Div 5 Final: Ballyhea v Aghabullogue

Ballyhea 14, Aghabullogue 13, Castlemartyr 13, Dungourney 11, Middleton 10, Milford 9, Kilbrittain 9, Ballygarvan 7, Erin's Own 4, Mayfield 0
Rd 8: Ballyhea 1-24 Aghabullogue 1-15
Relegated: Erin's Own and Mayfield

Div 6 Final: Glen Rovers v Cloyne

Glen Rovers 14, Cloyne 14, Aghada 12, Argideen Rgs 10, Ballinascarthy 10, Sarsfields 8, Ballygiblin 8, Kinsale 7, Barryroe 7, Na Piarsaigh 0
Relegated: Barryroe and Na Piarsaigh

Div 7 Final: Killavullen v Diarmuid Ó Mathúna's

Killavullen 17, D Ó Mathúna's 15, Killeagh 10, Ballinora 10, Passage 9, St. Finbarr's 8, Douglas 7, Meelin 7, Nemo Rangers 5, Kilshannig 2
Relegated: Nemo Rangers v Kilshannig

2026 Cork Championship Programme

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 Piarsaigh, Erin's Own, Killeagh, Fermoy.

Group 3: Carrigtwohill, Inniscarra, Ballinhassig, Courcey 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, Dromtariffe.

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 Piarsaigh, Kilmacabea.

Fixtures:

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

Sat, Feb 7th @5.30pm U20 H Challenge Cork v Kilkeny 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

Fitzgibbon Cup Inter Varsity Hurling

Univ of Limerick 0-20 University College Cork 0-12
Another mildly difficult Fitzgibbon examination for the runaway favourites. Another step taken towards successful defence of their title.

The same as the group win over fellow 2025 finalists DCU, UL slipped seamlessly into a higher gear at the finish to win pulling away. This was the closest of UL's three outings to date and yet it was still a game where they led by a minimum of two points from the ninth minute onwards.

They were challenged and yet they never lost quarter-final control. The half-time scoreline read 0-8 to 0-6 to UL but when William Buckley and Brian Keating sniped a pair in quick succession to move UCC within five on 53 minutes, 0-16 to 0-11, UCC were still in contention but subsequently lost two players to red cards and exited the competition.

Scorers for UCC: W Buckley (0-7, 0-4 frees); B Keating, H O'Connor (0-2 each); C Walsh (0-1 each).

UCC: P O'Sullivan (Fr O'Neill's); E Guinane (Valley Rovers), Shane Kingston (Ballinora), K Lyons (Ballygarvan); John Dwyer (Ballincollig), E Downey (Glen Rovers), T Wilk (Cobh); O O'Regan (Emerald's), Brian Keating (Ballincollig); H O'Connor (Newmarket), P McGarry (St Mary's), D Stakelum (Thurles Sarsfields); W Buckley (St Finbarr's), C Walsh (Kanturk), D Flynn (Ballygiblin). Subs: S Daly (Randal Óg) for Lyons (38 mins); R Troy (Newtownshandrum) for McGarry (43); F O'Brien (Erin's Own) for Flynn (47); M Mullaney (Stradbally) for O'Regan (55).

Sigerson Cup – Inter Varsity Gaelic Football

Quarter-final:

UCC 3-16 DCU 1-20

Stoppage time scores from Tom Cunningham and Cormac Dillon did the trick for gutsy UCC who are through to the last four of the Sigerson Cup.

For holders DCU, it's the end of the road but they went down fighting at least in a cracking quarter-final tie at their St Clare's grounds.

Goals from Ciaran Santry, Kerry senior Ruairí Murphy and a stunner from defender Jacob O'Driscoll helped propel the 2023 champions through to a semi-final. UCC scorers: C Daly 0-5 (3f); R Murphy 1-1; J Horgan 0-4 (2 tp); C Santry, J O'Driscoll 1-0 each; M McSweeney (tp), C Dillon 0-2 each; O Corcoran, T Cunningham 0-1 each.

