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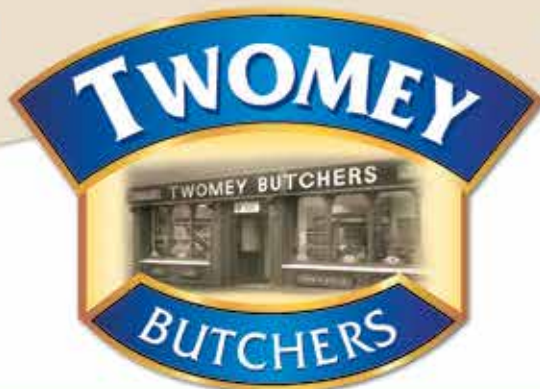
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Briery Gap all Ireland 2026 Mercy College, Roscommon, Big Maggie



Briery Gap all Ireland 2026, Colaiste Eanna, Dublin, The Flaats



Briery Gap all Ireland 2026 First prize, Mullingar Perpetual cup and Best Directory, Michael Twomey Perpetual cup, Eclipsed, Roscommon Community college Dir's Yvonne Doyle and Joanne Cleary

Outstanding Talent on Display at the 2026 Briery Gap All-Ireland Performing Arts Schools Competition 25 March 2026 — The 2026 Briery Gap All-Ireland Performing Arts Schools Competition concluded yesterday in Macroom, Co. Cork, marking a highly successful and competitive two day event that brought together some of the most talented young performers from across the country.

Featuring a packed programme spanning drama, comedy, music, and dance, this year's competition showcased an exceptional standard throughout, with participants demonstrating remarkable talent and creativity, and commanding stage presence. Performers from secondary schools across Ireland competed for top honours in their respective categories. The adjudicators — Geoff Gould, Jake Carter, Michael Patric, Irene Kelleher and Kelly Ann Healy — praised the calibre of work on display, highlighting the professionalism, confidence, and emotional depth evident in performances across the board. Among the highlights of the competition were a number of standout productions: Coláiste Chiaráin, Croom, impressed with their vibrant period musical Newsies, while Roscommon Community College delivered a powerful and poignant production of Eclipsed, exploring the history of Ireland's Magdalene

Laundries. Gaelcholáiste Chiarraí took home Best Irish Drama for Na Coimeádaithe (The Keepers), while Coláiste Éamann Rís, Cork City, delighted audiences with their energetic pirate-themed play, Hit the Deck. Coláiste Éanna, Dublin, also earned multiple honours for their dynamic musical performances. The All-Ireland Performing Arts Schools Competition continues to serve as an important platform for young artists, offering the opportunity to perform in a professional theatre setting while receiving valuable feedback from experienced industry practitioners. Beyond the competition itself, the event fosters a strong sense of community, as well as mutual support and respect among participants. Founded in Macroom 26 years ago, the competition holds a special place in the town's cultural heritage. Its return to Briery Gap, following the historical venue's recent reopening just 18 months ago, made this year's event particularly significant for organisers, participants, and audiences alike. Cllr. Michael Looney, who attended the awards presentations as Deputy Mayor of Cork County, offered words of encouragement to participants, saying, "Your teachers are proud of you, your parents are proud of you, your school and your community are proud of you. Stay creative, keep telling stories, and always follow your dreams." Briery Gap Manager Pat Carey commented, "With such a strong standard set in 2026,

the All Ireland Performing Arts Schools Competition has soundly reaffirmed its place as a key date in the national performing arts calendar. Briery Gap looks forward to welcoming schools and audiences back again next year." The success of this year's competition was made possible through the support of Cork County Council, whose ongoing commitment to youth arts and education ensures the continued growth and accessibility of the event. Their support, alongside local sponsor M&J Kelleher Oils, helped deliver a high-quality experience for performers, audiences, and adjudicators alike. This year's event highlighted not only the breadth of emerging talent across Ireland, but also the importance of providing young performers with opportunities to develop and showcase their abilities on a national stage. The competition continues to play a vital role in encouraging young people to pursue the performing arts, building confidence, discipline, and a lifelong appreciation for creativity.

For further information, high-res photos, or the full list of winners, please contact: [Lisa Liang marketing@brierygap.ie](mailto:Lisa.Liang@brierygap.ie) 086 153 2022 www.brierygap.ie

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Macroom Guides at St Patrick's Day Parade



MacEgan SB receiving their Junior Camp Craft bars 27th March

Ardilaun Guides

Macroom Guides were delighted to attend St Patrick's Day 2026 to showcase Irish Guide Guides within the community. The girls came out in force to celebrate the day with banners, flags and face paint galore! On the 27th of March, Guides worked on their outdoor cooking skills by practicing their trangia skills. The girls made delicious meals and made themselves comfortable with using outdoor equipment to prepare them for future camping trips especially with summer not far away.

MacEgan Senior Branch Brownie Diva Badge Overnight

MacEgan SB members will be attending a Brownie Diva Badge overnight during Easter alongside other members from the South West Region. This is an

excellent opportunity for the girls to collaborate with units in the region and gain their diva badges through hard work over the 2 days. The event is being organised by SB member, Dara Russell. More information to come in the next edition!

Gaisce Strategic Plan Launch

MacEgan Ranger, Katie Cronin recently travelled to Ratra House (Gaisce HQ) in Dublin for the launch of Gaisce's Strategic Plan for the years 2026-2030. The launch welcomed Minister for Education & Youth, Hildegard Naughton who spearheaded the day along with CEO, Avril Ryan and Chairperson, Aine Kerr. The new five year strategy set out Gaisce's vision to ensure every young person has the opportunity to undertake the award. Katie met and chatted to the Minister alongside previous and current Youth

Ambassadors across the country. It was a wonderful opportunity for networking with like minded people and learning of other people's experiences through Gaisce.

Irish Girl Guides work in partnership with Gaisce through the Dual Award initiative to help members achieve their Gaisce awards and also the corresponding SB pins. The values and components of both programmes awards align closely, targeting community involvement, personal development and physical wellbeing making it the perfect opportunity for young people in IGG to participate in and achieve both awards.

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



MacEgan SB Member Katie launching Gaisce's Strategic Plan for 2026-2030



Cooking up a Storm! Ardilaun Guides practice using Trangias

NATIONAL TREE WEEK 2026

For National Tree Week this year, St Coleman's House continued its tradition of working with Ted Cook to explore nature and plant new trees in their plot in Macroom Town Park. During our walk through the park, Ted stopped to point out different plants and trees to the group. He discussed the significance of trees for the river's health, explaining how they protect the surrounding soil while shielding it from the sun. Many trees had to be cut down in order to build the bridge. We were there to assist Ted with planting new trees. Our planting site was already chosen, as we had worked with Ted the previous year, so we added new trees to our existing plot. In previous years, we have planted Crab Apple trees, Hazel trees, and Silver Birch. This year, we planted Willow trees, Downey Birch, Alder and Alder Buckthorns. Ted guided us through the process of planting new trees and explained each step as we progressed. In order to plant the new trees, we dug seven new locations. At each site, we removed any large rocks and turned over the earth so we could dig holes big enough to accommodate



National Tree Week at North Lee Mental Health Services Macroom

the saplings. After that, we planted the saplings and added fresh soil to their roots. Then, to safeguard the saplings, we placed rabbit guards around the base of the trees. It was a pleasure to continue the tradition with Ted and Douglas for National Tree Week, and it

was great to see the progress of last year's tree growth. We greatly appreciate Ted and Douglas taking the time to collaborate with us on this project and for continuing to educate us about the natural world and the significance of our native Irish trees.

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McEgan Chess Club who went to Davis College recently for the Annual Schools tournament . Yaroslav Poklonskyi (front right) won gold in the highest category of the tournament.



McEgan 1st yr Rugby Team who played in a Blitz for 1st yrs in Virgin Media Park , the Cork Home of Munster .

Happy Easter from the students and Staff of McEgan College

Sports News:

HYROX: A selection of our students recently competed in a schools HYROX competition held in Tramore Road Campus. HYROX is a fitness race that combines running with a series of strength and endurance workout stations. Our students were very competitive throughout the event, showing great determination and teamwork. A special mention goes to Conor Lynch and Tui Shubart, who finished in an impressive 4th place overall in the male doubles category—an outstanding achievement.

Football: McEgan College had a very positive year in Gaelic Football, with clear progress across all teams. Our U16 side showed great promise and were particularly unlucky to lose out in their county quarter-final against Coláiste Fionnchua. It was fantastic to see such strong participation, with a panel of over 26 players drawn from first, second, and third years. The U15 team also impressed, securing a win in the first round of the Munster Championship against Schull CC before eventually losing to a strong Carraig na bhFear side. Overall, the development, commitment, and teamwork on display this year have been excellent. A sincere thank you to all the coaches for their dedication throughout the year, and a special mention to Fachtna O'Connor for his outstanding contribution once again.

Rugby Blitz: Rugby has officially returned to McEgan College With the guidance and support of Willie Shubart from Munster Rugby and Teacher Mr Jake Murphy, the game is up and running again in the school. Over the past few months, students of all abilities, many of whom had never picked up a rugby ball before, have been getting stuck into training. These sessions have focused on building skills, improving fitness, and developing teamwork and discipline. Rugby is a brilliant sport for young people. It keeps you fit, builds confidence, and fosters teamwork while teaching respect, resilience, and the value of hard work that extend far beyond the pitch. On Thursday, 26th April, the 1st Year boys' team

travelled to Virgin Media Park, home of Munster Rugby in Cork, where they were treated to a behind-the-scenes tour of the top class facilities. The main event of the day was a blitz against schools from across the county. Considering many of them are new to the sport, their performance was hugely impressive and shows real promise for the future. A big well done to all involved for their commitment and positive approach. Try scorers on the day were Daire Murphy O'Brien, Jandre Cloete, Linards Maurins, and Bohdan Kucherenko.

This is only the beginning for rugby in McEgan College, and there's plenty to look forward to in the months and years ahead.

Basketball: There was great excitement in McEgan when the Junior Girls reached the D division county finals held on Friday 27th in Neptune. Unfortunately it was not to be, though the girls dug deep and played with great gusto they failed to overcome the opposition. These girls justly deserve the silver medals they brought home from Neptune & the entire McEgan Community are very proud of them .

Chess: 15 students from McEgan College, along with their chess club teacher Ms.E.Blavin, took part in the annual Chess Tournament in Davis College, Mallow in partnership with Cork County Chess Leagues on 19 March 2026. They joined over 250 students from schools around Cork county to compete under four levels. Yaroslav Poklonskyi won gold in the highest category of the tournament.

Seachtain na Gaeilge: Gearrscannán san amharclann Briery Gap: Bhí áthas orainn dul ag féachaint ar scannán Gaeilge san amharclann Briery Gap chun Seachtain na Gaeilge a cheiliúradh. 'Báite' an t-ainm a bhí ar an scannán agus bhain na daltaí taitneamh as an turas. Míle buíochas leis an bhfoireann as an eagrú.

Student Voice News: This month the Student Leaders in the school undertook a School Jersey day in conjunction with many Cork Schools to raise funds for Féile O'Sullivan who sustained life-changing injuries in a farm accident during Summer 2025 and for the Sensory garden development in McEgan. The school raised a

total of €962.77 which will now be split between the two causes.

McEgan Guidance: Further Education and Training was the theme this month for the Guidance department in McEgan. Senior cycle students attended open days in the Cork Colleges of FET Douglas St, Tramore Rd. Morrisons Island Cork & Macroom. They had a very informative talk in McEgan also from Colette Twomey from the FET Progression Support department in Cork ETB.

National Convention on Education 2026: McEgan teacher, Eimear McCarthy and Eimear Blavin represented McEgan College at the Regional Consultation Event for the National Convention on Education, which took place in Kinsale Community School on Monday, March 23rd. This consultation is part of the National Convention on Education 2026, a significant national initiative being led by the Department of Education and Youth. To inform the Convention's work, the Department has launched a National Conversation on Education, which includes a national survey, a submissions process, School Community Engagement events around the country, and a small number of Regional Consultation Events of which this was one of only four nationwide. At the regional event, participants were invited to consider the themes that have already emerged through the National Conversation and to share their views on whether these reflect the most significant issues that should be discussed at the Convention.

TY News:

TY Students recently took part in the Local Enterprise Office Mini Company Competition at MTU. Tamer Alloush was awarded the Most Passionate Entrepreneur award for his pitch for the company. Mini Company is an integral part of the TY programme each year allowing students to develop practical experience in entrepreneurship.



Ms. Eimear Blavin who runs the McEgan Chess Club with Yaroslav Poklonskyi who won the Gold medal in the highest level competition.



Bohdan Kucherenko , Tana Shubert & Ryan Moss, who were part of the 1st Year Rugby Team who played in the schools Blitz in Virgi Media Park recently.



McEgan TY Students Conor Lynch & Tui Shubart who cam 4th in the Male competition at Schools HYrox competition In Tramore Road.



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2006 Corn Uí Mhúiri Anniversary

Twenty years on, the 2006 DLS team remains one worth celebrating. Recently, the group reunited in the Castle Hotel to mark the 20-year anniversary of a special moment in the school's history — winning the Corn Uí Mhúiri. In 2006, they overcame St. Flannan's with a standout performance, finishing 1-12 to 1-4. It was great to see the team back together again to mark the occasion.

The Sound of De La Salle Returns with Special Tribute Episode

Tadhg returned with Episode 6 of The Sound of De La Salle. This week's episode was a special tribute to the 2006 Corn Uí Mhúiri winning team. Back in 2006, De La Salle delivered a brilliant performance to overcome St. Flannan's. Tadhg sat down with team captain Sean Kiely, who reflected on that unforgettable year and gave a real insight into what it took to bring the title home. Also featured were newsreaders Robert Fitzgerald, Donagh Moss and Finn Yore. The lads were back again with all the latest DLS news and continued to show great confidence and professionalism. Another excellent episode that is well worth a listen. Well done Tadhg!

TY Students Take Centre Stage in Drama Workshop with Bernard Casey

Our TY students had an incredible day at their drama workshop with Bernard Casey. The well-known comedian brought energy, humour and creativity to every activity, challenging the lads to step outside their comfort zones and fully get involved. Throughout the workshop, students explored a wide range of skills, including improvisation, character development and sketch composition. Our thanks went to Ms. O'Shea for organising the workshop. It was a brilliant experience that the students thoroughly enjoyed.

Transition Year Trip to Ballyhass Adventure Centre

Transition Year students enjoyed a fantastic trip to

Ballyhass Adventure Centre last week, where they took part in a range of exciting outdoor activities. The boys challenged themselves by abseiling, kayaking, and rock climbing. It was a brilliant opportunity for students to step outside their comfort zones, build confidence, and enjoy the outdoors together. A sincere thank you to Mr. O'Riordan and Mr. Keane for accompanying the students on the trip.

Fourth Year Students Impress at Cork Student Enterprise Awards

Huge congratulations went to Daniel Harrington and Cian Lee in 4th Year, who were winners of the "One's to Watch" Award and achieved 2nd place in the Senior Category at the Cork Student Enterprise Competition. Their company, Sip with Ease Co, impressed the judges with their product, Access Lid — an extendable straw designed to help people with neuromuscular and physical disabilities drink independently, without assistance. Having developed three working prototypes, the judges were highly impressed by their creativity and genuine passion for making a difference. This was a fantastic achievement for both students, and especially for Daniel, who poured his heart and soul into the competition. As he said himself, "It was the best day of my life." Our thanks went to Mr. O'Shea for supporting the lads. Well done to all involved.

We Stand For Féile Fundraiser

Students made an incredible effort last week by organising a non-uniform day in support of the 'We Stand For Féile' campaign. Together, they raised an impressive €580. It was a brilliant example of generosity and strong school spirit, and well done to everyone involved. Our thanks to Ms. Willis and Mr. Landers for organising it.

Visit from Senator Nicole Ryan

The school was delighted to welcome Senator Nicole Ryan, who spoke to Leaving Certificate students about

her role as a Senator and her experience of life in politics. Students also took part in an engaging political debate, where they shared their views and ideas. It was an engaging and insightful talk for all involved. Our thanks to Senator Ryan for visiting the school.

Journée Internationale de la Francophonie

Last week, second-year students and their teachers celebrated Journée Internationale de la Francophonie (International Francophone Day) with croissants, pains au chocolat, and chocolat chaud. The day celebrated a shared commitment not only to the French language but also to the rich and diverse culture of the Francophone world. Well done lads! Our thanks to Ms. Kenneally and Mr. Sugrue for organising the event for students.

Sport Highlights: U16 Footballers

Brave Effort from U16 Footballers in Semi-Final Clash
Our U16 footballers gave it everything but were unfortunately defeated by Coláiste Choilm in the semi-final on a scoreline of 5-10 to 1-10. Despite the result, the lads showed great determination and never stopped battling from start to finish. It just wasn't their day, but they can hold their heads high after a committed performance. This is a fantastic group of players, and there is no doubt that they have a very bright future ahead of them.

Great Day on the Greens for School Golfers

School golfers Rory Angland, Odrán O'Regan, Darragh O'Shea, David Condon, Dylan O'Connell, and Andrew Granville all took part in golf tournaments in both Doneraile and Cahir last week. It was fantastic to see such strong representation and commitment across both venues. Well done lads! Our thanks went to Mr. Doherty and Mr. Quinn for accompanying them.



DLS 2006 Corn Uí Mhúiri Anniversary Reunion



DLS students Daniel Harrington & Cian Lee win big at the Student Enterprise Awards!



DLS TY Students at Ballyhass Adventure Centre



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ST MARY'S NEWS



6. Marvellous, Laura, Sergio (instructor), Niamey, Grace D, Grace M, Doireann, Ruth, Emer and Chloe on the slopes of Folgaria, Italy.



5. TY Young Environmentalists: Grace, Chloe, Liadan, Realtin, Isabelle and Siun

Athletics All Irelands

Huge congratulations to our senior cross country team who came 2nd in the All Irelands recently: Fern Mullane, Saoirse Twomey, Emily Cronin and Rebecca O'Neill. 32 years since St Mary's has brought All Ireland medals back. It is the culmination of 6 years of consistent training and hard work. Super well done girls! Huge congratulations is also due to Saoirse Twomey who finished 5th in Ireland! Daire O' Mahony, 1st year, also ran incredibly well on the day. A huge, huge achievement for our girls. We're so proud of you! Massive thank you to West Muskerry AC for all their hard work with the girls and to Mr O'Connell and Ms B Kelleher for their dedication to athletics in St Mary's.

2nd Year History Trip

All of our 2nd years went on a trip visiting places of historical significance around Macroom recently in order to prepare them for their History CBA1 "The Past in my Place". Thanks to Ms Gray and Ms Roche for organising this for the girls.

TrailblazeHER Awards

Huge congratulations to TY student Lorna Hodman on receiving a Highly Commended award at the TY TrailblazeHER Awards! From taking up goalkeeping in first year to becoming a first-choice goalkeeper at the highest level in both Cork LGFA and Cork soccer, her journey is nothing short of incredible. Her dedication, talent, and commitment to supporting others truly set her apart. Not only has she achieved amazing success on the field, but she also gives back by coaching and inspiring younger players, a true role model in every sense. We are so proud of you, Lorna. A real trailblazer!

Young Environmentalist Awards Semi Final ECO-Dens

Well done to our two TY Young Environmentalist Groups who took part in the ECO-DENS with ECO UNESCO recently at the Old Cork Waterworks

Experience. The girls presented their projects to 4 judges each and will find out in a few weeks if they qualify for the Young Environmentalist Award Finals which will be held at the RDS in Dublin in May. Group 1: Réaltín Walsh, Isabelle Roberts and Siun O Connor. Group 2: Chloe Galvin, Grace Mehigan and Liadan O Regan.

