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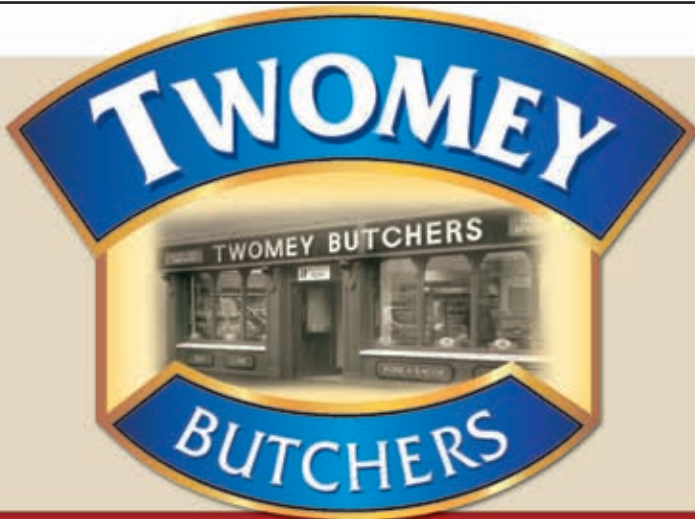
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## Local Girls for Ireland's Got Talent Final

Holly Wenger, 12, Codrum, Macroom and Niamh Lucey, 15, Carrigadrohid, are members of Rebel Acro who have made it through to the final of Ireland's Got Talent on Sunday night on Virgin Media One at 7.30p.m. Rebel Acro is an acrobatic club based in Ballincollig. Their stunning routine won over the judges throughout the competition and they are now in with a chance of winning the final, €50,000 and their very own TV show.

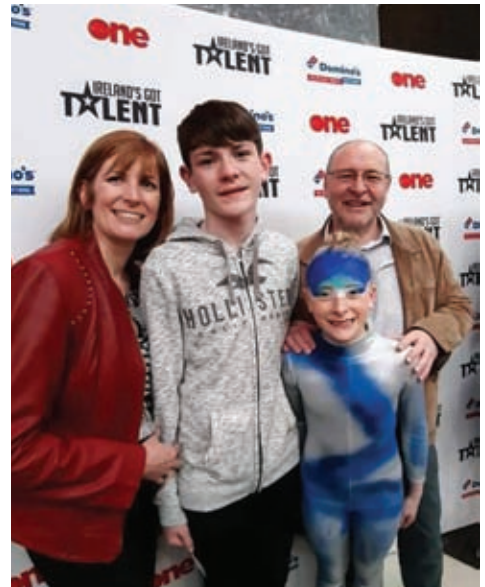
Holly, a pupil at St. Joseph's Macroom, is the youngest of the 16 member team who auditioned for the popular show that received 4 Yeses from the judges. They qualified from the live semi-finals which took place in The Helix in Dublin on Sunday 31st March. It was an incredibly competitive group, with only 2 acts making it to the final. Rebel Acro were chosen by the judges over dance group HipHopical. It was nail-biting stuff and Holly said "waiting for the results was way more nerve wracking than performing live". The team trains 4-5 times a week for 3 hours. They work incredibly hard all year round and several members are on the Acrobatic National Squad. Holly and her partner, David Bradfield, represented Ireland at the European Championships in Poland in 2017 along with other members of the group including Niamh. The group range in age from 12-18. Training can be tough and tiring at times, especially as the girls have to factor in travelling to and from Ballincollig, but they are so dedicated they seem to find ways of coping. Sunday 7th

April is the final and it will air at 7.30pm on Virgin Media 1. They are up against 2 dance groups from Dublin and the winning act will be chosen entirely from public votes so we are pleading with everyone in Macroom, Carrigadrohid and the surrounding areas to watch the show and get behind these two incredibly talented and hard

working local girls. Vote for Rebel Acro! Ireland's Got Talent is hosted by Lucy Kennedy in the Helix. The judges are Louis Walsh, Michelle Visage, Jason Byrne and Denise van Outen. Viewers votes are crucial to the result and Rebel Acro are asking for your support.