UCC: A Murphy (Reenard, Kerry); D Peet (Clonakilty, Cork), J O'Driscoll (Valley Rovers, Cork), D O'Connor (Kenmare, Kerry); L Evans (Keel, Kerry), C Molloy (Nemo Rangers, Cork), C Kenneally (Clonakilty, Cork); M McSweeney (Knocknagree, Cork), T Cunningham (Kilshannig, Cork); O Corcoran (St Mary's, Cork), R Murphy (Listry, Kerry), J Horgan (Firies, Kerry); C Dillon (Duagh, Kerry), C Daly (Clonakilty, Cork), C Santry (Carbery Rangers, Cork). Subs: E Daly (Valentia, Kerry) for Corcoran (29); H Ahearne (Ballincollig, Cork) for Evans (48); K O'Reilly (Carrigaline, Cork) for Santry (58); D Desmond

MACROOM SCHOOL BOYS AND GIRLS SOCCER



Macroom Senior Men's Friday night soccer at Murrayfield

Macroom U14A recently hosted Rathcormac U14A for a league game on Sunday afternoon at Murrayfield astro. Both teams started lively in what was a frantic and physical first half of football. No inch given by either team with real goal scoring chances at a premium. Macroom started to get the better of the football and were very unlucky to not score with Brian, Liam and Charlie rattling the woodwork. Unfortunately the ball wouldn't go in and the teams went in level at half time. The second half started with the feeling that the 1st goal would be crucial in a very tight game. Macroom got the breakthrough when a through ball down the wing by Lenny found Tom who fired a low cross into the danger area where Blake swept home to give Macroom a 1-0 lead. Macroom started playing better football now and goals 2 and 3 arrived through Jack who pounced inside the area to give the boys a commanding lead. Donagh wrapped up the scoring when his shot from the edge of the area looped over the keeper. A fantastic result and thoroughly deserved through the effort and hardwork from all 16 boys today. Thanks also to our parents and supporters and our Jersey sponsor Suleman Ahmed.

CSL U-16, Div 4

Sunday afternoon saw Mallow Town come to Murrayfield Astro to play Macroom A. The game was scrappy enough at the start and Mallow Town got the 1st goal from a corner through an unfortunate own goal from Leo Slattery. That's how it stayed for the 1st half. Macroom came out in the 2nd half like a different team. They started getting control of midfield through the excellent Con Moss and Darragh O'Shea and they upped their workrate. The equaliser came from a corner from Dan Mc Carthy which came off a Mallow Town player to go in and level things up. Then Macroom took the lead when the excellent Macroom Captain Frankie Kiernan was taken down in the box for a penalty which he tucked away himself to make it 2-1. Then Macroom struck again through excellent teamwork down the wing between Ibrahim Ayanda, Lochlainn Phelan and Felix Prelipcean with Felix slotting the ball home to make it 3-1 to Macroom. That is how it finished. Macroom in the 2nd half played some exhilarating football and were defensively sound due to the MOTM Cayden Dunton Holden who was immense at the back. From 1-16, Macroom showed grit and heart against an excellent Mallow Town team.

U12 Division 11

The U12B boys returned to league action Sunday. Macroom started strongly taking the lead early with a goal from Mourya Chaudhary. Oskar Wojtun continued the scoring with a hat trick before half time. Springfield struck back with goals either side of the break and were back in the game before Macroom finished the contest with fine strikes from Ciaran Deasy and Llewyn Brennan near the end. Final score

Macroom B : 6 Springfield Ramblers B : 2. Well done to all the players and coaches.

Macroom U14s faced Midleton FC in a top-of-the-table clash in Murrayfield, and the game certainly lived up to expectations. The match started brightly for Macroom, with a great move involving the strikers finished expertly by Noah Moss to give Macroom a 1-0 lead. Just four minutes later, Moss struck again, grabbing his second goal and putting Macroom firmly in control. With ten minutes remaining in the first half, Midleton pulled one back to make it 2-1, but Macroom responded in style. Deep into injury time, Lachlan Burke produced a moment of brilliance, chipping the goalkeeper from 30 yards out — a sensational goal that sent Macroom into the break leading 3-1. The second half began well for Midleton, who reduced the deficit once more, setting up an exciting finish with everything still to play for. However, Macroom showed great character and composure, sealing the win with two more goals — one from Mark O'Donoghue and another from Nathaniel Rejoy. The final whistle blew with Macroom running out 5-3 winners after a fantastic team performance. A great win for the boys — well done to all involved!

