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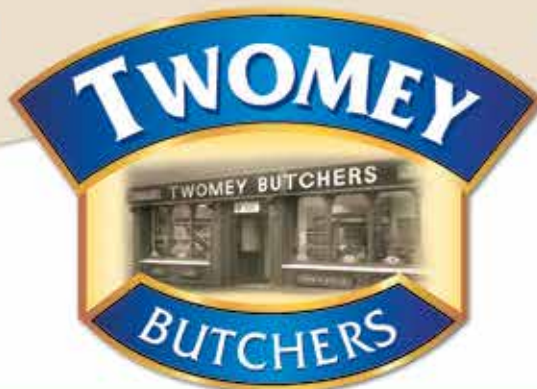
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'NOBODY'S TALKING TO ME'

The vibrant local drama scene is set to come alive
once again as Coachford Players prepare to take
to the stage with their latest production, *Nobody's
Talking to Me* by renowned playwright Tommy
Marren.

This eagerly anticipated show will run for four
consecutive nights—Saturday, April 25th through
to Tuesday, April 28th—at 8pm in the Coachford
GAA Hall. Known for their consistently high-quality
productions, Coachford Players have a reputation for
delivering unforgettable nights of entertainment.
This year's offering promises plenty of laughter, heart,
and sharp wit, as Marren's comedic storytelling takes
centre stage in what is widely regarded as one of his
most engaging plays.

Set in the kitchen of Mattie and Maggie Conway on
the day of their 50th wedding anniversary, *Nobody's
Talking to Me* quickly turns from celebration to chaos.
The couple haven't spoken to each other in over ten
years, and when the parish priest arrives unannounced
to renew their vows, long-buried tensions rise to the
surface. As the day unfolds, the reasons behind their
silence begin to emerge, helped along by a cast of
colourful characters including Mattie's eccentric sister
Minnie, their daughter Josephine, and her somewhat
clueless suitor Andy Walsh. With a wake taking place
next door, unexpected visitors dropping in, and a
surprise party where nobody seems to be speaking,
confusion reigns and the laughs come thick and fast.
Audiences can look forward to a fast-paced, laugh-
out-loud performance brought to life by a cast whose
talent and chemistry have become a hallmark of the



Some of the cast of Coachford Players who are performing in the hilarious comedy, 'Nobody's talking to me' Catherine McCarthy, Katie Ní Mhurchú, Willie Barrett, Joe Scanlan, Irene Kavanagh, Grace Donovan and Pat Lehane.

group.

Chairperson Katie Ní Mhurchú shared her excitement
ahead of opening night: "We are incredibly proud of
this year's production. The cast and crew have put in
tremendous work, and there's a real energy around
this play. It's full of humour and heart, and we can't
wait for audiences to experience it. If you enjoyed last
year, you're going to love this even more."

Tickets are priced at €15 and will be available at the
door each night, making it an accessible and enjoyable
evening out for theatre lovers and newcomers alike.
Early arrival is advised—this is one show you won't

want to miss.

For those unable to attend the Coachford
performances—or for anyone who simply wants to
see the show again—Coachford Players will also bring
Nobody's Talking to Me to the Briery Gap Theatre
on May 13th and 14th. Further details on these
performances can be found on the theatre's website.
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Muskerry Hunt presentation to dialysis unit

Muskerry Hunt presentation yesterday to dialysis unit
at CUH; front, John Crean, Grace Crean, Joanne Lyons
Standing; Grainne Crean, Breda Walsh CNM, David
Walsh, Mylan Manaid, Jenifer Carey, Hedli D/Souza and
Rebecca o Sullivan.



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MACROOM GIRL GUIDES



Senior Branchers enjoying a 'campfire' during the Brownie Diva Overnight

HiDigital Programme in Action**Liadan – MacEgan SB**

On Tuesday, the 21st of March, Macroom Guides and MacEgan Senior Branch recently brought technology and community spirit together by hosting a high-energy digital skills workshop for senior citizens in Macroom. The workshop was an immense success with loads of people to help. The girls helped with all sorts of things including making Lidl plus accounts and sorting out old email accounts. The event, designed to help older members of the community feel more confident using modern technology, created a welcoming space where learning and laughter went hand in hand.

Brownie Diva Badge Overnight**Juliette & Grace – MacEgan SB**

Five members of MacEgan Senior Branch attended the South West Regional Diva Overnight event in Leigh Dale cottage last week.

We promptly arrived at Leighdale Cottage at 12pm, excited for the days ahead. Once we had fought over bunks and set up our beds we started into the badges. We started with fun ones relating to being healthy and having good friendships. Aoife showed us some yoga and mindfulness. Once we had said namaste we headed inside for lunch. At the event we completed the Brownie Diva badge which entailed completing 20 interest badges from the Brownie Programme. Badges that we completed over the two days included Fire Safety, First Aid, Book Lover, Book Lover and Guiding Traditions.

The real fun started as we got dressed up as our favourite book characters for the Book Lover badge. Some memorable costumes included Johnny Kavanagh, Where's Wally and Rodrick from A Diary of A Wimpy Kid. While dressed up we had our campfire

which we led ourselves. As well the usual campfire songs like Sea Cucumber and 5 Nights Ago, we also sang Justin Bieber's "Baby" and "Riptide" by Vance Joy. In the morning we learnt about various Guiding traditions from all over the world.

On Thursday we hiked to Ballincollig for a scavenger hunt and completed Personal Safety, Nature Observer, Local Knowledge and Road Safety. While in Ballincollig we made short movies and learnt the Safe Cross Code. We finished the overnight with learning how to put away a tent and properly pack a rucksack. There was pizza for dinner and then the hectic rush to pack up and clean started. Parents arrived at 6 and we all headed home, tired but happy after a great two days.

Senior Branch members attend this annual overnight from a large number of Units in the South West Region and it was great to meet with so many other girls. Thanks to the Leaders who came to help during the event and especially to Dara, a member of the MacEgan Unit who is the South West Regional Rep on



Former District Commissioner Josephine Cronin pictured with new District Commissioner, Sharon O'Connell



All smiles at the HiDigital session 21st March

the National Senior Branch committee. Dara planned the event over the past few months and ran it very efficiently. Well done Dara.

Congratulations to Josephine Cronin on serving 6 Years as District Commissioner for the Macroom Area. Macroom District would like to thank Josephine Cronin for acting as District Commissioner for the past 6 years. Josephine took on the role as District Commissioner for the Macroom area for two terms and we are very grateful for the fantastic job she did in the role. Josephine is still very much involved in guiding in Macroom and is a leader with the Ardilaun Ladybird Unit.

Brownie & Senior Branch Leader, Sharon O'Connell has since stepped up to take over the role as District Commissioner and we wish her all the best in her new role.

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



MacEgan Ranger, Liadan at a HiDigital session 21st March



Spring Clean is in full swing at the moment. On Saturday morning, March 28th, Residents from Codrum joined with Tidy Towns Volunteers to work in their local area. The GAA have got involved this year which is a very welcome and great to have broader community involvement and create awareness and a sense of 'Pride of Place'. Spring Clean will take place throughout the month of April and all approach roads will be included, such as the main road from Coolcower Roundabout to Raleigh Cross, 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



John Lyons and Martin Coughlan getting ready for National Spring Clean on Saturday 4th of April

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.

The Anti-Litter Competition is back again this year. The

focus here is totally on litter. 1st judging period..... April 27th to May 1st, 2nd Period May 11th - 15th, and 3rd from May 25th to 29th. Selected stretches on the Main Streets, lane ways and square will be judged, The number of pieces of litter found will be counted and marks will be lost accordingly. The estates nominated to be judged this year are Carrigbán, Gleann an Fhia and Pairc Uí Mhuirthe. The judges will select an additional estate on the day, so it is very important that all residents ensure that their area is always litter free from April to June.

Tidy Towns Volunteers have been busy over the last few weeks with Litter Picking around town, General Maintenance, Planting and Mulching, Cleaning of Wooden Biodiversity Signs, Planting Boxes and Tables in the Fairy Gardens.

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MCEGAN COLLEGE



Outdoor Classroom for a day. McEgan 3rd Year students who spent a day in Fota recently for an Ecology Field-trip.



McEgan Students who completed their Junior Cycle exams in 2025 recently received their JCPA (Junior Cycle Profile of Achievement) which highlights non exam achievements through their 3 years of Junior Cycle, recognising the holistic nature of learning.

Fundraising Concert in aid of a Sensory Garden:

On Thursday 26th March a special collaboration concert between the Cork ETB School of Music and McEgan College was held in the Cultúrlann at Coláiste Choilm. This fundraiser came about to support a wonderful initiative—the creation of a Sensory Garden at McEgan College. This garden will nurture wellbeing, inclusion, and creativity for years to come. One of the great strengths of Cork ETB is its commitment to community, creativity, and collaboration, and this concert is a perfect expression of those values. Music has a remarkable way of bringing people together—students, teachers, families, and the wider community—reminding us that the arts are not just something we do, but something we share. A wonderful programme ensued, featuring the Cork Light Orchestra, the talented students of McEgan College, guest tenor Arnold Rawls, and the Cork ETB Youth Orchestra. Thank you to all for supporting this meaningful project. Our huge thanks to Michael Cummins from the Cork ETB School of Music, who conducted the orchestras on the night for McEgan College.

Macroom Health & Wellbeing Expo. The Health & Wellbeing Expo which took place before Easter was an important event in Macroom, highlighting the many services available to help people access the services

they may need to seek support when needed. McEgan Students accompanied by Miss A.Galvin had their own display which included baking and healthy snack options. The students also volunteered to prepare the hall in the Community centre for the event. The students not only gained valuable learning from their participation they were also able to access information from the many other stands present and found very valuable insight into the services available in the local community.

Foróige Student Enterprise Programme. So Unique Frames, a McEgan College TY students' mini company are through to the National semi-Finals of the Foróige Student enterprise programme. So Unique Frames, developed a unique and highly personalised product combining creativity with modern technology to produce an enhanced photo frame complete with a unique Spotify code to link the frame to a meaningful song or piece of audio. There are 24 teams from across the country remaining in this competition and it's a very exciting opportunity for these budding entrepreneurs. They will now attend a Step-it-Up workshop in UCC to refine their presentation skills. The semi-finals will take place between April 21st & 23rd and we wish our students the very best of luck



Conán Clery McEgan College, who played in the recent Fundraiser for Sensory garden at McEgan held in Cultúrlann Coláiste Choilm.



Lily Barrett McEgan College, who played in the recent Fundraiser for Sensory garden at McEgan held in Cultúrlann Coláiste Choilm.



3rd year students Austėja Bakucionyte, Abi Duggan, Angel Skye MacDonald & Nicolette Blehova taking samples during their recent Field-trip for the Ecology section of the Junior Cycle Science programme.



Home Economics Teacher Ms. Aoife Galvin and Students Eileen McSweeney, Lily Barret & Fiona O'Sullivan with McEgan Wellness stand at the recent EXPO in the Leisure Centre.

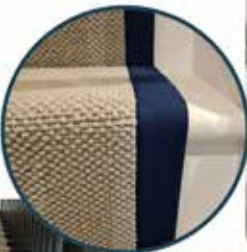


R22 Students who recently enjoyed a fun day in Fota Wildlife park, L to R Finn Lucey, Leyna O'Dea, Seanie Kelleher, Donal McCarthy, Liam Murphy, Hannah O'Callaghan, Piero Estrada and Naoise Guider.

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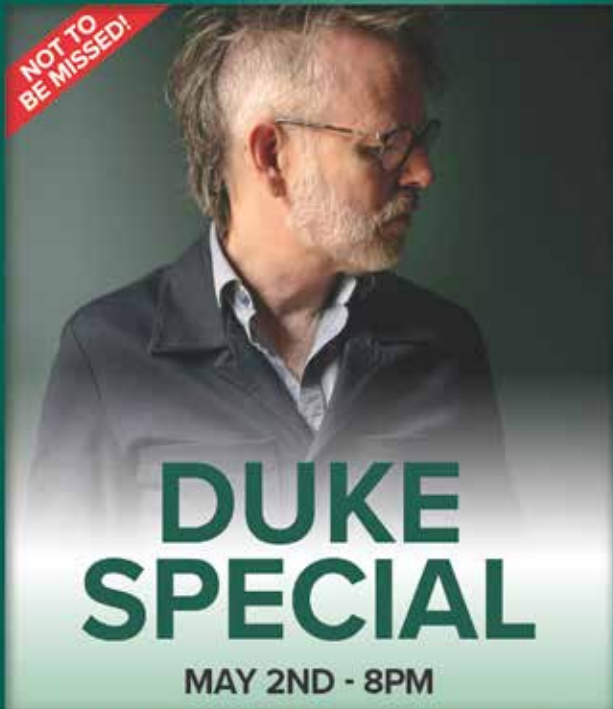
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DLS 6th Yr Students raising money for 'We Stand for Feile'



DLS student Markuss Bogdanovs with his gold medal at the Italian World Cup.

6th Year Leaving Certificate Oral Examinations

Our 6th Year students recently completed their Leaving Certificate oral examinations. They represented themselves and the school exceptionally well throughout the process, showing great confidence, preparation, and maturity. We were very proud of their efforts and the positive manner in which they approached this important milestone. Sincere thanks were also extended to their teachers for the time, support, and dedication they gave in preparing the students so thoroughly. Well done to all involved.

4th Year Trip to Barcelona

Our 4th Year students are heading off on their school trip to Barcelona. Excitement is high as they prepare for what promises to be a fantastic experience filled with culture, fun, and new memories, including visits to the Sagrada Família, the Olympic Stadium, and PortAventura World. We wish them all the very best and hope they have a brilliant time

Pan Munster Rugby Champions

Huge congratulations were extended to 5th Year students Ultan Keane and Mark Calnan, who were crowned Pan Munster Rugby Champions with their club, Ballincollig RFC. These lads have enjoyed tremendous success with the club in the past, and it is fantastic to see them continue to achieve at such a high level. A brilliant achievement that reflected their hard work and talent. Well done lads!

Student Success at Road Safety Matters Awards

Congratulations to 4th year students Michéal Creed, Ronan O'Sullivan, and Ultan O'Tuama, who achieved outstanding success at the Road Safety Matters Awards 2025/2026. The boys created a brilliant and impactful video focused on educating vulnerable road users, which earned them a prize in their category. This was a fantastic achievement and a credit to their hard work and initiative. Sincere thanks were also extended to Mr. Healy for his support and guidance throughout the

project.

More Gold Medal Glory for Markuss!

A huge congratulations to 5th Year student Markuss Bogdanovs, who won a gold medal at the Italian World Cup. This was an outstanding achievement and a testament to his dedication, talent, and hard work. We were incredibly proud to see him succeed on the international stage. Well done Markuss!

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Roiimh shaoire na Cásca, d'eagraigh Club Gaeilge seilg uibheacha don scoil ar fad. Bhí spraoi den scoth le linn na seilge ag am lóin, agus bhain na daltaí an-taitneamh as an iomaíocht agus iad ag cuardach na n-uibheacha ar fud na scoile. Great fun was had as students took part in an Easter egg hunt organised by Club Gaeilge, which brought great energy and excitement to the school community in the lead-up to Easter.



DLS second year students excited for their Easter break.



DLS students excited for Easter Break!



DLS students Ultan Keane & Mark Calnan - Pam Munster Rugby Champions 2026!

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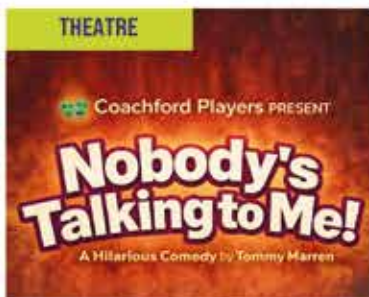
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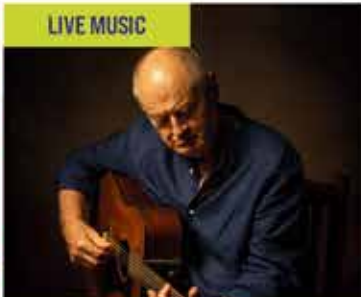
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Road Safety Conference

Georgia Froggatt showcased her project recently at the Road Safety Conference in Killarney. Her project, "An Investigation into the Safety and Public Perception of E-Scooters," explored key issues around the growing use of e-scooters and how they are viewed by the public. During the conference, Georgia had the opportunity to present her research to Minister Jerry Buttiner, spoke with many local Gardaí, and take part in a radio interview with Radio Kerry. Super well done Georgia!!

Billy Kelleher TY Visit

"On the 20th of March the TY students had a visit

from local MEP Billy Kelleher, he gave an enlightening talk about his career explaining his transition from being a TD for the Cork North-Central constituency from 1997 to 2019 to being a MEP for the South constituency of Ireland since July 2019 to present. He spoke about his role in the European parliament and Ireland's upcoming presidency from July to December 2026 which will create a lot of political focus on Ireland. He spoke about AI and the influence of AI within the new leaving cert. He also briefly talked about his visits to Ukraine since the war started and about the atrocities he witnessed there, with this he also spoke about the war in Iran and how it could impact Ireland and the rest of the world. He also spoke about Climate change, the Paris agreement and how Nuclear energy use has increased and now over half of European countries use Nuclear energy as a clean source of energy. He also gave his opinions on the social media ban for under 16's and the various issues that young adults face on social media today. The 4th year students were extremely grateful to have Billy Kelleher take the time to visit them and answer all their questions happily. The IRD Duhallow also attended and explained all the work they do and brought along cookies and capri suns for every student which was greatly appreciated by the students." Report by Laura Moore, TY Promo Team. Thank you to Mr Ronan for organising this.

Senior Football

A tough day out for our Senior A team recently in Mallow as they faced strong opposition from ISK in the semi final of the A plate competition. The girls showed great fight and work rate throughout, going in at half time with everything still to play for. Unfortunately, ISK pulled away in the second half with some smart football, and it wasn't to be our day. Nevertheless, this marks the end of a fantastic year

for the St Mary's Senior team, competing in A grade football for the first time in a number of years- a huge achievement for this group. Massive thank you to their coaching team who give much of their time, expertise and knowledge to coaching the girls.