TY Students Hit the Slopes in Memorable Italian Ski Trip

Sixty Transition Year students recently returned from an exciting and action-packed ski trip to Folgaria, Italy, where they spent six days developing their skiing skills and enjoying a range of fun activities. The trip got off to a great start as students took part in two-hour ski lessons twice daily. On the first day, they learned the basics, including how to slow down and stop using the snowplough (or "pizza") technique, as well as how to use the travelator. By day two, the group had progressed to mastering turns and using the button lift. By the third day, all 60 students had advanced to using chairlifts to access the slopes and were confidently tackling both blue and red runs in Folgaria. Over the following days, they continued to build on their skills, taking on increasingly challenging slopes and making full use of the chairlifts during their lessons. Off the slopes, the students enjoyed a variety of evening activities. These included swimming, shopping trips, and a lively quiz night that proved to be highly competitive. The quiz featured rounds on general knowledge, science, sport, music, politics, and a "finish the lyrics" challenge, along with some fun additions such as a paper toss round and a "best dance move" competition. The group also took part in a movie night and enjoyed an evening in the sports hall, where they played soccer against Mr McLaughlin and Mr Quill. The trip concluded with a slalom race, where first, second, and third place prizes were awarded within each group by their ski instructors. The students delivered an exceptional display of



3. TY Student, Lorna, who received a Highly Commended at the TrailblazeHER Awards recently

skill, bringing a fantastic trip to a memorable close. Huge thank you to Mr McLaughlin for organising this incredible trip for the girls. Another huge thank you to the teachers who travelled on the trip, Ms Foley, Ms Kerrigan, Ms Murphy, Ms O'Donoghue and Mr Quill.



4. Romy, Mr Quill, Ruby, Roisin, Siun, Roisin, Abby and Grace N on the slopes of Folgaria, Italy.

MACROOM FLOWER CLUB

Macroom Flower & Garden Club will host a Floral Demonstration with Nora Gallagher (AOIFA) entitled "Easter Charms" Thursday 9th April at 8pm Coolcower House, Macroom, Co. Cork P12E135. Club Competitions and Sales table. New Members and Visitors most welcome.

Further details contact 087-9821708. Association of Irish Floral Artists National Competitions 18th April Castleoaks Hotel, Castleconnell, Co. Limerick. See AOIFA Website for further details

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Cailíní ó fhoireann peile faoi 14.5 ag ceiliúradh bua iontach sa chraobh - comhghairdeas libh!



Bailíodh €682 do "Stand 4 Féile" ó Lá na nGeansaithe - Máistir Ó Colmáin, Darcy Ní Bhriain, Sara de Grant, Daisy-Ann Herterich agus Máistir Ó Laoire.

TURAS CHUIG AN SCANNÁN 'BÁITE'

D'fhreastail lucht na chéad bhliana, na dara bliana agus na hIdirbhliana ar léiriú den scannán Gaeilge 'Báite' a bhí ar siúl sa 'Briery Gap' i Maigh Chromtha le déanaí. Bhí an scannán go hiontach. Dúróidín dúnmaraithe a bhí ann. Bhain gach duine idir thaitneamh agus tairbhe as. Ba mhaith linn buíochas a ghabháil leis an 'Briery Gap' as an scannán a chur ar fáil dúinn. Míle buíochas le hIníon Ní Bhriain as an turas a eagrú agus le hIníon de Brún, Iníon Ní Chríod agus Rosie a thaitil leis na daltaí ar an lá.

CUAIRT AR CHAMPÁS IOSAGÁIN

Le Cillian MacSuibhne

Ar an 19ú lá de mhí an Mhárta chuaigh daltaí Staidéar Foirgníochta na hArdteiste ar cuairt chuig Campas Íosagáin, áit a chonaic siad conas a úsáidtear an méid a fhoghlaimíonn siad sa seomra ranga i dtionscadail thógála. Le linn an turais, d'fhoghlaim siad faoi na dúshláin a bhí ag an gcomhlacht tógála, chomh maith le sábháilteacht ar an suíomh tógála. D'fhéach siad ar ghnéithe éagsúla den fhoirgneamh freisin. Chabhraigh an chuart seo leo tuiscint níos fearr a fháil ar an taobh praiticiúil dá gcuid staidéir. Míle buíochas le Cathal Ó Conaill ó Údarás na Gaeltachta a chur fáilte romhainn.

PEIL NA GCAILÍNÍ

Ba mhaith linn tréaslú le foireann na gcailíní faoi 14.5 a bhuaigh an cluiche ceannais in aghaidh Choláiste an Croí Naofa, Carraig na bhFear le déanaí! Molaimid Abbie Ní Scannláin as an óráid iontach a thug sí. Ba mhaith linn ár mbuíochas a ghabháil le Bean Uí Chuill (traenálaí).

Bhí bua iontach ag na cailíní sinsearach in aghaidh Christ King i gcluiche ceathrú cheannais an chontae. Ar aghaidh leo anois chuig cluiche leath cheannais an Chontae! Míle buíochas le hIníon Ní Shúilleabháin agus Iníon Ní Bhuachalla

COMÓRTAS FICHILLE

Ghlac na daltaí páirt i gcomórtas fichille a bhí ar siúl i gColáiste Dáibhís, Mala.

Na daltaí a ghlac páirt ná: Ben Ó Ríordáin, Éanna Ó Cróinín, Aoife Ní Loingsigh, Ellen Ní Liatháin, Aaron Ó Cathaláin, Joshua Ó Ríordáin, Cormac Ó hÉalaithe, Jack Ó Cathaláin, Brian Ó Céilleachair, Seán Ó Liatháin, Éabha Ní Chruadhlaoidh, Dara Ó Scanaill, Abbie Ní Liatháin, Emma Duerr, Sadhbh Ní Bhuachalla, Éabhaoin Ní Loingsigh agus Seán Ó Tuama. Míle buíochas le Bean Uí Chuill agus Iníon Ní Chríod a thaitil leo.

SPÓRT NA MBUACHAILLÍ

An-seachtain a bhí ann dos na buachaillí óga ar scoil! I dtosach báire, bhí bua iontach 7-2 ag na buachaillí sacair fé15 i gcoinne Choláiste Nano Nagle i leathchraobh an Chontae ar an Luain faoi stiúir captaen na foirne Beirtí De Róiste (a scóráil hat-trick!). I leathchraobh an chontae fé 16 sa pheil, bhuaigh ár mbuachaillí in aghaidh Choláiste Naomh Brógáin 2-15 le 3-4 faoi stiúir captaen na foirne, Jack Ó Goillidhe! Maith sibh a bhuaicillí! Comhghairdeachas le bhur draenálaí Máistir Ó Duinneacha freisin. Táimid ag súil go mór le dhá chluiche ceannais i ndiaidh Shaoire na Cásca!

LÁ NA NGEANSAITHE – STAND 4 FÉILE

Ghlac daltaí agus múinteoirí páirt i Lá na nGeansaithe le déanaí. Bailíodh €682 d'Fhéile. Míle buíochas as bhur bhfaihtíúlacht - maith sibh. Ba mhaith linn ár mbuíochas a ghabháil leis na daltaí a bhailigh an t-airgead agus le Máistir Ó Laoire a d'eagraigh é.

TRÁTH NA GCEIST PÍ

Chun Lá Idirnáisiúnta a cheiliúradh, d'eagraigh Cumann Oidí Matamaitice na hÉireann Tráth na gCeist do dhaltaí tríú bliana. Bhí Coláiste Ghobnatan mar scoil óstaigh don tráth na gceist. Ghlac cúig fhoireann déag ó chúig scoil páirt ann. Bhí an bua ag foireann ó Scoil Mhuire - beir bua sa chraobh!

Na daltaí ó Choláiste Ghobnatan a ghlac páirt ná Alice de Brún, Ellen Ní Liatháin, Almha Ní Aodha, Gráinne Ní Thuama, Aodán Ó Scanaill, Aodhán Ó Críodáin, Jack Ó Goillidhe agus Josh Ó Ríordáin. Is í Iníon Ní Ríordáin a d'eagraigh an ócáid, míle mhuíochas léi. Bhí Seán Óg Ó Scanaill, Seán Óg Mac Suibhne, Oisín Ó Tuama, Eithne Ní Laocha agus Colleen de Búrca ag cabhrú le linn an tráth na gceist. Chabhraigh daltaí le Seán leis an ionad a eagrú freisin. Míle buíochas leis an Ionad Cultúrtha as an spás a úsáid agus leis na múinteoirí ó na scoileanna eile a chabhraigh ar an lá.

CLÁR NA GCOMHLACHTAÍ

Tréasláimid le mionchomhlacht 'Maignéidí Maireachtála' a bhuaigh Gradam Nuálaíochta ag an gCraobh Réigiúnach de Chlár na gComhlachtaí! Míle buíochas le Bean Uí Bhuachalla as a tacaíocht

CISPHEIL NA GCAILÍNÍ

Ní raibh aon ádh ar chailíní na chéad bhliana sa chluiche leathcheannais i gcoinne Choláiste Éamainn Rís. Cluiche an-iomaíoch a bhí ann, ach chríochnaigh sé le scór 20-28. D'oibrigh na cailíní go dian agus táimid an-bhródúil astu. Míle buíochas le Bean Uí Chuill agus Rosie a thaitil leo.

COMÓRTAS LABHAIRT NA GAEILGE:

Ba mhaith linn tréaslú leis na daltaí seo a leanas a bhuaigh dearbháin do Shiopa Shiobhán sna crannchuir do Chomórtas Labhairt na Gaeilge le déanaí - Rónán Ó Tuama & Keely Ní Dhuinnín.

Comhghairdeachas le 3A a bhuaigh comórtas sóisearach labhairt na Gaeilge agus le 5A a bhuaigh comórtas sinsearach labhairt na Gaeilge. Beidh cóisir píotsa agus bonnóga acu chun a n-éachtaí a chéiliúradh i ndiaidh na Cásca.

Míle buíochas le Coiste Gaeilge na nDaltaí, atá faoi stiúir Iníon Ní Bhriain, as na comórtas a reachtáil agus le hOifigeach Pleanála Teanga Mhúscraí, Eibhlín Ní Lionáird (Comharchumann Forbartha Mhúscraí Teoranta) as a cuid tacaíochta leis na duaiseanna

SCRÚDUITHE

Faoi láthair tá roinnt daltaí ón tríú agus ón séú bliain ag obair go dian chun ullmhú do na scrúduithe. Dhein daltaí ón Idirbhliain an scrúdú, Teastas Eorpach na Gaeilge (TEG) le déanaí. Gabhaimid ár mbuíochas leis na múinteoirí a chabhraigh leo, go háirithe Bean Uí Dhonnchú.

An tseachtain seo bhí na scrúduithe béil Ardteiste ar siúl. Tar éis an Cásca beidh daltaí ó bhliain a trí ag déanamh an scrúdú praiticiúil sa chócaireacht. Beidh daltaí na hArdteiste ag tabhairt faoi scrúduithe praiticiúil ceoil. Guímid gach rath oraibh. Gabhaimid ár mbuíochas leis na múinteoirí atá ag cabhrú leo go háirithe Iníon Ní Bhriain, Iníon Ní Chollata, Iníon Ní Chéilleachair, Iníon Ní Chríod, Iníon Ní Leannáin agus Iníon Ní Ríordáin. Guímid gach rath ar na daltaí go léir

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

- dúrún dúnmaraithe – murder mystery
- ficheall – chess
- scoil óstaigh – host school

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GAA PRESIDENT AWARD FOR MICHAEL KEANE, CLOUGHDUV

The Gradaim an Uachtaráin, (GAA President's Awards) are prestigious annual honours recognising individuals for outstanding long-term contributions to the GAA community, and this year's ceremony, held on Friday, January 30th in Croke Park, was a truly special occasion. Cloughduv's own Michael Keane was a most worthy recipient on the night, a moment of immense pride for Cloughduv Hurling Club and, of course, for Michael and the Keane family. His recognition at national level reflects decades of unwavering commitment, dedication and leadership within our club and the wider GAA community.

Michael's playing career began at under-14 level and progressed through the ranks, culminating in winning a county junior medal in 1970. Following his

playing days, he turned his attention to refereeing, where he enjoyed a distinguished 25-year career. Among the highlights were officiating the Cork Senior Hurling Championship Finals of 1985 and 1986, the All-Ireland Colleges Senior A Football Final in 1987, as well as numerous Kerry County hurling championship matches. After retiring from refereeing, Michael continued to serve the game as Cork County Board Referees' Administrator, ensuring standards and mentorship remained at the highest level.

To receive his award in Croke Park marked quite a journey from the very first match he attended as a small boy, travelling with his neighbour Eddie Reardon by horse and trap. That image alone captures the extraordinary span of Michael's lifetime in the GAA. As he approaches his 90th birthday, he shows no sign

of resting on his laurels. Most days, he can be seen at our new complex, keeping a watchful eye on the standard of the playing pitches and on the progress of our teams, always with a smile and a word for young and old alike.

As Club President, I can say without hesitation that Michael represents the very heart and soul of Cloughduv. His dedication, humility and lifelong service set a standard for us all. We are immensely proud of him, deeply grateful for everything he has given to our club, and we wish him continued good health and happiness in the years ahead.

Peadar MacDonail, Uachtaráin Chumann Iománaíochta Cloch Dubh



Michael Keane, Cloughduv GAA, receiving his award from the president of the GAA.



MACROOM YOUTHREACH GO GREEN FOR LAURALYNN

Macroom Youthreach proudly took part in Go Green Day in support of LauraLynn Children's Hospice on Friday 13th March 2026, raising an impressive €470.16 through a drive-thru bake sale and green raffle.

The event brought together learners, staff, local businesses, and the wider community in a fantastic display of generosity and support for a truly important cause. LauraLynn Children's Hospice provides vital care, comfort, and support to children with life-limiting conditions and their families across Ireland, and events like this play a crucial role in helping to fund these essential services.

On the day, the Youthreach centre was filled with energy and enthusiasm as students took the lead in organising and running the event. From baking a wide

range of delicious treats — including cakes, buns, and scones — to promoting the fundraiser and managing the raffle, learners were involved in every aspect of the day.

The drive-thru bake sale proved especially popular, attracting strong support from the local community, while the green raffle — featuring prizes generously donated by local businesses — added excitement and further fundraising success to the event. Macroom Youthreach would like to extend a sincere thank you to the many local businesses who kindly supported the raffle, including The Castle Hotel & Leisure Centre, Fitzgeralds Bookshop, Lynch's Bakery & Café, Mary's Toymaster, Ray of Sunshine Childcare, Coleman's Millstreet, Cooney's Coachford, and Connections. Their generosity played a significant role in the success of

the day.

Beyond fundraising, the event provided learners with valuable real-life experience. Students developed key skills such as teamwork, communication, organisation, and customer service, all while contributing positively to their community. These opportunities are central to the Youthreach programme, helping young people build confidence and prepare for future education, training, and employment.

The success of Go Green Day highlights the strong sense of community in Macroom and demonstrates what can be achieved when people come together for a meaningful cause.

Macroom Youthreach would like to thank everyone who supported the event — your kindness and generosity have made a real difference



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Coffee Morning

A coffee morning will be hosted by Mary Mullins & Michael O Donoghue in aid of The Hope Foundation on Easter Sunday in Kilmurray, after 10am Mass, inside the Museum, All Welcome.



Mary & Michael with HOPE founder Maureen Forrester



Mary taking part in The Himalayan Experience last year in aid of HOPE.

COACHFORD PLAYERS PRESENT NOBODY'S TALKING TO ME - A Hilarious Comedy

Coachford Players are delighted to present the popular comedy *Nobody's Talking to Me* by Tommy Marren, running from Saturday, April 25th to Tuesday, April 28th in Coachford GAA Hall, with performances each night at 8pm.

The play centres on Maggie and Mattie Conway, a couple who haven't spoken to each other in nearly ten years, despite still sharing the same home. As

neighbours and family and even the local priest get drawn into the situation, what starts as stubborn silence quickly spirals into a series of misunderstandings, schemes, and comic chaos.

Known for its sharp writing and recognisable characters, *Nobody's Talking to Me* has been a firm favourite with audiences across the country. Coachford Players' latest production brings together

a strong local cast to deliver a lively and entertaining night of theatre.

Performances take place in Coachford GAA Hall from April 25th to 28th at 8pm nightly.

Tickets will be available at the door at €15 each. Early arrival is advised.

For updates and more information, follow Coachford Players on social media.



Two of our Volunteers Sean Cremin and Adam Kilbride attended a IRD Duhallow Community Biodiversity Training in Inchigeelagh, Sat March 21st. On the day they focused on tree pollinators and invasive species, went on a nature walk and surveyed some nearby areas.

On March 25th, Macroom Tidy Towns, together with Macroom Men's Shed had a table at the Macroom Health and Wellbeing Expo that took place in Macroom Leisure Centre from 10am to 1pm.

Tidy Towns met with Cork Co Ecologist, Tony Nagle and Biodiversity Officer, Alan McCarthy as well as local staff to discuss the detail of Macroom's Biodiversity Action Plan. The discussion covered a broad range of topics, invasive species, weed control, grass cutting, open space and green areas, pollinator planting, biodiversity areas, Coolcower picnic area etc.

Cork County Council Anti-Litter Competition is back again this year. The first judging period is taking place



John Lyons from Macroom Tidy Towns and Paddy Buckley from Macroom Mens Shed at Macroom Health & Wellbeing Expo

from 27th April to 1st of May, second judging period is taking place from 11th May to 15th of May, with the third and final judging period taking place from 25th May to 29th May. During the judging, selected stretches on the Main Streets, lane ways and square will be checked, the focus been on litter. The number of pieces of litter found will be counted and marks lost accordingly. On each of the Judging Periods, one estate will be selected for Judging. The estates to be judged this year are The Carrigbán, Gleann Na Fhia and Pairc Ui Mhuirthe. The judges also select a different estate on the day, so it is very important that

all residents ensure that their area is always litter free from April to June.

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

Tidy Towns Volunteers have been busy over the last few weeks with stewarding and preparing for the St Patricks Day Parade, Crowd Control Barriers, General Maintenance around town, Litter Picking, adding a new Willow Tunnel in the Fairy Garden, floor painting of our new storage shed.

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

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Catherine Connolly ag caint le Tadhg Ó Conaill, Dylan Ó Tuama agus Caelan Ó Carra

Comórtas Fiontraíochta

Transition year students took part in the enterprise competition in Ballyvourney, in Gobnatan Hotel, on Tuesday, the 11th of March. There were three mini companies in total from Scoil Mhuire that took part in the competition. 'Mórturasanna na hÉireann', 'Bláthanna Brúite', and 'Albam Áiseach'. Congratulations to the members of Mórturasanna na hÉireann-Sadhbh, Clare, Eimear and Clíodhna who are going through to the final, and to the members of Bláthanna Brúite- Ciara, Anna, Ellie and Caoimhe, for winning the award for Finance and Marketing!

Ellie Ní Chróinín - IB

Seachtain na Gaeilge

An tseachtain seo caite, bhí Seachtain na Gaeilge ar siúl i Scoil Mhuire. Bhí roinnt gníomhaíochtaí ar siúl le linn na seachtaine. Ar an Luan, bhí Plé agus Té ar siúl sa chistin. Ar an Máirt bhí cluiche Cártaí as Gaeilge. An Chéadaoin ná spriocdáta don chomórtas ealaíona. Ar an Aoine, chun an tseachtain a chríochnú amach, bhí céilí ar siúl le linn ná dhá ranganna deireanach. Bhí seachtain iontach ag gach duine. An téama a bhí ag an seachtain ná : 'A Ghaeilge, mo cheol thú'.

Caoimhe Ní Dhuinnín - IB

Lá amach sa chathair

On Thursday the 12th, the transition year students participated in an art workshop in the Glucksman gallery in Cork. After this they went on a tour around UCC. They all thoroughly enjoyed the day. Anna Ní Luasa - IB

Comórtas Leadóg Bhoird

Ar an gCéadaoin an 11ú de Márta, d'fhreastal ghrúpa ó lucht na hArdeiste (Aron Ó Tuama, Éanna Ó Céilleachair, Finnian Ó Lachtnáin, Eoin Ó Muimhneacháin, Lúca Mac Thomáis, Fionn Ó Céilleachair) ar chomórtas leadóg bhoird. Bhí sé ar siúl i Halla Thraolach Mhic Shuibhne i dtuaisceart na cathrach. Bhí naoi gcluiche acu san iomlán idir chluichí shingil agus dúbalta. Bhí siad in aghaidh scoil ó Bhaile an Easpaig. Dheineadar mórán chleachtadh roimh scoile, ag am lóin agus lasmuigh

den scoil ionas go mbeadh siad réidh don chomórtas. Ba é an chéad uair riamh don scoil foireann leadóg bhoird a bheith againn. Tháinig na buachaillí sa dara háit ar an lá ach dheineadar sár iarracht. Bronnadh boinn orthu as teacht sa dara háit i gCúige Mumhan. Táimid an bhródúil astu go léir.