The U16 schoolboys had a good 1-0 league win over Park Utd at Murrayfield Astro. A late winner from Ciarán Coleman after good work from Daniel Harte gave Macroom the 3 points. Macroom had good outings from Ben McCarthy, Aled Hopkins, Cian Lee, Fionn Fitton and Fionn Burgoyne in what was a solid outing for the entire squad. Thanks to referee Barry Babbington and to Park for travelling down from Mitchelstown. Good support too for the lads which is much appreciated.

Huge congratulations to Shauna Keane and Lorna Hodman, who proudly represented the U16 Cork squad in today's Munster final against Waterford. While the result didn't go Cork's way, it's a fantastic achievement to have two of our players involved at this level. We are incredibly proud of Shauna and Lorna and all they have achieved.

The U17s were back in action after the Christmas break. In extremely difficult conditions, they battled bravely and were unlucky not to go ahead early in the game after some great runs by Orlaith O'Brien. However, it was Carrigaline who eventually opened the scoring. Macroom started the second half with great determination to level the scoreline. In midfield, Chloe O'Sullivan, Joy Griffin, and Cecil van Stralen worked tirelessly, linking play and driving the team forward. On the wings, Katherine Toal and Saoirse Phelan sent some lovely through balls to Sarah Hinchion and Orlaith, who was extremely unlucky not to capitalise on a few chances, narrowly hitting the post several times.

Our defence of captain Daimhín McKenna, Emma Twomey, Clodagh Mullins, and Makayla Lynch

stopped many of Carrigaline's advances. Behind them, goalkeeper Lorna Hodman pulled off a number of cracking saves to keep Macroom in the game. Unfortunately, as the conditions deteriorated, Macroom suffered a number of injuries. Carrigaline scored again and were awarded a penalty after a very unfortunate handball. Later on, they added two more in quick succession, which dampened hopes of a comeback. Well done to all players today for showing great heart and determination. Thanks to the parents for their support and to John Corcoran for officiating. Our academy girls are back on the pitch also— full of smiles, football and plenty of giggles! It's amazing to see the progress they've made over the past few months. They're a fantastic group, bursting with enthusiasm and making great new friends along the way. New players are always welcome!

U13 Div 2 Passage 1-3 Macroom.

Macroom made a strong start against Passage, with Molly scoring the first and Ruby found the net through a great cross from Frankie to give Macroom a 2-0 advantage. Their sharp finishing put Passage under pressure and set the tone for an entertaining opening spell. Passage responded well and scored one back. Frankie then scored an amazing goal to make it 3-1. At the back, Laura, Emily and Jessie were outstanding throughout, delivering consistent and composed defending that proved vital under sustained pressure. Roisin was dependable as ever between the posts. Overall, it was a competitive and spirited performance from both sides, with plenty of quality on show and strong individual contributions across the pitch. Today's captain was Catherine Bradley. Thanks to Ellie O Sullivan for reffing and Passage for the game.



Shauna Keane and Lorna Hodman who were part of CWSSL U16 Cork team in Munster final vs Waterford

EIRE OG GAA CELEBRATING 60TH ANNIVERSARY



Eire Og Camogie



Next Saturday night in the Talbot hotel Ballincollig Eire Og Camogie Club will be celebrating the 60th anniversary since the club was founded. We have a great night planned with entertainment from J90 and lots of reminiscing of glory days gone by.

We are delighted to have 3 of the founding members able to attend, Eileen Madden, Kitty Sheehan and Margaret O Driscoll. Along with some of the legends of our 1970s Senior team who won 3 Senior championships in a row. Historically we have had many successes.

In the 80s, 90s and 2000s we won many more minor, intermediate and senior titles. While also competing internationally in Bermingham, Glasglow and New York.

One of the highlights over the past 10 years is winning the All-Ireland division 1 feile in 2019 and

2022. This was a massive achievement and now these talented players are filtering into our Senior team.

Last year we reached the Junior county final but unfortunately was unsuccessful on the day. Our Premier Minor team reached their 3rd county final in a row but lost out by a point in the end. The senior team reached semi-finals this year which is a great achievement for our young players. Even though we lost out on titles we learn a great deal in defeat and will come back stronger this year. As a club we feature very much so on the Inter County stage with players involved with u16, minor, u23s and Senior Cork teams.