Basketball Blitz vs Kanturk

Before the Easter Holidays we were delighted to host Scoil Mhuire Kanturk for a great day of basketball. Our 1st Year, 2nd Year, U16 and U19 teams all took to the court. Although their leagues have finished, the girls have continued training and it was brilliant to see their hard work on display as they prepare for next season. Huge thanks to Kanturk for the fun and competitive games, to Mr. O'Connell for organising, Paul for refereeing, and to the girls for their dedication since September.



3rd year, Georgia, displayed her project at the Road Safety Conference in the Gleneagle recently



Our U16 basketballers played Kanturk in a blitz in our school hall recently.



Team captains, Aoibhinn Murphy and Alicja Stefaniak, receiving the plaque.

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NUACHT Ó CHOLÁISTE GHOBNATAN



Ar an 27ú Márta bhí na cailíní B1 2 i gCraobh an Chontae sa chispheil, faraor ní raibh an t-ádh leo.



Avril Ní Thuama, Sadhbh Ní Bhuachalla, Medb Ní Chionnfhaoilaidh agus Naomi Ní Scanail ag glacadh páirte i gClár Fiontraíochta na Daltaí

MÍLE BUÍOCHAS

Chríochnaigh Seán Ó hIarlaithe suas mar fheighlí scoile le déanaí. Thar ceann Phobal Uile Choláiste Ghobnatan ba mhaith linn ár mbuíochas ó chroí a ghabháil dó as ucht an freastal agus an tseirbhís a thug sé do Choláiste Ghobnatan ó 2010. Guímid gach rath leis.

CORN MÉIHUA

Ar an 18ú Márta chuaigh trí fhoireann ó Choláiste Ghobnatan chuig Comórtas Corn Méihua a bhí ar siúl sa Halla an Chontae, Corcaigh. Bhí an craic agus spraoi ag na daltaí a raibh ann ag tabhairt taispeántais aisteoireachta don UCC Confucius Society agus ag léiriú a gcuid Sínis os comhair na moltóirí. Chuaigh na trí fhoireann ar aghaidh chuig an babhta ceannais! Agus chomh maith le sin bhíomar mar na foireann a tháinig sna chéad trí áit! Na daltaí a bhí mar bhaill ná Medb Ní Chionnfhaoilaidh, Sadhbh Ní Bhuachalla, Naomi Ní Scanail, Keely Ní Dhuinnín, Matilda Ní Luanaigh, Traolach Ó Riordáin, Lena Karas, Eoin Céilleachair agus Shay Ó hÉalaithe. Ba mhaith linn buíochas a ghabháil le Máistir Ó Céilleachair agus Jin (múinteoir Sínis) a chabhraigh linn le gach rud bainteach leis an gcomórtas agus chomh maith le sin UCC Confucius Society, Comhairle Contae Chorcaí

agus eagarthóirí an corn Méihua.

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Ar an 27ú Márta bhí na cailíní B1 2 i gCraobh an Chontae sa chispheil, faraor ní raibh an t-ádh leo. Míle buíochas le Bean Uí Chuill agus Rosie a thaistil leo.

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SCRÚDUITHE

Faoi láthair tá roinnt daltaí ón tríú agus ón séú bliain ag obair go dian chun ullmhú do na scrúdaithe. An tseachtain seo bhí an scrúdú cócaireacht do bhliain a trí agus bhí scrúdú praiticiúil i gCeol ar siúl. An tseachtain seo chugainn beidh an scrúdú praiticiúil in Ealain ar siúl. Ar 28ú agus 30ú Aibreán beidh scrúdú praiticiúil i Staidéar Foirgníochta agus ar 29ú Márta beidh an scrúdú CGAT ar siúl. Gabhaimid

ár mbuíochas leis na múinteoirí atá ag cabhrú leo go háirithe Iníon Ní Bhriain, Iníon Ní Leannáin, Iníon Ní Ruairc, Máistir Ó Céilleachair, Máistir Ó Duinneacha, Bean Uí Bhuachalla, Iníon Ní Chonchúir agus Iníon Ní Riordáin. Guímid gach rath ar na daltaí.

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

- feighlí scoile – caretaker
- Sínis – Chinese
- iompair scoile – school transport
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THE MACROOM ACTIVE RETIREMENT

By Ellen Lynch

The Macroom Retirement Group had a great get together recently in Fr Ryan Hall. We were entertained with songs and stories by Joe Creedon from Inchigeela. Joe is a character who is larger than life and he is full of good humour and the 'craic'. He is steeped in the folklore of the locality and what better way to spend a night than transported with Joe to decades gone by. When we invited Joe to do a talk for our group, his response was "I would do anything for Peggy's coffee

cake". So that was our lucky night, for not alone did Peggy bake a coffee cake for Joe, but she also baked coffee cake for us all to have with our Cupán Té. He told us that having his lifetime working in his hotel, he now finds homes semi-retired from the business, but he is busier than ever collecting and relating material which is based on fact but often with a funny slant to it. Joe has a great love of history, but especially local history and he has a very indept knowledge of the life of Art O Laoghaire. This was the historical background

to much of the songs and stories that he entertained us with. While some of what he talked about was serious, he also had many jokes that gave us great laughs throughout the night. He had anecdotes about many of us and people from around the locality that were great reminders of simpler times gone past. It's fair to say that many of us "burned the midnight oil" because when Joe starts, one word borrows another and who know where it may lead. We all agreed that there is at least one good book in Joe.



Members of the Macroom Active Retirement who had a lovely evening with Joe Creedon. He entertained us with songs, stories, jokes and some history thrown in for good measure.



Joe Creedon of Creedon's Hotel, Inchigeela entertained the member of Macroom Active Retirement with history, songs and stories recently



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What's Your Body Trying to Tell You (But You Keep Ignoring)



by Dr. Ben Martin
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Most of us are guilty of brushing off our body's signals. We push through stiffness, ignore that weird hip click, and tell ourselves we're just "getting older" when we feel drained. But what if those little signs were your body's way of asking for help?

At Optimal Chiropractic in Ballincollig, we help people every day who have ignored their body's signals for weeks (or years) - until those whispers turn into shouts.

Let's break down a few common body messages and what they might be trying to tell you.

1. "I'm Stiff First Thing in the Morning"

✓ This is often a sign that your joints or muscles aren't moving freely, possibly due to inflammation, reduced mobility, or poor sleeping posture.

✗ If the stiffness eases after moving around, great! If it lingers, or you feel stiff even after rest, that's worth checking.

💡 Try: Gentle mobility stretches before bed and in the morning.

2. "My Neck and Shoulders Always Feel Tight"

✓ Yes, stress can cause muscle tension, but the underlying cause is often postural strain or spinal misalignment. Hours spent hunched over a phone or laptop don't help!

✗ If you're also getting headaches, tingling in your arms, or clicking in your neck - it's time to dig deeper.

💡 Try: Taking regular movement breaks and checking your screen height. Avoid long periods with your head forward or shoulders rounded.

3. "My Joints Crack All the Time"

✓ Occasional joint noise is common. What we worry about is cracking with pain, stiffness, or swelling - especially in the spine, knees, or shoulders.

✗ If your back or neck crack every time you move, and it feels like you need to "pop" them for relief, your body may be compensating for a lack of proper movement elsewhere.

💡 Try: Strengthening and mobilising nearby joints.

4. "I'm Tired, Even After Rest"

✓ Poor posture or spinal stress can cause your muscles to work harder all day - leading to fatigue. Nutrient depletion, dehydration, or even misalignment can make recovery slower.

✗ If you sleep 7-8 hours and still feel worn out, or you crash by early afternoon, your body may not be functioning optimally.

💡 Try: Staying hydrated (add a pinch of sea salt for better mineral balance), eating regularly, and doing short, energising walks throughout the day.



Why Listening Matters

Your body doesn't have a voice, so it talks through symptoms - stiffness, clicks, aches or fatigue. Ignoring your body's signals is like driving with the check engine light on. It might run for a while - but eventually, something gives. **If you're tired of ignoring the signs, we're here to help you feel better, move better, and stay that way.**

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Ballyvourney Daffodil Day Thank You

The Daffodil Day fundraising hosts would like to thank everyone who attended our recent coffee morning.

It was a huge success with good company, fabulous cakes and lots of raffle prizes, in the relaxed atmosphere of the Abbey Hotel. The success was thanks to the support and generosity of those who attended and donated in any way on the morning, the shops and businesses of our local and surrounding communities, together we raised a total of €5873. Mile buíochas ó Cumann Maidin Cáife Lá Lus'n Chromchinn.



BALLINAGREE VINTAGE

Ballinagree vintage had a pleasant evening in the laine bar on the 11th of march where they held the presentation of their very successfully tractor run which was held back in December .

The benefactors of the tractor run were cunamh day hospital macroom and Cuan Mhuire treatment centre in farnanes a total of two thousand euros were given to each recipient.

Both cheques were presented by Timmy Manning the lord mayor of Ballinagree.

Ballinagree vintage would like to thank each person who came and supported the tractor run.



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- **Saturday, April 25th** through to Tuesday, April 28th Coachford Players presents a hilarious comedy *Nobodys Talking To Me* at 8pm in the Coachford GAA Hall.
- **Friday May 15th** St Joseph's Church, Cloughduv

book launch, GAA Pavillion @8pm – AllWelcome
 • **Sunday May 17th** Mushera platform Bealtaine dance in Ballinagree Village P12PF66.
 3pm to 5.30pm Music by Patrick Triggs& Niamh Downey

The Late Donie O'Riordan DOONISKEY, LISSARDA

A pall of gloom descended over Kilmurry parish and beyond recently with the passing of Donie O'Riordan, Dooniskey, Lissarda, following hard as it did on the sad demise of his dear friend, Albert Murphy, Ballymichael.

Chairman of Poulнарigid Harrier Club and Vice-President of Kilmurry GAA, Donie was an able huntsman and talented footballer in his younger days; a firm stalwart with the victorious 1958 U14's in the County Championship, again in the 1962 Mid-Cork Minor Championship which team narrowly lost to Clonakilty in the County Final; as well as the Junior A Mid-Cork League in 1964.

A straight talker and efficient organiser, he and his late wife Eileen made a significant contribution to

the annual Kilmurry Dog Show in aid of The Guide Dogs accruing over €200,000 throughout the years of its existence. His contribution to the GAA Lotto Committee was also invaluable and tireless. Noted for his punctuality and work ethic with John A. Woods Limited and known to his work colleagues as Dan, his only anxiety with the offer of overtime was if it clashed with an evening match or drag hunt. Though a lifelong teetotaler he frequently enjoyed public house banter, conversation and a game of cards. Thus, a relatively long life of family and community commitment to be much celebrated and an inspiration to all. Finally, we extend our sincere sympathies to the O'Riordan and Murphy families.

Requiescat In Pace



Baking through Covid

At the start of Covid, Catherine L Murphy compiled a recipe book titled 'Catherine's Old Time Recipe Book'. These recipes were handed down to her from her mother and were the cakes her mother used to bake. Catherine then sold the books to fundraise for local charities.

Catherine says in the Introduction of her book "I owe all my love and experience of baking to three people. Firstly, to my beautiful, patient, lovable mum who showed me everything I know. Second, to St Angela in the National school in Dunmanway, where I was taught some of the amazing recipes I still use today. Third, to Sr Ann (nicknamed Gunners) in the Secondary School in Dunmanway, where I learned more advanced cooking".

Catherine continued "I think every child from a young age should be taught Home Economics both at home and in school. It is vital at this day and age that children learn the old style baking and recipes before they disappear altogether. These recipes should be kept alive and not lost in the years to come".

Previous donations from the proceeds of the Recipe Books were given to The Air Ambulance, St Vincent de Paul, Penny Dinners, Meals on Wheels, Macroom Senior Citizens, Coleman's House, Edel House, Clann Aire Creche Clondrohid and Clondrohid N.S.

These books followed on from a series of baking videos that Catherine did on Facebook and all the books are now sold.



Catherine L Murphy presented a donation to Evelyn McSweeney, who accepted it on behalf of Macroom Senior Citizens

CLOUGHDUV LAUNCH BOOK TO CELEBRATE 155 YEARS OF ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

A book will be launched on Friday 15th of May 2026 in the GAA Pavillion at 8pm, to commemorate the 155th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of St. Joseph's Church, Cloughduv.

It will also include the history of St. Mary's Church, Kilmurry and St. John the Baptist Church, Canovee

as well as some of the historical events associated with Cloughduv church such as the death of General Michael Collins in 1922. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Fintan Gavin on Sunday, 17th of May at St. Joseph's Church, Cloughduv.

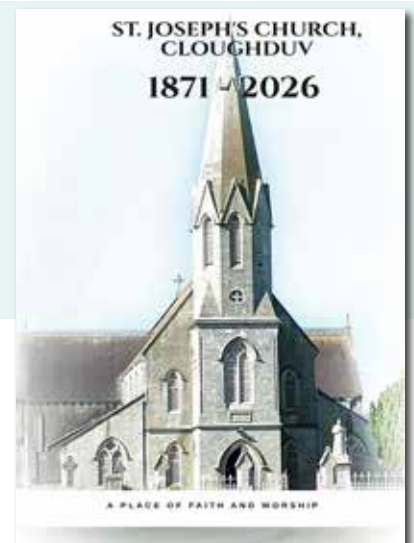


image left: Pat O'Connell presenting the West Muskerry AC, with their prize for the "Non Commercial" category at St. Patrick's Day Parade. Pic Peter Scanlan



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The Tiny Feet Fairy Garden

MASSEYTOWN, MACROOM (FOUNDED 2018)

By Con Kelleher

Massytown is a distinct part of Macroom and once had its own lord – Lord Mountmassy - and fair and was almost a separate town. Now, one of its most distinguishing and pleasant features is its Tiny Feet Fairy Garden. The Garden is a twenty-first century development, dating from 2018. Current Chair Joe Cronin outlined its conception, development, vicissitudes and current state. Michael/Mickey Burns, O'Connor Park, recently deceased, played a pivotal role.

Massytown residents Mickey Burns and Catherine L. Murphy of Macroom Tidy Towns Committee noticed some unused ground on Sullane's bank, roughly behind Neville's Terrace. Mickey sadly died in January 2026. They saw an opportunity to create something. Both were devoted grandparents and knew what was missing and what would be useful. After consultation with Martin Coughlan and others, they approached the then Macroom Town Council, and it transpired that the Council owned the ground. Martin was a Macroom District and Macroom Town Councillor (and Chair) Council and is a County Councillor (and was Mayor). He is also Chair of Macroom Tidy Towns Committee. In that and many other roles and in his work for the council, he has given wonderful service to the town and area. With his help and guidance, management of the space was transferred, relatively easily, to the Macroom Tidy Towns Committee (MTTC) and by association, the Tiny Feet Fairy Garden Committee (TFFGC). The latter was established to concentrate solely on the garden project, and for legal and grant reasons. The area is about one acre and is beautifully situated on the banks of the Sullane. Access is from Massytown and a path from the western end of Macroom Bridge, northern side, by the river's edge. As its name suggests, it was decided to use the idea of fairies and fairyland. Fairies, leprechauns and their



Macroom Tidy Towns, Fairy Garden and Men's Shed members.

magical world were strongly featured in Celtic and other mythologies, and it was decided that that would be its theme. As time passed, other ideas were incorporated. Gnomes and toadstools are still abundantly dotted about. Some of the early decorations were fine but fragile and had to be replaced with sturdier adornments. A miniature 'Massytown' is a fine and interesting feature. Disappointingly, some houses were removed carefully. The extractions were so cleanly done that they probably survives somewhere but not in their rightful place. Happily, new replacements are under construction. Another area has a toy 'zoo' that shows both farm and zoo animals. It is very popular. A raised bed has a central place and, in summer, is very colourful. A Giants' table impresses many young folk. Since erected, a shed has found many uses – perhaps none as important as at Christmas when Santa and

Mrs Claus and their elves receive children and give presents. Patrick O'Leary, an American benefactor donated money for Christmas visits and medallions for sale to the TFFG. A book closet was installed where children were invited to read, borrow and return books. A sensory garden is a beautiful feature that attracts much attention; John Lyons of MTTC was heavily involved in creating this section as well as the bio-diversity area. Special needs children call weekly during the summer months. TG4 did a feature on The Garden in 2024 and filmed using drones. This is a situation where pictures and film are worth thousands of words – see the attached. There are many more images on The Tiny Feet Fairy Garden's web page, macroomtidytowns.ie/tiny-feet-fairy-garden.php. Part II to follow.



New Fairy Well, August 2019 with Mickey Burns, R.I.P., Catherine L. Murphy, centre and co-founder, and Anne Cronin, R.I.P..

Michael/Mickey Burns (1951-2026) Co-Founder of The Tiny Feet Fairy Garden

Mickey Burns came from Mullinroe, Clondrohid, Macroom and began his working life in Maura McCarthy-Thompson's shop in Main Street. Margaret Murphy, one of a large family, lived nearby. A friendship developed and marriage followed. The family settled in O'Connor Park. They have six sons and one daughter, and eleven grandchildren.

Always an activist, Mickey became involved in the Macroom Tidy Towns Committee and then, especially with The Tiny Feet Fairy Garden Project. He, Catherine L. Murphy and Martin Coughlin were the prime movers in conceiving and creating the amenity. Its superb quality is a tribute and testament to his and their foresight, perseverance and hard work.

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Dromleigh N.S. students were delighted to celebrate Seachtain na Gaeilge 2026 by welcoming Cois Laoi Productions to the school on March 25th. Students were engaged from start to finish with a most entertaining version of Na Trí Ghabhar Chliste. Pupils were delighted to have the opportunity to lend

their support to the Stand4Féile fundraising event promoted by Sciath na Scol throughout the county. Students wore their jersey of choice to school on March 20th as part of the event. Many thanks as always to our Parents' Association for organising a delightful Bake Sale and Coffee Morning

in the school on March 27th. A wonderful community event as always.