Márta: March. Sa Mhárta: In March.

This phrase is used to describe someone who is out of their mind. It comes from the 16th century when people noticed that hares were acting strangely around their breeding season, in March. They showed unpredictable behaviour, such as sprinting, boxing and jumping for no reason. In the book "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" written by Lewis Carol, there's a character called 'March Hare'. Clare Ní Dhiolúin - IB

Taithí Oibre

Gach Aoine bíonn lucht na hidirbhliana ag tabhairt faoi taithí oibre mar pháirt don Idirbhliain. Go dtí seo tá roinnt daoine tar éis dul chuig bunskoileanna éagsúla, monarchain, ospidéal, dlíodóir agus mórán eile. Ina dhiaidh sin bíonn orthu punann a scríobh faoi na rudaí / tascanna a dhein siad agus scileanna nua a d'fhoghlaim siad i rith an lae. Ellie Ní Chróinín - IB

Cainteoir ó MTU

On Monday the 11th of March Colette Twomey came from MTU to speak to 4th, 5th and 6th years, about mechanical engineering and the courses that are related to it. We really enjoyed it and it opened our eyes to new courses and routes. As well as that she had VAR headsets for us. By using the headsets we were able to virtually visit different sites and different buildings all over the world. We were standing on top of the building through the headset which we were allowed us to see the engineering behind it. Sadhbh Ní Bhraonáin - IB

Lá le Pádraig i mBéal Átha

Ar an 17ú de mhí Márta i sráid Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh ag a 10:30 bhí féile Lá le Pádraig ag tarlú. Bhí an banna píob áitiúil ag seinnt maraon leis na himreoirí faoi aois, na gluaisteán seanré agus an t-Uasal Pádraig

é féin! Ansin bhí comórtas gléasadh suas dos na buachaillí agus cailíní óga go léir agus ansin ag deireadh, an príomh comórtas gléasadh suas. Bhailigh slua ó chúinní na tíre don ócáid álainn seo. Is fíor an seanfhocal é, 'ní neart go cur le chéile'.

Ruadhan Ó Tuama - IB

Last week the transition years went to Belgium as part of their school exchange. They were there from Monday to Friday. They stayed with the students that came in January, The first day they went to Gael Choláiste in Leuven. The second day they did the school day with them on a campus of 3,300 students. The third day they went to the parliament and went to the library to see manuscripts from a couple hundred years ago that were written as Gaeilge and then went to see the famous square, 'Grand Place'. The fourth day they went out and did pedal boating and walked around Belgium with the two teachers that came with us. The sun was shining while we were there and lots of memories made after the week. Eimear Ní Chárthaigh - IB

Traenáil le Fachtna

Ar an Luan 11/3/26 do thosnaíomar modúil traenála le Fachtna. Bhíomar ag foghlaim conas deileáil le aoiseanna difriúla agus an tslí inar chomhair duit labhairt leo. Tá an modúil dírithe ar an LCG agus Peil na mBan (LGFA) ach is féidir an tslí múinte a úsáid in aon spóirt. Ag deireadh an modúil beimid in ann blitz agus seisiún traenála faoi aois a chur ar fáil. An tseachtain seo chugainn beimid ag tosnú conas rudaí simplí cosúil le pas lámha a mhúineadh. Dara Ó Cróinín - IB

Thomas F. Meagher Flag Day is an annual event held on March 16th in Irish schools, promoting peace, inclusion and respect for the Irish flag. It is commemorated on March 7th, 1848, when Thomas Francis Meagher first raised the tricolour in Waterford. On Monday, we will have a small quiz in school. And everyone will be given a baige to celebrate this annual event.

Seán Ó Duinnín - IB

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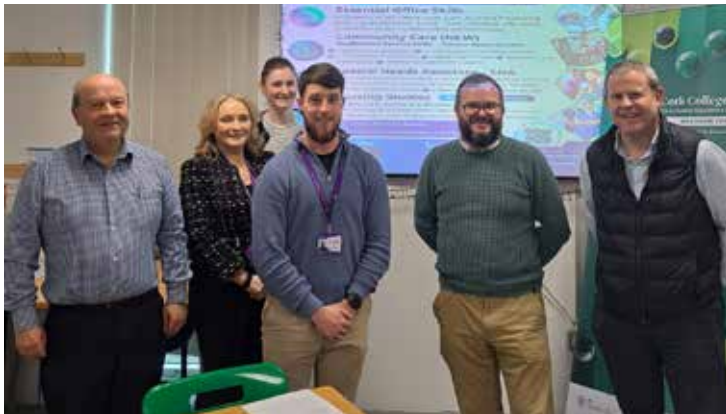


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INDEPENDENCE MUSEUM KILMURRY

Events at Independence Museum Kilmurry Victor O'Callaghan gave a fascinating lecture on the D-Day landings at Independence Museum Kilmurry. Victor is an expert on the D-Day landings and has met several veterans of the D-Day landings and provided a packed lecture hall with first hand personal memories from the veterans on their experiences during World War 11. Victor is a regular volunteer and member of the Management Committee at Independence Museum Kilmurry.

Nora Gallagher, AOIFA, of Macroom Flower & Garden Club gave a wonderful flower arranging demonstration at Independence Museum Kilmurry last Friday night. Nora, a native of Dunmarklum, Lissarda was on home ground so to speak, and created spectacular floral arrangements which were raffled as prizes during the night. Again this fundraising event for the museum was well supported.

Upcoming Event Recent The Cork launch of Gerard Shannon's new book -

Rory O'Connor: To Defend The Republic will take place on Tuesday, 21st April at 8 pm in the Heritage Room, Independence Museum Kilmurry. Gerard is a well known historian who has written from several publications and given lectures on key figures of the Irish revolutionary period, including Liam Lynch.

Michael O'Mahony of The Dick Barrett Association will launch the book and Gerard will give a talk on his new publication after the launch.



Easter Flower Demonstration at Independence Museum Kilmurry



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MUSKERRY SPECIAL OLYMPICS CLUB

Flying High

These are exciting times at Muskerry Special Olympics Club. Four of the club's athletes have been selected to take part in the Ireland Special Olympic Games in Dublin from June 18th to 21st, and two of the club officers have been appointed to key roles in the administration of the games.

The athletes are Cathy Dullea, Lissarda, Evan Cullinane, Ovens, Maeve O'Leary, Clondrohid and Paul Colgan, Dunmanway. Club secretary Deirdre Curtis has been appointed Medical Co-Ordinator, and club coach Collette O'Riordan is Head Coach for the Ireland Games.

The club is holding a fundraiser to help cover the travel and accommodation costs of athletes competing at the games. They're hosting a Bingo Night at the Castle Hotel, Macroom, on Easter Monday April 6th at 7.30pm.

Club chairperson Grett Buckley said they were delighted at the support their fundraiser has received already.

"We are blown away by the generosity of local businesses. We try not to ask for their support too often, but whenever we do, it's heartwarming to see how many of them are happy to donate cash, vouchers or spot prizes," she said.

"We think it's a very worthy cause. Taking part in Special Olympics changes lives – not just the lives of the athletes but the lives of their families and friends.



Members of Muskerry Special Olympics Club. Back L to R: Cian Murphy, Tadhg O'Sullivan, Evan Cullinane, Maeve O'Leary, Cathy Dullea, Paul Colgan, Adam Cullinane, Kevin O'Donoghue; Front L to R: Ciara Dineen, Callum O'Brien, Conor Buckley, Jack Murphy, Cillian O'Leary, Conor Sweeney, John Buckley.

We are beyond proud that we have such strong representation from our small club at national level in this year's games, and we wish them all the very best!"

Everyone is welcome to come along to the Bingo Night on Easter Monday. Doors open at 6.30pm and

the first bingo card will be called at 7.30pm. Thanks to the kindness of local businesses, there are several large hampers up for grabs in a monster raffle on the night, so be sure to buy tickets early and often!

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Thursday April 9th Macroom Flower & Garden Club will host a Floral Demonstration with Nora Gallagher (AOIFA) entitled "Easter Charms" at 8pm in Coolcower House
Friday 28th April Kilmurry Museum AGM will take place in the Museum at 8pm. All are welcome to attend

25th to 28th April Nobody's Talking To Me! (Comedy) Coachford GAA Hall at 8pm nightly Tickets will be available at the door at €15 each.
Sunday 3rd May Square Dance - FREE EVENT - No experience necessary, all dances taught. Coachford Hall from 4pm - 7pm

Easter Ceremonies

MACROOM AND AGHINAGH

Adoration Chapel will close after evening Mass on Holy Thursday until Holy Saturday.

MACROOM

Holy Thursday: 2nd April 2026

Mass of the Lord's Supper: Caum: 4.00p.m. & Macroom: 7.30p.m

Prayer at the Altar of Repose: Macroom: 9.00p.m. to 10.00p.m.

Good Friday: 3rd April 2026

Stations of the Cross: Caum: 11 a.m. and Macroom: 11.00a.m.

Celebrations of the Lord's Passion: Macroom: 3.00p.m.

Way of the Cross: From Castle Gates 7.30p.m.

Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence.

Collection for the upkeep of the Holy Places will be taken up at the 3 p.m. Ceremony.

Holy Saturday 4th April 2026

Morning Prayer: 10.00a.m.

Easter Vigil: 8.00p.m. Macroom

Easter Sunday: 5th April 2026

Macroom 8.30am and 11.30am and Caum 10am

Confessions

Tuesday 31st March Parish Penitential Service Macroom Church 7.30pm

Good Friday: Caum: 11.30a.m.

Macroom: 11.30a.m. to 2.00p.m. after the Celebration

of the Lord's Passion and after the Outdoor Stations.
 Holy Saturday: Macroom: 12 noon-2.00pm
 The priests of the parish look forward to seeing you all during the week.

Aghinagh Parish Holy Week 2026

Holy Thursday 2nd April 2026

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper Ballinagree 8.00pm

Good Friday: 3rd April 2026

Stations of the Cross: Rusheen 11am, Ballinagree 12noon, Bealnamorrive 8.00pm

The Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3.00 pm Rusheen. (Collection for the Holy Places will take place at this ceremony)

Holy Saturday: 4th April 2026

Easter Vigil 8.00pm Bealnamorrive

Easter Sunday: 5th April 2026

9.30 am Ballinagree (Please note change of venue)

11.00 am Rusheen

Confessions: Tuesday 31st March Parish Penitential Service Macroom 7.30 pm

The priests of the parish look forward to seeing you all during the week.

CLONDROHID EASTER CEREMONIES

Holy Thursday: Mass in Carriganima at 7.30pm.

Clondrohid Adoration /Benediction from 9pm to 10pm

Good Friday: Carriganima The Lord's Passion at 3pm.

Clondrohid Stations of Cross at 7pm

Holy Saturday: Clondrohid Easter Vigil at 9pm.

Easter Sunday: Mass in Carriganima at 8am and Clondrohid at 9.30am

On Good Friday there will be Public Prayer outside Carriganima Church at 12pm, Holy Face Prayers, Rosary etc.

KILMURRY PARISH EASTER CEREMONIES

Holy Thursday 2nd April Mass of the Last Supper in St. John The Baptist Church, Canovee @ 6.30pm

& St. Joseph's Church, Cloughduv @ 8.00pm

Good Friday, 3rd April The Stations of the Cross at 12 Noon in St. John The Baptist Church, Canovee (lay lead).

The Celebration of The Lord's Passion in St. Joseph's Church, Cloughduv at 3.00pm

The Stations of the Cross in St. Mary's Church, Kilmurry at 3.00pm (lay lead)

Easter Saturday, 4th April St. Mary's Church, Kilmurry Vigil Mass at 8.00pm

Easter Sunday, 5th April St John the Baptist Church, Canovee @ 8.30am - NEW MASS ADDED

St Mary's Church Kilmurry @ 10am
 St Joseph's Church, Cloughduv @ 11.30am

ST. JOSEPHS NS

It's been a hectic few weeks in St. Joseph's.

We have been busy dressing up in all our colours for World Book Day, Lá Fhéile Pádraig and Odd Socks Day for Down Syndrome Ireland.

In between our 5th and 6th classes had a great day out at the "Féile Fichille" in Crookstown Hall. They had a great opportunity to practice their chess skills over the course of the day and meet new people from other schools.

Thanks to our wonderful parents who came to visit classes during our annual STEM week. The pupils were fascinated by the variety of engineering types and engaged in fun projects to explore this further.

The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the LEGO workshops provided also. Thanks to Ms. O'Sullivan and Ms. Kelleher for organising.

Go raibh míle maith agat do Deirdre O'Sullivan for teaching all pupils their Irish Dancing steps over the past few weeks. They are improving year on year and we marked the end of the lessons with a fun Ceilí Mór for Seachtain na Gaeilge. Other



Trath na gCeist at St Josephs

celebratory activities included a giant Tráth na gCeist organised by Ms. Ivory. Mile buíochas! Huge congratulations to Ms. Mary McSweeney who recently visited St. Joseph's to mark her big birthday. We are very grateful to Mary for being available each

year to make our liturgical celebrations and school concerts special occasions, enhanced by the addition of her piano accompaniment.



Féile Ficheall at St Josephs Brian Stokes (Deputy Principal) & David Tyrell.



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BALLINAGREE NS

Pupils at Ballinagree National School have had an energetic and eventful start to 2026, taking part in a wide variety of creative, cultural and sporting activities. From crafting St. Brigid's crosses to producing colourful artwork inspired by Kandinsky, students have been busy both inside and outside the classroom. Pupils have loved observing our tadpoles grow from tiny eggs into vibrant four legged 'mini-frogs' which we will release back to the stream from which they came very soon.

The school was well represented at a number of local events, including the Féile Fichille chess tournament hosted by Firmount NS. Pupils also participated in Scór na bPáistí in Coachford Hall, where the school's

quiz team performed excellently to secure third place and our singers sang beautifully in the solo singing and ballad group competitions. On the sporting front, both our girls and boys' teams travelled to Banteer to compete in the FAI 5-a-side soccer tournaments recently. Over the past few weeks, pupils have also benefited from a series of hurling coaching sessions led by Liam Slattery of Lachra Óg Hurling Club. These sessions provided a great opportunity to develop skills and enjoy the game.

Other highlights of the term included a Confirmation retreat in Aghinagh GAA Hall alongside pupils from Ballyvongane NS and Rusheen NS, as well as celebrating the Confirmation ceremony in

Bealnamorrive Church on March 26th. Many of our pupils dressed up as their favourite book character and had great fun role-playing for World Book Day. Pupils also played their part in caring for the local environment by taking part in a village clean-up as part of the An Taisce Spring Clean initiative. Despite the inclement weather, our pupils dressed in their green and gold to proudly represent the school in the local St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Bhain na daltaí an-taitneamh as páirt a ghlacadh in imeachtaí éagsúla idir ealaín, rince, tráth na gceist agus cluichí amuigh faoin aer mar chuid de cheiliúradh Sheachtain na Gaeilge.



An Taisce Spring Clean at Ballinagree NS



Ballinagree NS taking part in the St Patricks Day Parade



World Book Day boys at Ballinagree



Ballinagree Scór na bPáistí



World Book Day at Ballinagree



ChessTournament

SCOIL NAOMH MHUIRE FARRAN

After months of practice, the team behind "Tidy Towns" saw their efforts rewarded tonight in Éire Óg as, against stiff competition, they were awarded second place in the Nuachleas/novelty act competition. They went on stage and delivered a wonderful performance, rapidly moving through lines, scene changes, quick character changes and of course..... millions of props to tell their story of the battle to win Tidy Towns for Farran. They entertained the audience with their acting skills and team work and represented the school so well on stage and off. Maith sibh go léir.





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MUINEFLIUCH NS

Muinefliuch had a special visitor MEP Billy Kelleher on Friday 20th March who spoke about the European Parliament and how he helps our community in Brussels. He answered all the children's questions so well and definitely inspired a few future politicians. He was very impressed with our garden and student council and green school representatives.

Images:
Muinefliuch had a special visitor, MEP Billy Kelleher



DROMLEIGH NS

Dromleigh N.S. students were busy in recent weeks preparing for two very special occasions. Second class pupils welcomed Fr Anthony O'Mahony to the school on March 3rd as celebrant for their Sacrament of Reconciliation. Fifth and Sixth Class pupils celebrated The Sacrament

of Confirmation in St Finbarr's Church, Toames on March 12th with Bishop Gavin of Cork and Ross. Many thanks to all those that helped prepare both our students and the church and grounds for this special day. There are now more ways than ever to keep up to date

with all our activities in Dromleigh N.S. by following us on Instagram @dromleighns, on Facebook Dromleigh N.S Kilmichael or via our website www.dromleighns.ie



Dromleigh N.S. students attending their Sacrament of Reconciliation ceremony with celebrant Fr Anthony O'Mahony



Children from Dromleigh N.S. pictured with Bishop Fintan Gavin and their class teacher Ms Wilson, after celebrating their confirmation recently. Pic Peter Scanlan



Pupils from Rusheen NS taking part in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Ballinagree



Pupils from Rusheen NS celebrating World Book Day

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THE THREE DANNYS LAUNCH DOWN SYNDROME CENTRE CORK, RACEDAY IN MALLOW!

Today, four-year-old Danny Duane and his father Dan, were joined by Cheltenham winning jockey Danny Mullins to launch the Down Syndrome Centre Cork Day at Cork Racecourse Mallow. The charity race day will take place on Saturday April 04, the opening day of the three-day Racing Home for Easter Festival at Cork Racecourse Mallow (April 04-06).

Danny Duane from Doneraile is a regular visitor and service end-user at Down Syndrome Centre Cork (DSCC). His father Dan has worked at Cork Racecourse Mallow for almost ten years. Together with Danny's mother Trish, a parent-led committee from DSCC and representatives of the racecourse, they have spearheaded plans for the inaugural DSCC race day. The management of Cork Racecourse Mallow is donating 100% of advance general admission sales and onthegate tickets sold to DSCC. Eoghan O'Grady, General Manager at the track commented "We are delighted to host this event as part of our Racing Home for Easter Festival. Young Danny is the real superhero who has brought all of this together and it's our privilege to support this wonderful centre which helps so many families in our local community. We really hope as many people as possible come along to support it on the day."

Down Syndrome Centre Cork is a parentled charity delivering essential services for children and adults with Down Syndrome across Cork. It offers developmental supports, specialist therapies, family support and education programmes, that empower individuals and their families to reach their full potential.

Jockey Danny Mullins said "I'm delighted to support



the Down Syndrome Centre Cork Raceday at Cork Racecourse Mallow. The centre is wholly dependent on donations, corporate support and fundraisers such as this charity race day. I hope it will help to raise awareness and vital funds for service provision at the centre."

Every general admission ticket sold, will go directly to the charity to help maintain and expand its community-based services. Adult tickets are available online at corkracecourse.ie and all children under the age of 14 go racing free when accompanied by an adult. A free shuttle bus service to and from the races will run from Mallow Train Station and the Town Centre.

The day itself promises family fun for all ages with a petting farm, arts and crafts, music, face-painting, a mega raffle, the chance to meet the jockeys, seven thrilling flat races on the card and an atmosphere like no other.

There's a ticket to suit all budgets and preferences with general admission, racing bundles and social packs available from €20 and panoramic restaurant dining options from €75 per person. To support DSCC at Cork Racecourse Mallow, book your tickets today and make a real difference for centre end-users and their families. For more information visit corkracecourse.ie.

ALBUM LAUNCH IN MAY FOR LEEVY

Leevy is a five piece band based in West Cork. The music of Leevy is a unique blend of folk rock poetry, raucous punk delivery with Irish traditional undertones.

Press Release for the Debut Album:

Title: 'Baile Mhúirne or The Soldiers March the Paps of Anú'

"There is rhythm in the sadness; there is rhythm in the sod"

Grown from the boggy outcrop of the Muskerry Gaeltacht, Leevy are finding beauty and madness in the harshest corners of the Irish psyche.