Cheryl Mc Sweeney (Adrianna Dinneen) and Jess Mc Sweeney (Carmel Mc Carthy) in costume for The Blarney Stone ©Lee Valley Outlook



Holly Wenger, finalist in Ireland's Got Talent with the Rebel Acros, and her family, Jennie, Dylan and John Wenger, Codrum, Macroom. ©

## The Blarney Stone

'The Blarney Stone', a new musical tipped to take Broadway by storm close on a century ago, is to be staged, finally, in Macroom and Cork Opera House in 2019. The script, featuring Yanks, leprechauns, lords, fairies, entrepreneurs and chancers, was written by John McDonagh (brother of Thomas, poet and patriot) . It was set to music by Fritz Brase, a highly esteemed German composer. Charles Wagner, a successful producer of Musicals and Operas and Manager for John McCormick, forecast that it would be "the greatest success that has been in Broadway in many a day. 'Rose Marie' has made 3 million and is still playing and making money. I can make a better show out of this than 'Rose Marie'. I guarantee this."

But the Wall Street collapse intervened. Theatrical activity ceased during the Depression; the composer died and McDonagh returned to Ireland. Hollywood actor, Patrick Bergin, was instrumental in resurrecting the score in Cloughjordan and The Blarney Stone will finally



Fairies guarding the Blarney Stone. It runs in the Riverside Park Hotel, April 25, 26, 27; May 3 and 4 and in Cork Opera House May 29th ©

have its World Premiere, not on Broadway but in the Riverside Park Hotel, Macroom April 25, 26, 27;

May 3 and 4 and in Cork Opera House May 29th.

## Senior Citizen A.G.M.

Macroom Senior Citizen A.G.M. was held in the Fr, Ryan Hall recently. The association celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2018 and looked back on half a century of service to older people in Macroom and the Lee Valley. In the early years, it provided meals and very basic services to those in need and fought for their rights. With the help of a host of hardworking members and volunteers over the decades, it came to provide a social centre, housing, residential care, meals, laundry and entertainment.

But, as it faces into its 51st year, the association is in dire straits. Attendance at events in the Fr. Ryan Hall has dwindled over the years as senior citizens have become emancipated, independent and empowered. Besides which, volunteerism has declined. The committee has remained more or less the same over recent years and is in urgent need of new, vibrant, young members to plan for the years ahead if it is to survive.

Macroom Senior Citizens, despite its difficulties, continues to provide an invaluable service for

the Lee Valley.

Close on ten thousand 4 course dinners were provided in 2018, including on Christmas Day. Care and Repair, Laundry, Chiropody, socials, annual holiday, summer outing, Bingo, November Mass, Bealtaine events are all provided for people from all over the Lee Valley. But volunteers are needed. Can you give some of your time?





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## Briery Gap Drama and Light Entertainment Festivals

For a third consecutive year, the All Ireland finals of the Schools' Light Entertainment and Drama Festivals were lost to Macroom due to the ongoing closure of the Briery Gap. The finals were held in Mullingar in 2017 and 2018 and the 123 year old Everyman Theatre in Cork was the iconic location for the 2019 event, staging a total of 26 productions from schools from all over Ireland. The main sponsors were Cork Education and Training Board, Cork County Council and Blarney/Macroom Municipal District. Adjudicators: Geoff Gould (Theatre Director), Cathal McCabe RTE and Kelly Ann Healy (Musical Theatre/Drama).

**Light Entertainment.** Ten schools from Cork, Tipperary, Westmeath, Louth, Waterford and Mayo contested the Light Entertainment Festival. The Dónal Buckley Cup for Best Overall went to Gaelcoláiste Fionnchua, Mitchelstown, with an amazing staging of The Greatest Showman. Davis College, Mallow came 2nd overall and also won the Mary McSweeney Cup for Best Choral with a variety show that incorporated lovely traditional music and dance. Third were Wilson's Hospital School, Multyfarnham, with a serious, original

presentation dealing with racism. Sacred Heart Westport won the William Harrington Perpetual Cup for Best Traditional, incorporating Sean Nós and modern dance, wonderful lighting stage effects and costumes and a memorable Poc ar Buille. St. Brogan's Bandon won the award for Best Original Act.