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 participating in the Stand4Féile fundraising Jersey Day on March 20th.



Dromleigh N.S. students with the cast of Cois Laoi Productions celebrating Seachtain na Gaeilge 2026.

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CLONDROHID PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE: They would like to extend a huge thank you to Laochra Óg Hurling and Camogie Club for organising their fantastic Tractor Run fundraiser in aid of Clondrohid Playground. A brilliant total of €3,011 was raised on the day - another important step forward in building a playground for our community. A big thank you to everyone who helped run this event and to all who came along to show their support. Your generosity and community spirit are so appreciated. The young folk on their tractors was a great attraction, well done all.

CORK GAA CLEAN UP DAY: Despite the cold and wet conditions last Saturday morning, Clondrohid GAA members and Clondrohid Dev Group gathered in the GAA grounds and headed off with gloves, jackets and bags to pick rubbish from the roadside. Most of the roads leading into our village were completed. Great co operation was the key to success, and hopefully this will be repeated in the coming months. Thanks to everyone who participated, especially the young folk who joined their parents on the day. Well done all.

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

CLONDROHID NEWS

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MACROOM HISTORY GROUP NOTES

Con Kelleher.

The Fourth Macroom Annual Second-Level Schools History Exhibition.

The Macroom Annual Second-Level Schools History Exhibition will take place on Monday 20 April, 7-9 drawing to a close Macroom History Group's '25-'26 season. In the fourth consecutive event, McEgan College, Macroom Youthreach, St. Mary's and De La Salle students will display their school history projects to the public. The projects form part of the students' year's work and the Exhibition provides an opportunity to publish their findings, and explain why they picked that particular topic; they will be on hand to discuss their findings with visitors. It takes place in the Castle Hotel, Macroom and entry is free. The Exhibition is loosely based on that of the Young Scientist of The Year. As there, participants will have a stall where they can use posters, diagrams, maps, plans, document extracts, photos and excerpts from learned tomes. Much information is mined from parents, grandparents, relatives and local historians. Topics range from battles to politics to geographical features and also can include items on social issues such as rural electrification, rural running water, the ICA etc. Macroom and the surrounding areas are very rich in history, with national and international figures abounding. They range from Brian Boru to Cromwell's lieutenants, Ireton and Broghill, his opponents Bishop McEgan and the McCarthys and his beneficiaries, the William Penns, senior and junior. Topics often covered are the Penal Laws, Daniel O'Connell and Catholic Emancipation, the Great Irish Famine and the subsequent decimation and diaspora of the Irish population that followed. In was in this period that the Irish language weakened and almost died. Other themes sometimes examined are Parnell and Home Rule, the birth of the GAA and the Gaelic League, the 1916 Rising, the War of Independence,

The Civil War and Ireland since 1922. Many renowned Macrompians of the past feature and include Seán Rua, Art Ua Laoghaire, An tAthair Peadar Ua Laoghaire, T.C. Murray, Daniel Corkery and Molly Cunningham. General Bernard Montgomery (Monty) featured in an important episode in Macroom in 1922, just prior to the outbreak of Civil War hostilities. Unlike the Young Scientists Exhibition there is no judging or prize winner. In our view, everyone who participates is a winner and is awarded a Certificate of Merit for entering. Students are encouraged to address the audience but there is no compulsion. Mr Jim Cooney, retired teacher, book-shop owner and author will address the gathering and present the certificates. Afterwards, the students will mingle and enjoy a tasty meal. There will be 20-25 exhibits and they promise to be interesting and informative.

Douglas Kidd is the chief organiser and he has great support from the four schools. Ms Christina Cronin, Macroom Youthreach, created the posters and arranged for their distribution. The Hotel is an excellent venue and its staff is extremely helpful in all aspects of its organisation.

Entry is free – you may make a donation if you wish. The students and teachers and the organisers work hard to mount the Exhibition; your presence and support would be greatly appreciated.

West Cork History Societies Association (WCHSA) AGM, 28 March 2026.

The WCHSA is an umbrella organisation of seventeen history societies from Carbery, Muskerry, Carrigdown and Beara, somewhat akin to a GAA divisional board. Its purpose is the sharing an interest in local history between societies and helping one another. The WCHSA recently held its AGM in Bantry and reviewed its year and elected William Casey as Chair (outgoing) and Tony McCarthy as Secretary (new). Central to the meeting was a discussion of a survey recently



completed. The survey showed the tremendous work done/being done by member groups. Work is focused on local history items - recording, detailing and highlighting matters of importance and thereby teasing-out our origins, identities and understanding how Ireland was, and more specifically, how our areas were and became what they are today. The societies have great depths of knowledge and have acquired great skills. All societies have strengths and weakness. The survey identified both and the WCHSA will facilitate how relevant knowledge and skills can be diffused to all. Expertise lays in fields such as holding lectures, publishing journals, knowledge of grants and insurance costs, cemetery care, on IT, communications and recording, signage, book publication, organisation of field trips and so on. Crucially, all member societies are willing to give and receive ideas and practical assistance.

A very important issue is attracting members to become active and in time to continue the societies' work. Interest and attendance at lectures, field trips are high but the age profile of members is rising. New and, especially, younger members are sorely needed. The meeting has some plans to remedy that problem. Macroom History Group was a founding member of the WCHSA in 2023 and members Brendan O'Brien and Con Kelleher attended. MHG will now examine some of the ideas proposed and decide which ones are most beneficial to developing knowledge of the town and area. Incidentally, the idea of a Schools History Exhibition, a Macroom innovation, was seen as being attractive but not yet copied.



Rory Buckley presenting to Macroom Tool Hire with a prize for the "Commercial Float" category at the St. Patrick's Day Parade Macroom. Pic Peter Scanlan



Rory Buckley presenting a prize for the best "St. Patrick's Day Window Display" category to Vincent's Shop Castle Street. Pic Peter Scanlan



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By Tadgh Quill-Manley (Tadgh is a law student at the King's Inns and grew up in the house of his great-grandfather, Herbert 'Sean' Mitchell, who was O.C. of the IRA's Cork No.1 Brigade in the 1920s-30s)

By late 1922, as the Irish Civil War shifted to a clampdown on guerrilla sabotage after the fall of major anti-Treaty strongholds, the Lee Valley remained a contested area. Reports from the 8 November 1922 edition of the pro-State 'Evening Echo' (Co. Cork's main daily at the time) captured the tense atmosphere, highlighting successes of National Army (Free State) forces while condemning actions by volunteer IRA units - referred to in the press as "irregulars." The State was in conflict with the three notoriously defiant, yet depleted, Brigades in the county: The First Cork Brigade (covering the City, Muskerry and East Cork - with Herbert 'Sean' Mitchell and Tom Crofts having stints as overall O.C.), the Cork No.2 Brigade (covering North Cork, with Sean Moylan as overall O.C.) and the Third Cork Brigade (covering south-west Cork, with Tom Barry as overall O.C.).

The Engagement at Carriganima

Early November brought a notable clash at Carriganima parish. According to the 'Evening Echo,' an armoured car had made an uneventful run from Macroom to Millstreet. On the planned return journey between the towns, intelligence warned of blocked roads and an ambush by around 100 irregulars, said to be under the command of Sean Moylan. The National Army officer wirelessed Macroom for reinforcements. Troops from the directions of both towns converged on the parish in a pincer movement: the Millstreet party met the IRA in strong defensive positions near Carriganima, while the Macroom detachment closed from the rear. A fierce two-hour firefight followed at close quarters. The newspaper described the irregulars as numerous and well-equipped, yet claimed they were decisively outfought from the outset, dislodged, and forced to retreat across country with National troops in pursuit. Casualties on the IRA side were reported as heavy (though exact figures were uncertain, as wounded were carried away), while National losses were limited to one: Captain McDermott, wounded but not fatally. The account framed this as a clear victory for Government forces, underscoring their growing effectiveness in countering ambushes in the rugged North Cork terrain.

Attack on the Cork-Mallow Passenger Train

The same period saw disruption to through railway sabotage, a common Republican tactic aimed at hindering Free State troop movements and supply lines. The 'Evening Echo' lamented the "wanton and meaningless destruction of public property" that



had delayed repairs to the Great Southern & Western Railway (formerly Cork to Mallow line), suspending service for weeks. When trains finally resumed - offering much-needed travel for the public - the paper expressed hope for stability, given the high repair costs and jobs created for railway workers. That optimism was short-lived. On an early morning in early November, the 7.20 passenger train from Cork City to Mallow came under attack. At Kilbarry, about three miles short of Blarney on the city centre side, the driver halted at signals set against him. Around 30 armed men emerged, ordering passengers, crew (including women travellers), driver, fireman, and guard to alight. The attackers detached the engine, reversed it into the coaches, and sent the carriages speeding back toward the city centre. A quick-thinking milesman boarded the guard's van and applied the hand brake, averting a crash at the station platform. The paper alleged that worse intent followed: the IRA activists allegedly attempted to redirect the runaway engine to collide with military-occupied carriages at Monard (Kilnap) Viaduct. The impact derailed the engine and injured several National soldiers, who were taken by armoured train to Cork City and then by ambulance to the Mercy Hospital. Eight required treatment for minor injuries and were released. Passenger numbers were low, but those aboard - including some ladies - faced alleged hardship, with some walking back towards the city. The newspaper praised Sergeant O'Leary,

an ex-railwayman at the Monard military post, who had anticipated trouble and lifted a rail in front of the troop train. When the engine struck the gap, it was thrown onto the embankment after a glancing blow, preventing a possible boiler explosion and greater loss of life. The paper called the outcome "most fortunate," noting widespread excitement in Co. Cork, followed by relief at no fatalities.

Additional Local Incidents

The same week, in Donoughmore, IRA activists reportedly set fire to and destroyed a Cork City merchant's lorry. Mails at Donoughmore were raided and not returned, with the newspaper further illustrating the guerrilla campaign's impact on everyday transport and commerce. These reports reflect the viewpoint of the emerging Free State authorities and their supporters in Co. Cork, who portrayed National Army actions as protective and disciplined, while depicting IRA operations as destructive to commerce and property. Meanwhile, National Army troops raided a house in Macroom, seizing guns and making four arrests. For local communities in the broader Muskerry area, November 1922 brought a mix of military/paramilitary clashes, disrupted travel, and uncertainty amid the broader struggle over the new State. Such episodes highlight how the peak of the Civil War's guerrilla phase directly touched ordinary life in the Lee Valley.

Source: Evening Echo, 8 November 1922



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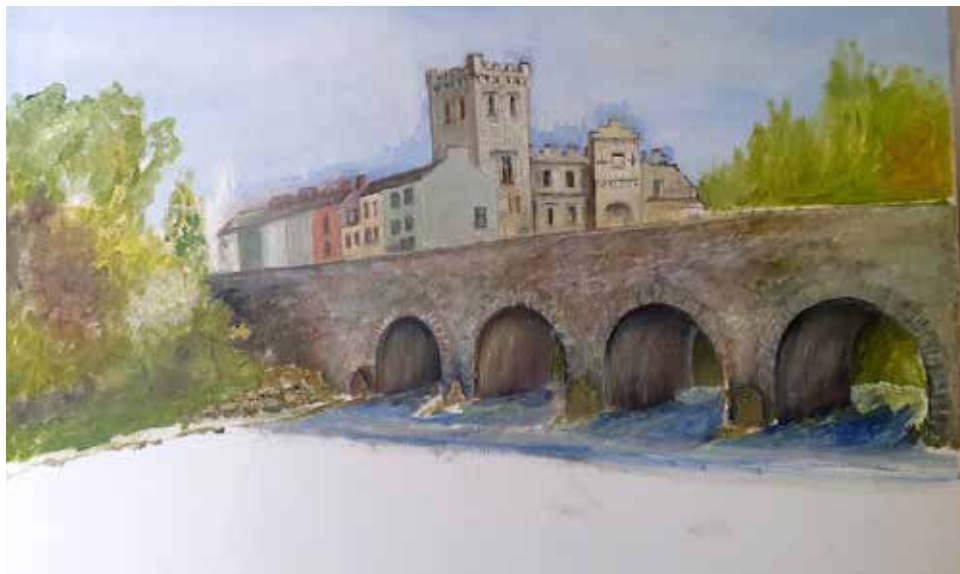
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Kilmurry Active Retirement



This photo of 'a work in progress' an oil painting by one of the members Kilmurry Active Retirement. No prizes for guessing the location.

Retirement – a work in progress

On the off chance that someone who has not yet retired ends up reading this, I will offer some advice. I am certainly no expert on retirement, and consequently perhaps the best piece of advice you will gather from me is not to pass too much remarks on what I say, or too much remarks on what any one person may say for that matter. Thankfully, we are all unique. We have all different desires and interests, and luckily with retirement we have the freedom and opportunity to tailor our future lives, to the extent that our fate allows.

I had always the aspiration to retire early. I enjoyed my demanding career, and I enjoyed and valued those who perhaps had the misfortune of working with me. But I had the inkling too that I am a restless soul. After being temporary in the position for five years, I was made permanent in 1993. I was aged 35. Perhaps it was fear of that word 'permanent' that prompted it, but it was then that I started to plan my exit strategy. I wrote that 'I want to develop the skills and the capital to have the freedom to earn a livelihood outside paid employment if I so choose'. Having learned that dreams are just dreams without a target, I fixed the target date, the 1st of January 2010. Eighteen years seemed for ever then. We were not frugal, but we were certainly not flúirseach. Both my wife and I tackled all the practical things we could, aiming to learn skills in the process. That target was not achieved, but sheer luck then intervened. A restructuring offered the opportunity for voluntary redundancy and a half a dozen stents in my heart provided added motivation to experience variety, and so I did retire later in 2010, at the age of 53.

I can't really claim to have gleaned sixteen years of retirement experience since. I had never intended to 'retire'. Retire from paid employment, yes, but not from work. I realise now that while focused on the goal I gave little thought to what I wanted to do with my retirement, and I have given little enough thought to it since. You may think therefore, that I must be poorly equipped to give advice on retirement, and you may be right. But on the other hand, I have come to realise that I am not that uncommon. Before I retired,

I had asked advice of my wiser older brother who had retired early. He told me that the biggest disadvantage of retirement that he found was that he can no longer take a day off work to get things done! And so, it has often proven to be. But not once have I regretted it.

Retiring from paid work early or at any time in life does involve financial planning and the advice you are given is that the earlier you plan the better the outcome. Yet there are more critical issues. Financial planning may enable retirement but is that what you want? More and more people choose not to retire and to stay working for as long as they can. Many who retire drift back to work, some for the extra cash, but more often I think for the connections, camaraderie, and the sense of purpose that may be found in (some) workplaces. I know men in their eighties working, and I know men retired who would have preferred not to retire. In many of the United States about 20-25% now stay working beyond 'retirement age'. Managers see men in their offices crying because they must go at a mandatory retirement age, imploring for extension or part-time work. Some men's sense of identity is so closely tied to their occupation. For some it is their sense of value, it determines their worth. Preparation for retirement is important and perhaps too often neither employee nor employer gives it sufficient attention, though thankfully many employers now provide training. It is one life transition that in most cases can be planned for, and providing or attending courses in the last year is less than optimal. From my experience in management and from my observations, I think that those who can choose when they retire, even if only by changing the date by months, and those who leave in the spring or early summer seem to find the adjustment easier. Personal choice makes it our decision, and we are great at justifying our own decisions, and there is so much more one wants to do in the summer. Ultimately, we are all responsible for ourselves and so it is that the main responsibility for planning for retirement rests with the employee. I know it is hard to plan for what we don't know, but such is life.

There is though, so much information available and much scientific research. It's a scary time for many

people. There may be a sense of anxiety, will I be bored? Will I lose my health? Will I be lonely? But there's much to look forward to; such freedom, being able to design your own days, go on trips whenever you want. But, as the saying goes, you can do anything but not everything. So, one of the first things to do is to ask yourself: What do I want to do? You now can work on the things that interest you.

Both scientists and planners recommend that any plans you may have should incorporate three things, firstly learning: something new. Preferably something challenging, something that forces you to think. This is the essential exercise required for your brain. Be determined to do the hard work of learning. It will keep you sharp and as the saying goes, "if you don't use it, you lose it."

Secondly look after your physical health. As we get older, we lose muscle mass. If we don't use them, we lose them, too. Older people often stop using most of their muscles, greatly increasing risk of falls, one of the biggest killers being the complications of dealing with the injuries, broken hips, legs and shoulders. So, build into your plan an exercise session for each day. On some days you may focus on your core strength—stomach, legs and ankles, some days do some cardio such as walking up hills until a little breathless and include some stretches too. Try to get each done three times a week. Commit yourself to at least a half hour out of your day for this self-care. Or better still, and particularly if you have any health issues, get a plan tailored for you from your doctor or from those helpful experts in local leisure centres.

The third recommendation is social. On retirement the natural connection we had with coworkers may be lost, and if so, it is important that we should seek to replace by building new connections. You may find new connections by deciding what activities you really want to do; what excites you. There you may find others who share your excitement and passions. Or if you struggle with so much choice, retirement is a wonderful opportunity to engage or reengage with your community, something perhaps which you have not done due to the pressure of work. Or try out an active retirement association, there you may find a community of like-minded people trying out new and ever-changing experiences and enjoying this chapter of life. Take comfort in knowing that there is no rush, you can try many things. Variety is the spice of life. Whatever your choices they are not final, retirement, as life, is a work in progress.