We currently have 487 members and 15 teams ranging from u5/u6 to our newly founded social camogie team. The level of commitment, effort and encouragement from mentors, parents and

managers is inspiring. This club is steeped in success on the camogie field, but it is much more than trophies and titles. Eire og camogie is about community, connection and friendships that last a lifetime. It is the pulse of the parish. Our relationship with Eire og hurling club and LGFA is very important and strong. This shows with our fantastic facilities and pitches. We are very grateful to our club sponsor O Flynn Group for their support with this event and their ongoing support.

Next sat night will be about connecting to the past while celebrating the success of our current players. We are delighted for this event to be sold out and the colossal support we have received. It really highlights the positive impact this club has had on so many lives.



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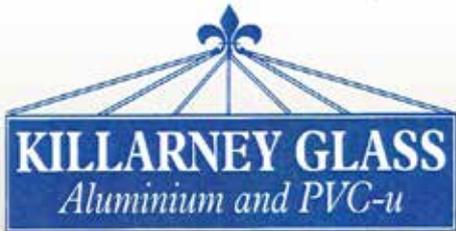


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Just a thought

Ath. Seán Mac Cárthaigh,
Baile Bhuirne / Cúil Aodha

Loneliness - how music can help

Loneliness is that all-too-familiar acute feeling in your chest that creeps up on you out of nowhere even in the midst of a crowd.

Loneliness is an unpleasant "something" we feel ashamed of, afraid to admit it but we should not feel guilty about. It's a mysterious part of the human condition.

It seems endlessly painful at a public event when all you want to do is leave to try to process it on your own.

The fake smile, nods and feigned interest in conversation is nothing short of heroic. "This year's Oscar goes to..." you feel like saying. At a social gathering you find temporary relief in excusing yourself by going to the 'powder room.' But it's going to be a long night as you feel weighed down inside.

The irony is in the wanting of time alone and apart when you feel lonely. You just want to leave in the 'tsunami' of panic that seems to overwhelm you.

It can be a one-night episode or it can be like an overhanging cloud that persists for a number of days and nights before it finally lifts. When it's gone at last you feel then than you've survived 15 rounds in a boxing fight - emerging bloodied and somehow miraculously unbowed.

Until the next time that sure to come.

What to do? At least to admit to yourself "I'm lonely - again." What triggered it may be beyond your comprehension. Music can help - to at least articulate and acknowledge to yourself that you feel this way. Some recording artists and songs are particularly melancholy but they're on to something as they literally strike the right chord that resonates with the current mood. I have a fascination with lyrics and surf online until I hit the bullseye that matches my mood. I guess it's a form of moping but I find it helpful. The topic of loneliness has found its way into the musical canon of many famous artistes' work.

It comes in different ways, as reflected in so many "break-up" songs.

Possibly one of the most haunting, influential examples is that of the late, great Karen Carpenter, who possessed an incredible voice range. Her melancholy songs from the early 1970s include cover versions of 'Solitaire' (Philip Cody / Neil Sedaka):

"And solitaire's the only game in town
And every road that takes him
Takes him down
While life goes on around him everywhere
He's playing solitaire."

Rainy Days and Mondays
"What I've got they used to call the blues
Nothin' is really wrong
Feelin' like I don't belong
Walkin' around
Some kind of lonely clown
Rainy days and Mondays always get me down."
(Lyrics by Paul H. Williams / Roger S. Nichols).

The epic song 'Superstar' contains the disappointed lyric:

Loneliness is such a sad affair
And I can hardly wait to be with you again
What to say to make you come again? (Baby)
Come back to me again (baby)
And play your sad guitar

(Lyrics by Tim Rice/ Andrew Lloyd Webber).
Loneliness is a sense of social exclusion, living on the periphery. One song that was a runaway success twice was entitled "All by myself." It was first recorded by Eric Carmen in 1975 was then covered by Celine Dion in 1996, and includes the sad, familiar lines:

"Livin' alone
I think of all the friends I've known
But when I dial the telephone
Nobody's home....
All by myself
Don't wanna be
All by myself
Anymore"
In the last years of the 1970s the Police reference loneliness in two separate verses in "Message In A Bottle":
"Another lonely day, no one here but me-o
More loneliness than any man could bear
Rescue me before I fall into despair-o
Seems I'm not alone in being alone
Hundred billion castaways looking for a home"

The attraction to loneliness as a theme among bands comes, I suspect, with the anti-climax and exhaustion fame must bring.