Transition Year Drama. Seventeen groups contested the drama final and there were some memorable presentations, particularly the original shows. Schools represented Cork, Kerry, Waterford, Clare, Dublin, Longford, Donegal, Kildare, Mayo and Westmeath. Black water Community School, Lismore, were the outright winners, earning the Mullingar Perpetual Trophy as well as the Michael Twomey Cup for Best Producer/ Director and the Dermot Bradfield Cup for Best Set/Lighting for their polished staging of 'The Voice'. Second were Castlepollard College and joint 3rd were Royal and Prior Donegal with an excellent presentation of the Playboy of the Western World, winning Best Costumes, and a really impressive, original play, Terminal 2, written by the two main characters, Aoife Moran and

Katie O'Connell. Dealing with teenage death from cancer and suicide, it was a striking and topical drama. Watch out for these budding playwrights. They won the award for Best Original Script. Best play in Irish went to Gaelcoláiste Ciarrai, Trá Lí. Mount Sackville won the Seamus and Máiréad Barry Cup for Best Non Previous Prize Winner.



Kelly Anne Healy presents the Roger Healy Perpetual Cup for Best Performance for John from Castlepollard Community College at the Transition Year Drama final in the Everyman. On right, Anne Dunne, Festival founder. ©Lee Valley Outlook



Blackwater Community College, Lismore, winners of 1st prize and the Mullingar Perpetual Trophy; the Michael Twomey Perpetual Cup for Best Producer/Director and the Dermot Bradfield Perpetual Cup for Best Set/Lighting, celebrate with Adjudicator, Cathal MacCabe at All Ireland Transition Year Drama Festival 2019. ©Lee Valley Outlook



Gaelcoláiste Fionnchua, Mitchelstown, winners of Best Overall, Donal Buckley Perpetual Cup and Best Choreography at 2019 Light Entertainment Festival in the Everyman Palace Theatre. Also included, Pat O'Connell, Anne Buckley and Liz Barry. ©Lee Valley Outlook

## Macroom Tidy Towns

Macroom Tidy Towns held the 2019 A.G.M. recently and there was a good attendance. The officers are Martin Coughlan (Chair), John Lyons (Sec), Judy O'Sullivan (Treasurer), Catherine Murphy (PRO). The Chairman thanked all involved, particularly the PRO, Catherine, for facebook contributions, and her role in the fairy garden with a group of dedicated volunteers. He thanked the Council for their financial support. He also thanked all the volunteers that helped on events such as St. Patrick's Day parade, Food Festival and erection of Christmas lights. He referred to the site planning application for a storage shed in Masseytown and thanked generous sponsors for their support. A proposal was made that a tree be planted in memory of the late Derry Coakley.

The Secretary gave a detailed report outlining the activities of the past year and some works planned for 2019. Saturday morning work by up to 20 volunteers is particularly effective. Work is slowly ongoing with the implementation of the 3 Year Plan. Macroom was awarded €700 and a silver medal for the 3rd time in the Tidy Towns and is now just 20 marks off the National winners in our category. Macroom also won the 2018 Litter Challenge. It was very colourful during the



A picture to hang on the wall - Macroom's newest mural at New Street ©Lee Valley Outlook

summer. Volunteer Work carried out included Litter Picking, planting and caring for summer plants, painting of street furniture, railings and bollards, weeding and some street sweeping. The Fairy Garden has been the most significant single project undertaken by volunteers and is still a work in progress. Currently, plans are being drawn up for an adjacent sensory garden. Revenue is up from the recent Church Gate Collection. Further large capacity new bins were erected on the main street near Murphy's

corner. Tidy Towns Facebook page is updated very regularly and has generated widespread appreciation and awareness of the work of the Tidy Towns.