Ongoing activities

We are back from our Easter break in full swing: Bowls, Well Being classes, Fit for the Future classes, Chair Yoga, Tea & Chat, Zumba gold, and Buff bones. Next Coffee Crawl is scheduled for Wednesday 22nd April, and our Summer Outing is on Friday 15th 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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Toyota Leads Q1 Market as EV Growth Accelerates, with Yaris Cross as Ireland's Best-Selling Model

- Toyota Yaris Cross is Ireland's best-selling car in Q1 2026.
- Toyota remains the number one passenger car brand in Ireland with a 13.75% market share in the first three months of the year
- Electric Vehicles now represent 8.43% of Toyota's sales mix, up 208.61% on Q1 2025, driven by the arrival of the Toyota C-HR+ and the new Toyota bZ
- Electrified vehicles account for nearly two-thirds (65.86%) of all new car registrations in Ireland
- Hybrid remains the most popular powertrain, accounting for 25.89% of the market, up 11.07% on Q1 2025
- EV sales have surged, making them the second-most popular powertrain, overtaking petrol
- March Jump in EV Sales Breaks Seasonal Trend
- Diesel sales fell by 22.66% compared to Q1 2025
- Petrol sales fell by 22.38% compared to Q1 2025

Toyota is Ireland's best-selling car brand for the first quarter of 2026 for the sixth consecutive year, securing a 13.75% market share. The Toyota Yaris Cross Hybrid was the country's best-selling car model during the period. Between January 1 and March 31, Toyota sold 8,936 passenger cars, finishing more than 2,415 units ahead of its nearest competitor.

Four Toyota models featured in Ireland's top ten best-selling passenger cars with the Yaris Cross leading the market as number one best-selling model in Q1 2026, along with three other models including the Corolla Hybrid, Corolla Cross, Toyota C-HR Hybrid.

Toyota's electrified line-up led the way in Q1, with Hybrid, Plug-In Hybrid, and Battery Electric vehicles accounting for 99.81% of passenger vehicle sales. Toyota's Battery Electric Vehicles now represent 8.43% of Toyota's sales mix, up 208.61% compared to Q1 2025, driven by the

arrival of the Toyota C-HR+, and new Toyota bZ. Across the wider market, electrified vehicles accounted for nearly two-thirds (65.86%) of all new car registrations in Ireland. Hybrid remains the most popular powertrain choice for Irish drivers, with demand up 11.07% compared to Q1 2025. Toyota sold 7,981 hybrid units in Q1, representing an 89.31% of its total sales, reinforcing both the continued shift towards lower-emission driving and Toyota's leadership in electrified mobility.

Q1 2026 saw a notable surge in EV adoption, with Battery Electric Vehicles becoming the second-most popular powertrain, overtaking petrol. With a 40.55% increase in market share, electric vehicles continue to attract drivers ready to make the switch to fully electric. Toyota reflected this momentum, recording 753 EV sales in Q1 2026, an increase of 208.61% compared to 244 units in Q1 2025.

This trend was especially pronounced in March, which saw a 34.85% increase in EV sales compared to February, diverging from typical seasonal patterns. The uplift points to a growing consumer focus on the long-term economics of driving, with more motorists recognising the cost efficiencies and value offered by electric vehicles.

Meanwhile, diesel and petrol sales continued to decline, with only 8,391 and 13,797 units sold respectively in the first three months of 2026, marking a combined decrease of 45.04% compared to Q1 2025.

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Speaking about the latest figures, Zoë Bradley, Head of Marketing Communications and Corporate Affairs in Toyota Ireland, said,

"The continued growth in electrified sales emphasises Irish drivers' clear shift towards more cost-effective and lower-emission mobility, as well as their trust in Toyota to support this transition. Our strong start to 2026, maintaining our position as Ireland's leading car brand for the sixth consecutive year, reflects the strength of our offering and the relevance of our multi-path approach. We are also delighted to see that the Yaris Cross is the best-selling model so far this year, providing electrified driving at an affordable price with excellent features. Electrified vehicles represent over 99.81% of our 2026 sales, with hybrids in particular continuing to lead as the most popular powertrain. As more drivers consider how best to balance performance, efficiency, and sustainability, Toyota's broad range of hybrid, plug-in hybrid, and battery electric vehicles ensures there is an option to suit every lifestyle."

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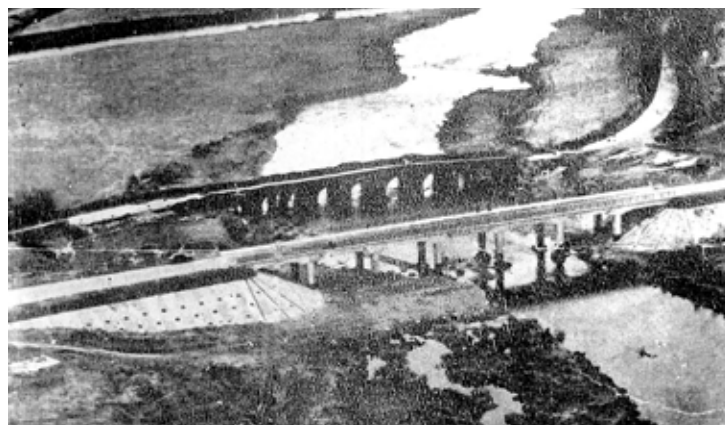
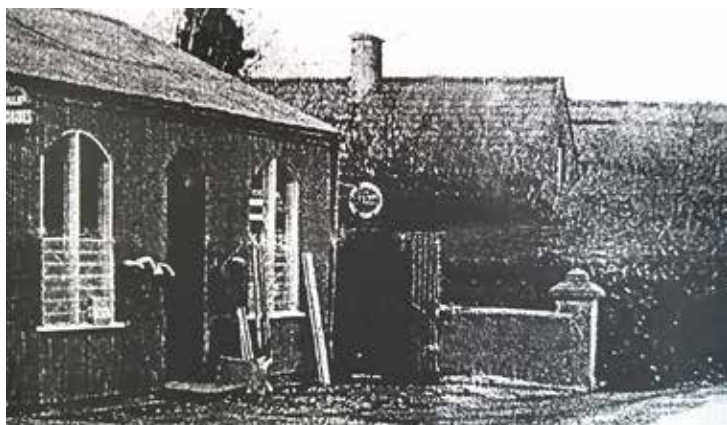


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THINK GLOBALLY, **ACT LOCALLY****TWO MEN OF THE GEARAGH**

Hi Chris Barrett here, and today I have the pleasure of hearing from two men who were born on the Gearagh and are sharing their life stories with us. I am most grateful to Patrick Manning and Connie O'Leary.

First I spoke with Patrick Manning. Patrick was born on the Gearagh in 1953. He was the third child in his family. The eldest went to Castlevew National school which has now closed. His sister Nora died of pneumonia at about a year and 9 months. Patrick was aged 3 years and 9 months in March 1957 when they had to leave. He can remember a lorry with a staircase, windows, door-frames, tools and a wheelbarrow leaving the Gearagh to go up to what became his mother's homeplace in Tareilton. The locals were gathered around crying but he didn't know why. A local man gave them a lift out of the Gearagh as they had no car. At that time, people didn't think the Gearagh was a special place. It was just a convenient place to live, with a local shop which had everything except milk. They had no electricity but that was the same for the surrounding area. People were closely knit at that time, with people helping each other out in bringing in hay and looking after each other's children. Women would make and mend clothes and were self-sufficient as regards sewing and mending. There was no shortage of timber for fire-wood and tool handles. They would have to start a fire every day because they needed heat and to cook. There would have been a lot of smoke rising up from that area. Patrick's father was a carpenter, making chairs, tables, and spokes and rims for cart-wheels, which often needed to be replaced. His mother worked as a maid in big Protestant places, such as William's Coolcower. She also worked at the Horseshoe Hotel which is near to where the Greyhound is now. She was able to crochet and sew and make a meal out of nothing. She would be good at preserving, such as making crab-apple jam, as there were plenty of crab-apples on the Gearagh. Her own mother had died when she was four so she had developed resilience and self-sufficiency very early. Patrick remembers women who would wear black clothes with a black shawl over their heads. He tells me that this is the origin of the Hooded Cloak.

The flooding was a big change for Patrick's father because he had spent all his life living in close contact with his neighbours. He was to move to Annahala inheriting from his uncle, Jack Creed, when he got married in 1948. His brother moved to Glasheen in Cork city after the Gearagh was flooded. He had been in the delegation which had gone to Dublin to try to stop The Lee Scheme. Some men had come from Coachford as part of the delegation. They took the train to Dublin, but their delegation failed.

Each family on the Gearagh would have had about one and a half acres and a few richer people would have had up to 30 acres. There were only about four families who took the ESB to arbitration because they were



TWO MEN OF THE GEARAGH by Chris Barrett

the only ones who could afford to do it. One person who was compensated was a Creamery Manager who had 60 acres of land in Coolcower. The rest had to take what they got, and in the case of Connie O'Leary, the situation has remained unresolved.

Some interesting artifacts have come from the Gearagh. Patrick has donated a salmon gaff to the Kilmurray Museum, where you are able to go and see it. The gaff came from the Gearagh on the lorry. It probably had belonged to his grand-uncle and seems to be a particularly unusual type because we cannot find a similar one on the internet.

As a young man at the age of twenty, Patrick went back to the Gearagh and found the chimney pot from his old house lying on the ground. When he returned later, it was gone. Before the flooding, all the houses had been dynamited so that no one could return to them.

Road bowling took place on the road through the Gearagh and it was there (the main Macroom/Dunmanway road till the 1950s) that the Auxiliaries marched to Kilmichael.

They came via Annahala over the bridges up to Godsell's Cross and back by Cooldaniel to Drumcarra. One of the Auxiliaries survived the ambush and was making his way back to Macroom the same way when he was captured and executed by Quarry Cross (1920). His body remained there till after the Civil War when it was removed and buried in the Old Graveyard in Inchigeela. His name was Cecil Guthrie and readers may remember his name as he appeared in the article on reconciliation which I previously did with Joe Creedon.

Next I speak with Connie O'Leary who Patrick referred to. People may remember Connie as he used to live in a caravan by the Two Mile Bridge, before he moved into Macroom.

I would like to state that in both cases I give you the personal opinions of Connie and Patrick not my own. I record their stories, as an informer to the area without their insider knowledge and background, but I do believe they both have fascinating histories to tell.

First Connie started by telling me a little about the geography which has affected his life. There are two rivers, the Sullane, from Macroom, and the Lee from Gougane Barra which meet at a 'V' junction at Coolcower Bridge. There are also more minor rivers and their tributaries that flow into the Lee and the Sullane. They provide extra water that flows into the 'V' at Coolcower Bridge where he lives.

The harnessing for the water from both rivers started in 1952. That was seventy three years ago, nearly three quarters of a century from now.

While the Electricity Board were planning, Connie's mother took readings from a gauge which measured the height of the river near the Bealaglashin Bridge. This was the same bridge that Padraig O'Duineen was told by his mother that she pushed him over in a pram, before it was knocked down.

When all this happened, Connie strongly feels that what followed was an engineering blunder because the ESB underestimated the high volume of water coming at the same time from the two rivers and their tributaries. Connie was there when both rivers were there. He was born in 1941 and experienced serious flooding at the age of 11, when the damming took place. His family home was flooded on different occasions. There was no warning, just unexpected flooding. To try and counter that, his mother, Mary and father Dennis O'Leary tried to raise the land around the house to above water level, even though their kitchen was flooded. Connie helped them to try and get the ground level to well above high water level to prevent further flooding and erosion. Connie says there was an element of mystery and doubt about the levels that the water reached. In Connie's words, "The ESB were unable to achieve a proper level where the water could be controlled."

At the time the old oak and beech were being cut with two man saws to about four to six feet above the ground. The sheltering and nesting area for the birds was destroyed. There were a share of otters around at that time and Connie would have seen some otter families when he was a child. He remembered that humans and foxes would avoid the otters. He also remembered that he used to see water hens and curlew along the banks of the river.

The Gearagh was known to be dangerous, but the locals knew the terrain and the deep holes to avoid. There were mini islands and some holes were so deep that they used sticks to check them as some were so deep that they would go over a man's head.

The guards would raid for the poteen and the same boatman, Tommy Tom, (Tommy Murphy), who would also deliver the barrels of poteen in his twelve foot rowing boat on other occasions, would show them around the Gearagh in as confusing a manner as possible.

There were only four fellows with a rowing boat

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according to Connie, who has memories of a few of the locals making poiteen. He also remembers seeing some people walking around on very simple stilts due to the very challenging terrain.

Connie was an only child of about 11 years and there were other families with children around the Gearagh who had to be looked after.

The Gearagh was also a place where local people would come on their bikes to relax and fish.

Anglers would come from the UK and had huts along the river. In Connie's words, the locals,

"...would throw a rug on the ground and have minerals sandwiches and apples."

The people were labourers and small farmers might even have a grey Ferguson. Some of the people in Macroom looked down from Sleaveen Hill but did not enter. They had heard that the terrain was dangerous and that if you were to slip, you could drown. It was the people who lived there that knew their way around. In 1898 Connie's grandfather, who worked with the council, came to the Gearagh, making Connie the third generation there.

There was a small shop in Anahala at the Quarry Cross. His mother would be in charge of about 24 hens, a cow, and a goat and they had a donkey and cart. They would sell cooking apples. Like other Gearagh locals they sometimes got supplies from the pub and shop at Toon's Bridge, and occasionally from Macroom.

Some of the men worked in the lime quarry. Connie's father would bike to Inchigeela, Carrigadrohid, Crookstown or Canovee for work. If there was a group needed e.g. for cleaning drains, they would go together. They would carry their tools e.g. a slash-hook or shovel tied between the saddle and the cross-bar of the bike. They would meet very few cars and these would mainly be very old cars with poor pulling power. In those days there were more horses and carts than cars. There would be a 'tumbling bolt' which acted as a tipper. You took off the back tail-board and the load came out.

There were some vegetables grown in places due to the limestone terrain e.g. potatoes and turnips, and there were always blackberries.

Everyone who had even a bit of land would keep a cow for milk. The shop had no fridge and so sold no milk.

Samuel E. Williams owned the Coolcower Estate and he sold it after the Hydroelectric Scheme started, (for under 20 thousand pounds) to the Casey family who are still there.

In contrast, Connie's mother was a housewife, living in a labourer's cottage, under the 'Houses of the Working Classes Act' of the 1920s. The council owned the cottage that Connie was born in. They did the maintenance. They had their own crews with buckets etc, but they got cement delivered by a pony or a horse. His mother would boil potatoes on the swinging arm of the crane and Connie would turn the

belt-driven bellows.

When you were in the Gearagh before the flooding, you didn't get to leave very often, but Connie went to Macroom N.S. He walked there or took a bus. Connie went to school at the convent at about the age of five or six and he was taught by nuns till he was seven. This was a stepping stone to the Boys National School. In those days no one thought they were more important than anyone else. They were all of the same class. The Boy's National School was run by the Christian Brothers. They were not entirely kind, and all the teachers were remembered by him as being domineering and aggressive. These teachers were mostly all brothers and John Brown did not arrive at the school until after Connie had left. Maths, English, Irish, Religion, and Irish History were taught but most time was spent on Irish. Connie has very little Irish now. He was taught Gaelic football and he played for the school. Someone else informed me his nickname was, 'brains'. He played Junior GAA for Macroom in a local league and by his own admittance, he used a rugby style.

Connie left National School after 6th class and went to McGean Technical School for two years to do technical subjects e.g. woodwork and metalwork. His favourite place was the machine shop where he would use the lathes. Most of his class would leave at fourteen, although some of them repeated. After leaving the Technical School, he served his time as a mechanic for three years in McSweeney's garage, Cork St. (Pat. Macs) He used to drive a motorbike, a second hand BSA motorbike (175cc) which he initially used to get to Cork, and he got his first car at eighteen. He drove his car to B&D (Buckley and Duggan) on the Kinsale Road in Cork city where he worked as a mechanic. He was there to see changes from ordinary engines to turbo seeing dynamos become replaced by alternators. He had to keep adapting his skills to the changes which were designed to increase power and improve motoring.

Throughout his working life and afterwards, Connie never drank alcohol or smoked, saying

"I'll keep the cap on top", and "I don't want my mouth turned into a chimney."

His father would smoke woodbines which he called coffin-nails.

After B&D, Connie opened up his own place doing repairs, dismantling and sales. He was known for this throughout the Republic.

A goat was to act as a deterrent to would-be thieves and later the role was taken on by alsatians.

He also had a business hiring out rowing-boats and allowed the locals Padraig Dineen and his brother go off adventuring in them. This started Padraig's fondness for boats and the first time I saw Padraig was rowing around Ireland on TG4!

The flooding was still an issue and to secure proper accommodation, and to prevent flooding and erosion

thousands and thousands of tons of building rubble was used, assisted by builders and demolition workers from Macroom to get Connie's ground level above water level. In Connie's words,

"Nobody stopped me. A person's home is his castle."

Connie values his privacy and the prevention of flooding and erosion. His house now has a concrete step around it put in by the ESB after the flooding of 25/07/2005. Despite this Connie feels that his welfare is not at priority when water is raised or lowered.

He is in possession of a letter from an ESB engineer saying they would,

"...use our control land in a manner considered more suitable to the Board's interests."

The Electricity Supply Amendment Act 1927-1945 allowed all of the Hydroelectric dams to be built under the Hydroelectric scheme. They had compulsory powers. They did not serve notice as the O'Leary's were council tenants. They were the meat in the sandwich. The ESB dealt with the council, not the owners. They did deal directly with the farmers as they had title to the land. They were given disturbance money and a house. Recompense only went to those who had title and the O'Learys did not get it as they were tenants. They were not offered anywhere else to go. The ESB had control of water up to the contour line. They still have. The rivers come in at the back by the old railway line and at the front by the main road.

Not long after the Carrigadrohid dam was completed, water came into the O'Leary kitchen to waist height. Connie was 15 and working at Pat Mac's garage when the 'doctor for health' said that it was a one-off.

The ESB worked with CCC replacing roads, bridges and cottages, and just as some people got houses in Coolcower, Connie continues to feel that the ESB did not respect the labouring classes, and that his family should have been given a new cottage.

I have been really fascinated by the stories from these two Gearagh men.

They give a very different and broader perspective to the ESB account in The flooding of the Lee Valley (ESB). (which can be found in the Reference section of Macroom Library.)

THE GEARAGH - A COMMUNITY & OAK FOREST LOST FOREVER By Josphine O'Connell

(also available Macroom Library), The most comprehensive book however is

Saving Eden The Gearagh and Irish Nature By Kevin Corcoran.