You can dip into many genres and cultures to find lonesomeness expressed in ballads. They have universal appeal.

Evanescence - My Immortal, 2003
I wish that you would just leave
'Cause your presence still lingers here
And it won't leave me alone
These wounds won't seem to heal, this pain is just too real
There's just too much that time cannot erase."
Some people seem not to be able to fit in with the crowd, ending up as loners and seeming 'losers.'

The fact that the hit single "Creep" by Radiohead (1992), with a parental advisory warning, attracts many cover versions must be due to the lyrics that are a cry of rage and social isolation:
"But I'm a creep I'm a weirdo. What the hell am I doin' here? I don't belong here."
This is music you might not be familiar with. But your children and grandchildren are listening. This is a part of their cultural diet we do not understand. But they are lonely, singing it finding comfort through music, with few answers. Somehow these diverse songs are relatable and there will be more like them in the future. You can count on it.

We don't have to listen to young people's music.
But we can listen to them.
And we can listen to each other.

God bless. Fr Seán

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A Word of Victory

"As water reflects the face, so one's life reflects the heart (the heart reflects the real person)" (Proverbs 27:19).

Welcome back dear student, last week we looked at the effects of fear. Jesus said, "out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks" (Matthew 12:34; Luke 6:45). What the heart is full of, the mouth conveys. There is a link between the heart, the mouth, and the resulting life. "My son, if your heart is wise, then my heart will be glad, indeed; my inmost being will rejoice when your lips speak what is right" (Proverbs 23:15-16). "Death and life are in the power of the tongue" (Proverbs 18:21). Our words have power to create, for we are made in the image and likeness of God our Creator. God spoke life into existence - "and God said let there be Light and there was Light" (Genesis 1:3; Colossians 1:16).

Mostly people don't even hear the destructive words they are saying, yet it gives away the state of the heart - negativity, fear, criticism, forebodings, anger, and bitter comments - often down to old habits that have never been confronted. "As a man thinks in his heart, so is he" (Proverbs 23:7). This is a Biblical principle that has been adapted into modern culture in the self-help sector. Many folks have been raised in negative environments, or lived through traumatic experiences, where they may have been conditioned to believe the worst about themselves, about others, or about God. This damaged outlook makes one easy prey for the enemy's bondage to fear, and destructive thoughts and feelings. The Good News is that this can be changed through the Word of God! (Romans 12:2). It takes effort to watch what we say - and it doesn't begin with the mouth, but in the heart. "Above all else guard your heart, for out of it flow the issues of life" (Proverbs 4:23). Other translations of this verse say... 'everything you do flows from your heart - the wellspring of your life'. The condition of the heart impacts every part of life. And the tongue gives it away. If our words can shape our world, then to change that world we need to process, and deal with, those issues of the heart.

Paul reminds us to tackle fear by talking things over with God, thanking Him for His Love, whilst pondering His goodness, promising "... the Peace of God will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:4-9). The Lord Jesus is the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6). He comforts us with His Presence. It is in cultivating relationship with Jesus that Peace comes in. "I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have Peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33; John 14:27). We are always going to face fears, temptations, or trials. But Jesus assures us that He has already gone before us and is always with us. So, from that knowledge, we can look at circumstances from a different perspective, and our hearts can be peaceful, even in difficult situations, knowing that the Lord will help us, and bring a good solution. "God is our... very present Help in trouble" (Psalm 46:1). Faith in action doesn't have to be loud and aggressive, instead true, solid faith comes from a place of rest and trust (Hebrews 4:9-16). As we get to know the Lord through His Word, our heart's perspective changes, and we learn to talk differently - because now we have Hope! Our words line up with His Word of Light. "You shall declare a thing, and it shall be established" (Job 22:21-28; Proverbs 21:2). A man's ways may seem right to himself, but the Lord weighs the heart.

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10TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of a dear father and grandfather.

TOMMY KELLEHER

Moulnahorna, Carriganima, who died on the 14th of February 2016.

Ten years have passed since you were called home, yet it feels like only yesterday you were here with us.

Not a day goes by that we don't miss your smile or voice.

Not a day passing that we don't think of a fond memory about you.

The world and our lives have changed in a decade, but our love for you remains steadfast.

You are the silent listener to our every conversation and the invisible hand guiding us forward.