Main sponsorship comes from Blarney/Macroom Municipal District Council, with excellent support and co-operation from the Men's Shed, the Good Lives Project, TUS and RSS and more recently, IRD Duhallow. A lot of emphasis is placed on local amenities and the environment and engaging with businesses, residents groups and particularly schools. Members visited All Ireland winners, Listowel and learned from them. Huge emphasis is now on biodiversity and we planted 250 trees and 40 shrubs by the river and 99 climbing plants between the mart and NCT. A mural or Macroom Castle has been completed on Carty's wall and another is planned for the Town Park entrance. Work has commenced on developing a heritage brochure for Macroom.

Issues to be sorted out with the Council include the Mill Stream Project, derelict sites, seating, spotlights, outdoor gym equipment and tree pruning in Town Centre.



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## MACROOM UPDATES

# News from St Mary's

Bon Voyage to Ms Lehane, Ms Deasy and some of our 4th year students, along with teachers and students from De la Salle, who left for their **French Exchange** on Monday 25th of March. Their trip is action packed: already this week they enjoyed "fun in the sun" at Dune du Pilat, a guided tour of St Emilion and went to Gournac where they visited a vineyard. Junior Cert Home Economics and Music Practicals are over for another year. Well done girls. Ghlac daltaí na cúigiú bliana páirt i nDúshlán 2019 a bhí eagraithe ag Gael Linn. Bhí orthu 30 dúshlán a dhéanamh le linn 50 uair i ngrúpaí de thriúr. Comórtas náisiúnta a bhí i gceist idir daltaí meánscoile agus daltaí tríú leibhéal. Rinneadar jab iontach – Ní raibh sé éasca. Some of our 5th years students took part in Dúshlán (Challenge) 2019 organised by Gael Linn. It was a national competition for secondary school and college students. They had to complete 30 challenges in 50 hours, including Busking on the Main Street, making a video of a drama, rewriting and performing a chorus, teaching a tutorial, singing happy birthday to a random person, performing the dreoilín etc. - All as Gaeilge! They did a great job - it wasn't at all easy! Well done to St. Mary's Equestrian Team who competed in the Inter-schools showjumping competition in Maryville Stables, Carrigaline. Nicola Keirnan, Liadh Hurley and Carol Ann Casey made up the team. The girls jumped two rounds each and had 5 highly impressive clear rounds but just missed out on the Jump Off. A very high level of horsemanship was on show from the girls on the day. Members of our **Trad Group** and School Choir have been working very hard with their music teachers recently, preparing a 5-minute piece to enter into The Walton's Music For Schools National Competition. They sound amazing, as

always. Thanks to Ms Donovan and Ms Queally for all of their hard work in preparing the girls for this competition. Fourth Year Students helped to fundraise for the Irish Cancer Society on **Daffodil Day** by selling Daffodils. It's great to support such a worthy cause. Well done to Ms Casey and 4th year students - Jennifer, Luna, Daniella, Liadh and Karolina who are through to the final of Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland "One Good Idea" competition. 70 schools got through to stage 2 of this competition and this has been narrowed down to 10 schools who are through to the final. The girls are off to Dublin Castle on May 14th. Best of luck! Macroom Parish **Pastoral Council** hosted a morning of inspirational talks on the theme of Resilience and Emotional Well Being for Transition Year Students of all three secondary schools in Macroom. The two amazing speakers were Fr Joseph Dean of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal from Washington DC, based in Moyross Limerick and Conor Cusack, sportsman and National advocate for Emotional Well Being from Cloyne. Huge thank you to Macroom Parish Pastoral Council for organising this event for the students of the town. Our **Green Schools** Committee has organised a fortnightly litter pick-up around the school area. Special thanks to Macroom Tidy Towns for their kind donation of



St Mary's Equestrian Team - Liadh Hurley, Nicola Kiernan and Carolann Casey. ©An Scoil

Litter Picking supplies. They have many special activities planned to promote sustainable ideas and make both the school and local community more environmentally aware. **Album Launch** - We are so proud of our very talented Music and Irish teacher, Ms Queally, who is launching her very first album with her sister. Best of luck from all in St Mary's.