Leevy's debut album 'Baile Mhúirne or The Soldiers March the Paps of Anú' encapsulates the songs and sounds the band have honed through relentless gigging in recent years; from tales of sacrificial burnings at wakes, to forlorn songs of loss and the death of the natural world, Leevy's debut release dances around the threshold of this world and the next.

With a sound that can roar with pounding drums,



banjos, whistles, and heavy guitars or can just as easily sway with beautiful folk arrangements and harmonies that tie their raucous performance to tradition and culture.

The 13 track album will be available on Vinyl and CD from May 2026. Tour Dates below.

Band Members

Amhlaoibh McSweeney - Lead Vocalist, Guitarist, Songwriter

Darren Faul - Drums, Vocals

Johno Kool - Lead Guitar, Vocals

Bobby Wolfe - Banjo, Mandolin, Whistle, Flute, Vocals

Diarmuid Wolfe - Bass, Keys, Vocals

Album Tour:

The album will be officially launched at Levis' Cornerhouse, Ballydehob on Saturday the 9th of May, with the following dates making up the rest of the tour:

Féile na Bealtaine - Dingle, Co. Kerry - 02.05.2026

Cyprus Avenue - Cork City - 08.05.2026

Levis' Cornerhouse - Ballydehob, West Cork - 09.05.2026

Briery Gap - Macroom, Co. Cork - 15.05.2026

Whelan's - Dublin City - 24.05.2026

Áras na nGael - Galway City - 29.05.2026

CLOUGHDUV TIDY TOWNS

Cloughduv residents have come together to form Cloughduv Tidy Towns, a volunteer-led group dedicated to maintaining a clean village and enhancing community spirit.

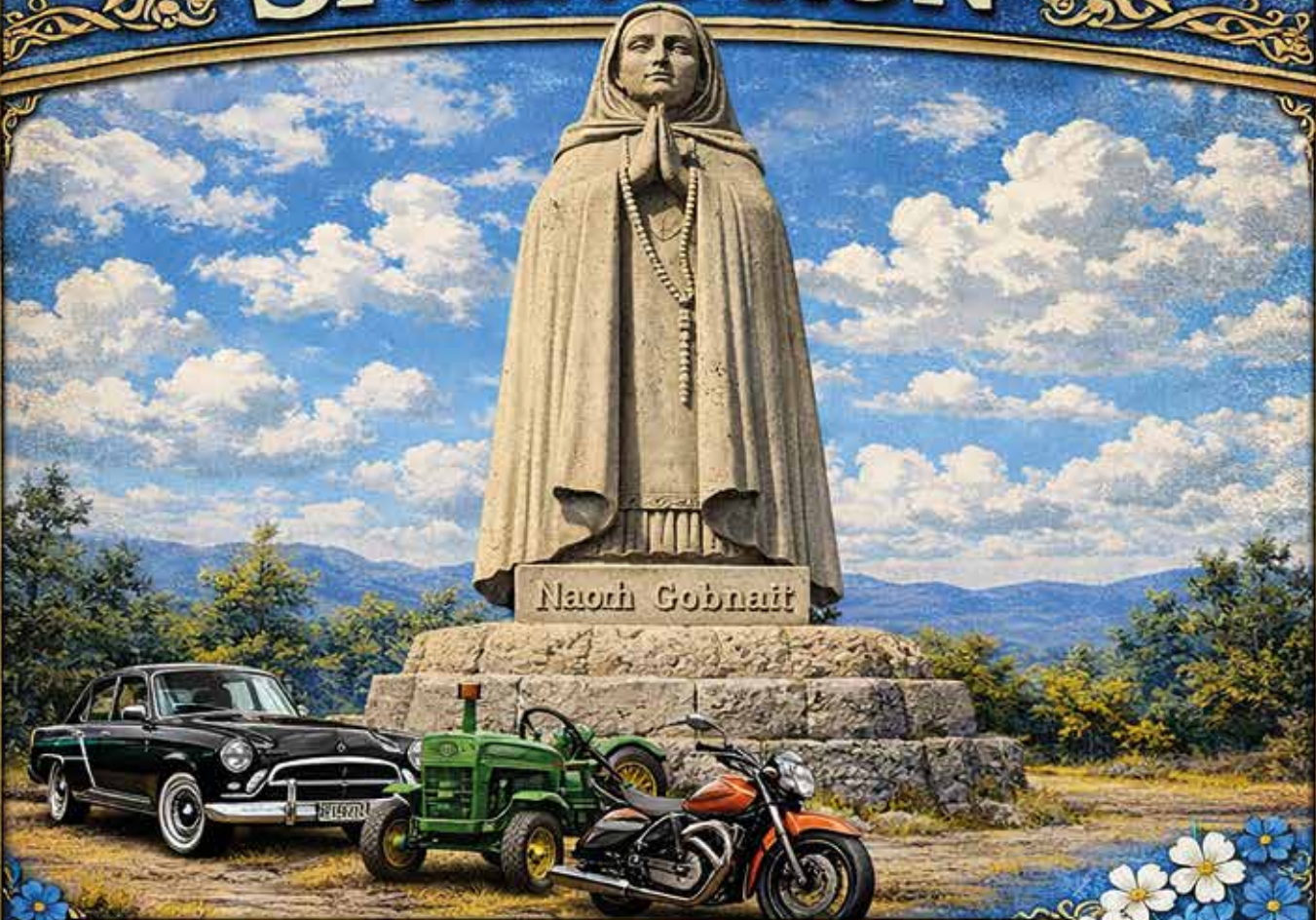
The group are currently meeting for monthly clean-ups, in front of The Spreading Chestnut, targeting different areas of the village, sweeping, strimming, weeding and collecting rubbish. New volunteers are always welcome, with gloves, vests and litter pickers provided.

In early March, the organisation held a table quiz

and raffle at The Spreading Chestnut, raising funds to purchase gardening and cleaning equipment for Cloughduv Tidy Towns volunteers. It was a full house, and a fantastic night was had! This community night was made possible by sponsors Classic Driveways, John O'Shea Electrical, Desmond Plastering, Mai Fitz Lissarda, Mick McGovern, Centra Aherla, Musgrave, Cathal Hughes, Cuddihys Cloughduv, Curly Stu, Ryecourt Clinic, Peter Moore, Brian Ronan & Associates and Michael Grainger. Thanks to everyone's support, €1,468 was raised!

Cloughduv Tidy Towns would like to extend a big thank you to the community and volunteers, The Spreading Chestnut for all their support and to all sponsors who helped make our trivia night a success. The next clean-up is scheduled for April 18th at 11AM. Keep an eye out for future clean-up dates and community events by following @cloughduvtidytowns on Instagram and Cloughduv Tidy Towns on Facebook.

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Mary and Richard Creedon, along with their staff, family and friends, are celebrating 40 years of serving Macroom Town!

From small beginnings, Mary and Richard started their business with a loan from Richard's sister and late brother-in-law. They rented the late Joe O'Briens front room in the South Square and travelled to wholesalers in Cork and Dublin to get some stock in. From this humble beginning started Mary's Poundshop.

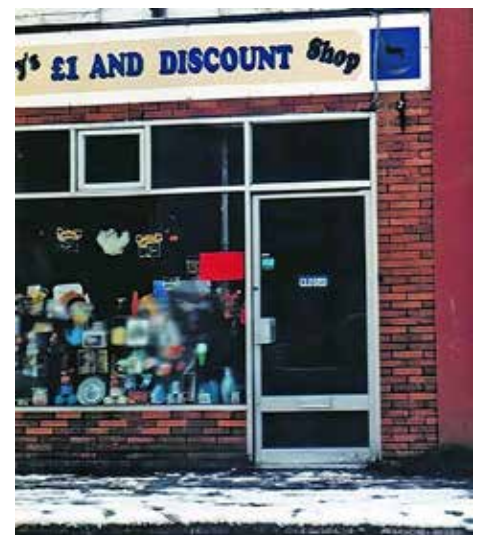
To help make ends meet, Richard worked away in Saudi Arabia, whilst Mary and their baby daughter Marcella, travelled every day in from Castlemagner, where they lived. After dropping their daughter Marcella to her mother-in-law Majella Creedon, Mary would open Shop for the day. Soon, business picked up, and after just a few weeks they moved into a bigger rented premises on Castle Street in what had been Pat The Barber Shop (Now Granvilles Restaurant).

The family soon moved into Macroom with Richards mother, Majella Creedon in Massytown, whilst Mary continued to run the shop. With Mary at the helm, Mary's Poundshop continued to build, and after a few years, they moved again to even larger rented premises on the corner of the Back Square (Now Nature's Corner)

The early 90's meant lots of change for Mary and Richards growing business and family! Their son Tomas arrived 6 years after opening to complete the Creedon Family with Marcella, whilst with the local community's support, Mary's Poundshop became increasingly successful. So, in 1991, it became time to buy their own premises in their current location on 2 Main Street. With the help of lots of family, friends and staff, using whatever they could to move stock, like shopping trolleys and wheelbarrows, Mary's Poundshop moved from the Back Square to its permanent home on Main Street

Soon after this, Richard was able to focus full time on the business, working from the office, whilst Mary continued to be the face and front of the business.

The Main Street store has ever expanded. With what started a small shop with living space upstairs, Richard, with his brother Dan.



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Coakley and his 50B and many more friends, family and staff, oversaw work to expand the back of the store, including much larger warehouse space, and moving the stairs to open the floor up. With more space than ever, the business really started to become the mini department store everyone now knows. In the late 90's it was decided to branch out what was being sold and join the buying group Toymaster. This allowed the shop to sell even more toys that were previously unavailable in the local area. This move meant that it was time to put away the Poundshop name to reflect their bigger range.

In 2010 Mary and Richard decide to expand and open a second smaller store in Ballincollig. This smaller outlet concentrated on Stationery and Toys. Mary and Richard were a regular sight on the main road between Cork and Macroom, moving stock back and forth, both being kept busier than ever!

By 2023, Mary and Richard were both getting close to retirement age. With the Ballincollig shop celebrating 10 years, with their web shop up and running, and the Macroom shop running well, it was decided to try and reduce their workload by closing the Ballincollig shop. This allowed both Mary and Richard more time in their days and evenings and massively reduced their time on the road.

Since then, the shop has continued to evolve. Mary and Richard both keep a close eye and ear on what customers are looking for, and ensuring their stock reflects that. With an even wider range of items than ever, with an eclectic range of suppliers, the shop now is really a small department store, aiming to cover whatever the town and surrounding area needs.

To reach the landmark of 40 years in business, Marys did have to weather storms over the years.

The financial crash required Mary and Richard to work hard on focusing on merchandising, and try to offer value for money and range, without overspending on stock. Hours every evening went into making orders work exactly right, making sure that they met the needs of their customers whilst not being in too much debt. After this, a new computerised stock system came into play, helping Mary and Richard keep tighter control of what was in stock, what was popular and what was not. This also helped reduce the days long stock taking their family and friends dreaded as every spare hand would be roped in to help count every single item of stock!

In 2016 a fire from the Briary Gap ended up entering the warehousing, causing huge damages. The loss at this point almost cost Mary and Richard the business, and only through hard work, support of their customers and staff, and goodwill, did the shop survive. After the fire, the warehouse had to be rebuilt, and it was decided to even more streamline

stock to help in case of another disaster like this. With this done, Richard then embarked on improving the upstairs of the shop. This had previously been a living area, that Mary and Richard used as offices and storage. The roof had also received damage because of the fire from Briary Gap and needed to be replaced. With the help of Tim MacSweeney and his team, the office space was redesigned to allow more workspace, and a better canteen and bathroom for staff.

In 2020, Covid was a frightening time for everyone, and Mary and Richard were no exception. With vulnerable family to protect at home, and staff and customers to protect in the store, Mary and Richard took on a careful balancing act. As only essential goods could be sold, the toy section on both stores was shut away. Richard, with the help of friends and staff, built partitions, and shields to help protect staff and customers. In the background, months of work was put into a new website, and a proper webstore was built to allow people to click and collect for free, or have items delivered if they felt unable to come in store. Mary and Richards priority at this time was safety, and having experience in their own family with the importance of infection control in vulnerable people, they put this experience into use in the business.

A battle for many business owners, Mary and Richard also tried to balance being there for the staff and customers with family life, including raising two children, one of which has needed intense medical treatment in the UK. Only with the support of family, friends, their trusted staff, and the towns people of Macroom and surrounding areas have they been able to achieve this balance.

Throughout the 40 years, the staff at Marys has expanded many times. Starting with just Mary and her first employee, her mother-in-law Majella Creedon (who had plenty of shop experience from her time in Massytown!), it has included many nieces and nephews getting their first job. It has included numerous people who have helped with the business over the 40 years, who have proved invaluable to the growth of Marys. Mary and Richard really pride themselves on being open, approachable and friendly, local people with a local touch, and if it wasn't for their staff and coworkers, that wouldn't be possible.

Today, after 40 years, Mary and Richard are more grateful than ever for the people of Macroom and surrounding areas for getting behind them. They could not be here without that support. As they both try to take more time for themselves and family, the support and hard work of their staff is invaluable. It is to the community around them, the customers, staff, coworkers, family and friends that their 40 years is dedicated to.

This story was written by Marcella Creedon.



Dan Creedon and his neighbour Pat, extending the shop



Derry Coakley, a very close friend of Creedon's family



Mary in the late 1980s in the shop at the back square



Marcella, Richard, Tomas and Mary Creedon in the 1990s, outside the shop on Main Street



KILMICHAEL GAA CLUB'S SPECTACULAR LIP SYNC FUNDRAISER:

A Night to Remember



Kilmichael GAA Lip Sync Battle. Pic's by Catherine.



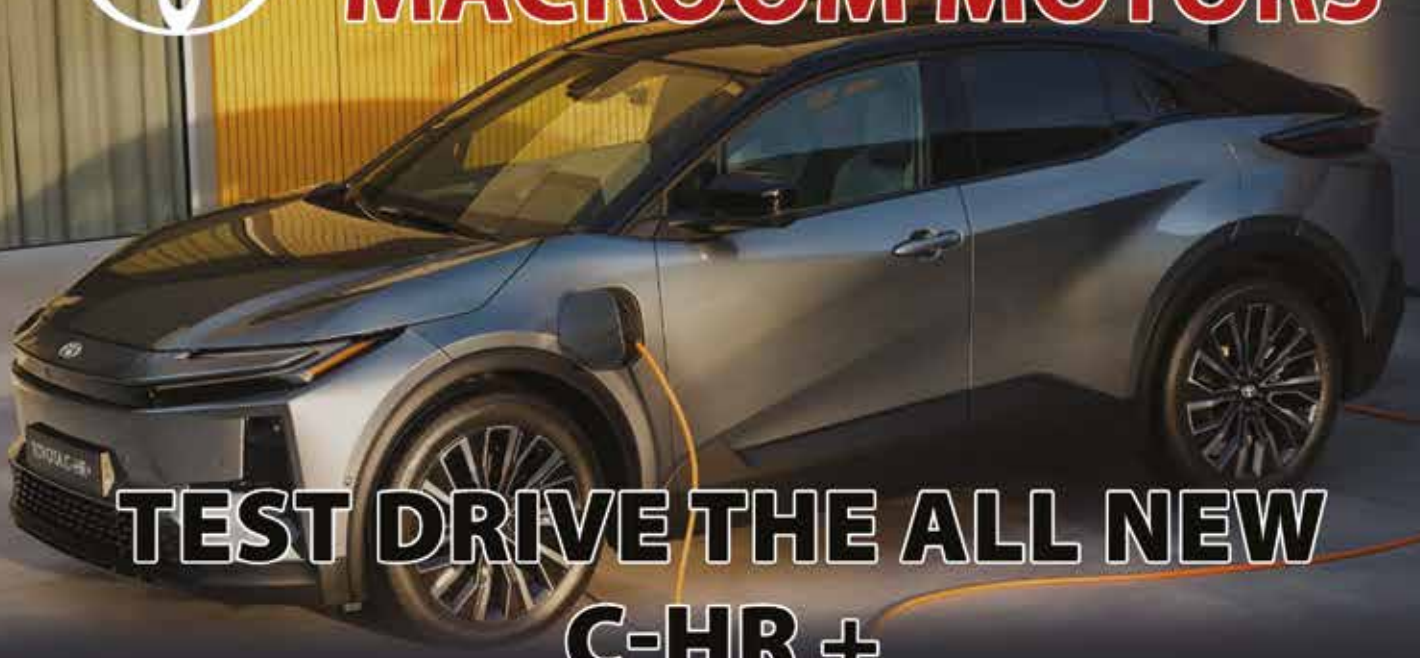
On March 7th last, the Parkway Hotel Dunmanway was host to the inaugural Kilmichael Gaa Lip Sync Battle and what a night it was! In front of a packed house, the contestants raised the roof, hit the high notes and lifted the spirits of the parish and beyond. No mean feat considering they didn't sing a single word! Planning began in September of last year, and a newly formed committee was charged with enlisting volunteers for the event. This proved an easy task, with an enthusiastic ten teams from Kilmichael and beyond offering to give their time and energy to this ambitious fundraiser. The teams ranged from an ensemble of nuns who were no saints, a 'lovely horse' and his golden grooms, backflipping Blues Brothers, and a group who 'just wanna be big rockstars'. Elvis was in the building, Dolly Parton was behind the deli counter and a competitor seemed as if she were 'defying gravity' flying in from Durrus. Representations from Dunmanway, Ballineen and beyond 'came in like a wrecking ball', we had pleas to 'don't go breakin my heart' and a Limerick lady was no 'Zombie' as she took command of the stage. To help these entertainers reach their full potential, Mark Bryan was recruited to assist with song selection and ambitious dance routines. Although not a note was to be sung, there was huge effort required to perfect the lip sync while incorporating costume changes and fancy footwork. Initially –and understandably– a little reserved, gradually the rehearsals became a social event, with team members staying around for a cuppa, a chat and to offer words of encouragement to their partners in the entertainment industry. In the background, the committee met regularly, keeping the participants fed and watered during rehearsals and also organising sponsorship, making promotional videos for social media and brainstorming ideas to make the night extra special. For the winners and the runners up, Kilmichael Gaa would make a donation to charity in their name. Competitors themselves also contributed to the fundraising efforts, with monies coming in from all ends of the country. Tickets went on sale a month before the big day and were sold out in record time, leaving the committee and the competitors flabbergasted by the support. Energised by the expectations of the local community, rehearsals really stepped up a gear with all involved determined to give everyone a night's entertainment that they would not forget. Whats App groups were buzzing with costume ideas, recommendations for sourcing props and the odd query in the hopes of securing a stray ticket! The build up began in earnest the night before the Battle, with full dress rehearsals in the hotel in front of younger family members who could not attend the over 18s event. This allowed for any last minute changes and tweaks in front of a live studio audience as it were. It also gave their nearest and dearest an insight into why the same particular songs had been playing over and over on repeat in the car, the kitchen, the staffroom and the milking parlour! All went smoothly much to Marks relief and spirits were high in anticipation of the following Grand Event. Committee members and contestants

alike gathered early on Saturday for a full run through with sound and lighting engineers, giving a professional vibe to the competition. This was when things got real! Nerves were heightened, adrenaline was rushing and there was an electric atmosphere that could be felt around the hotel all day. Everyone gathered for a relaxing dinner and some welcome hydration before heading to the Green Room to get the show on the road. No backing out now! Judges for the competition were revealed in the run up to the big night and what a coup they were for the event. First of the judges was the effervescent Lorraine Murphy of Corks 96fm fame, who brought her sense of fun and musical ear to the table. Next up was local TikTok sensation Adam Ring, who vowed to remain impartial despite being classmates with one of the contestants! The final judge on the night was local legend Denis O Donoghue, who wavered when it came to handing out the high scores but came good in the end. The identity of the MC for the night was a well kept secret, with the Kilmichael native now living in Waterford, Dermot O Riordan making a dramatic Traitors style entrance flanked by two masked bodyguards. And so it began. With a few words from Chairperson of the Club, Charlie Foley, the audience were treated to a touching montage of photographs of the Club and its growth over the years. Members of the community past and present were remembered along with footage of the improvements to the Clubhouse, the pitches and the newly developed walkway. And then it was time for Dermot to take over, and what a host he was, although his job was made easier by the receptive audience and the spectacular performances going above and beyond all expectations. Act after act blew the crowd away with their energy, enthusiasm and very obvious intention to have an absolute ball while they were on that stage. And the crowd lapped it all up and responded with applause, cheers, whoops and most importantly, votes! Those tasked with selling votes could not keep up with the demand, everyone there was keen to show their support and admiration for their friends, neighbours and colleagues and all the hard work that had gone into the show. There was a palpable sense of good old fashioned happiness in the room, over four hundred people gathered together to celebrate the goodness in people, the sense of community and a welcome opportunity to put life's worries aside for a while. As a treat for the audience, while the votes were being counted, there was a surprise act to behold. As if doing choreography for ten teams wasn't enough, the ambitious Mark took it upon himself to try to organise all the competitors together with the committee members into a final mega dance off. Storming into the room brandishing colourful glow sticks, the fifty plus ensemble lip synced, sang, danced, laughed their way through a clumsily executed dance tune. Luckily, the judges weren't asked to comment on that one! And so the winners were announced, first prize went to Trevor, Twix and Dermot, otherwise known as Two and A Half Men. Although they had dedicated many hours to rehearsals, their act had vibes of