Your legacy lives on in the family you loved so dearly.



Always remembered and sadly missed by your son Anthony, daughter in law Amanda and grandchildren Sadhbh, Fiadh and Gearoid.

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In loving memory of

TOMMY KELLEHER

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The world it changes from year to year, Our lives from day to day.

But the love and the memory of you, Will never fade away.

Though heaven and earth divide us, We are never far apart.

You are always in our thoughts and prayers, And forever in our hearts.



Always remembered and sadly missed by your son Kevin, daughter in law Denise, grandchildren Angel, Chloe, Daniel and great-grandson Noah.

2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

NOEL BUCKLEY

Enniskeane and late of Cloughdub 2nd Anniversary on 7th February 2026

God looked around his garden And he found an empty space Then he looked down upon the earth And he saw your gentle face

He put his arms around you And he lifted you to rest God's garden must be beautiful He always takes the best.



Remembered & Loved Always by your sister, Anne.

25TH ANNIVERSARY



In memoriam

JOHN MURPHY

Cooldorrihy, Kilmichael Who died on 12 February 2001

A kind and generous man who lives long in the memory of those who knew him. Remembering also John's neighbours, friends and relatives who helped him when he was most in need.

We are always grateful for the stories and fond memories we can share about John, and may that long continue



Remembered always by Michael

THE MIRACLE PRAYER



Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked many favours. This time I ask you this special one, (mention favour).

Take it dear heart of Jesus and place it within your heart where your father sees it. Then in his merciful eyes it will become your favour, not mine. Amen.

Say this prayer three times for three days and your favour will be granted.

Never known to fail.

Must promise publication of prayer.

x

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4TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

GRETA BUCKLEY

Castlemore Died on 8th February, 2022

We see the little Robin that you send us every day We know that you are near, and never went away.



Fondly remembered always by her Sons, Daughters and extended family.

10TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

MAUREEN HORGAN (NEE KISSANE)

Lyrenageeha, Ballygeary, Who died on 3rd February 2016.

God looked around his garden and found an empty place He then looked down upon the Earth and saw your tired face He put his arms around you and lifted you to rest With the help of his angels they flew you to your heavenly place



Remembered with love by all her family and friends

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NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART



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FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of
MICHAEL RIORDAN

Ovens & Clondrohid
Passed away on February 11th 2025

As we lovingly remember our adored Dad, MICHAEL, cherished husband of the late Elizabeth (Bessie), his children, Vera, John, Lucy, Claire and Albert, and their families, wish to acknowledge with deep appreciation the love and support received. We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to the doctors, nurses and staff of St. Catherine's Ward in the Mercy Hospital who took such care of Dad with kindness and compassion. Sincere thanks to our wonderful relatives, friends and work colleagues for all your support and sympathy, and for helping us through a very sad time.

Thank you to all who came to the funeral services, sent Mass cards, sympathy letters and online condolences. Many thanks to Crowley Funeral Directors, Ballincollig for their professional care and the kindness and empathy shown to us; our thanks to Dad's doctors and staff at the Link Road Medical Centre, and Kellehers Pharmacy; and to Fr. Liam Ó hici for his prayers with Dad. Deep appreciation to Fr. John McCarthy for his heartfelt and moving Mass, Derry O'Hare for his wonderful singing at the Mass, and Éire Óg for providing a guard of honour. Grateful thanks to you all for your love, support and for being there for us through what was a sad and difficult year.

As it is impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgment as a token of our sincere appreciation.



We also lovingly remember our beloved Mum, Bessie, and take comfort in the knowledge that Dad and Mum are back dancing together again.

May they Rest in Peace.

Anniversary Mass will take place at 11.30am, Sunday February 8th at St. John the Baptist Church, Ovens.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of
GRAEME MITCHELL

Belfast

who died on 10th February 2025

One year ago we said goodbye to our dear Graeme who left us suddenly and unexpectedly to the Inexpressible grief of his dear partner Niamh Cullen Macroom, sons Oliver and Leon, his parents and siblings, Niamhs mum Marjorie and her sister Orla. We have been overwhelmed with the love and support of so many friends who have been such a help to Niamh in navigating her grief. To the many friends and family who travelled to Belfast for Graemes funeral, and have continued to offer so much love and support. To all who sent cards and letters. We thank you wholeheartedly and trust that this acknowledgment will be accepted as a token of our appreciation.