St Mary's Trad Group and School Choir with Music Teachers, Ms Donovan and Ms Queally. ©An Scoil

## McEgan College

**Sporting Success.** Well done to TY Student James O'Sullivan and 3rd year Nathan Byrne who won the Bank of Ireland U16 Cup with a 19-10 victory over Ennis RFC in the final at Irish Independent Park on 24th March 2019. Also, congratulations to 5th year Tara Sheehan who lined out at midfield for the Cork Minor Camogie team which overcame Wexford on a score line of 1-15 to 0-06 in Castle Road on Saturday 23rd March.

**Seachtain na Gaeilge** took place in Mc Egan College recently and students took part in a range of activities to celebrate! There was a poster competition, cluichí biongó, gearscannáin sna ranganna, a céilí for first year students and finally, a Tráth na gCeist on the last morning for first, second and fifth years. Students and teachers really enjoyed the week's activities.

**Lámh Training.** Lámh sign language was developed in order to have a standardised, Irish-based manual sign system for those with intellectual disabilities and communication needs. Lámh is the accepted sign system for people with an intellectual disability in Ireland - endorsed by Down Syndrome Ireland and

the Irish Association of Speech & Language Therapists. With Lámh, speech is always used with signs and only key words in a sentence are signed. Lámh has 500 signs. Lámh tutor, Rachel Griffin, provided the training for the staff of McEgan, who very generously gave up their personal time on a Saturday to attend a full day of Lámh training. Certification was provided to staff members who completed the

training course. Everyone found the training to be extremely helpful and enlightening. Staff members will be much more confident in using this alternative means of communication in a functional way. Staff are much clearer now on what is needed to create a stronger Lámh environment in the school in order for our signing students to continue to progress.



McEgan 5th year student Tara O'Sullivan who lined out with the Cork Minor Camogie Team ©An Scoil



Nathan Byrne and James O'Sullivan McEgan College who won the Bank of Ireland U16 Cup over Ennis RFC recently. ©An Scoil





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## De la Salle

De La Salle first years and their families hosted a group of 38 Italian boys and girls from Marcallo Con Casone in their homes last week. This is the exchange's fourteenth year. Thankfully, the sun shone for the whole week, which made the experience very pleasant. The group visited Skibbereen Heritage and Arts Centre, Lough Hyne, Bunratty Castle and Tourist Centre, Muckross House in Killarney and enjoyed a guided visit to Crag Caves. The students and teachers visited our school on Wednesday. They had a busy morning making ice-cream in the Science lab, followed by a 'Full Irish Breakfast' in the canteen, which they thoroughly enjoyed. The students made personalised key rings in Technology class, had group conversations with their Irish exchange partners and learned about the history of our area and some 'local speak'! All in all, a fun and educational activity packed morning. The group finished their week with an interesting visit to Cork Gaol and Cobh. The students and teachers appreciated the kindness and care given by the host families. Our group of 30 first years are looking forward to the return leg of the exchange from Wednesday May 7th to May 15th.

De La Salle Macroom 5-9 St. Colman's Fermoy 2 - 11 After a convincing win over Hospital in U16 1/2 Football, hopes were high amongst the De La Salle team going into the quarter final on March 14th. Kieran Doody found the net after just 2 minutes and again a minute later and Bradley O'Shea goaled soon after. After De La Salle's early dominance, Fermoy came back with 1-1 without

reply. Peter Murphy pointed again after 10 minutes and Fermoy caught De La Salle off guard, leaving the score 3-1 to 2-1 after 11 minutes. Another 1-1 were scored by Kieran Doody and a further point by Bradley O'Shea, kept Fermoy at bay. Fermoy got 2 further points but De La Salle controlled the next 5 minutes, scoring 1-3 and the first half ended 5-5 to 2-8. The second half was calmer, with the 1st score coming De La Salle's way from the boot of Mark Hunt. The next came in the 14th minute from Fermoy's full forward. Outstanding performances by De La Salle players, Adrian O'Dea, Robert Lucey, David Kelleher, Daire McMahon, Conor Kelleher and Brian O'Riordan ensured that De La Salle held the

lead comfortably to the end.