unpredictability, but what they lacked in uniformity, they made up for in gymnastics. In close second came the Borderline Saints with Maureen, Rose, Yvonne, Breda, Elizabeth, Siobhan, Siobhan and Siobhan lulling the audience into a false sense of reverence before a quick costume change had everyone on their feet rocking the house down. After the presentation of the cheques for the chosen charities, the ICU unit in CUH and West Cork Rapid Response respectively, the winners were awarded their trophy, handcrafted by local talent Barra O Leary. The victorious trio got to perform their act again and then in a real demonstration of how the past few months had brought everyone together, all the contestants made their way onto the stage to belt out the winning song. A sight to behold, it was joy personified and a night that will live on in hearts and memories for a long time to come. There are so many people to thank and without whom the night would not have been possible. The committee members, Oliver, Angela, Noreen, Fiona, Deirdre, Olga, Paula, Shane –and unofficially– Emma would like to express their thanks to the main sponsors, Keohanes, Rockline Technologies, McSweeney Bros and Horgan Brothers. However thanks must also go to every company and business, near and far that generously supported Kilmichael Gaa without hesitation. A sincere thank you to the three judges, Denis, Adam and Lorraine who offered solid opinions and indisputable judgements. Our thanks to Dermot, a most entertaining MC on the night, who took his role very seriously putting every competitor at ease and keeping audience members on their toes! Of course, without the participants themselves, there would be no event to sponsor and a huge, grateful, heartfelt thanks goes to each and every one that gave up their Sundays, Thursdays and every extra rehearsal time in between to put on the night of the year for everyone in the Parkway that night. Two and A Half Men, The Borderline Saints, Angela's Asses, The Maw Maw Divas, The Well Known AAs, Hurleys and Broomsticks, Wanted Men, The Deli Divas, Sweet Life of Zack and Moore Cranberries. Thank you all so much. To the Parkway themselves for providing celebrity worthy facilities for us for the occasion. To Mark for bringing a sense of professionalism when rehearsals went a bit astray and a reassurance when the enormity of the task at hand became almost overwhelming. A huge thank you to Catherine for her fabulous photos that wonderfully captured the fun on the night. And finally to you, the friends, family, well wishers and generous supporters who donated sponsorship, bought tickets and cast votes. To loyal members of Kilmichael Gaa and to those who never kicked a ball or pucked a sliotar. Your recognition of the role the Gaa plays in our community has made Kilmichael Gaa Lip Sync Battle a night in a million. An astonishing €35,302.91 was raised, an incredible achievement for a Saturday night entertainment in rural Cork. Thanks to one and all. Kilmichael Abu! Be sure to check out Kilmichael GAA on Facebook for more photos of the celebrations.



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So, now, what do you think? Did those who grumbled have a reasonable basis for their grievance; did the owner treat them unfairly? I strongly doubt that everyone would agree, and I suspect that some would hold clear and strong views on the matter. Disagreement can be good for society provided of course that we talk, come to understand, and learn from each other. But what if we all agree on such things, if we see things the same way, is that always good?

A true one:

Once upon a time, in the land of Sweden, two Irish colleagues and I were attending an Interreg conference involving participants from a half a dozen or so countries. That night as the drink flowed sparsely (it is expensive there) we started telling jokes. Some were courteously received and some elicited fulsome laughter. So, we became interested in seeing could we identify in advance what would cross the cultural divides and what would likely fall flat. This led to a conversation on cultural differences more generally. Earlier, they had been an official opening of a building planned for 6pm, to which we had been invited. I indicated that I was surprised that at precisely 6pm the local mayor started – 'Good evening, Ladies and Gentlemen'. I said that would be unusual in Ireland. Our Swedish host was most



Kathleen Plunkett enjoying the coffee crawl and celebrating her birthday with Ann Murphy and friends at Innishannon House Hotel.

surprised. We found out from her that when you would invite friends or neighbours to your house, the norm there would be for guests to arrive 5 to 10 minutes earlier and sit in their cars and knock on the door at the precise invitation time. My less than mannerly response was laughter. She asked what we were laughing at. We did try to explain, but we certainly failed to do so to her satisfaction.

Our cultures were different. Some in Ireland refer to being fashionably late and being late with dignity. Scandinavians would see that as bad manners, and a lack of respect for the hosts and the other guests. I admit that the conversation has had an influence on me. Now I am rarely late, but occasionally I still am. Now, I do notice lateness everywhere. Having an appointment for a professional service or even to buy a product does not always protect you from a long wait. Perhaps there are some marketing tricks that advocate portraying busyness to add to scarcity or reputation or value. There is risk in that too, as we can think if they can't organise themselves how can we trust them to organise things for us or service the products. But perhaps more often it may be just a thoughtless disrespect. Unfortunately, we older people expect that the older we get the more time we may spend in waiting rooms. But perhaps we should not be expecting that, since very often poor time keeping is not necessary, it does not create more time, it just shifts it and for one party only. It is cultural. In Ireland you may receive an invite for an event at 7pm for 7.30pm. How brilliant and creative that is in trying to overcome an Irish problem. But how preposterous. Our lax culture costs our society in efficiency and competitiveness but much more importantly it reduces our collective quality of life, in the same way that traffic congestion does. Even with our best efforts we can expect that we and others will be late on occasion, and of course we should be flexible with each other, it would be terrible to lose that. However, just for a start, I would like to see our culture changing at least a little so that when late, the norm would be to recognise and acknowledge it.

Diversity:

Now I recognise that you may totally disagree with me. They say there are three sides to every story: your side, my side and the truth. My purpose here was to relay my personal experience of learning something from another culture which I considered was counter

cultural to my own. I believe that differences in culture and opinion bring great benefits to society. It can happen more readily in a multicultural society and in societies that understand the value in diversity. Unfortunately, there seems to be a growing tendency to discount the benefits of multiculturalism and diversity around the globe at present. The shift to a narrow nationalism seems to laud cultural purity, not seeing that it also leads to less creativity and ultimately stagnation. Some countries such as the United States benefited greatly from the diversity of the 'melting pot', the competing ideas, experiences, knowledge, values, and the varying understandings of the realities of life, which when tested against each other gave great advantages in comparison to the sterility of sameness.

People with different backgrounds and experiences, of differing ages, of different religions, of different races and genders, when brought together make better decisions to everyone's benefit. Scientific research has shown this, time and again over the past fifty years. Whether in public service, charities or business, the research evidence points to advantages. This is important for us older people, as we should want to be, and be represented and involved in decisions affecting our society. I think we should see too the dangers for us in a trend that has grown elsewhere and here too, to exclude, often manifesting by resurgent racism, sexism, and other isms including ageism and ableism. We older people should be protective and supportive of diversity too as we have learned that loneliness has and is growing in extent within our communities. It was the famous psychologist Carl Jung who said, 'Loneliness does not come from having no people about one, but from being unable to communicate the things that seem important to oneself, or from holding certain views which others find inadmissible.' I was at the Active Retirement Regional AGM in Killarney on the 19th of March. I was very happy to hear, Fran Brennan, the new CEO, speak of a renewed emphasis and expenditure on communications and advocacy for older people. He also spoke about a new emphasis on recruiting new members with a focus on inclusion. Let us continue to play our part, for ourselves, for those that follow, and for our society.

Ongoing activities

We are taking a break from activities over Easter, but we will be back in full swing thereafter. Correcting my mistake in the last edition, our Summer Outing is to be on Friday the 15th of May.

If you would like to join us, our association is open to all. Our membership fee is 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 amused too, and together that is easier. We will keep 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 Aidan at 0894057676 or kilmurryactive@gmail.com.

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Close on 50 have paid up membership for 2026 so far. There is a lot of events and trips planned. The first trip

being organised for the members is a day out at Bloom and there is a great response. This is the first outing in the pipeline but there will be many more.

There's a number of courses ongoing. Chair Yogo is continuing on Thursday evening by request of the members, as this has proved very popular. Aqua Aerobics class for the members started and will

continue on Tuesday evenings. And Line Dancing classes are starting on Monday evening 7th and continuing each Monday evening as long as the members wish.

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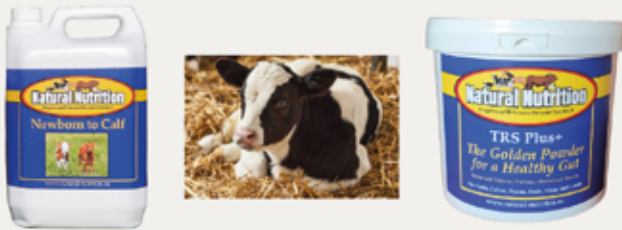


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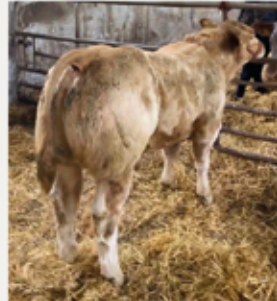
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ADMINISTERING WEST MUSKERRY: MACROOM RDC, 1899-1911

By Tadhg Quill-Manley

The establishment of rural district councils under the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898 significantly altered the structure of local administration in Ireland. Macroom Rural District Council (RDC) came into operation in 1899 and assumed responsibility for a range of local government functions across the rural district surrounding Macroom. These duties included the provision of labourers' cottages, maintenance of rural roads, certain sanitary responsibilities, and the management of local public works. In practice the council set the district rate, supervised local works, and sought loans from central authorities for infrastructure projects. While its responsibilities were typical of rural district councils throughout County Cork, administrative authority was shared with other bodies. Cork County Council assumed responsibility for collecting rates and for broader oversight of public health functions after 1898, while Macroom RDC administered local works and schemes within its district. The council also shared personnel and administrative arrangements with the Macroom Board of Guardians, reflecting the continued overlap between Poor Law and local government institutions during this period.

LABOURERS' COTTAGES & HOUSING SCHEMES

One of the principal responsibilities of Macroom RDC was the provision of housing for agricultural labourers under the Labourers Acts. Cottage schemes were planned and debated regularly during the first decade of the twentieth century. An early complication arose because a scheme drawn up in November 1899 included cottages in Macroom town. However, the town became a separate local authority when the Macroom Urban District Council was created on 1 October 1901 under the provisions of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898. As a result, several cottages originally included in the scheme for the town could not proceed under the rural district council. Housing questions continued to occupy council business. In March 1904 an inquiry conducted by the Local Government Board for Ireland examined a proposal to attach an additional half-acre of land to existing labourers' cottages. A councillor representing the Candroma division sought to give evidence at the inquiry after explaining that he had not received notice of the original hearing and had been unable to attend due to illness. The inspector adjourned the proceedings to allow his testimony. Further inquiries took place in connection with labourers' improvement schemes promoted by the council. Evidence was heard regarding applications for cottages or additional land in parishes such as Clondrohid and Kilnamartyra. Applicants sometimes appeared despite arrears of rent, while objections were occasionally raised concerning the proposed location of cottages near existing dwellings. These inquiries illustrate the detailed scrutiny applied to housing schemes and the involvement of divisional councillors in supporting applications. Disputes could also arise over tenancy conditions.

In August 1909 a labourer's cottage tenant from Springhill, Lissarda, appealed to the Local Government Board concerning the demand for rent on a cottage and plot which she claimed had not yet been completed or properly enclosed. The Board replied that the council intended to pursue the matter through legal proceedings and stated that it did not intervene in such cases. The question of land attached to cottages continued to arise. In February 1911 it was reported in the Westminster Parliament that tenants in the rural district had petitioned for an additional half-acre of land. According to the minutes of the council, the matter was to be considered with a view to formulating a new cottage scheme. Taken together, these episodes show that labourers' housing formed a significant part of the council's activities. Proposals generally required approval from the Local Government Board, and changes in local administrative boundaries, such as the creation of Macroom Urban District, had direct consequences for schemes already underway.

ROADS & INFRASTRUCTURE

Maintenance of rural roads and bridges was another statutory responsibility of Macroom RDC. While major roads were managed at county level, the rural district council oversaw smaller by-roads throughout the countryside, including those serving townlands such as Candroma, as well as Inchigeelagh and Macloneigh divisions. Routine maintenance included grading roads, repairing culverts and maintaining minor bridges. Such work was financed from the district's general funds, raised through the local rate. The council also had the option of applying for loans through central government agencies where larger works were required. Evidence that the council made use of such borrowing survives in connection with other infrastructure projects. In general, routine works were supervised locally while the county authorities exercised oversight through their engineering and inspection arrangements.

SANITATION

The reorganisation of local government in 1898 also transferred a number of public health responsibilities. Cork County Council assumed many sanitary powers formerly exercised by the Poor Law authorities, including general oversight of public health administration. Within the rural district, Macroom RDC assisted in implementing these measures locally. The council dealt with matters arising under the Public Health Acts, including nuisance complaints and local drainage issues in rural settlements and villages within the district. Although no large sewerage scheme outside Macroom town is recorded in the available material, the council did undertake some sanitary improvements, including a water supply project.

THE BALLYMAKEERY WATER SUPPLY

A notable public works project carried out by Macroom RDC concerned the water supply for the Ballymakeery area. Records of the Office of Public Works show that a loan of £460 was sanctioned between 1907 and 1910 for the construction of a water supply scheme. The works involved developing a spring or well supply

and laying the necessary pipes for the district. As with other capital works, the cost of the scheme was to be repaid from the district rate. The provision of a local water supply represented a significant improvement for the area and formed part of the council's limited but important programme of sanitary works.

RELATIONS WITH OTHER BODIES

Macroom RDC operated within a wider framework of local authorities created by the reforms of the late nineteenth century. These included Cork County Council, Macroom Urban District Council and the Macroom Board of Guardians. Administrative personnel frequently overlapped between these bodies. The clerk to the Poor Law union also acted as clerk to the rural district council, and many elected representatives served on both the guardians and the district council. Cork County Council was responsible for collecting rates and supervising broader public health policy, while the rural district council administered local works within its jurisdiction. The establishment of Macroom Urban District in 1901 had a direct administrative effect by removing the town from the rural district area. Thereafter, the RDC governed only the surrounding countryside.

FINANCES

The finances of the rural district council were relatively limited. Routine expenditure was covered through the district rate, collected by Cork County Council and allocated to district accounts. Major schemes, including housing and water supply works, required loans from central authorities.

The council met regularly to conduct district business, review estimates and appoint representatives to various boards. Discussions often concerned proposed road works and the financial implications of new projects. In one instance, proposals for works costing nearly £1,000 were debated but ultimately rejected by vote, illustrating the financial constraints under which the council operated.

CONCLUSION

During the early twentieth century, Macroom RDC carried out the everyday functions of local government across a wide rural area. Its work included the provision of labourers' cottages, maintenance of local roads, limited sanitary improvements and the administration of local rates. Although operating with modest resources and subject to approval from central authorities, the council played an important role in the management and development of communities in West Muskerry.

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The Poets Corner

Donnán

By Tadhg Quill-Manley

*The muck tore loose from the ground
As you cantered through, hooves hammering the
sound*

*In a rapid, rushing motion:
"Thud-thud, thud-thud."*

Your beautiful movement, alive with emotion.

*With a frame so small and agile,
Yet you were anything but fragile.
A quiet fire burned in your form;
Now in your absence, I'm forlorn.*

*This Connemara pony,
A wild little spark, unbowed yet unknowing.*

*Donnán, so small among towering peers,
I never imagined you'd bring me to tears.*

*You were always the same,
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CUH Chief Operations Officer Damian McGovern said: "Cork University Hospital sincerely thanks people for their understanding and co-operation in helping us to contain the Norovirus outbreak in the hospital over the last number of weeks. This has been essential in helping us to maintain a safe environment for patients and staff."

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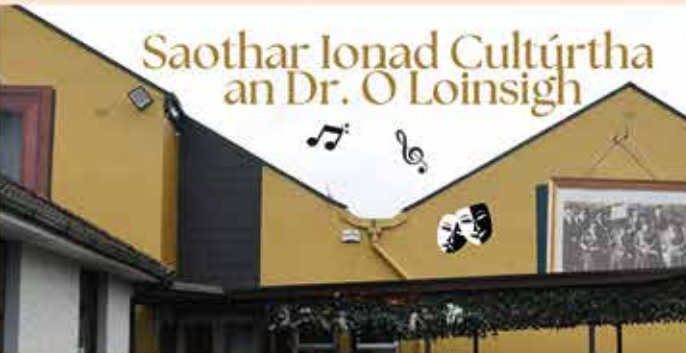
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Clondrohid GAA will be participating, so also will Clondrohid Dev Group, so lets make it a great community effort. If you need more info contact James Kelleher, Darren Dineen, and Eoin Kelleher.

GAA NEWS: Great win for Junior A'S in a league match last Saturday. When they defeated Kilmichael in a nail biting match. 4 13 to 2 17.

Some fixtures this week. U 14 Clondrohid V Grenagh in Clondrohid at 7pm on Thurs April 2

U18 Clondrohid V Iveleary in Inchigeela at 6.30pm on Fri April 3

LOTTO: Results for March 25. Jackpot €3,000 €70 Cian Creedon Bawnmore, €20 Mgt Buckley Ballymacorcoran, Kay Healy On Line, Dan and Carmel Creedon Bawnmore, Bridget O'Sullivan Muinfluigh.

WEST MUSKERRY U19 GIRLS – FANTASTIC AMBASSADORS FOR WOMEN IN SPORT

West Muskerry A. C. have had an exceptional year in both track and field and Cross Country in every age group, but the Girls U 19, Saoirse Twomey, Fern Mullane, Emily Cronin, Eanna Duff, Rebecca O'Neill and Gemma O'Mahony have been fantastic Ambassadors for women in sport. They have been running from U11 to U19 in both Clubs and schools and they have always been that one step away and just missing out on the medals at National Level but this team did not give in. They learned from their off races and turned them into positives. They never gave up even though it was heart

breaking some years when a member of the team got sick or injured just before the National but they kept each other going. They gelled really well as a team and it made all the difference. They are at the end of the Juvenile age group now and their luck has just turned for them. They won the County and Munster Cross Country U 19 and then they went on to win the All Ireland Silver medals. They then turned their focus to the Schools Cross Country and some team members were the first team in over 30 years to bring home the Silver All Ireland Schools team medals to St Marys and

that was after winning the South Munster and the Munster Schools Cross Country with Saoirse Twomey winning individual medals also. The girls are an inspiration to all the talented teams coming up from U 9 right up to the U17s in West Muskerry. They have shown that hard work, determination and a never give in attitude does work and they were rewarded. They now turn to the Junior and College categories and we look forward to seeing them in this new chapter of their athletics careers.



All Ireland Schools Silver Medal winners, West Muskerry A.C



West Muskerry A.C. U 19 Clubs All Ireland Silver Medal winners,

MACROOM GAA NEWS

Macroom Premier 2 minor team hosted St Finbarrs in their first competitive outing of the season on a sunny Sunday morning.

It was the city team who were quicker out of the blocks, but Macroom quickly got a hold of the game to leave the deficit at a mere point at the short whistle, Macroom 0-6 St Finbarr's 0-7.