Patrick and Connie were both very generous with their time and in sharing memories with us and I am profoundly grateful to both of them.

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



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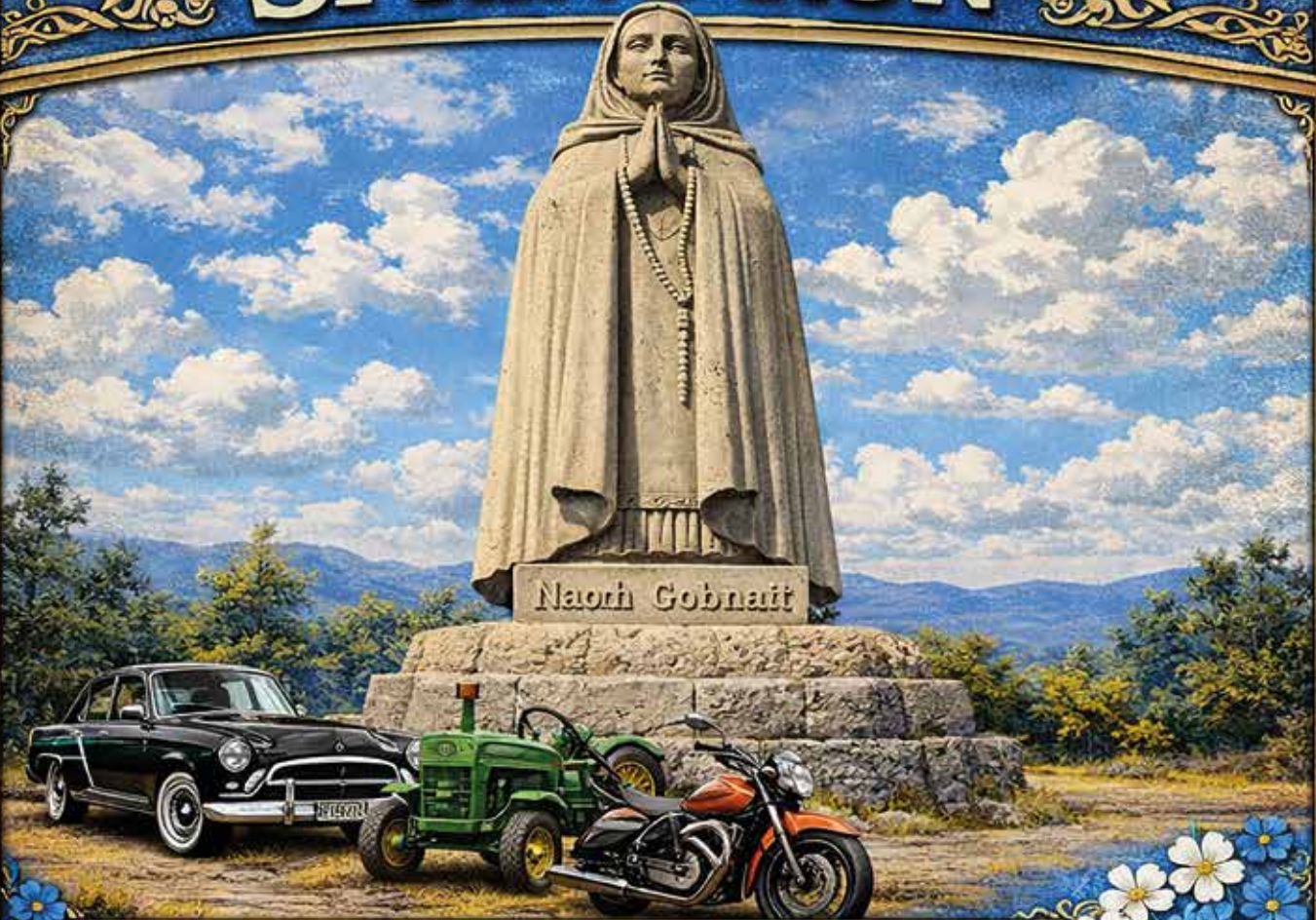
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Children from Kinadur NS who received the sacrament of Confirmation recently from Bishop Fintan Gavin. Pic. Peter Scanlan



Confirmation candidates from Ballinagree NS pictured with their teacher Shane Lehane, and celebrants, Bishop William Crean, Fr Joe O'Mahony and Fr Donal Robert.



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Applications now open – deadline: 31st May 2026



Killarney (Ireland), March 2026 – Liebherr Container Cranes is launching its 2026 Scholarship Programme, now in its tenth year, reaffirming its commitment to developing the next generation of talent across engineering, IT, and automation disciplines. The initiative is designed to support ambitious and high-performing students by combining fully funded education with meaningful, real-world industry experience.

The scholarship offers full tuition coverage and integrates structured work placements and internships at Liebherr's Killarney facility. This provides participants with early exposure to a global engineering environment, working on advanced crane technology and automation solutions that are shaping the future of port operations. Upon successful completion of their studies, scholars will also have the opportunity to transition into full-time roles within the company, contributing to innovative projects with international impact.

Eligible degree programmes include mechanical, electrical, and structural engineering, as well as mechatronics, automation, business information systems, computer science, software development, and data analytics. Throughout the programme, scholars will gain hands-on experience, collaborating closely with Liebherr's expert teams and engaging with cutting-edge technologies in a dynamic and supportive environment.

A COMMITMENT TO THE FUTURE

Charlie McCarthy, Managing Director – Engineering at Liebherr Container Cranes, highlighted the importance of sustained talent development within the organisation. "Our scholarship programme reflects a long-term commitment to building capability from the ground up. It allows students to immerse themselves in real engineering and digitalisation projects from an early stage, gaining practical insight alongside their academic studies. By supporting their development in this way, we are helping to cultivate the skills and mindset required to drive innovation across the global container handling industry."

HOW TO APPLY

Interested candidates should apply by email to scholarshiprecruit.lcc@liebherr.com.

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NAOMH FIONNBARRA LADIES FOOTBALL

On the 27th of February, Naomh Fionnbarra Ladies Football club held their underage medal presentation in Ned's Shed, Creedon's Inchigeela.

Rosie Corkery, currently playing with Cork Senior Ladies Football, presented medals to over 60 girls from the age of 6 to 16 years. The U14 girls won a plate in a league over the summer and the U16 girls won a shield in their league and they also won a U16 County Championship back in October 2025. Rosie was very encouraging to all the girls to keep playing football!!! The club has a presentation in memory of the late Billy Twomey every year to award a club member who has given an outstanding contribution and Richard Lucey the Chairperson of the club received this for the year 2025.

Naomh Fionnbarra is a small club but growing from strength to strength!!!! Our U12's down to U8's are very lucky with the coaches they have, they have fun at every training while learning the skills from the coaches and they get to show this at plenty of blitz's and Go Games.

The U13 & U14's have had great games and learning every time they take to the pitch. This year we are very proud of Bláithín Cronin and Caoilinn Ní Laoire who have been selected on the Cork U14A and U14B team and they both are enjoying this opportunity to play with the County.



Naomh Fionnbarra have a great bunch of U12 girls, they played plenty of football during the Summer and into the Autumn

The U16 team are at the highest level up there with the bigger clubs and they show great football each day they go out!!!! The club couldn't be prouder that Lorna Hodman was selected as goalkeeper for the U16 A Cork team and Méabh Ní Chéilleachair selected in the U16B team and they are both showing great football every day they play for Cork.

This year is the first year in eight years that the club will have a Minor team and these girls have been together

in the club since they were 6 years of age!!!

Our Junior team is growing from strength to strength as well with nearly 40 players on the panel this year!!!

Here's to a great year again for all involved in the club, players, coaches and parents!!! Naomh Fionnbarra Abú!!!



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LAOCHRA ÓG

30th April 2026

****Laochra Óg U16s Hurlers Edge Thrilling Contest Against Newmarket****

Laochra Óg U16s Hurlers emerged victorious after a fiercely contested and highly competitive hurling clash with Newmarket this evening, securing a hard-earned **1-13 to 2-8** win.

From the throw-in, the intensity was clear, with both sides fully committed in what turned out to be a physical battle across the pitch. Strong tackles, relentless work rate, and determination defined the encounter, as neither team was willing to give an inch. Newmarket struck for two well-taken goals, one late on in the match that kept them firmly in contention throughout, but Laochra Óg responded impressively with disciplined play and some excellent point-taking to keep the scoreboard ticking over.

A key feature of the game was the outstanding goalkeeping at both ends. Each goalkeeper pulled off a series of superb saves, denying what looked like certain goals and keeping their teams in the hunt during crucial periods.

Laochra Óg's defence stood tall under pressure in the closing stages, showing great composure to withstand late attacks, while their forwards continued to convert vital scores to maintain their narrow advantage.



Tractor Run photo at Laochra Og

In the end, it was Laochra Óg's consistency and resilience that proved decisive, as they edged a gripping encounter that was a credit to both teams.

A savage display from two well-matched sides, showcasing the skill, spirit, and passion of underage hurling at its finest. Well done lads. Thanks to team sponsors Star Turkish Barbers. Thanks to the supporters too who cheered on endlessly all through match.

It was a tight match with some great hooking and blocking and lots of great scores, however unfortunately the girls lost in the last second of the game by just one point.

Well done to the girls on a great effort and onwards and upwards to the next match. Thanks to team sponsors Healy's SPAR.

31st March 2026

Well done to the under 16s Camogie team in their first league match of the year against Crosshaven.

Minor hurlers played their second league game on Sunday at home in Ballymacorcoran which was in

great condition regardless of the weather against Kanturk/Dromtariffe.

With the wet conditions on the day contributing to this being a hard fought match both teams took the lead at different stages.

The draw at the end was a fair result for the effort both teams put in. Thanks to our team sponsors Deasys Pharmacy Group Cork for their continued support.

4th April 2026

Our Junior ladies were at home this morning against Kinsale. We played against a strong wind in the first half, and all worked hard. With two quick goals from Kinsale to narrow the margin at the start of the second half, our girls kept working and with some great points and two goals we ran out winners at full time.

Well done to the panel this morning. Thanks to our grounds committee who had Ballymacorcoran in perfect condition and thanks to the team sponsors The Clondrohid Tavern

Thanks also to our supporters as always. Best of luck to Kinsale in the rest of the league and thanks for a good sporting game.

1st and 8th April 2026 Minor Camogie

The Minor Girls have had a great start to the Minor A league with 2 wins from 2 matches. Captain for this coming year is Darcy O'Brien and Vice - Captain Tara Twomey.

First match was away to Kinsale on Wednesday 1st of April, the girls were leading at half-time and continued on to finish deserved winners at the full time whistle. Thank you to Kinsale for hosting us at Dunderrow pitch.

Our match this evening 8th of April was another great win for the girls at home to Youghal, taking an early lead and again maintaining that lead to the final whistle. Thank you to the Youghal team for making the journey out to Ballymacorcoran.

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Service & Repairs, to the CART bus for transport for the girls to Kinsale and to the supporters this evening in Ballymacorcoran. Well done to the girls in both matches and the next match for the minor girls is this coming Sunday 12th of April away to Newcestown at 11am.

10th April 2026

Well done to our u12 camogie team who played their first game of the county league in Ballymacorcoran last evening against Kilbrittain. Both teams played really well and there was great skills and teamwork throughout. Well done to Aimée our captain for the evening. Thanks to Kilbrittain for travelling, thanks to our sponsors Macroom Tidy Towns Group and thanks to parents and all those who came to support the girls.

GENERAL GAA NEWS

Allianz National Hurling League 2026

Cork 3-25 Waterford 1-16
Galway 1-21 Cork 2-20
Cork 0-29 Tipperary 0-22
Kilkenny 1-15 Cork 3-12
Limerick 3-19 Cork 0-20
Cork 6-26 Offaly 0-20
Final: Limerick 1-27 Cork 1-21

Limerick 1-27 Cork 1-21

Limerick will go into the Munster campaign more sure about themselves than Cork will be after this match.

This final confirmed what the regulation rounds of the hurling league had suggested – Limerick are currently a cut above every other team in the country. It's clear the appetite of the group remains undiminished, as does the sheer class of some of the team's star players.

None more so than Aaron Gillane who showed once again why he's the outstanding inside forward in the country as he scored a brilliant 1-4 from play and won the vast majority of balls that came his way. Seán Finn is another worth mentioning for holding Alan Connolly scoreless from play and Shane Barrett was another Cork forward who failed to score from play, which had a lot to do with the dominance of Limerick centre-back William O'Donoghue.

A six-point win was a pretty accurate summation of Limerick's superiority in this game, but you have to give Cork some credit for getting that close.

It looked like they could be beaten all ends up when they conceded the first six points of the match and trailed by nine by the 18th minute, and the fact that they salvaged some honour in defeat means this loss shouldn't damage them ahead of the Munster Championship campaign.

That being said, they were in a good position trailing by just three points at half-time with a big wind to come at their backs for the second, but they never really looked like winning the game due to the dominance of Limerick's defence and the sheer brilliance of Aaron Gillane.

You have to give Limerick a lot of credit for re-seizing the initiative in the second half after a second-quarter fade-out, and it was largely thanks to the fact they regained dominion over the physical exchanges. Generally the team with the better half-back line wins the match, and that was certainly the case here. Diarmaid Byrnes, O'Donoghue, and Kyle Hayes all won their individual battles, whereas Eoin Downey, Robert Downey, and Micheál Mullins arguably came off second best in theirs.

Limerick had started the match at 100mph, and were



Junior Camogie v Kinsale 5th April 2026

making the most of the wind at their backs, but it was the sheer ferocity of their tackling combined with their sharp stick-work that was the key to their early dominance.

Trailing by 1-11 to 1-2 with just 18 minutes on the clock, Cork looked in serious trouble, but they gritted their teeth and showed a lot of character to battle their way back into the match in the second quarter. They started to match Limerick's physicality in the tackle which allowed them to win more possession and sending it in the direction of their forwards. Four frees in a row by Alan Connolly slowed Limerick's momentum and gave Cork a real foothold in the game for the first time. When Darragh Fitzgibbon then lofted over a great score on the run from the right wing to reduce the deficit to just four points, Cork were suddenly right back in the contest despite being completely out-hurled in that first quarter. By the break the Rebels had cut the deficit to a very manageable three points with the wind to come in the second half.

They never quite managed to get the run on Limerick they needed though in order to really generate the belief they could win this game. Limerick's defence reasserted itself, Gearoid Hegarty and Cathal O'Neill gave their team a great ball-winning platform in the half-forward line, and Aaron Gillane kept doing Aaron Gillane things.

In the 48th minute Limerick went 1-18 to 1-12 ahead. Then the Rebels had a brief purple patch when the very lively William Buckley, Tim O'Mahony, and Hugh O'Connor all struck points in the space of a couple of minutes and by the 63rd minute Cork had reduced the gap to just two points, 1-21 to 1-19, but when the game was there to be won it was Limerick that had the resolve to find the big finish.

Gearoid Hegarty hit a nice point his defiant performance deserved and Gillane landed another from wide on the left, and you knew at that stage that

Cork were cooked.

Scorers for Limerick: Aaron Gillane 1-7 (3f), Aidan O'Connor 0-8 (7f, 1 65), Adam English 0-3, Diarmuid Byrnes 0-3 (1f, 1 65), Cathal O'Neill 0-2, Gearoid Hegarty 0-2 Shane O'Brien, David Reidy both 0-1.

Scorers for Cork: Alan Connolly 0-7 (all frees), Brian Hayes 1-3, William Buckley 0-3, Darragh Fitzgibbon 0-2, Tim O'Mahony 0-2 (1f), Tommy O'Connell, Hugh O'Connor, Seamus Harnedy, Mark Coleman all 0-1

Cork: Patrick Collins; Niall O'Leary, Ciarán Joyce, Seán O'Donoghue (Inniscarra); Eoin Downey, Robert Downey, Micheál Mullins; Tim O'Mahony, Tommy O'Connell; Séamus Harnedy, Shane Barrett (Blarney), Darragh Fitzgibbon; William Buckley, Alan Connolly, Brian Hayes. Subs: Ger Millerick for Sean O'Donoghue (36), Mark Coleman (Blarney) for Micheál Mullins (48), Hugh O'Connor for Séamus Harnedy (51), Robbie O'Flynn for Tommy O'Connell (62), Declan Dalton for William Buckley (69), Damien Cahalane for Robert Downey (72). (Report by John Harrington for RTE)

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

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
NFL Div 2 FINAL: Meath 1-22 Cork 2-17

2026 Munster Senior Football Championship

April 12th – QF: Limerick 1-16 Cork 4-16: Tipperary 0-15 Waterford 1-7
April 25th – SF Tipperary v Cork ion Thurles: Kerry v Clare in Ennis

Munster Football Final: May 10th at 1.45pm

Cork 4-16 Limerick 1-16

Summary: Excellent first half playing against the wind, very disappointing second half display by Cork without ever being in danger of losing. Muskerry footballers, Luke Fahy, (Ballincollig), Colm O'Callaghan (Éire Óg) and Chris Óg Jones (Iveleary) had fine games once again.

Goals were plentiful as Cork eased through to the semi-finals of the Munster Senior Football Championship with a comfortable 4-16 to 1-16 victory over Limerick at SuperValu Páirc Uí Chaoimh. The Rebels hit the back of the net four times in the first half with Dara Sheedy, Tommy Walsh, Sean McDonnell and Ian Maguire raising green flags as John Cleary's side went into the break leading 4-10 to 0-7.

Limerick, with the aid of the wind, started well, gaining an early lead with a two-pointer from play in the fifth minute. Paul Walsh replied and Limerick had a point to again lead by two. Then came two Cork goals in the 14th minute, from Sheedy and Tommy Walsh, as Cork stormed into the lead. The home side built on this with Steven Sherlock, Chris Óg Jones and Luke Fahy putting the ball over the bar in quick succession.

McDonnell's goal arrived in the 23rd minute, becoming the last Cork forward to score by punching in from right in front of the posts at the City End. Ian Maguire got in on the goal scoring action by dummying Jeffery Alfred with his right and firing into an empty net with his left, while Sherlock closed out the half with a free and a '45.