*..... and life is Eternal
And Love is immortal
And death is but an horizon
And an horizon is nothing
Save the limit of our vision.*

24th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of
BREDA FEENEY

"The Weigh Inn"
Dripsey Cross, Co Cork

Who died on 27th January 2002



Always in our hearts
from all your loving Family.

8th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of
DERMOT HORGAN
Raleigh South, Macroom

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



Lovingly remembered by his wife Margaret, Sons: Derry, John & Finbarr and his Daughter in law Martina.

10th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of
JIM MURRAY

Lackaduve, Clondrohid.
Who died on February 8th 2016

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



Always remembered by his wife Nora, daughters Marie and Caroline, son Jim and their families.

3RD ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of
DERMOT KEANE
Douglas, Cork / Ballyvourney, Cork
whose 3rd anniversary occurs on
February 1st 2026.

*Don't remember me with sadness,
Don't remember me with tears,
Remember all the laughter we've shared
throughout the years,
Now I am contented, that my life
it was worthwhile
Knowing that I passed along the way
I made somebody smile
When you are walking down the street
And you've got me on your mind
I'm walking in your footsteps,
only half a step behind
So please don't be unhappy
Just because I'm out of sight
Remember that I'm with you
Each morning, noon and night.*



Deeply loved, sadly missed and always remembered by his sister Mary, brother in law Michael and the Morris and Keane families.

8th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of
JAMES O'SULLIVAN

Horsmound, Ballinagree, Macroom
Who died on the 15th February 2018

*Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us every day.
No longer in our lives to share
But in our hearts you're always there.*



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2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of
NOEL O'SULLIVAN
Rylane East, Co. Cork
Who died on 10th of February 2024.

*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.*



Always remembered by his wife
Margaret, children Roger, Anne-Marie,
Elaine, Peter and their families

25TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of
MAISIE O'LEARY
Carriganima, Macroom
Who died on 9th February 2001

*Your life was one of kindly deeds
A helping hand for others' needs
Sincere and true in heart and mind
Beautiful memories left behind.*



Always remembered by
your loving daughter Hannah Mary, son in
law Tadgh and grandson Martin

7TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of
JIM CORCORAN
(JIMMY/JAMES)
Clodagh, Crookstown
and late of Terelton
whose 7th anniversary occurs
on the 5th of February

*God called your name so softly,
That only you could hear;
And no one heard the footsteps,
Of angels drawing near,
The golden gates stood open,
God saw you needed rest;
His garden must be beautiful,
He only takes the best.*



Lovingly remembered by Anthony, Debbie
and their families

7TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of
NORMA MCCARTHY
Pound Cross, Crookstown
Who died on the 17th February
2019.

*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 and remembered everyday
by her husband Denis, children Eugene,
Denise, Liz, and James, daughters in law
Lorna and Elaine, son in law James and
her grandchildren.

10TH ANNIVERSARY



Cherished memories of a dear husband
and father

CON KELLEHER
Dooneens, Rylane, Co. Cork
Who died 12th February 2016

*We lost a husband and father
with a heart of gold,
how much we miss him
can never be told.
He shared our troubles
and helped us along,
if we follow his footsteps
we will never go wrong.*



Remembered always by
Concepta, Ann, Mort and Celina

8th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of
DENIS HARTNETT
Carrigeigh, Inchigeela, Macroom
Who died on 4th February, 2018

*We thought of you with love today,
But that is nothing new.
We thought about you yesterday,
And the days before that too.
We think of you in silence,
We often speak your name.
All we have are memories,
And your picture in a frame.
Memories are our keepsake,
With which we will never part.
God has you in his keeping,
And we have you in our hearts*



Sadly missed by his loving wife Anne,
family and grandchildren

9th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of
NOREEN RING
Bawnatoumple, Ballingeary,
died aged 93 on Feb 17th 2017

*May the God of Love and Mercy
Care for our Loved one who is gone
And bless with consolation
Those left to carry on*



Always remembered by your loving
family, friends and neighbours.

6th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of
GERARD SHEEHAN
Chapel Rd, Coachford
Who died on 10th February 2020

*Remembering you is easy
I do it every day.
Missing you is heartache
that never goes away.*



Remembered always and sadly
missed by Sheila.

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