The second half saw a long period of dominance for the hosts, outscoring their opponents 1-13 to 1-7

with standout performances coming from Cathal Neville, Donagh Moss and Dylan O'Shea.

Final score Macroom 1-19 St Finbarr's 1-13

Well done players and management on a great start to a year of hopeful success for the team.

Macroom u14 Div 1 team after a good win in the league vs Naomh Aban this lunchtime. Kicking some fine scores to win by a few points.

U14 Division 4 team after a great win in their first

league game this morning in TCP. A last-minute goal securing a narrow win. Some excellent football played by them.

Macroom U12s, who travelled to Kilnamartyra this morning for a challenge game vs. Kilnamartyra, Macroom played some great football in the sunshine and ran out deserved winners in a good game of football, well done to the boys



Macroom GAA Under Age



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GENERAL GAA NEWS

Allianz National Hurling League 2026 (Six group games)

Cork 3-25 Waterford 1-16 in Cork
Galway 1-21 Cork 2-20 in Galway
Cork 0-29 Tipperary 0-22 in Cork
Kilkenny 1-15 Cork 3-12
Limerick 3-19 Cork 0-20
Cork 6-26 Offaly 0-20

NHL Final: Cork v Limerick at Limerick, Sunday April 5th 4pm

Cork 6-26 Offaly 0-20

A hungry, no-nonsense Cork booked their slot in the National Hurling League final with a runaway 24-point win over Offaly in Páirc Uí Chaoimh in front of a crowd of 19,000 people.

With Offaly already relegated, an upset was never likely here and Cork were full value for their win. They were hungry for goals, netting six, three in each half and they could very easily have got into double figures. The winners remained hungry for goals to the end, trying to manufacture chances when the game was well and truly won.

They didn't have everything their own way in the first half after storming out of the blocks and a Barry Walsh goal helped them into a 1-2 to no score lead after four minutes. Offaly played very well for 25 minutes after this, rattling into Cork with everything. They got the next three points and they were only 1-4 to 0-5 behind after 16 minutes. Offaly were trailing by 1-7 to 0-6 with 30 minutes gone but then Cork struck for a match-winning 2-3 without reply. Their goals from Brian Hayes and Darragh Fitzgibbon came after poor Offaly defending and Cork had the game won at half-time, leading 3-10 to 0-7.

There was never any chance of Offaly overturning that deficit but they had a disastrous third quarter. It was 3-14 to 0-10 after 43 minutes and Cork ran riot in the next few minutes, scoring three goals between the 44th and 49th minutes, Hayes, Fitzgibbon and Declan Dalton the goal scorers. Offaly managed to steady the ship for a while after this, scoring five of the next nine points but hungry subs kept Cork firing. They got a very healthy 1-8 off the bench and Offaly were just happy not to concede more goals.

Cork: P Collins; N O'Leary, C Joyce, Seán O'Donoghue (Inniscarra); E Downey (0-1), R Downey, Mark Coleman (Blarney) (0-3); T O'Mahony, T O'Connell; D Fitzgibbon (2-2, 1f), Shane Barrett (Blarney) (0-2), H O'Connor; B Walsh (1-0), A Connolly (0-8, 8f), B Hayes (2-1). Subs: D Dalton (1-2, 1f) for Connolly, W Buckley (0-2) for Walsh (both h-t); R O'Flynn (0-2) for Hayes (47 mins); P Power (0-2) for Fitzgibbon (52); B Keating (0-1) for O'Mahony (58),

Division 1A NH Final League Table (6 games)

Limerick P6 W5 D0 L1 +36 Pts 10
Cork P6 W5 D0 L1 +42 Pts 10
Tipperary P6 W3 D1 L2 +57 Pts 7
Galway P6 W3 D0 L3 +28 Pts 6
Kilkenny P6 W2 D1 L3 -23 Pts 5
Waterford P6 W2 D0 L4 -17 Pts 4
Offaly P6 W0 D0 L6 -71 Pts 0

For 2027:

Relegated to Div 1B: Waterford and Offaly;
Promoted to Div 1A: Clare and Dublin

Munster Senior Hurling Championship 2026

April 19th : Tipperary v Cork in Thurles 4pm, Clare v Waterford in Ennis 2pm
April 26th: Cork v Limerick in Cork 2pm, Waterford v Tipperary in Waterford 4pm
May 3rd: Clare v Limerick in Ennis 2pm



Macroom LGFA U16 team you played and won against St. Michael's in their first league game of the season on Sunday 15th March 2026.

May 9th (Sat): Waterford v Cork in Waterford 6pm
May 16th : Tipperary v Clare in Thurles 7pm
May 17th: Limerick v Waterford in Limerick 3pm
May 24th: Cork v Clare in Cork 4pm, Limerick v Tipperary in Limerick 4pm
Munster Hurling Final: Sunday June 7th

FOOTBALL

Allianz National Football League 2026 (Seven games)

Cork 0-24 Cavan 2-17 Round 1
Louth 1-12 Cork 1-17 R2
Offaly 0-19 Cork 3-15 R3
Cork 1-23 Meath 1-21
Derry 1-31 Cork 0-14
Cork 1-31 Kildare 2-19
Tyrone 0-19 Cork 0-22

Allianz Div 2 NF Final League Table

Cork P7 W6 D0 L1 +5 Pts 12
Meath P7 W6 D0 L1 +33 Pts 12
Louth P7 W5 D0 L2 +21 Pts 10
Derry P7 W5 D0 L2 +46 Pts 10
Tyrone P7 W2 D1 L4 +5 Pts 5
Cavan P7 W2 D0 L5 -24 Pts 4
Kildare P7 W1 D1 L5 -23 Pts 3
Offaly P7 W0 D0 L7 -63 Pts 0

Promoted: Cork and Meath to Div 1 to join Donegal, Kerry, Mayo, Roscommon, Galway, and Armagh.
Relegated: Kildare and Offaly

Tyrone 0-19 Cork 0-22

Cork are a Division One team once again, with victory over Tyrone in Omagh sealing their return to the top tier following a 10-year absence.

The Rebels had to work hard for their three-points win over a Red Hand side that has failed to fire this season, but threatened to derail John Cleary's promotion project with a strong second-half challenge.

In the end, Brian Hurley, a throwback to their Division One days, came off the bench to drive it home, hitting four late points to seal it for the Munster men.

Playing into the wind, Cork were rewarded for courageously pressing the Tyrone kick-out, establishing a midfield platform that helped them reel off the opening three points through Mark Cronin, Colm O'Callaghan and Steven Sherlock. Ethan Jordan's Tyrone opener punctuated another Rebel surge, with O'Callaghan driving through for his second, and Luke Fahy on target, before Seán McDonnell brought a fine save from goalkeeper Oisín O'Kane.

With O'Callaghan and Ian Maguire on top in the middle third, the Munster men responded to a Jordan two-pointer with another volley of scores, Tommy Walsh pushing them five clear by the end

of the opening quarter. But Brian Kennedy was instrumental in turning the midfield battle in the home side's favour, and scores from Jordan, Mattie Donnelly and Darragh Canavan helped them close the gap, while Darren McCurry smashed a screamer against the crossbar.

In the opening moments of the second half, substitute Eoin McElholm got through to force Cork goalkeeper Patrick Doyle into a save, Tyrone briefly led through Donnelly, but Cork, breaking at pace, regained the lead as O'Callaghan stroked over his third of the afternoon.

The advantage changed rapidly as Canavan and Donnelly struck again, but Cork, with dynamic wing backs Brian O'Driscoll and Luke Fahy making ground along the flanks, regained control. When Sherlock sent over a brilliant two-pointer, followed by a free, they led by three moving into the final quarter.

Donnelly kept the Red Hands in touch, bringing his tally to six from play, but it was Cork who had the finishing power, Hurley seeing a long-range effort bounce over for a two-pointer, and a late fistful effort to seal victory.

Cork: P Doyle; M Shanley, D O'Mahony, S Meehan; B O'Driscoll, T Walsh (0-0-1), Luke Fahy (Ballincollig) (0-0-1); Colm O'Callaghan (Éire Óg) (0-0-3), I Maguire (0-0-1); P Walsh, M Cronin (0-0-2, 1f), S McDonnell (0-0-2); Chris Óg Jones (Iveleary) (0-0-2), D Sheedy (0-0-1), S Sherlock (0-1-3, 2f). Subs: B Hurley (0-1-2) for Sheedy (58 mins); R Deane for Walsh (60); K O'Donovan for Fahy (61); S Walsh for McDonnell (67); D Buckley for Maguire (70).

Report: Francis Mooney at Healy Park

Allianz NFL Div 2 FINAL

Meath 1-22 Cork 2-17

A second-half purple patch, which yielded eight points without reply, helped Meath to a 1-22 to 2-17 win over Cork in the Allianz Football League Division 2 final.

The Royals trailed a Steven Sherlock-inspired Cork by three points with just over 20 minutes to go. However, that was when they conjured up their very best form, reeling off eight points without response from a shellshocked Cork to set the seal on their first piece of league silverware since capturing the same title in 2007.

Jack O'Connor supplied the Meath goal during the third quarter and finished with 1-2, though James Conlon's impact from the bench was significant, with the inside forward registering 0-4. Ruairí Kinsella hit 0-5, including two more two-pointers, while Jordan Morris, captain Eoghan Frayne and goalkeeper Seán Brennan weighed in with 0-3 each.

Jack Flynn didn't manage to add any more of his trademark booming two-pointers, but he did help Meath's midfield to dominate during that crucial

period in the second half when the game swung their way.

It's Meath's first piece of national silverware since capturing the Tailteann Cup in 2023 and sets them up nicely for a Leinster SFC title tilt. All is not lost for Cork, of course, as they have still been promoted and will fancy their chances against Limerick in a Munster SFC semi-final on 12 April on Leaside.

Cork edged it by two points when the sides met in the group last month and they led this rematch by that same margin at half-time at 0-12 to 0-10.

Both sides had their spells of dominance, with Meath initially getting joy from two-pointers, landing three in the opening 18 minutes to lead 0-08 to 0-05.

Kinsella drove two of those over at the Davin End and goalkeeper Brennan came upfield to nail a long-range free.

Brennan then began to struggle to find green jerseys off his kickouts, Cork came roaring into the game. Sherlock took six points off Séamus Lavin before Meath switched Brian O'Halloran across to mark the St Finbarr's man.

All-Star full-back Seán Rafferty picked up Chris Óg Jones, but the Cork man initially edged that head-to-head with three scores in the first 22 minutes.

Morris helped himself to the same tally for Meath, despite the close attention of Daniel O'Mahony.

But six first-half wides undermined Meath's challenge, with three of those coming from two-point attempts. However, they continued to go for them and Jack O'Connor made it number five for the campaign after the restart.

Then came the Cork goal, from Jones, as a simmering encounter suddenly came to the boil. Jones did brilliantly after bursting onto a ball through the centre, skipping around Lavin and then goalkeeper Brennan before finding the net. Cork followed that it up as Colm O'Callaghan kicks his second point of the game before Meath registered a 45. O'Connor's glorious goal came in the 42nd minute, with the marauding Meath man tearing forward and unleashing an unstoppable piledriver to the roof of the net.

Cork kept the pressure on, and when Sherlock kicked his eighth point of the game in the 46th minute, they held a healthy 1-16 to 1-13 lead. Cork didn't score again until the 62nd minute, when Sherlock slotted his ninth, and in the meantime Meath went to town on the scoreboard. They reeled off those eight points in a row, with Cork goalkeeper Patrick Doyle now the one struggling to get his restarts away.

Conlon enjoyed a huge impact, with half of those eight points coming from the St Colmcilles man. Skipper Fryane clipped over three singles from frees, and with a 1-21 to 1-16 lead and only nine minutes remaining, it was Meath's game to lose.

They almost did, with Cork sub Brian Hurley finishing off a sweeping 65th-minute move involving Ruairí Deane and Chris Óg Jones with a goal to cut the deficit to just two. Now it was a case of winding down the clock from Meath's perspective and they

did just that, holding onto their slim advantage until the hooter sounded.

Cork: Patrick Doyle; Maurice Shanley, Seán Meehan, Daniel O'Mahony, Brian O'Driscoll, Tommy Walsh, Luke Fahy (Ballincollig); Colm O'Callaghan (0-2), Ian Maguire; Paul Walsh (0-2), Dara Sheedy, Seán McDonnell; Mark Cronin (0-1), Chris Óg Jones (1-3), Steven Sherlock (0-9, 0-01f, 1tp).

Subs: Brian Hurley (1-0) for Sheedy 43, Kevin O'Donovan for Shanley 50-52, Ruairí Deane for McDonnell 52, Seán Walsh for Cronin 56, Rory Maguire for Fahy 58.

Report: RTE

Comments:

Meath 1-22 (1-4-14) Cork 2-17 (2-1-15)

Disappointment for Cork after falling short against Meath in the Allianz Division 2 Football League final at Croke Park.

John Cleary's side will have regrets about this one having been up two points at half-time. The Rebels were in control in that first 35 minutes and arguably should have had more of a cushion with two big goal chances going begging.

Meath's accuracy and bench-press proved important factors in claiming silverware for the Leinster outfit as an improved display did the trick for them.

In saying that, Cork still had their moments but Meath had enough about them to get over the line. (Barry O'Mahony, Echolive)

Eamonn Murphy(Echolive) commented 'A frustrating outing at Croke Park for Cork.

It was another big game where they had the chances to get the job done but came up short.

Chris Óg Jones, who was to the fore across the 70 minutes, tucked in a fine goal early in the second half but had spurned two chances in the first period. Those came back to haunt Cork.

Meath just about deserved it on reflection. Not enough marquee players in red were at their best, though Jones and Sherlock were constant threats and combined for 1-12.

Daniel O'Mahony was teak-tough at the back while Maurice Shanley and Paul Walsh performed very well. Otherwise, it was a case of solid rather than the spectacular required for a first victory at Jones Road since 2015.

Cork had issues throughout on their kick-outs, particularly in the second half when Meath went from three points down to five in front. Midfield duo Colm O'Callaghan and Ian Maguire weren't as dominant as they'd been in the key games that secured promotion.

2026 Munster Senior Football Championship

April 12th – QF: Limerick v Cork in Cork 2pm: Tipperary v Waterford in Dungarvan

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

Munster Football Final: May 10th at 1.45pm

LGFA - Ladies Gaelic Football

Lidl National Football League Division 1

LGFA Lidl Division 1 League Table

Cork	P7	W5-D1-L1	+10	Pts 16
Galway	P7	5-0-2	+24	Pts 15
Waterford	P7	4-1-2	+24	Pts 13
Kerry	P7	3-0-4	-5	Pts 9
Armagh	P7	2-2-3	-13	Pts 8
Meath	P7	2-1-4	-6	Pts 7
Dublin	P7	2-1-4	-22	Pts 7
Kildare	P6	1-2-4	-12	Pts 5

LGFA Lidl Div1 League Final:

Cork v Galway, Saturday April 11th 5pm at Limerick. Cork 4-8 (20) Meath 2-12 (18)

Cork, Div 2 league runners up last season after losing the final to Galway, are now into this season's Lidl National Football League Div One final when their opponents will be Galway, both promoted counties making a huge impression to date and both qualified for the final with one round of games still to be played. Cork are through following this latest victory over Meath at MTU Cork in Round 6.

Goals from Katie Quirke (two), Áine Terry O'Sullivan and Aimee Corcoran were decisive scores for the Rebels who got off to a fine start with four unanswered scores, Áine Terry O'Sullivan with 0-3 and Aoife Healy with another. On 14 minutes, Katie Quirk had Cork's first goal, 1-4 to 0-1, but Meath dominated the remainder of the half and at half time it was 1-5 to 0-7, Aoife Healy getting the Cork point.

A Meath free on the resumption levelled the scores but Cork struck back instantly. Aimee Corcoran raced through and fired to the bottom corner of the Meath net, to make it 2-6 to 0-8.

A Meath goal from a free had the result back in doubt but Áine Terry O'Sullivan's palmed effort into an empty net made it 3-8 to 1-9 with 5 minutes remaining.

Another Meath free made it a four-point game before O'Sullivan turned provider and fed Katie Quirke to smash home Cork's fourth goal.

A goal came too late for Meath.

Scorers for Cork: K Quirke 2-2 (0-2 f), Á T O'Sullivan 1-3, A Corcoran 1-0, A Healy 0-2, L Hallahan 0-1.

Cork: C Redmond; M Duggan, D Kiniry, S Kelly; A Corcoran, Sadbh McGoldrick (Éire Óg), Rosie Corkery (Naomh Abán); A Healy, A O'Mahony; R Leahy, Grace Ní Mhurchú (Naomh Abán), Emma Cleary (Éire Óg) (captain); Á T O'Sullivan, K Quirke, L Hallahan. Subs: Ciara Hughes (St Vals) for D Kiniry (33), R O'Regan for L Hallahan (52), K Redmond for G Ní Mhurchú (52), S Callanan for R Corkery (57), A Ring for Á T O'Sullivan (57), E Hurley for R Leahy (60), C McCarthy for K Quirke (62).

Rd 7: Dublin 2-8 Cork 1-6

Despite goals from Michelle Davoren and Annabelle Timothy guiding them towards a five-point triumph over upcoming finalists Cork at Parnell Park, Dublin have suffered relegation from Division 1 of the Lidl



Buachailli Sóisearacha B Naomh Abán ag oíche cheiliúrtha in Ostán Ghobnatan. Pic le Nóra Uí Luasa



Oíche Cheiliúrtha Cailíní Idirmheánacha Naomh Abán i Ostán Ghobnatan. Pic le Nóra Uí Luasa.



Concubhar Murray Ross Oil with members of Cloughdud senior Camogie team ,supporting Cloughdud for the year ahead



Ballinagree NS - Hurling With Liam

National Football League.

Carla Rowe, Dublin's All-Ireland winning captain in both 2023 and 2025, edged them into an early lead with a fine point off the outside of her right boot.

The in-form Katie Quirke responded at the opposite end for Cork with a successful free, before the Dubs bagged the opening goal of the game as Davoren got the better of Leeside netminder Caoimhe Redmond with a looping shot on six minutes.

The hosts were searching for just their second victory of this year's NFL top-tier and raised another green flag when Timothy cut inside from the left in the 12th minute to fire a clinical shot to the back of the Cork net.

While the visitors eventually added to their tally with a well-worked point from half-back Sadbh McGoldrick just shy of the first-quarter mark, Dublin created significant daylight with unanswered scores courtesy of Timothy, Jodi Egan, Davoren and Rowe. Although Cork subsequently interrupted this scoring sequence with a brace of Quirke points, Dublin nevertheless brought a convincing 2-5 to 0-4 buffer into the interval.

Despite there being no score in the opening 10 minutes of the second half, Dublin defender Niamh Crowley and Cork substitute Aimee Corcoran both went close to rattling the respective opposition nets. Midfielder Abbie O'Mahony and skipper Emma Cleary were also denied a three-pointer by Dubs custodian Abby Shiels as the Leesiders sought to step things up ahead of their Lidl NFL Division One decider against Galway on Saturday week.

Cork were persistent in their attacking play, however, and the Munster outfit finally grabbed the maiden score of the second period when Katie Quirke coolly slotted a penalty past Shiels on the stroke of 50 minutes.

Dublin settled back into the contest with additional points from Rowe (free) and Egan, but even though Annabelle Timothy put the seal on their win after Abigail Ring and Quirke had registered scores for Cork, results elsewhere on Sunday mean the Metropolitanans will be playing in Division 2 of the NFL in 2027.

Cork: C Richmond; M Duggan, D Kinary, S Kelly; C Hughes, S McGoldrick (0-01), R Corkery; A Healy, A O'Mahony; R Leahy, K Redmond, E Cleary; A O'Sullivan, K Quirke (1-04 (1-0 pen, 0-3f)), L Hallihan. Subs: A Corcoran for Hughes, M O'Callaghan for Redmond (both h-t), G Murphy for Leahy, S Callanan for Kelly (both 49), A Ring (0-01) for Hallihan (52), E Hurley for Cleary (55). (Report: Daire Walsh, RTE Sports)

Camogie

Centra National Camogie League- Div 1

Div 1A League Table(5 games)

Waterford P5 W4 L1 +2 Pts 12

Galway P5 W3 D0 L2 +7 Pts 9

Kilkenny P5 W3 D0 L2 +4 Pts 9

Tipperary P5 W2 D1 L2 +23 Pts 7

Cork P5 W1 D1 L3 -5 Pts 4

Antrim P5 W1 D0 L4 -31 Pts 3

NL Final: Waterford v Galway

Galway 0-18 Cork 1-9

Galway and Waterford will be the two sides making their way to UPMC Nowlan Park for the Centra National Camogie League Division 1A final on Sunday April 12, after the Tribeswomen overcame Cork by 0-18 to 1-9 at Athenry.