Limerick hit back on the restart with Eiliah Riordan put over a '45' and it got even better shortly after with Naughton converting a penalty after Robbie Childs was fouled as Cork made a complete mess of a short kickout. Brian O'Driscoll rather unluckily was shown a black card for his part in the incident.

At that point, Limerick were chipping away as they closed the gap down to eight points with a white flag raised by Fahy. Cork's bench helped Cleary's side get through the rest of the game without any fuss. Castlehaven duo Conor Cahalane and Brian Hurley were two of those that came on and had an impact, as they combined to score four points.

They even worked together to create a goal scoring

opportunity for Maurice Shanley in the 65th minute, the full-back denied by an excellent save from goalkeeper Alfred.

Cork attention now turns to a meeting with Tipperary on Saturday, 25 April in Thurles.

Cork: Micheál Aodh Martin; Maurice Shanley, Daniel O'Mahony, Seán Meehan; Brian O'Driscoll, Tommy Walsh (1-0), Luke Fahy (Ballincollig) (0-1); Colm O'Callaghan (Éire Óg), Ian Maguire (1-0); Paul Walsh (0-2), Mark Cronin (0-3), Seán McDonnell (1-0); Chris Óg Jones (Iveleary) (0-2), Dara Sheedy (1-0), Steven Sherlock (0-4, 1 45, 1f). Subs: Conor Cahalane (0-3) for Sheedy (HT); Conor Corbett for McDonnell (53), Brian Hurley (0-1) for Cronin (53), David Buckley for Jones (66), Darragh Cashman for Fahy (66)

Manager John Cleary's post match comments:

"I'm happy with the first half and happy with the result — but not happy with the second half, simple as that," he said.

"Our attitude in the first half was spot on. We were running hard, getting hands on ball, and we were clinical.

"In the second half we just couldn't get our hands on the ball. Being down to 14 men for 20 minutes (Brian O'Driscoll Black card and then a yellow and red on 60) didn't help either, but there's still plenty to work on."

"The first half was extremely positive, especially the way we finished our goals. But the second half was the opposite really. We had a couple of goal chances and didn't take them.

"We spoke at half-time about being here before. Maybe we switched off and thought the game was won. Fellas might have been strolling around. I can't put my finger on it right now, but we'll address it.

"Sometimes it's great to get lessons when you win. We're disappointed and we won by nine. If the halves were reversed, we'd be cock-a-hoop leaving here. But we'll have to address it during the week as it isn't the first time this has happened," he said.

"It's not fitness — there are days we finish very well. But in the modern game, if you lose momentum it's very hard to get it back. And being down to 14 for 20 minutes is a big punishment. We suffered for it today. "The last couple of times it happened, we addressed it and got a positive response. That's what we'll be looking for again."

Manager: Joe Carroll

LGFA - Ladies Gaelic Football

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

Div1 League Final: Cork 2-8 Galway 0-9

A dramatic finish saw Cork win the Lidl NFL Division 1 title at the TUS Gaelic Grounds Limerick, their first league title since 2019.

Two late goals saw the cup head to Leeside for the first time since 2019, with Katie Quirke getting one of the green flags.

The second was given after a Rachel O'Regan palmed effort was touched over the line by a Galway defender, but to be fair, there was little she could do to stop it.

Cork had a chance to open their account two minutes in from a Quirke free, but her effort went just wide as she was shooting into a strong wind.

Galway, aided by the wind, got the game's first score eight minutes in when Siobhan Divilly pointed, and from the restart her sister, Niamh, doubled their lead. Quirke had another chance to score for Cork, but again her effort went just wide, before Emma Cleary got them off the mark.

With 12 minutes played Kate Slevin increased Galway's lead, before another Divilly sister – this time Olivia – made it 0-4 to 0-1 in the Tribeswomen's favour. style="border: 1px solid black; margin: 1.5rem; font-size: 1.063rem; font-variant-ligatures: normal; font-variant-caps: normal; orphans: 2; text-align: start; widows: 2; webkit-text-stroke-width: 0px; text-decoration-thickness: initial; text-decoration-style: initial; text-decoration-color: initial; word-spacing: 0px; v: shapes="x0000_i1025">

Eva Noone stretched their lead further to make it 0-5 to 0-1, as Cork were finding it hard to get out of their own half, with the wind being a major factor.

Cork had a chance to reduce the gap, but another effort from Quirke went narrowly wide from a tight angle.

The Rebels got their second point 23 minutes in when Melissa Duggan burst forward to set up Aimee Corcoran to score.

Niamh Divilly replied at the other end to see her side lead 0-6 to 0-2 with five minutes to half-time.

Slevin pointed in the final minute of the half as Galway were deservedly in front by 0-7 to 0-2 at the break.

Despite playing against the wind, Galway got the first score of the second half, with Noone on target again. The Tribeswomen had a chance to go further ahead, but a last-minute interception from Duggan denied them a goal.

Quirke reduced the gap as she split the posts after 38 minutes as Cork were now starting to come into the game more. Aoife Healy pointed for Cork, after 41 minutes, as they tried to get back in contention, to make it 0-8 to 0-4.

Three minutes later, and Cork looked like scoring the goal they needed, O'Sullivan intercepted a pass, found Quirke, and she played Rachel O'Regan in but Leah O'Halloran was quickly off her line to deny her a green flag.

Quirke pointed from a free to put only three between the sides as Cork were enjoying their best spell of the



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U12 Camogie v Kilbrittain 10th April 2026 02



U16 Camogie v Crosshaven 30th March 2026

tie. Nicola Ward increased Galway's lead to four again with 10 minutes to go and it seemed the Western girls would prevail.

Five minutes later, the Rebels were back on level terms when they pounced on a Galway defensive mistake, with Quirke getting a second chance, finding the back of the net to level it, 1-6 to 0-9.

With two minutes to go, Cork took the lead for the first time in unusual circumstances. O'Regan fisted the ball towards goal, and had it gone straight to the net it would have been disallowed, but it was touched by Chellene Trill, and as she was adjudged to have carried it over the line the goal was given – a tough break for Galway but a reward for Cork's perseverance.

Katie Quirke and Aimee O'Sullivan added late points to see now rampant Cork run out winners by five points.

Scorers for Cork: K Quirke 1-3 (1f), 1-0 (og), A O'Sullivan 0-2, E Cleary, A Corcoran, A Healy 0-1 each. Cork: C Richmond; M Duggan, D Kiniry, S Kelly; A Corcoran, Sadbh McGoldrick (Éire Óg), Rosie Corkery (Naomh Abán); A Healy, A O'Mahony; R Leahy, Gráinne Murphy (Naomh Abán), Emma Cleary (Éire Óg) capt.; A O'Sullivan, K Quirke, L Hallihan. Subs: M O'Callaghan for G Murphy (ht), R O'Regan for L Hallihan (37), A Ring for E Cleary (55).

Cork Manager Joe Carroll:

Asked about the win and if Cork were back Carroll replied: "We're back for this evening but Tipperary, Kerry and Waterford won't be long trying to knock us off our perch in the Munster championship.

"But look it is great to get a trophy because for these players in particular it was important for a lot of them. They're very young and it gives them a bit of relief to finally get one.

"At half-time I didn't think it was gone because we were only down five and I've kept telling them all the year, we've finished strong in the last 15 minutes, which we did.

"It was nice to beat Galway from the point of view that I think they're a superb team, and they've been very unlucky to be fair to them. It should give our players confidence, but look, we know we still have a long way to go, we're far from the finished article, we're a work in progress and it's nice to get a trophy."

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

Munster Senior Camogie Championship

Tipperary v Cork in Thurles April 19th 2026, 2pm before SHC game

Munster Camogie is set for a blockbuster 2026 season as three of the four Senior Championship fixtures, including the Provincial Final, will be staged as high-profile curtain-raisers to the Munster Senior Hurling Championship.

This partnership with Munster GAA ensures that elite camogie athletes perform on the province's biggest stages, in front of the most passionate crowds in the country.

The Camogie Road to the Final

The Senior Championship trail follows a high-stakes path through the heart of Munster's most iconic stadiums:

The Quarter-Final: Tipperary v Cork 2pm: A massive opening fixture set before the Tipp v Cork hurling rivalry resumes at 4pm.

The Semi-Final: Limerick v Cork or Tipperary Sunday, 26th April (12 noon) | SuperValu Páirc Uí Chaoimh followed by Cork v Limerick in the hurling at 2pm.

The Final: TBC 16th or 17th May | Venue TBC (Thurles or Limerick) The pinnacle of the Munster Camogie season. The date and venue will be locked in once the finalists are confirmed to ensure a neutral, top-tier setting.

Christine Ryan, Chairperson of Munster Camogie, had the following to say:

"Our players relish the opportunity to perform on Munster Championship matchdays, experiencing the unique atmosphere of packed stadiums. These occasions play a vital role in raising the profile of camogie and showcasing our game to an even wider audience."

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.

Munster Championships

U20 Hurling:

Tipperary 1-21 Cork 0-22

Cork 4-18 Limerick 0-21

Waterford v Cork 15/04 at Dungarvan: Cork v Clare 29/04 – top three to qualify

Munster U21 Football

Clare 1-10 Cork 1-10

Kerry 2-27 Waterford 0-10

Cork v Kerry 16/04 : Clare v Waterford 16/04

Cork v Waterford 23/04: Kerry v Clare 23/04

Final: 30/04

Cork: 1-10 (1-0-10) Clare: 1-10 (1-2-6)

Cork and Clare shared the spoils in the Dalata Hotel Group Munster U20 Football Championship Phase 2 Round 1 clash at Quilty.

Cork will still take plenty of positives, and it could prove a valuable point when the group stage concludes. The sides were level at the break, but they looked in trouble late on until impressive wing-back Seán O'Leary levelled matters.

Kerry visit SuperValu Páirc Uí Chaoimh and Cork will need to improve for that test.

The crossfield wind caused problems for both teams early on. Clare opened the scoring from a free, Sheedy fisted over after a strong run. Sheedy added another, making it 0-2 to 0-1 after 11 minutes. The sides traded points before Cahill found the net for Clare with 10 minutes left in the half.

Miskella converted a free and Sheedy levelled, Miskella inched Cork ahead briefly, but Clare replied to leave the teams tied at 0-6 to 1-3 at half-time.

Cork started the second half positively and O'Leary put them in front, Clare levelled before Miskella struck a superb goal for Cork, 1-7 to 1-4 after 37 minutes.

Captain Darragh Clifford (Éire Óg) kicked The Rebels four clear, but a two-point free kept Clare firmly in touch.

The teams exchanged points as Cork led 1-9 to 1-7 with 18 minutes remaining. A brilliant two-pointer brought Clare level and Ruben Fallon put them in front with four minutes left.

Kilmurry's Seán O'Leary levelled for Cork and the Rebels were glad to get a piouint out of the game.

Scorers for Cork: D Miskella 1-3 (0-2 f), D Sheedy 0-4, S O'Leary 0-2, D Clifford 0-1.

Clare: S Fennell 0-6 (1 2pt f, 1 2pt, 0-2 f), E Cahill 1-0, D Culligan 0-2 (0-1 f), R Fallon, D McMahon 0-1 each.

Cork: B Curtin (Valley Rovers); F Hurley (O'Donovan Rossa), Peter Rose (Ballincollig), M Ahern (St Finbarr's); Seán O'Leary (Kilmurry), C McCarthy (St Colum's), O Foley (Bishopstown); Darragh Clifford (Éire Óg, capt), S Connolly (Ilen Rovers); Mark O'Brien (Ballinora), D Sheedy (Bantry Blues), G Holland (Bishopstown); S Coakley (Douglas), R Barrett (St Finbarr's), Danny Miskella (Ballincollig).

Subs: L Shorten (Tadhg MacCarthaigh) for S Coakley (48), T Kiely (Mallow) for S Connolly (51).

Munster Minor Hurling

Cork v Waterford away: v Tipperary away 17/04: v Clare at home May 1st: v Limerick at home May 8th.

Final: May 15th – top two teams

Waterford 0-9 Cork 0-12 in Dungarvan

Cork got off to a winning start in the Electric Ireland Munster MHC with victory over Waterford at Dungarvan on Friday night.

In treacherous conditions, the visitors led for almost

all of the game – while an early three-point lead was cancelled out, they finished the half with four on the trot and never had a cushion of less than two after that. It was a triumph founded on workrate with a full-back line that never looked like allowing Waterford the goal the Decies needed.

Having finished the first half with four straight points, Cork were 0-7 to 0-3 ahead at half-time and a lovely Cormac Murphy point extended the advantage on the restart. However, Waterford fought back well.

A free from their primary scoring threat Dylan Murphy was followed by a lovely effort from Donncha Flannery just after his introduction, perfectly judging the crosswind.

Cork led 0-9 to 0-5 advantage on the 41st minute but Waterford, who beat Limerick in their opener, came back again and two pointed frees into the teeth of the gale left just two in it with a quarter remaining.

Tadhg McCarthy hit a smashing point and then sub Ryan Cagney fired over to make it 0-11 to 0-7. Waterford did have two late points, Cork's Sam McCarthy also on the mark.

Scorers for Cork: T Murphy (0-2 f), T McCarthy, S McHugh 0-2 each, S McCarthy, C Murphy, T Huggins, S Ring (0-1 f), R Cagney, D Nolan 0-1 each.

Cork (MHC v Waterford): Marley Walsh (Yougalh); Jack Batterbury (Castletownroche), Howard O'Donovan (Kilbree), Nathan Coffey (Na Piarasigh); Finn Cahill (Midleton), Seán Riordan (Kilworth), Dave Nolan (Erin's Own); Tadhg Murphy (Cloughduv), Alfie Hennessy (Midleton); Tadhg McCarthy (Watergrasshill, captain), Stephen McHugh (Newtownshandrum), Liam O'Regan (St Finbarr's); Cormac Murphy (Ballinora), Tom Huggins (Sarsfields), Sam Ring (Carrigtwohill). Subs: Ryan Cagney (Mallow) for C Murphy (45), Bobby Power (Ballincollig) for Ring (49), Cathal Barry (Bride Rovers) for Hennessy (58), Sam McCarthy (Castlelyons), Conor Ronayne (Dungourney) for O'Donovan (60+1). Will Stokes (Midleton), Ger Kingston (Mallow), Conor Stack (Blackrock), Cillian Honohan (Donoughmore). Panel members: Ciarán Kelly (Midleton), Callum Coffey (Na Piarasigh), CJ Barrett (St Finbarr's), Cuan McMahon (Sarsfields), Dan Collins (Newtownshandrum), Darragh Barry (Douglas), Eoin Considine (Sarsfields, team captain), Hugo Raftery (Liscarroll-Churchtown), James O'Sullivan (Inniscarra), John O'Sullivan (Midleton), Philip Heavey (Passage).

Next: Tipp v Cork Thurles April 17th

The Cork GAA Club Scene

McCarthy Insurances County Football Leagues Cork County League Programme 2026

McCarthy Insurances Football Leagues 2026

There are 7 Divisions, each of ten teams. Finals: 3rd to 5th July

Div 1: St Finbarrs 6, Knocknagree 5, Clonakilty 5, Cill na Martra 5, Newcestown 4, Carbery Rangers 4, Castlehaven 4, Éire Óg 3, Nemo Rangers 2, Douglas 0

Cill na Martra 1-14 Carbery Rangers 1-17

Carbery Rangers had an impressive win over hitherto unbeaten Cill na Martra at Rosscarbery on Easter Monday.

Carbery Rangers, playing against a gale-force wind, reached the break level and pushed on in the second half to secure a big win.

Cill na Martra did have to play the final 11 minutes with 14 players following a red card.

Both teams will meet again in the McCarthy Insurance Group SAFC later this year.

Cill na Martra: D Ó Duinnín 1-3, S Ó Duinnín 0-5 (0-4 f), D Ó Conaill (1 2pt), T Ó Corcora 0-2 each, G Ó Goillidhe, S Ó Fóirréidh 0-1 each.

Cill na Martra: M Ó Deasúna; P Ó hÉalaithe, F Ó Faoláin, D Mac Lochlainn; T Ó Corcora, S Ó Fóirréidh, C Ó Cróinín; A Ó Cuana, G Ó Goillidhe; D Ó Conaill, D Ó Duinnín, A Ó hUidhir; C Ó Fóirréidh, A Ó Loingsigh, S Ó Duinnín. Subs: J Ó Loingsigh 29, E Ó Conaill 53, D Ó Buachalla 62.

Cill na Martra 0-13 Éire Óg 0-10

Cill na Martra deservedly came out on top with their second victory of the season after a lively battle with Éire Óg at Páirc Ui Chuana.

Daniel Ó Duinnín opened the Cill na Martra scoring account after three minutes, a two –pointer free by Micheál Ó Deasúna making their advantage 0-3 to 0-12. Éire Óg's Dylan Foley hit the post, before Brian Thompson pointed. Daniel Ó Duinnín and Sean Ó Fóirréidh (two pointer) then added points for Cill na Martra, who led 0-6 to 0-2 after 17 minutes. Foley pointed for the Ovens men, Antaine Ó Loingsigh for the home side who led by 0-7 to 0-4 at the break.

Cill na Martra increased their advantage on the restart, Shane Ó Duinnín and Ó Deasúna added points, 0-9 to 0-6. Éire Óg responded with points from Colm Clifford, Conor McGoldrick and Thompson to level the scores at the three quarter stage, 0-9 apiece.

Cill na Martra finished strongly with scores from Danny Ó Conaill, Daniel Ó Duinnín and two from Shane Ó Duinnín to get back on the winning trail.

Scorers for Cill na Martra: M Ó Deasúna (1 2ptf, 0-1f), S Ó Duinnín (0-2 f), D Ó Duinnín 0-3 each, S Ó Fóirréidh (1 2pt) 0-2, A Ó Loingsigh, D Ó Conaill 0-1 each.

Éire Óg: D Foley (1 2pt f), B Thompson 0-3 each, B Hurley (1 2p tf) 0-2, C Clifford, C McGoldrick 0-1 each. Cill na Martra: M Ó Deasúna; D Mac Lochlainn, F Ó Faoláin, M Ó Cathasaigh; D Ó Conaill, S Ó Fóirréidh, C Ó Fóirréidh; C Ó Cróinín, G Ó Goillidhe; A Ó hUidhir, D Ó Duinnín, J Ó Loingsigh; E Ó Conaill, A Ó Loingsigh, S Ó Duinnín.

Subs: D Ó Buachalla 47, D Ó Suilleabháin (blood).

Éire Óg: E Kelleher; C Murphy, M Corkery, D McCarthy; C Clifford, M Griffin, C McGoldrick; R O'Toole, O O'Shea; B Thompson, C Kirwan, J Kelleher; D Foley, S Hurley, B Hurley. Subs: K Beechinor 54, O McLaughlin and J Murphy, both 56.

Referee: David Murnane(Macroom).

Div 2: Carrigaline 7, Uibh Laoire 6, Ballincollig 6, Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh 4, Dohenys 4, St Michaels 4, Clyda 3, O'Donovan Rossa 2, Valley Rovers 0, Castletownbere 0

Valley Rovers 0-9 Uibh Laoire 1-10

Iveleary travelled to Brinny on a cold night to take on 'The Valleys' and came home with the two league points to top the table after three rounds. Valleys led early on but Uibh Laoire recovered and two points from Ian Jones and one from Liam Kearney had the teams level at 0-3 each. Valleys then took over with the wind assistance and led by 0-7 to 0-3 at the break. On the restart, Jack Sweeney had a goal for the Uibh Laoire men and James O'Donovan pointed to level matters, 0-7 to 1-4. Points were exchanged, Cathal Vaughan for the Muskerry men, but Uibh Laoire regained the lead with a Joe Creedon point, Daniel O'Riordan doubled their lead, Joe Creedon kicked a two-point free to make it 1-9 to 0-8. Valleys got a point back but Brian Cronin got the insurance point for the Uibh Laoire men.

Uibh Laoire: Joe Creedon: Ciarán Galvin, Daniel O'Donovan, Daniel O'Riordan: James O'Donovan, Ciarán O'Riordan, Kevin Manning: Oisín O'Herlihy, Sean O'Riordan: Liam Kearney, Cathal Vaughan, Kevin Jones: Jack McSweeney, Ian Jones, Aaron O'Donovan. Subs used: Brian Cronin, Adrian O'Dea, Shane Hodman, Jack Pickering.

Uibh Laoire 0-12 Carrigaline 0-13

Clyda 2-6 Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh 0-12

Ballincollig 1-12 St Michaels 1-8

Carrigaline have jumped to the top of the McCarthy Insurance Group Division 2 Football League after their win over Uibh Laoire in a top of the table clash at Inchigeela, a first defeat for the Muskerry men. Two points from Kevin Manning, 0-1 each from Conor O'Leary and Joe Creedon and a Cathal Vaughan two pointer helped the home side to be level at 6-6 at half time.

Another Cathal Vaughan two pointeras matched by the visitors and when Cathal had a third two-pointer, again Carrigaline came back with two points in a row to level matters at 10-10 and the South East side had a two pointer to two clear. Cathal Vaughan cut the deficit to one, Carrig replied with another point asnd a late Daniel O'Riordan point left Uibh Laoire only a point adrift at the final whistle.

Ballincollig have now won three games on the bounce after their bad start.

It looked like goals from Seán O'Sullivan on 12, and Kevin Graham on 45 would help Clyda Rovers to victory at Mourne Abbey, but the Shorten brothers, Ben and Donagh, contributed a combined 0-8 for the visitors to earn them a share of the spoils. It was 0-3 to 0-1 when Clyda struck for the first goal and the sides were level coming up to half time when Béal Átha kicked two two-pointers to lead by 0-10 to 1-3 at the break. The second Clyda goal on 45 followed by a Clyda point two minutes later had the scores level, 2-5 to 0-11, Clyda got their noses in front on 50 but Béal Átha got a deserved equaliser two minutes from time.

Div 3: Aghabullogue 6, Bishopstown 6, Mallow 6, Kanturk 6, Naomh Abán 5, Fermoy 3, Bandon 2, Kilshannig 2, Rockchapel 2, Newmarket 0

Newmarket 0-16 Aghabullogue 2-12

Naomh Abán 1-22 Kilshannig 1-18

In Division 3, it's tight at the top with four teams tied on six points.

Aghabullogue lead the way on scoring difference after their 2-12 to 0-16 win over Newmarket at



U16 Hurlers v Newmarket 30th March 2026



Coachford in Round Four. David Thompson and Matthew Bradley were the goalscorers for the high flying Mid Cork side.

Naomh Abán led by 1-5 to 0-4 after a hectic opening quarter and by 1-8 to 0-9 at half time. The visitors drew level and went a point clear on the restart but a Naomh Abán goal on 36 had them back in front, again Kilshannig fought back but N Abán led by 1-11 to 0-11 on 38. The home side maintained control all through to the end, a very late goal for Kilshannig proving to be too little, too late. Ed Myers, Wayne McCarthy and Aodán Lucey did the bulk of the scoring for the Gaeltacht men.

Div 4: Nemo 7, Glanmire 5, Buttevant 5, Adrigole 5, Kiskeam 2, Kilmurry (Played 2) 2, Gabriel Rangers 2, Macroom 2, Boherbue 2, Aghada 0

To come: Kilmurry v Boherbue, Apr 21st Kilmurry v Buttevant 26th.

Macroom 1-7 Nemo Rangers 2-14

A strong second half performance from Nemo Rangers gave them a comprehensive victory over Macroom at Tom Creedon Park and the city side go top of the table undefeated after four games. Macroom have won only once in four outings and are now under threat of relegation.

Macroom a perfect start with a goal from Dylan Twomey followed by a point from Alan Quinn in the opening five minutes. Nemo Rangers, playing with the wind, came back into contention point by point and led by 0-5 to 1-1 but late points from Alan Quinn and Shane Meaney had the home side leading by 1-3 to 0-5 at the break. A two-pointer from Alan Quinn put Macroom a goal clear on the resumption but Nemo kept beaver away and five points in a row had them clear, before a goal gave them a 1-10 to 1-5 lead with ten minutes to go and they had matters under control at this stage. Points were exchanged, Eolan O'Leary and Pa Lucey for Macroom, before a late Nemo goal was the icing on the cake for a hard working young Nemo side which had the ability to translate possession into scores.

Div 5: St Nicks 6, Mitchelstown 5, Ballinora 5, Bantry 4, St Vincents 4, Ilenn Rvrs 4, Canovee 4, Kinsale 2, Ballydesmond 0, Millstreet 0

Canovee 1-12 Mitchelstown 2-14

Cork footballer Cathail O'Mahony scored 1-8 as Mitchelstown won away at Carrigadrohid, 2-12 to 1-10. Mitchelstown played with a very strong wind in the first half and Canovee points from Jack Kelleher and Jason Riordan had the home side only a point in arrears after eight minutes but then the opening goal for the North Cork men opened up a bigger gap. Canovee had points from Mark Healy and James Moynihan to stay in touch before a second goal for 'Town in the 17th minute ushered in a period of dominance for the winners who led by 2-9 to 0-4 at half time.

It was 2-11 to 0-8 when Canovee were awarded a penalty in the 41st minute and James Moynihan scored, putting the goalie going the wrong way to reduce the deficit. Leading 2-12 to 1-8 on 45 minutes, Mitchelstown retained control though under pressure.

Ballinora 0-17 St Vincents 1-13

Ballinora have 2 wins and 1 draw after four games and stay in touch with the leading pack in Div 5 league.

Div 6: Aghinagh 6, Kildorrery 6, Cobh 4, Cullen 4, Dromtariffe 4, Glenville 4, Kilmacabea 4, Glanworth 1, Argideen 1, Na Piarasigh -2

Aghinagh v Na Piarasigh – to be re-fixed. The re-

arranged away game against Dromtariffe will be on April 19th .

Div 7: St James 6, Carbery Rangers 5, Donoughmore 4, Ballygarvan 4, Inniscarra 3, Castlemagner 2, Liscarroll 2, Nemo 2, Passage 2, Mayfield 0,

Donoughmore 2-8 Ballygarvan 1-6.

Red FM Hurling Leagues 2026

RedFM Hurling League Finals: 10th to 12th July

Two Rounds completed

Div 1: Midleton 6, Douglas 4, Charleville 4, St Finbarrs 4, Blackrock 4, Sarsfields 4, Glen Rovers 2, Carraigtwohill 2, Fr O'Neills 0, Killeagh 0

Div 2: Erin's Own 6, Bride Rovers 6, Ballincollig 5, Newcestown 4, Kanturk 3, Na Piarasigh 2, Valley Rovers 1, Newtownshandrum1, Ballymartle 0, Carrigaline 0.

Valley Rovers 0-20 Ballincollig 0-20

Ballincollig 0-21 Carrigaline 0-18

Div 3: Blarney 6, Inniscarra 4, Éire Óg 4, Ballinhassig 4, Bandon 4, Courceys 4, Lisgoold 2, Fermoy 2, Russell Rovers 0, Castletyons 0

Red 3: Courceys 1-17 Inniscarra 0-17

Lisgoold 1-12 Blarney 0-20

Fermoy 1-15 Éire Óg 0-13

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

Aghabullogue 1-14 Watergrasshill 1-18;

Aghabullogue 2-11 Kildorrery 0-17

Cloughduv 2-13 Blackrock 0-17

Aghabullogue v Bishopstown Apr 17th 7.15pm:

Watergrasshill v Cloughduv Sat Apr 18th 7pm:

Cloughduv v Kilworth Tuesday April 28th

Div 5: Dungourney 6, Milford 4, Kilbrittain 4, Midleton 4, Tracton 4, Cloyne 3, Castlemartyr 3, Ballygarvan 0, Youghal 0, Glen Rovers 0.

Div 6: Ballygiblin 6, Argideen R 5, Killavullen 4, Aghada 4, Mayfield 2, Kinsale 2, Sarsfields 2, D Ó Mathura's 2, Erin's Own 2, Ballinascarthy 1

Div 7: Kilshannig 6, Ballinora 6, Barryroe 4, St Finbarrs 4, Passage West 3, Carraig na bFear 2, Na Piarasigh 2, Killeagh 2, Douglas 1, Meelin 0,

Ballinora 1-19 Carraig na bFear 0-13

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: Midleton, St Finbarr's, Bride Rovers, Newcestown.

Senior A Hurling:

Group 1: Blarney, Castletyons, Watergrasshill, Ballyhea.

Group 2: Na Piarasigh, 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: Midleton, 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, Uíbh Laoire, Bantry Blues, Rockchapel.

Group 2: Kiskeam, Aghada, Macroom, Castletownbere.

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

Intermediate A Football:

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

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

Group 3: Bandon, Adrigole, Boherbue, Kildorrery.

Premier Junior Football:

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

Group 2: Inniscarra, Cobh, Glenville, Urhan.

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

Upcoming fixtures:

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

Macroom Motors Muskerry U21 Football Championship

Starts: last weekend in June

'A' Championship 4 teams:

Semi finals: Donoughmore v Éire Óg: Naomh Aban v Ballincollig

B Championship – 10 teams

Preliminary Rounds: A Inniscarera 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

Table: Donoughmore 6, Grenagh 4, Ballincollig4, Blarney 3, Éire Óg 2, Aghabullogue 2,, Dripsey 2, Kilmichael 1, Inniscarra 0

EPH Junior Football League Div 1

League table: Clondrohid 8, Grenagh 6, Aghabullogue 4, Ballincollig 4, Éire Óg 2, Kilmichael 2, Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh 0, Canovee 0

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 Starts: Aug 1/2/3

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

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

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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 GAA UPDATES

Massive congratulations to the Feile squad who won the Division 1 section today in MTU.

They played Bantry in the semi-final in a very tense affair with Bantry in the lead heading for full time. A goal and a point from Eoghan Kelly securing a draw. Extra time was played with Macroom winning by 5 points 1-8 to 1-3.

The final was played against Mitchelstown, again this was a tight game with Macroom leading at half time by a point scored by Conor Angland. Mitchelstown battled hard in the second half and were awarded a penalty which they converted.

Macroom fought hard and got back into the game again and 3 unanswered points from sub Eoghan Kelly gave Macroom their first ever win in this competition.

Great joy for all the players and coaches at the end.

Captain Keenan Deasy accepted the cup.

Our premier 2 minors made the journey to Donoughmore on Friday last for their second match of the season.

The hosts were aided by a strong wind in the first half and raced into an early lead. A well taken goal followed shortly after, leaving them 7 points to the good by half time, Macroom 0-4 Donoughmore 1-8. Macroom's performance dramatically improved in the second half, with standout displays coming from Jack O'Shea and Billy Murphy as they clawed back the deficit to a mere point. However, time was not on the visitor's side they were unable to draw level, the scoreline reading Macroom 0-14 Donoughmore 1-12 as the referee blew the full-time whistle.

Well done to all the lads on the panel, who will no doubt learn from this defeat in later games.

Match report by Tadhg O'Driscoll.

The Division 4 team played Valley Rovers away in Brinny today Saturday 4th.

Aided by a strong wind Macroom took control of the game and led at half-time 3-9 to 0-0.

Valleys took advantage of the strong wind and got some early scores, but Macroom kept them at bay, got some good scores against the wind including another 3 goals.

They came away with a deserved win.



A Word of Victory

"As dead flies cause even a bottle of perfume to stink, so a little foolishness spoils great wisdom and honour. A wise person chooses the right road; a fool takes the wrong one" (Ecclesiastes 10:1-2 NLT).

Welcome back dear student, compromise can seem like the easier option in the heat of the moment, but afterwards it leaves a mess. Jesus said "the road that leads to destruction is broad and its gate is wide for the many that choose that way. But the gateway to Life is very narrow and the road is difficult, and only a few ever find it" (Matthew 7:13-14). So much of compromise has to do with influence. "Bad company corrupts good character" (1 Corinthians 15:33). The Word tells us that Wisdom is the principle thing (Proverbs 4:7). That means it's very important. The fear of the Lord is identified as the beginning of Wisdom (Proverbs 9:10). Wisdom sadly, is often scarce, because people turn away from God to their own desires and wants, ending up struggling with all kinds of problems as a result. They've been fooled into thinking that they don't need God, that He is a myth, or that they have the universe inside of themselves thus making them gods. It's a trap that the enemy has used effectively to create massive chaos and dysfunction. What is good is now called evil and what is evil is called good – things are completely perverse, and like a silent killer gas creeps in and fills the place, binding all those caught by it completely unaware (Isaiah 5:20). "The Wisdom of the prudent is to discern his way, but the folly of fools deceives them" (Proverbs 14:8).

Accountability, honour, integrity, wisdom, and truth, are rare, godly traits because the world's culture promotes and celebrates the opposite - deception, scorn, and low behaviour. Doing the right thing is never easy or popular, but as John Wayne said, 'a man's gotta do what a man's gotta do!' It was wonderful to witness the hardworking, and unheard people of Ireland arise in unity this past week. Those who go to work night and day to ensure that we have food, supplies, and help for our daily lives. Rising costs are crippling their livelihoods. Many are at breaking point financially and emotionally. The hostility from some of our government representatives and others, is despicable. It's a tough station - working in the private sector, with the pressures of covering taxes and bank loans, paying wages and pensions, and trying to keep the lights on. We pray for God's provision and peace for all the small businesses, that they would know the goodness of God, and the joy of Salvation through Jesus. And we pray that we would have a righteous government in this nation, that people would turn to the Lord Jesus for deliverance and wisdom, and humble themselves to ask God to help them get onto the right pathway of Life. "If My people who are called by My Name will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from Heaven, and I will forgive their sin and heal their land" (2 Chronicles 7:14).

To understand where we are going we must understand where we have come from. The Lord tells us to ask Him for the ancient paths to find the right way to peace and rest for our souls (Jeremiah 6:16). What would happen if instead of compromising, we chose to ask God for His help to stand strong, and do what His Word tells us to? Jesus said if you love Me you will obey My Commandments (John 14:15). Friend, in growing to know the Lord through His Word, we discover true peace, wisdom, and joy!

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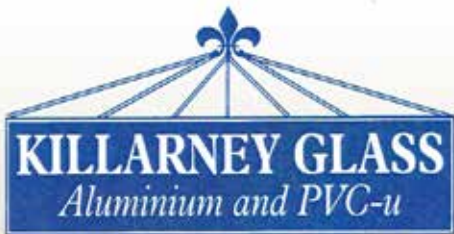


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Just a thought

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Books and me - How (or how best) do you and I spend our leisure time?

Books (well, their purchase) are my downfall!! I can't resist a new book. I love perusing bookshops on a rainy afternoon.

One of the curious modern trends or temptations on the bookshelves is an explosion of enticing 'self-help' books. I have succumbed to several seductive and promising titles, most of which regretfully remain half-read on my bulging bookshelves. My mind is too tired – or scared – to calculate the resulting tiny fraction of pages actually read as they pile up. Each new fresh-smelling purchase though, like a siren, calls out to me as if I have finally found the Promised Land. I start out enthusiastically, only to get bogged down in mind-numbing chapters entitled: 'The background to...' or 'A short history of...' or a chapter of skippable technical jargon. Discouraged and yawning, finding the mobile phone or a snack more inviting, I toss it onto the fresh pile on the table, to eventually end stuffed 'anywhere at all' into a bookshelf on a tidying or catch-up day. And then that fateful Saturday comes around and to all intents and purposes I have a new blind date with the bookshop. I find colourful titles leaping out at me crying 'Look at me,' 'read the reviews,' 'I'm the one you've been waiting for.' Does that mean I have been serially unfaithful to the book purchases at home? Is this new book acquisition a date with destiny, or will it end up as another crushing disappointment for both of us?