With Waterford already qualified on the back of four successive wins, Déise manager Michael Boland could afford to make a handful of changes, resting some key players for their game at The Ragg. This helped Tipperary to pick up their second win of the campaign.

That meant that Antrim needed to beat Kilkenny at UPMC Nowlan Park to salvage their place in the top tier after a very competitive campaign that saw them record an historic win over Cork, but despite giving themselves some hope with a Cliona Griffin goal after 53 minutes, they were unable to build on that and the Cats rattled off 1-3 to win by nine points.

To most neutral observers however, the game of the day was at Kenny Park, where last year's All-Ireland finalists Galway and Cork reunited for a contest that had massive connotations at both ends of the table, the pair having lost their two opening games in the competition.

It was certainly nervy fare in the early stages when Carrie Dolan hit three points and almost had a fortuitous goal, with Amy Lee just about recovering to clear the ball off the line after she fumbled the Galway free taker's long ball.

Orlaith Cahalane has been in superb form after rejoining the Rebels on foot of her exploits with St Finbarr's in the club championship and she shot two from play as Cork found their feet to draw level at 0-5 each early in the second quarter. That quarter proved to be decisive, however, as Galway hit six on the trot, two each from Dolan, Niamh McPeake and Aoihbheann Barry, with Lee called into action again to deny Barry a goal from a speculative angled shot.

The second half was scrappy fare, with just five points scored in the first 20 minutes after the restart. Galway kept nudging that bit further in front, McPeake bringing her tally to four from play, meaning Cahalane's late scrambled goal was of relevance to the scoring difference, but little else.

Cork: Amy Lee (Na Piarasaigh); Meabh Murphy (Ballinora), Libby Coppinger (St Colums), Meabh Cahalane (St Finbarrs); Rachel Harty (Ballyhea), Laura Hayes (St Catherine's), Ava Fitzgerald (Sarsfields); Millie Condon (Ballinascorthy), Izzy O'Regan (Ballygarvan); Emma Murphy (Glen Rovers), Orlaith Cremin (Éire Óg), Saoirse McCarthy (Courceys); Ava McAuliffe (Castlemartyr), Orlaith Cahalane (St

Finbarrs), Sorcha McCarthy (St Finbarrs).

Glen Dimplex All Ireland Camogie Championship 2026

The All Ireland Senior Camogie Championship will be played on a round robin basis with two groups: Group One with four teams: Cork v Galway 6/7 June, Tipperary v Waterford, Group Two starting May 23rd with six teams, Kilkenny v Limerick, Offaly v Wexford, Clare v Dublin.

The Cork GAA Club Scene

McCarthy Insurances County Football Leagues

Cork County League Programme 2026

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.

Div 1: St Finbarrs 5, Clonakilty 4, Cill na Martra 3, Newcestown 3, Knocknagree 3, Castlehaven 3, Éire Óg 3, Nemo 2, Carbery Rangers 0, Douglas 0

Cill na Martra v Carbery Rangers Monday April 6th

Éire Óg 0-16 Douglas 0-13

A two-pointer from newcomer Sean Hurley sealed Éire Óg's win over Douglas in Division 1 of the McCarthy Insurance Group Football Leagues at Ovens. The visitors were battling back after trailing by nine at the 40th minute when the orange flag from the 18-year-old ended their comeback.

Éire Óg led 0-7 to 0-4 at the break despite Douglas dominating possession early on and had early scores before 0-4 from Éire Óg, Brian Hurley got two and Dylan Foley a two pointer as they went in front for the first time in the 14th minute and they had points from Brian Hurley, Foley and Brian Thompson to lead by three at the break.

The margin was seven points by the 35th minute after scores from Colm Clifford, Sean Hurley, Jerome Kelleher and Foley and it was 0-14 to 0-5 on 40. Douglas rallied though and

The game was finely poised at 0-14 to 0-11 when Douglas were reduced to 14 but narrowed the gap to a single point. They never got level though as Hurley's two-pointer gave Éire Óg victory.

Scorers for Éire Óg: D Foley 0-4 (1 2pt f, 0-1 f); S Hurley (1 2pt), B Hurley (0-1 f) 0-3 each, C Clifford, B Thompson, J Kelleher 0-2 each.

Éire Óg: E Kelleher; C Murphy, M Corkery, D McCarthy; C Clifford, C McGoldrick, B Thompson; R O'Toole, O O'Shea; D Kelly, C Kirwan, J Kelleher; D Foley, S Hurley, B Hurley. Subs: M Brady (h-t), M Kelleher (50), J Murphy (55).

Referee: Pat O'Leary (Kilmurry)

Div 2:

Carrigaline 5, Uibh Laoire 4, St Michaels 4, Ballincollig 4, Dohenys 4, Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh 3, O'Donovan Rossa 2, Clyda 2, Valley Rovers 0, Castletownbere 0

Castletownbere 0-8 Ballincollig 2-12

A second win in a row after an opening round loss has Ballincollig nicely placed in the table. Their latest victory came away to Castletownbere, 2-12 to 0-8 with Kevin O'Leary banging in the two goals.

Cian Dorgan was hugely influential including kicking three two-pointers for the Muskerry men. Castletownbere remain without any points.

Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh 1-11 Dohenys 1-11

Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh slotted over the last three points to draw at home to Dohenys as it finished 1-11 apiece. All square at 1-2 each after ten minutes, Doheny's led by 1-6 to 1-3 at half time and enjoyed a six point lead 1-10 to 1-4 at the three quarter stage. Three points in arrears entering the last five minutes, Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh rallied with a point from Seán Ó Luasa and a pair late on from Donagh Shorten to earn a draw as they move on to three points in the league table.

Valley Rovers v Uibh Laoire - Apr 9th

Div 3: Aghabullogue 4, Bishopstown 4, Mallow 4, Kanturk 4, Fermoy 3, Naomh Abán 3, Bandon 2, Kilshannig 2, Rockchapel 0, Newmarket 0

Rockchapel 0-14 Naomh Aban 1-14

Naomh Abán met Rockchapel under lights at Cloughduv and led by 0-8 to 0-7 at half time. However by the three quarter stage The Rock had gone two points in front, 0-11 to 0-9. A goal for N Abán on 52 put the Gaeltacht Mhuscraí men back in front, 1-11 to 0-13 and it was followed by a two-pointer to open up a goal gap and although the Rock did cut the deficit to two points, N Aban had the final score and were a goal clear at the final whistle.

Aghabullogue 2-16 Mallow 0-7

Leading 1-12 to 0-4 at half time, the goal coming from Aaron O'Sullivan, Aghabullogue retained their grip on proceedings to the finish with a Luke Casey goal embellishing the scoreline and Mathew Bradley contributed 0-10 (including 3 two-pointers), David Thompson 0-2, Cialan O'Sullivan, Colm Gillespie, Breandán O'Sullivan and Luke Casey with a point each.

Div 4: Adrigole 5, Nemo 5, Buttevant 3, Glanmire 3, Kiskeam 2, Kilmurry 2, Gabriel Rangers 2, Macroom 2, Boherbue 2, Aghada 0

Aghada 2-9 Macroom 1-15

Macroom had a good win against Aghada in Rostellan to gain their first win in the league after three outings. Aghada led 1-2 to nil after ten minutes but Macroom recovered and a goal from Eolan O'Leary levelled the scores on 15, 1-2 apiece. At half time Macroom led by 1-6 to 1-5 and went there up only to be brought back to level again in the 40th minute when Aghada scored a fine goal. The lead changed hands twice before Macroom drew five clear by 53 and held on for the win. Eolan O'Leary 1-2, Alan Quinn 0-8, Dylan Twomey 0-3 and Oisín O'Sullivan 0-2 scored for Macroom.

Kilmurry v Boherbue, Apr 21st

Div 5: St Nicks 5, Canovee 4, Bantry 3, Ballinora 3, Mitchelstown 3, Ilen Rvrs 2, Kinsale 2, St Vincents 2, Ballydesmond 0, Millstreet 0

Kinsale 2-7 Canovee 3-12

Canovee made the trip to Kinsale a profitable one by collecting two more league points. A goal from Jack Kelleher gave Canovee a 1-4 to 0-3 led after 12 minutes and it was 1-7 to 0-5 at half time. Two goals

in rapid succession had the teams level at 1-8 to 2-5 in the 40th minute but points from Jack Kelleher steadied the ship for Canovee and a third goal, this one from Cathal O'Driscoll, re-established the superiority of the Muskerry men.

Ballinora v St Vincents Apr 9th

Div 6: Aghinagh 4, Glenville 4, Kildorrery 4, Dromtarriffe 4, Kilmacabea 4, Cullen 2, Glanworth 0, Argideen 0, Cobh 0, Na Piarasaigh 0

Div 6 Aghinagh 0-16 Glenville 1-11

Aghinagh remain unbeaten after two outings and are top of the early stage league table. In difficult weather conditions they were in arrears by 1-6 to 0-6 at half time but turned their fortunes around with a good second half performance even if the outcome was in doubt to the very end.

Scorers: Con Buckley 0-6, Liam Twohig 0-5, Darragh McCarthy 0-3, TJ Buckley 0-2

Aghinagh's next outing will be at home to Na Piarasaigh on Apr 12th: The re-arranged away game against Dromtarriffe will be on April 19th next.

Div 7: St James 6, Carbery Rangers 4, Inniscarra 3, Ballygarvan 2, Castlemagner 2, Donoughmore 2, Passage 1, Mayfield 0, Liscarroll 0, Nemo 0

Inniscarra 4-11 Nemo 0-8,

Next : St James v Inniscarra Sat April 11th 6pm; Donoughmore v Ballygarvan Apr 12th

Red FM Hurling Leagues 2026

Two Rounds completed

Div 1: Douglas 4, Charleville 4, Middleton 4, Glen Rovers 2, St Finbarrs 2, Blackrock 2, Sarsfields 2, Carrigtwohill 0, Fr O'Neills 0, Killeagh 0

Div 2: Newcestown 4, Bride Rovers 4, Kanturk 3, Ballincollig 3, Erin's Own 2, Newtownshandrum 1, Valley Rovers 1, Na Piarasaigh 0, Ballymartle 0, Carrigaline 0.

Valley Rovers 0-20 Ballincollig 0-20

Ballincollig v Carrigaline Apr 3rd 6.45pm

Div 3: Éire Óg 4, Blarney 4, Inniscarra 4, Ballinhassig 2, Lisgoold 2, Bandon 2, Courceys 2, Fermoy 0, Russell Rovers 0, Castleyons 0

Rd 2: Blarney 1-23 Ballinhassig 2-16, Inniscarra 1-19 Fermoy 1-17, Éire Óg 2-28 Lisgoold 1-18

Courceys v Inniscarra Friday Apr 3rd 6pm: Lisgoold v Blarney Sat Apr 4th 2pm: Fermoy v Éire Óg Sat Apr 4th 5.30pm

Div 4: Watergrasshill 4, Bishopstown 3, Mallow 2, Ballyhea 2, Aghabullogue 2, St Catherine's 2, Kilworth 2, Kildorrery 1, Cloughduv 0, Blackrock 0.

Aghabullogue 1-14 Watergrasshill 1-18;

Aghabullogue v Kildorrery Apr 2nd in Kildorrery: Cloughduv v Blackrock Apr 2nd 8pm: Aghabullogue v Bishopstown Apr 17th 7.15pm: Watergrasshill v Cloughduv Sat Apr 18th 7pm: Cloughduv v Kilworth Tuesday April 28th

Div 5: Dungourney 4, Milford 4, Kilbrittain 4, Cloyne 3, Middleton 2, Tracton 2, Castlemartyr 1, Ballygarvan 0, Youghal 0, Glen Rovers 0.

Div 6: Ballygiblin 4, Argideen R 3, Kinsale 2, Killavullen 2, Aghada 2, Mayfield 2, Sarsfields 2, D Ó Mathura's 2, Ballinascarthy 1, Erin's Own 0

Div 7: Kilshannig 4, St Finbarrs 4, Ballinora 4, Carraig na bFear 2, Barryroe 2, Na Piarasaigh 2, Douglas 1, Passage West 1, Meelin 0, Killeagh 0
Meelin 0-11 Ballinora 0-19

Ballinora v Carraig na bFear Sat April 4th 3pm

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, Castleyons, Watergrasshill, Ballyhea.

Group 2: Na Piarasaigh, 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, Dromtarriffe.

Group 3: Bandon, Adrigole, Boherbue, Kildorrery.

Premier Junior Football:

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

Group 2: Inniscarra, Cobh, Glenville, Urhan.

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

Upcoming fixtures:

April 5th National Hurling League Final Limerick v

Cork
 April 5th Club H League R3 Red FM Hurling League R3 Tues,
 April 7th @8pm Tues, April 7th Div/Col F (Unseeded) R1 Divisions
 Thurs, April 9th Munster U20 F R1 Cork v Round Robin 1st in Away Venue TBC
 Fri, April 10th Munster U17 H R1 Cork v Waterford in Waterford Venue TBC
 Sun, April 11th Munster SFC QF Cork v Limerick in Venue TBC
 Sun, April 12th Club F League R4 McCarthy Insurance Group Football League R4
 Tues, April 14th Divisions / Colleges Premier Senior Football Cship Unseeded Round 2
 Wed, April 15th Munster U20 H R3 Cork v Waterford in Waterford Venue TBC
 Thurs, April 16th Munster U20 F R2 Cork v Kerry in Cork Venue TBC
 Fri, April 17th Munster U17 H R2 Cork v Tipperary in Tipperary Venue TBC
 April 18th - 19th Munster SHC R1 Cork v Tipperary in FBD Semple Stadium
 Sun, April 19th Club H League R4 Red FM Hurling League R4
 Tues, April 21st Div/Col F (Unseeded) R3 Divisions / Colleges Premier Senior Football Cship Unseeded Round 3
 April 24th - 26th Confined JBFC R1 Confined Junior B Football Competition Round 1
 April 24th - 26th Confined JCFC R1 Confined Junior C Football Competition Round 1
 Thurs, April 23rd Munster U20 F R3 Cork v Round Robin 1st in Cork Venue TBC
 Sat, April 25th Munster SFC SF Cork / Limerick v Tipperary / Waterford
 April 25th - 26th Munster SHC R2 Cork v Limerick in SuperValu Páirc Uí Chaoimh
 Sun, April 26th Club F League R5 McCarthy Insurance Group Football League R5
 Mon, April 27th Munster U17 F R1 Cork v Round Robin 1st / 2nd in Away Venue
 Wed, April 29th Munster U20 H R4 Cork v Clare in Cork Venue TBC
 Thurs, April 30th Munster U20 F Final Munster Under 20 Football Final
 Fri, May 1st Munster U17 H R3 Cork v Clare in Cork

Venue TBC
 May 1st - 3rd Confined JBHC R1 Confined Junior B Hurling Competition Round 1

Muskerry GAA – Championship Draws 2026

MJK OILS Junior A Hurling Championship

Two groups, one of six teams, one of five, top two teams from each group to qualify for semi final stage

Group 1	Sequence
A Inniscarra	Round 1: A v B/C v D/E v F
B Grenagh	Round 2: A v D/B v F/C v E
C Ballinora	Round 3: A v C/E v B/D v F
D Iveleary	Round 4: A v E/F v C/D v B
E Kilmichael	Round 5: A v F/D v E/B v C
F Aghabullogue	

Group 2	Sequence
A Ballincollig	Round 1: A v B/ C v D / E a bye
B Donoughmore	Round 2: A v D/ C v E/ B a bye
C Dripsey	Round 3: A v C/ E v B/D a bye
D Éire Óg	Round 4: A v E/ D v B/C a bye
E Blarney	Round 5: B v C/D v E/ A a bye

Ross Oil Junior A Football Championship

Three groups of four teams – two teams to qualify from each group

Group 1
A Aghinagh
B Donoughmore
C Ballinora
D Kilmurry

Group 2
A Ballincollig
B Grenagh
C Dripsey
D Clondrohid

Group 3
A Éire Óg
B Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh
C Kilmichael
D Naomh Abán

Sequence: Rd 1; A v B and C v D Rd 2: A v C and B v D: Rd 3: A v D and B v C

Macroom Motors Muskerry U21 Football Championship

'A' Championship 4 teams:

Semi finals: Donoughmore v Éire Óg: Naomh Aban v Ballincollig
 B Championship – 10 teams
 Preliminary Rounds: A Inniscarra v Kiklmichael: B Blarney v Ballinora
 Quarter Finals: A v B: Kilmurry v Grenagh: Ballincollig v Macroom: Canovee v Aghabullogue
 C Championship – 8 teams
 Quarter Finals: Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh v Lee Gaels; Macroom v Donoughmore; Clondrohid v Iveleary; Aghinagh v Cill na Martra

Cumnor Junior Hurling League Div 1

Latest results: Aghabullogue 0-12 Grenagh 1-12: Ballincollig 3-17 Kilmichael 1-18: Donoughmore 1-17 Dripsey 1-14
 Table: Grenagh 4, Donoughmore 4, Aghabullogue 2, Ballincollig 2, Blasrney 1, Kilmichael 1, Inniscarra, Éire Óg and Dripsey 0.

EPH Junior Football League Div 1

Results: Aghabullogue 4-10 Éire Óg 2-15
 Grenagh 2-12 Ballincollig 0-10
 Kilmichael 2-17 Clondrohid 4-13
 League table: Grenagh 6, Ballincollig 4, Clondrohid 4 each, Éire Óg, Kilmichael, Aghabullogue 2 each, Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh 0, Canovee 0
 Fixtures: April 5th: Beal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh v Clondrohid in Clondrohid 12 noon: 11/04/2026: Beal Átha v Grenagh 5pm, Ballincollig v Aghabullogue 7pm, Canovee v Kilmichael 7pm, Clondrohid v Éire Óg 7pm

Muskerry Senior Teams

Senior Football Championship

Muskerry Footballers will play the winners of Seandún, Avondhu, MTU, Imokilly and Beara unseeded section in the semi final of the Colleges/Divisions section of the Senior Football Championship. Duhallow will play Carbery in the other semi final.
 In Hurling, Muskerry play Duhallow in the unseeded section semi final, Avondhu play Seandún with Carbery to play the winners in second semi final: semi final winners play off. Seeded teams UCC and Imokilly play each other and in the Divisions/Colleges section final the winners here will play the winners of the unseeded section play off.



Lucia Fitzgerald Canovee and her gymnastics partners Jenna Duane & Sarah Hegarty who won gold at the National Series Acrobatics Competition in Dublin last weekend

LAOCHRA ÓG NEWS

17th March 2026

Laochra Óg took part in the St. Patrick's Day Parade again this year. The day was cold but it didn't deter children and adults in coming out and taking part. Thank you to every one whom got involved.

18th March 2026

Our u11/u12 camogie team enjoyed a trip to Pairc Ui Rinn to see Cork v Tipperary on Saturday. It was great to see the cork camogie team in action! The girls got to meet some of the team who were very generous with their time after the game and the girls got plenty of autographs too. It was a really enjoyable day. Thanks to the CART bus and thanks to Dan our driver.

20th March 2026

Our Junior ladies had their 1st game in the Junior B league away to Kilbree today .

Conditions were perfect and everyone was looking forward to getting back out playing on the pitch. It was a very evenly contested game with both teams giving everything. Laochra Óg went in at half time 1 pt down.

The 2nd half started at a very fast pace , and after some great passages of play from our girls and a quick succession of scores , we finished in front . Both teams put in everything until the last whistle , and Laochra Óg ran out deserved winners today.

Thanks to Kilbree for a very sporting game , and well done to all the panel on our 1st day out. Thanks to all

our supporters for traveling with us , and thanks to the sponsors The Tavern.

26th March 2026

We played away to Blarney yesterday in the 1st round of the U13 League.

We were beaten 3 goals and 1 point to 2 goals.

The girls played really well against a good side. Thanks to team sponsors Healy's SPAR.

29th March 2026

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Tractor Run in aid of Clondrohid Playground, those who helped out or sponsored spot prizes etc. Weather conditions not great. More details to follow later.



Junior Camogie v Kilbree 22nd March 2026 01



U13 Camogie v Blarney 26th March 2026



St. Patrick's Day 2026



U11 and U12 teams in Pairc Ui Rinn 18th March 2026 02



U11 and U12 teams in Pairc Ui Rinn 18th March 2026



U11 and U12 teams in Pairc Ui Rinn 18th March 2026 06



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A Word of Victory

"All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by His great Mercy that we have been born again into a Living Hope because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation, and we have a priceless inheritance - an inheritance that is kept in Heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of decay" (1 Peter 1:3-4 NLT).

Welcome back dear student, wishing you a very Joyous Resurrection Sunday! It is the highlight of our faith, for without the promise of Resurrection, faith is meaningless (1 Corinthians 15:17). This is where the Truth of Christianity is revealed: 'that God so loved the world - that's you, me and anyone who will believe in Him - that He gave His Only Begotten Son Jesus, the Christ, to die for our sins - that we who believe in Him and accept Him as Saviour and live under His Lordship, shall not die, but have eternal life' (John 3:16). The Gospel is Good News, not bad news! Without Jesus, we could never pay for our sins or make ourselves holy and righteous. Through His sacrifice, when He laid down His life for us, we are given the 'Gift of Righteousness'. Salvation comes through His Name alone (Acts 4:12). People have strived for centuries to find other ways to get right with God, but neither money, nor good works, nor holy living, will ever make the grade. Even though the motive may be good - these things are of the flesh, not the Holy Spirit. God made the gift of Salvation simple, and free of charge (Ephesians 2:8). It costs us nothing but our surrender, for it cost Jesus everything.

In John's Gospel, Jesus revealed Himself as the only Way to the Father (John 14:6). He was the promised Messiah - prophesied by God to man in the garden of Eden. "And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed. He will crush your head, and you will strike His heel" (Genesis 3:15 KJV). None of us can come to our Holy God unless we come through the Blood of Jesus. He is the Gate (John 10:9). And the Redeemer. "There is only One Mediator between God and man, the Man Christ Jesus" (1 Timothy 2:5). Only Jesus died on the Cross, and God raised Him from the dead. The grave could not hold Him, for He had never sinned (Acts 2:24).

Some scoff at the Word of God, mocking believers as being foolish - but they are the fools. "The fool says in his heart there is no God" (Psalm 14:1). Just because certain people deny God doesn't mean they are right. For the Lord always confirms His Word with signs following (Mark 16:20). That's why someone who comes to faith, turning back to God by calling upon the Name of Jesus, suddenly has no more desire for sin, immorality, or the works of flesh. Because when Jesus comes into a believer's heart, that person's spirit is re-connected to God's Spirit, and a total life transformation begins from the inside out. 'Man looks at the outward appearance, but God sees the heart' (1 Samuel 16:7). The price for our sins has been paid dear friend - all we have to do is repent, and believe, and receive that newness of life that Jesus paid for (Romans 6:4).

The disciples wrote about what they had witnessed before, and after Jesus was raised from the dead. They all gave their lives to tell this Good News. There was no conspiracy to fool mankind, as many spoofers claim. The Truth is Jesus is not on the Cross, He's not in the tomb - He is Alive, and He wants you to know Him forever. Hallelujah!

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Just a thought

Ath. Seán Mac Cárthaigh,
Baile Bhuirne / Cúil Aodha

Did you have a favourite teacher?

I have fond memories of the school and teachers of St Anthony's NS in Ballinlough, Cork.

All these years later I discovered two of the teachers on staff at the time hail from Baile Bhuirne. Doesn't life take strange turns?

My favourite teacher was the late "Michael G." Murphy who taught me in 5th and 6th class in the 1970s. What a teacher! I remember so much he taught us and the unique way he taught us - Irish - the 'O Riada Mass parts' for Confirmation stand out - and here I am ministering all these years later in Cúil Aodha! Don't tell me there isn't a Higher Plan or design for our lives.

He taught us our catechism for the sacrament of Confirmation giving me a solid foundation in faith. No doubt it was a factor in preparing me for my vocation.

I pray with gratitude for him now and then. I often wondered why he came to mind so often. It was only recently however that I thought why this might be the case. There's a spiritual connection - he was my sponsor for my Confirmation. In those days the class teacher took on the role for the whole class. So I guess you could say that the Holy Spirit has inspired me to pray. On that note, pardon the pun, he taught us the Latin hymn 'Veni Creator Spiritus' for our Confirmation, the hymn that would later be sung as I lay prostrate at the altar at my priestly ordination.

I do have other memories of other subjects - he played classical music records for us, taught us about charting temperatures and constructing bar charts of mean temperature, figuring out co-ordinates on the globe, teaching us French songs like 'Frère Jacques' and 'Sur Le Pont d'Avignon'. We learned the Irish songs "Oro my Bháidín" and "Beidh Aonach Amárach. . ." He had a deep sonorous voice. He encouraged reading, and he praised me for my spelling.

Years later, and not long after I was ordained I returned to the school and had the opportunity to address the staff and students.

*During the return visit to the school it was lovely to hear the following anecdote about him. On the second to last day of 6th class one year he asked the boys - "Well, lads, tomorrow is your last day at school - do you want to bring in games and sweets?"
"No sir", came the reply. "Can you teach us?"*

Thank a teacher - tell them how they made a difference. Write a card. Do it today.

God bless. Fr Seán

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23RD ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory today and always of a dear Son, Brother, Uncle and Granduncle

MICHAEL DONLON

**Roughrone, Bandon, Co. Cork
who died on the 2nd of April 2003.
Aged 32 R.I.P**

*Loving memories never die,
As years roll on and days pass by.
In our hearts a memory is kept
Of one we loved and will never forget.*

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



Sadly missed and always remembered by his loving father Richard, sisters Marian & Nora, nephews Kenneth, David, Sean. Kenneth's wife Laurie, grandnephews Darragh & James.

12TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of a wonderful husband and dad

DENIS (DENNY) SWEENEY

**Curraheen, Inchigeela and formerly of Cahirkereen, Kilnamartyra
Who died on 13th April 2014
Rest in Peace.**

*Memories are like leaves of gold
They never wither or grow old.
Locked in our hearts you will always be,
Loved and remembered for eternity.*

*Will those who think of Denis today
A little prayer to Jesus say*



Sadly missed and lovingly remembered by Marguerite, Martin and John Paul.

11TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

DENIS O'SULLIVAN

**Old Fort, Carrigadrohid,
Macroom, Co. Cork.
Who died on April 11th 2015**

*Will those who think of
Denis today,
A little prayer to Jesus say,
Sacred Heart of Jesus pray for him.*



Sadly missed by your loving wife Mena and family.

30TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

DAN CRONIN
**Railway View, Macroom &
Ballincollig. Who died on
April 9th 1996**

*Too Dearly Loved
to be Forgotten*



Always remembered by his wife Christine, sons Jerry, Neil and Declan, brother Con and all his family and friends

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

FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of
**NOREEN (NOIN)
VAUGHAN**

**9 Dan Corkery Place, Macroom
Who died 30th March 2025**

In loving memory of Noin on the First Anniversary of her passing, we her daughter Norma, grandchildren Darragh, Molly, Katie & Sarah, great grandson Cian, Norma's partner James & Darragh's partner Caoimhe, her sisters Cathy (McCarthy), Martina (Foley), brothers Dan, John, Denis & Michael, and her much loved nieces and nephews would like to express our deepest gratitude to everyone who came to her removal and funeral mass, to those who sent mass cards and posted messages of condolences.

We would especially like to thank the residents of Dan Corkery Place who formed a beautiful guard of honour when Noin left her home of 40 years for the last time, it sincerely was a most beautiful touching gesture.

Thank you to Dr. Peter Cronin, Dr John O'Riordan and Dr. Maeve Bradley and all the staff at Sullane Family Practice for the excellent care Mam received during her illness and for the kindness with which that care was given.

Thanks to all the people who cared for Mam so well, especially her home help Lei Murphy, your kindness was unwavering all a short time, she enjoyed your time.

Also to our friend Kay Coakley for your kindness and for making sure Mam had everything she needed and for your kindness and constant care, also to Caoimh for whom nothing was too much to ask.

Thanks to Mary Kelleher and Grainne Dunlea for the beautiful singing at the church and crematorium. There is no doubt she would've been so proud.

Also to Monsignor O'Donnell for the beautiful celebration of Noins Mass.

Our gratitude to Cyril Caseys Funeral Directors for their professionalism, dignity and respect they showed us all.

And finally to our many friends and relations far and near for making our loss bearable, thank you.



*If love alone could make you stay
you never would have gone away.
Yet in our hearts you still remain,
though every joy and every pain.
For in each smile, in all we do
The lives a piece of you so true.
Forever loved, in all we own
Always in our hearts Our dear Noin*

May her Gentle Soul Rest in Peace

FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of
**SHANE
LUCEY**

**Bellmount Lower, Crookstown
Who passed away on 11th April 2025**

We Shane's family, would like to thank everyone who sympathised with us, on the loss of our Precious Shane.

We greatly appreciate the support which we received from relatives, friends and neighbours at this time. Also thank you to everyone who sent condolences, mass and sympathy cards, made phone calls and sent such kind and thoughtful letters.

We are very grateful to everyone who made Shane's Requiem mass so special. Thank you to Fr. Anthony Buckley for his support, and Fr Paul from Upton who both officiated at the ceremony

Sincere thank you, to the devoted Upton staff, and many friends of Shane, who helped in every way, to make the celebration of his life, so meaningful.

We would also like to thank our family friend, vocalist and musician, Lillian O'Mahony Sheehan, who sang and played violin so beautifully in the church and also later in Kilmurry Cemetery. It was a real tribute to Shane.

Many thanks to the staff of Fitzgeralds' Funeral Home who dealt with our loss in such a sensitive and professional manner.



May Shane's
Beautiful Soul Rest In Peace

"Come follow me and I will give you Rest"

Deeply Loved, Sadly missed
and Lovingly Remembered
Pat, Eileen & Adrian

PRECIOUS MOTHER OF JESUS

Mother of Divine Grace you can find a way, where there is no way.
Please hear my prayer and grant me my request.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of
**WILLIAM (BILL)
HEATHERINGTON**

**Kilmore, Ballygeary, Co.Cork.
Who passed away on 3rd April 2025**

We the family of the late Bill lovingly remember him on his 1st Anniversary. We would like to thank all of you that supported us at the time of our loss and all through this year.

The kindness and generosity shown by family, neighbours and great friends will never be forgotten.

We would like to give a special thanks to Bantry General Hospital for the amazing care they gave Bill.

Newtown Pharmacy for their great service.

To the people that travelled very long journeys to bid their farewell to Bill.

Shortens Bar and Árd Na Laoi for providing refreshments.

Words cannot express the gratitude we have towards Casey's Undertakers and their team who went above and beyond to make everything we asked for happen.



Missing you and thinking of you today Bill.

Eileen, Jason, Adrian and families.

6TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of
**NORA
O' SULLIVAN**
Rosnakilla, Terelton Macroom
Co Cork.

*Gone from home that smiling face,
the cheerful pleasant ways,
the heart that won so many friends,
in bygone happy days.*

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

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



Too dearly loved to be forgotten.
Always in our thoughts forever in our hearts Marie Jess and Florence xxx

13TH ANNIVERSARY



Treasured memories of our beloved
**JERRY
MANNING**
Coolnadane, Macroom
whose anniversary occurs
on the 6th of April.



Dearly loved and sadly missed everyday by Mam, John, Julie, David, Martin, Raymond, Marie, Kevin and extended families.

Novena to St Anthony



O Saint Anthony!

Saint of Miracles! Saint of Help! I, also have need of thy assistance; I have need of thy special favor: (mention your favor). I carry thy image with thy illustrious name and I invoke You to do justice for me at all times. Help me in my present and urgent petition: (say your request). Saint Anthony, Saint of Miracles, pray for us

CM

8TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**TIMMY
O'CALLAGHAN**
Curracloough, Lissarda
Who died on the 6th April 2018

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



Always remembered by his loving family
Sheila, Ursula, Helen, Brendan,
sons-in-law, daughters-in-law
& his grandchildren

6TH ANNIVERSARY



Our much-loved Brother

**DECLAN
KELLEHER**
Moulnahorna, Carriganima,
Macroom ,Co.Cork.
12.07.1975 - 27.03.2020

*Softly the leaves of memory fall
Gently we gather and treasure them all
Unseen, unheard you are always near.
So missed, so loved, so very dear.*



Sadly, missed by his brothers Gerard &
Donie, sisters Catherine, Marcella and
Anne and their families.

15TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

MICAEL DINEEN
Clondrohid
Who died on the 7th April, 2011

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



Always remembered by
his wife Caroline, son Darren
and daughter Katie.

5TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**TADGH
LYONS**
Currabehe, Crookstown, Co. Cork.
who died on the 7th of April 2021.

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



Always remembered
by your loving family,
Peg, Peter, Marie, Eileen & Clare,
& your son's in law & grandchildren.

8TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**MICHAEL
MCSWEENEY**
Barretts Place, Macroom
Who died on the 28th March, 2018

*Your life was one of thoughtful deeds
A helping hand to others needs
Sincere and true in heart and mind
Wonderful memories you left behind.*



Sadly missed by his loving wife Mary.

4TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**DENIS
BRADLEY**
Sleaveen East, Macroom
Who passed away on the 15th of
April 2022

*You were always someone special,
Someone kind and true,
Who will never be forgotten,
For we thought the world of you.*



Sadly missed and lovingly remembered
by your family.

4TH ANNIVERSARY & 35TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**MAUREEN
CUNNINGHAM** **JOE
CUNNINGHAM** **GERARD
CUNNINGHAM**
Who died Who died who died
29th March 2022 17th April 2022 17th March 1991

Sleaveen Rd, Macroom and St Colman's Park.

*Beloved mam and brothers deep in our hearts your memory is kept
to love and cherish and never forget .*



Always remembered by Denis priscilla and family

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4TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**EILEEN
O'SULLIVAN**

No 6 Cois Cille, Late of Ballyvoige
Kilnamartyra, Macroom
Who died on 2nd April 2022

*Of all the special gifts in life,
However great or small,
to have you as our aunt,
was the greatest gift of all.
We think about you always,
we talk about you still,
you have never been forgotten,
and you never will.
We hold you close within our hearts,
and there you will remain,
to walk and guide us through our lives,
until we meet again.*



Always remembered by your nephews &
Nieces, the O'Sullivans, Ballyvoige

4TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**JOE
CUNNINGHAM**

Macroom

Who died 17th April 2022

*Death leaves heartache, No one can heal.
Memories are treasures, No one can steal.
Some may forget you
Now that you are gone,
But we will remember,
no matter how long.
You will always stay
Loved and remembered, In every way.
No tears, no verse,
Can ever say how much
We miss you every day.*



Loved and missed always Mark, Sharon,
Shauna, Gerry, Danny, Eva, Alesha, Alex,
Callum & Cillian xxxx

4TH ANNIVERSARY & 35TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**MAUREEN
CUNNINGHAM**

Who died

29th March 2022

**JOE
CUNNINGHAM**

Who died

17th April 2022

**GERARD
CUNNINGHAM**

who died

17th March 1991

Sleaven Rd, Macroom and St Colman's Park.

*Though time and years may pass us by,
Love and memories never die.
In our hearts you'll always stay,
Loved and missed every day.*



Always remembered by Fiona, Noel, Priscilla and all the families

7TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

JOE LEAHY

Macroom

Remembering our dad who went to
heaven on April 7th 2019

*We think about you always
We talk about you still
You haven't been forgotten
and you never will
Just as you were,
you will always be someone
very special in our memory.*



Too dearly loved to be forgotten
your family

30TH ANNIVERSARY



I ndil chuimhne ar

**DAN SEÁN Ó
CÉILLEACHAIR**

Goirtín na Coille, Béal Átha'n
Ghaorthaidh.

A d'éag 1ú Aibreán 1996

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



Inár gcroitir go deo,
Joan agus Muintir Uí Chéilleachair

Tá sé le Dia ar neamh agus níl Dia i bhfad
uainn.

8TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**MARTIN
BURKE**

Stamford, Connecticut formerly
Rahoona, Ballymakeera.
30th March 2018

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



Sadly missed by his loving family,
Liam, Siobhán Jack and Joanne.

15TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**MARGARET
KELLEHER**

Coolcaum, Kilnamartyra, Macroom
who died on the 4th April 2011

*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.*



Sadly missed by her husband Connie,
daughter Susan, sons Greg & Conor,
grandchildren, brothers, sisters and
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MK

5TH ANNIVERSARY AND 18TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**MARY
BARRETT**

Who passed away on
2nd April 2021

**JOHN
BARRETT**

Who passed away on
30th March 2008

Glounaglouh, Rylane.

Our Lady of Knock pray for them.

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



Always remembered by your loving family

7TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**MARY
MCCARTHY**

Bellmount Place, Crookstown
Who passed away on the 30th
March 2019

*Your home was such a warm
and inviting place
But now there is a sense of loneliness
Your favourite cup your comfy chair
The chats on end when you were here
Spring is in the air we have the flowers
you planted there
We will forever hold you close and dear.*



To us you were the best and miss you
more and more each year.
Sadly missed by your loving family
and friends

4TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**TONY
O'CONNELL**

Bawnmore and Masseytown,
Macroom.

Took his last breath on 5th of April
2022

*There are some who bring a light
so great to the world that even after
they have gone the light remains.*

Gone but never forgotten.



Missed by his loving family Joan,
Rebecca, Marcella, Joanne, Colette and
Anthony and their families.

Tony's anniversary mass will take place
in at St. Colman's Church Macroom on
Monday the 6th of April at 10am.

41ST ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**MICHAEL
KELLEHER**

Bealick, Macroom, Co. Cork
Died 4th April 1985

*A loving nature,
A heart of gold,
These are the memories,
We never forget,
On his soul sweet Jesus have mercy.*
RIP



Always remembered by his loving
Brothers, Sisters, Brother-in-law, Sister-
in-law, Nephews, Nieces, Grand Nephews,
Grand Nieces.
May he rest in peace.

2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

MARY RING

Cahebrane clondrohid
Who died 12th April 2024

*Your gentle smile your caring ways,
Live on with us through all our days,
In laughter shared and tears we hide
We feel you walking by our side.*



Your brother Jeremiah

ANNIVERSARIES



In loving memory of

**DENIS &
MARIAN
MCCARTHY**

Carraignadoura Ballingearry.
Whose anniversary occurs at this
time.



Air dheis dé go raibh síad

30TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**MARY MURPHY
(NEE MOLONEY)**

"Hillside", Kilnagurteen, Macroom.
Who Died on 13th April 1996

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



Loved and missed everyday by Mairead,
Sheena, Teddy and their families.

POWERFUL NOVENA



This novena never fails. Say it on the hour for nine hours. Jesus who has said, ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and the door will open to you. Through the intercession of Mary, the Most Holy Mother, I knock, I ask that my prayer will be granted. (Make your request). Oh Jesus, has said all you ask the Father in my name, he will grant through the intercession of Mary, the Most Holy Mother. I humbly beg and urgently ask the Father in thy name that my prayer be granted (make request here). Oh Jesus who has said heaven and earth shall pass away through the intercession of Mary, the Most Holy Mother. I fell confident my prayer shall be answered. (Make request here). This novena is to be said at the same time every hour for nine consecutive hours - one day. Promised publication, never fails.

The Most Powerful Prayer

Heavenly Father, I place my future in Your hands. Darkness has tried to bring delays and closed doors, but You are the God who makes a way.
I declare: my destiny belongs to You. Open doors no one can shut, remove every obstacle that blocks my steps, and lead me into Your perfect plan. Surround my journey with Your light, and let no curse, no attack, and no scheme succeed against me.
Lord, I promise to share this prayer with at least one person. Put 'Amen' to disappoint Satan!



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