I return home with the crisp paper bag and fresh receipt roll, eager to start, but having bought five books, who (I mean, which!) will be first? But when Sunday comes around, I buy a bulging paper with glossy supplements and turn eagerly to the Book Review section. I scan the 'Best Selling This Week' list in Fiction and Non-Fiction. I pride myself on book titles already bought, but my mouth waters at future possibilities. The newspaper itself ends up on top of the purchases of the previous day, as I make my way through each supplement or 'long read' article. I curl up on the couch, stretch, yawn, drool, and fall asleep under the blanket as the fresh book pile must make way for a while. With resolutions to get around to reading them, they must wait day after day until they inevitably join the queue of the recently forgotten, replaced by newer beauties. Woe is me. Have I committed the sin of covetousness?

Then there comes the guilty admission or realisation that mathematically I would need to live another hundred years to read them all, starting today. It simply isn't going to happen. They belong in new hands. Like having too many kittens or pups, new homes are needed and I hope they find a new, worthy owner who will love them and take care of them.

I have a major annual spring clean. I re-join the public library promising "I'll be good..."

But the reconstituted bookshelves are like gaps in the teeth. The books that have survived the cull contrast with a darkened background aching to be filled again. 'What harm will it do?' I ask myself, like the alcoholic struggling to reform. On my next visit to the big smoke, I stop to look at the attractive window displays, and the urge to enter is too much to bear.

'Sure, (I think to myself) I'll only have the one.'

God bless. Fr Seán

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12TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

JEREMIAH KELLEHER

Carrigthomas, Macroom

Who died on the 15th of April 2014

*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.*



Always remembered by his loving family

4TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

BERNADETTE CARROLL

Glen Park, Macroom

Who died on 19th April 2022

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



Lovingly remembered by your husband Dick,
Ann, Denis, Róisín, Finbarr, Ellen, Shane and
adored grandchildren.

Bernadette's anniversary mass will take place
in St. Coleman's church Macroom on Sunday
19th April at 11:30

4TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

ABBIE O'DONOVAN

Clashanaffrin, Ovens

Who Died 29th April 2022.

*Deep in our hearts your memory is kept
to love to cherish and never forget.*



Fondly remembered
today and always

10TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

JACK QUINLAN

Macroom and Clondrohid

BORN 16th August 1916

DIED on 29th April 2016

*Life is like a cup of tea,
It's how you make it "Jack Quinlan*



Always Remembered by his Sons :
Michael, John, Brendan and their
Families.

NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART



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

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HUGH MIKE HUGH TWOMEY

16th April 1932

SHEILA FREE TWOMEY

26th April 1932

Forever in our Hearts

Always remembered with great love and affection by your family

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3RD ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**NOEL
O'CALLAGHAN**

Knockrour Aghabullogue

(Formally of Ballinagree)

Who died 26th April 2023

*A memory is a keepsake of time
That lives forever in the heart*



Forever missed by his father in law and
mother in law Thady and Margaret, his
brother in law and sisters in law Matty,
Noreen and Julie and their families

3RD ANNIVERSARY



Once met, never forgotten

**NOEL (45)
O'CALLAGHAN**

Knockrour Aghabullogue

(Formally of Ballinagree)

Who died 26th April 2023

*Time cannot heal the
heartache or stop a silent tear,
It won't take away the memories
of the one we love so dear,
Missing you always.
Until we meet again.*



Loved and remembered always by
his wife Aisling and stepsons Darren
& Noah

Noel's 3rd anniversary mass will be held
on Sunday 26th April at 11am in St John's
church Ballinagree.

3RD ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

DAN KEANE

Milleens, Cuil Aodha

whose 3rd anniversary occurs

on 24th of April

**Also his brother Diarmuid who died
on the 1st of February 2023.**

St Gobnait pray for them.

*Those we hold most dear
never truly leave us,
They live on in the kindness they showed,
the comfort they shared
And the love they brought into our lives.*



Lovingly remembered by the extended
Keane and Morris families.

4TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**DANNY
RIORDAN**

Clouny Carthy, Renanirree,

Macroom

Who died on 17th April 2022.

*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 Mary and
all the Family.

2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**RICHARD
(RICHIE)
GRAHAM**

Main Street, Macroom

Who died on 23rd April 2024

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



Always remembered by your loving family

Always in our hearts, forever in our
memories. RIP

13TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**REDMOND
KIRBY**

St. Colman's Park, Macroom

Who Died on 25th April 2013

*April is here with sad regret
The day the month we will never forget.*

*May Red's soul and the soul of all our
departed family and friends Rest In Peace*



Sadly missed and always remembered by
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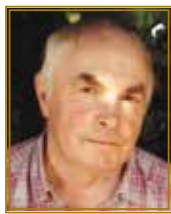
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FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

DAN HEALY

**Dan Corkery Place, Macroom, Co Cork
Who died on 30th April 2025**

As we lovingly remember dad on his first anniversary, we his family wish to express our sincere gratitude to all the people that sympathised with us on our sad loss. We gratefully appreciated everyone who attended our fathers funeral, and all the messages of condolences and many lovely mass cards we received, they meant so much.

We sincerely want to thank Dr. Harte and all his staff for the excellent care they always gave to our father.

Many thanks to Seamus and all the staff at Burke's Pharmacy for their efficient service at all times.

A special thank you to Father Joe, Father Donal and the Monseigneur for the beautiful celebration of dads mass.

We wish to sincerely thank Billy and all his staff at Fitzgeralds undertakers for their kindness and professionalism.

Finally a huge thank you to our relatives, close friends and neighbours and good friend Antoinette for all ye're support.

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



Sadly missed and fondly remembered by his loving wife Chrissie, Daughters and Sons, adored grandchildren and great grandchildren, Daughter's in law, Son's in Law and Siobhan's partner Brian.

Dan's first anniversary mass will be held in St. Coleman's Church Macroom Sunday 26th April at 11.30am.

May he rest in peace.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

DAN MURPHY

**Roovesmore Coachford
who died on 19th April 2025**

We remember Dan, our beloved Dad, granddad, brother, uncle, father in law, friend and husband of the late Mary (nee Cronin).

The family of Dan express their sincere gratitude to all our family, friends and neighbours for their huge support, kindness, and care during Dan's ill health and passing. We acknowledge the many visits, messages, and cards of sympathy and mass cards received.

A special mention to Fr. Jerry Cremin, Fr. Donal Roberts, Fr. Eamonn Roche, Fr. Liam O'H-Ic, and Fr. John McCarthy and to Margaret (Mags) Hallissey. Our sincere thanks to the staff at Coachford Pharmacy, to the team at Sullane Family Practice, Marymount staff, home help and Link carer staff and to all at Bon Secours Hospital, and Macroom Community Hospital for the exceptional care and kindness Dad received.

We are very grateful to Crowley Funeral Directors for their kindness and professionalism on the Easter weekend of Dad's passing.



Dan's First Anniversary Mass will take place on Saturday, April 25th at 6pm in Farran Church.

12TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

PADDY MCCARTHY

**late of Macroom and Kilkenny,
who died on 26th April 2014.
RIP**

*Paddy, those special memories of you
Will always bring a smile
If only we could have you back
If just for a little while.
Then we could sit and talk again,
Just like we used to do.
You always meant so very much
And always will do too.
The fact that you're no longer here,
Will always cause us pain,
But you're forever in our hearts
Until we meet again.*



Lovingly remembered by your wife Eileen, sons Noel and Brendan, daughters-in-law Adrienne and Stephanie, grandchildren Jennifer, Shane, Matthew and Lauren, relatives and friends.

5TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

DENIS FREE LYNCH

**Doire na Sagart, Baile Mhuirne,
whose anniversary occurs
on April 26th.**

*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.*



Lovingly remembered by
Maura and family.

A Naomh Gobnait, guidh air.

14TH ANNIVERSARY



Treasured memories of a loving
husband and father

PAT MCCARTHY

**Farnanes
who died on April 13th, 2012**

*Your life was a blessing,
Your memory a treasure,
You were loved beyond words,
And missed beyond measure.*



Sadly missed by Margaret,
Eilish and Aisling

2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

PADDY CRONIN

**Lios Bui Beag, Kilnamartyra,
Macroom**

Who died on 13th April 2024

*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.*



Rest in Eternal Peace.

Lovingly remembered by: Mick, Theresa,
Dan, Joan and Mary.

NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART



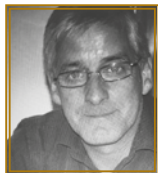
Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked many favours. This time I ask you this special one, (mention favour). Take it dear heart of Jesus and place it within your heart where your father sees it. Then in his merciful eyes it will become your favour, not mine. Amen. Say this prayer three times for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

NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART



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

10TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**PAUL
WALSH**

County Carthy, Renanirree, Macroom

Who died on the 21st of April 2016

*Ten years have passed,
yet it feels the same,
We still speak softly and call your name.
Not a day goes by you're not in our hearts,
For love like yours never truly departs.
Though time moves on and life carries through,
It's never quite whole without you.
We hold your memory close each day,
In all we do, in all we say.
You're missed more than words can show,
Loved more deeply than you'll ever know.
Ten years on, we still feel your light
Guiding us gently through day and night.*



Sadly missed by Kitty, Fiona and Aoife.
May he rest in peace

3RD ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**JOHNNY (JOHN)
TWOMEY**

Ballingeary, Co Cork
who died on the 21st of April 2023

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



Loved and missed by all his
Family.

Ar Dheis D'e Go Raibh a Anam

3RD ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**JOHNNY (JOHN)
TWOMEY**

Ballingeary, Co Cork
who died on the 21st of April 2023

*Remembering a loving Dad
father in law and grandad
on his 3rd anniversary on 21st April.*



Always in our thoughts.

from Sean, Katie, Aron, Ruadhan and
Clodhna

10TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**SUSAN
FITZGERALD**

Oakwood, Macroom.
Died 14th April 2016

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



Fondly remembered always
by your loving family.

ANNIVERSARIES



**MARGARET
O'RIORDAN**

Who passed away on
8th April 2003



In loving memory of
**BRIDGET
(BRIDIE)
O'RIORDAN**

Who passed away on
23rd May 2015



**NÓIRÍN
O'DRISCOLL
(NÉE O'RIORDAN)**

Who passed away on
28th March 2022

Knockroe, Kilnamartyra, Macroom, Co. Cork.

*Cherished memories of our dear mother and sisters
I l iontaoibh Dé go gcastar sinn.*



Fondly missed and always remembered by your loving Family

6TH ANNIVERSARY AND 19TH ANNIVERSARY



**ANASTATIA
RONAN**

Who passed away on
the 14th April 2020



**KEVIN
RONAN**

Who passed away on
the 11th April 2007

30 O'Connor Park, Masseytown, Macroom

*Just a prayer from the family
Who loved you
Just a memory fond and true
In our hearts you live forever
because we thought the world of you.*



Lovingly remembered by your loving family.
Catherine & Martin, John & Gillian, Craig, Ava, Ben, Oran & Ella.

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FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

EILEEN COFFEY

Clodagh, Crookstown,
who died on 25th April 2025

The Coffey family wish to acknowledge and thank our relatives, friends and neighbours who were so supportive and kind to us on the passing of our dear Mam, Eileen RIP. The Masses, Perpetual Enrollments, cards, floral tributes, letters and condolences were very touching and we are so grateful for them all.

To Fr Kieron who offered the Requiem Mass and Fr Jason and Fr Colin who administered the Last Rites, we thank you most sincerely. We are grateful to all who attended the Wake, Removal and Requiem Mass, from near and far, in person or online. Special acknowledgement to Kilmurry Church Choir for their beautiful singing and music and to sacristan Ann, who arranged everything so efficiently and well.

We also thank Dr Harte and team who gave great care to our Mam over the years, the District nurses and the local HSE Carers team who were all so friendly and considerate to our Mam, also Deasy's Pharmacy and Crowley's Opticians for their excellent care. In Mam's last weeks, we are grateful for the care given to her by the Director, Nurses and team at Bishops court Nursing Home.

We also appreciate the love and care received by us at that time through visits, phone calls, home baking from neighbours, family and friends.

Thanks to Mr Curtin and team at CUH who looked after Mam so well with such kindness and dignity in her final days.

Thank you to Fitzgerald's Funeral Directors, who guided and helped us so professionally and with great care. Also Lee Valley Golf Club for a lovely meal for those who could attend.

To each and everyone who helped us in any way, we sincerely thank you.

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



We also lovingly remember our beloved Dad, John Coffey RIP and pray that Dad and Mam are re-united in heaven.

A Íosa, is Tú mo Thiarna agus mo Dhia.

First Anniversary Mass will take place on Sunday, 26th April 2026 at 10am at Kilmurry Church.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

PHILOMENA KELLY

Boulbrack, Kilmichael
who died 3rd May 2025

The family of the late Philomena Kelly wish to acknowledge the many expressions of sympathy and gestures of kindness shown to us following our sad loss of a wonderful wife, mother, mother in law, grandmother and great grandmother. We offer our heartfelt thanks to the many friends, neighbours and well-wishers who visited our home, attended the funeral and who provided emotional and practical support for us at this difficult time. For those who telephoned, travelled long distances, sent floral tributes, cards and messages of condolence, we are truly grateful.

A special word of thanks to the Doctors, Nurses and Staff of Sullane Family Practice Macroom and to the Doctors, Nurses and staff of Bantry General Hospital for their support, kindness and respect shown at all times. Our thanks to Fr. Pat O Donovan who officiated at the funeral, Nicola Regan for the beautiful music, sacristan Kathleen for your assistance, to local parishioners who managed parking on the day of the funeral. To funeral directors Cyril Casey, Casey Funeral Services for their sensitive and professional handling of arrangements. It is difficult to express our gratitude in such a brief note but to everyone who supported us, we thank you most sincerely. Please accept this as a token of our appreciation.



Mass will be celebrated at Cooldorrihy Church Kilmichael on Saturday 18th April at 8pm.

"Our memories of Phil will never grow old; they are locked in our hearts in letters of gold."

FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

BRIDIE KELLEHER

Leades Cross, Coachford
Who died on 21st April 2025

As we lovingly remember Bridie on her first anniversary we would like to express our gratitude to all who sympathised, sent mass cards, brought food and helped in any way for the funeral.

We thank all those who travelled to support us and attend the funeral.

As we cannot thank everyone individually please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our sincere appreciation.

As an expression of our gratitude the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions.



Always remembered and sadly missed by your loving husband John Joe and family.

2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

JOHN O'CALLAGHAN

Curragh, Lissarda
Whose anniversary occurs on
24th April

*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.*



Always remembered by his loving wife Joan and family.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

DANIEL O'DRISCOLL (BUNNY)

3 Killnugurteen, Macroom
Who died 22nd April 2025

*Our hearts are full of memories
Of which we would not trade.
Memories that fill our thoughts
each and every day.*

*We loved you then brother Bunny
We love you still.*

*Love never goes away
But what we wouldn't give
if we could have one more day.*



Love from your brother and sister,
nephews and nieces Sam Eiran & Lile

FIRST ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

DANIEL O'DRISCOLL (BUNNY)

3 Killnugurteen, Macroom
Who died 22nd April 2025

*Our dearest uncle
we think of you always
Forever in our hearts.*



Joanne, Myles, Jordan, Mollie & Liam

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4TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**NOREEN
BURNS****Tarelton, Macroom.
who died on 11th April 2022***Remembering Noreen
- treasured Wife, Mother & Nana.**Time slips by & life goes on
but from our hearts you're never gone.*Loved always, never forgotten.
- Sheila & family xxx

3RD ANNIVERSARY

*"You'll Never Walk Alone"*

In loving memory of

**NOEL (45)
O'CALLAGHAN****Knockrour/ Ballinagree
26th April 2023***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.*Loved and missed by your Mother Kathy,
late Father Jerry, Brother's Gerard and
Kieran, Sister's Anna and Noreen
Always remembered by his brothers in
laws Paddy and John. Sisters in laws
Justine and Susan, and missed beyond
words by his nieces and nephews. XxxBealnamorrvie Bowling Club is holding
a fundraiser in Noel's memory on the
weekend of the 18th & 19th of April, in
aid of Marymount Hospice

3RD ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

ANNE BURKE
**Ballincollig & Clonmacow,
Crookstown, Co. Cork, who died on
28th April 2023***Always in our thoughts, forever in our
hearts. Beloved daughter, sister, aunt,
niece and friend.**You were always someone special,
someone kind and true
who will never be forgotten,
for we thought the world of you.*Lovingly remembered and deeply missed
by her parents Charles and Margaret,
brothers Cathal and Alan, sister Sinéad,
sisters-in-law Sinéad and Margaret,
brother-in-law Neil, nephews Lachlann,
Rógan, Lúan, Seán and Charlie, niece
Lucy, relatives and large circle of friendsAnne's anniversary Mass will take place
on Sunday 26th April at 10AM in St.
Mary's church, Kilmurry.

4TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

TONY DROMEY
**48 St. Colman's Park, Macroom,
Co. Cork****Who died on 26th April 2022***Our hearts are full of memories,
With pride we speak your name.
Though life goes on without you,
It will never be the same.
We miss your smile, your joking ways,
We miss the things you used to say,
And when old times we do recall,
It's then we miss you most of all.*Sadly missed and always remembered
with love by Breedra, Antoinette,
Paul, Brendan, Breda and his adored
grandchildren Liam, Enda, Aisling and
Grace

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

2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**MARY
MC CARTHY****Model Village, Dripsey.****Who Died on 20th April 2024.***We think of you everyday,
You will never be forgotten.*

Sadly missed by all your Family.

2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**MICHAEL
(MICKEY)
KELLEHER****Gurteenroe, Macroom.
Died on 18th April 2024.***Will those who think of him today
A little prayer to Jesus say.*Sadly missed and fondly remembered by
his loving wife Anne, family and friends.

Ní imithe uainn ach romhainn.

2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**TONY
KELLEHER**
Slieveveagh, Ballyvourney, Co. Cork
Who died on 27th April 2024*Time and years slip quietly by,
But love and memories never die.
In our hearts you will always stay,
Loved and remembered every day.*Always remembered and loved by
Bernie and Anthony.Tony's Anniversary Mass will be held
on Saturday 18th April at 6 p.m in St.
Gobnait's Church, Ballyvourney.MEMORIALS
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