The annual Parents Association Quiz was another successful and enjoyable night this year. Fifth and sixth class students from the local primary schools, along with first and second year boys from De La Salle, took part in the quiz. With twenty six tables competing and plenty of spot prizes, there was a great atmosphere in the college. A tie breaker round was needed to decide the winning team, composed of second year students, Daragh Fitzgibbon, Jack Devine, Finn Brady and Jack Martin. The Runners up were first year students, Kevin Maguire, Alan Neville, Cian Kelleher, Noah O'Leary and Fabian Siewierski.



De la Salle Transition Year students enjoying the sun and sights in Bordeaux, France. ©An Scoil

## Life Long Learning

Macroom, Baile Mhúirne, Inchigeelagh and the surrounding areas are in celebration mode from 7- 14 April as part of the Lifelong Learning Festival which is being organised by the Cork Education and Training Board. All events are free and the public are invited to participate in a celebration of learning in all its forms. The motto is Explore, Create, Celebrate. Events include a mix of workshops, demonstrations, talks and environmentally- friendly events. There are topics to suit all tastes during the week, from Mindfulness and Upcycling furniture to Art, Using Herbs, Sensory Gardening and Recycling. There are plenty of opportunities to get active and explore the locality, with guided walks in various locations and several dance and movement workshops throughout the week. There is an invitation to ladies to try their hand at golf and for the gentlemen to visit the Men's Shed in Masseytown, Macroom. Music also features, with



Nóirín Uí Thuama and Ellie Uí Dhunínín

a performance by the Lee Valley School of Music on Tuesday evening and plenty of opportunity for 'Ceol agus Craic' in Creedon's Hotel on Thursday and an invitation to join a Seisiún in the Abbey Hotel in Ballyvourney. There are numerous events

throughout the week where the Irish language and culture are very much to the fore. The Cathaoireacha Comhrá Initiative (Conversation Chairs) which promotes the Irish language through the media of crafts, in this case wood, is particularly worth a visit. The unveiling of the chairs happens at Scoil Mhuire Ballingearry at 11am on Sunday 7th April.

Events are open to everybody, no previous experience is required, but numbers are restricted for some workshops so booking is required and children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. There are brochures available throughout the area with a full listing of events.

**For more information, check out the Macroom Further Education and Training Centre Facebook page, [www.corketb.ie](http://www.corketb.ie) or contact Sheila on (086)8239097.**

## Macroom Library

The month of April is all about 'Spring into Story Time' in all public libraries - part of the national Right to Read campaign. Macroom Library has Story Time every Saturday at midday, and there will be an extra focus on it this month. If you've never brought your little ones to Story Time before, maybe now is the time! **Purlies Knitting Group** will meet on April 4th at 11.30am.

**Creative Writing** Group will take place on April 9th at 5.30pm. **Bridge Club** will take place on April 10th at 10am. Ciorcal Cainte will be April 11th at 11.30am. **Music Morning** will take place on April 12th with Eddie Hogan. Juvenile Book Club will meet on April 13th to discuss '17 Martin Street' by Marilyn Taylor. **Purlies Knitting Group** will be meeting again on April 18th at 11.30am.

**Easter Closure** - the library will be closed on both Friday April 19th and Saturday April 20th. If you can't make it into the library before then, you can renew your books online at [www.corkcoco.ie/library-services](http://www.corkcoco.ie/library-services)

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## From Cúl Aodha to Russia

Congratulations to Patrick Twomey, Coomecluvane, Coolea, who was Ireland Skills National winner 2019. The competition was held in the RDS in Dublin. Patrick was competing in the Metal Fabrication category. He was working on his project for 3 days and then it was in the hands of the Judges. Taking everything into consideration, he was awarded first prize on Saturday 23rd March. Patrick is a student in Cork Institute of Technology. He is the son of Sean and Mary Twomey, Coomecluvane and he has 3 sisters. He has the support of all of his family and a large circle of friends, all of whom are very proud of him. Patrick is a grounded and diligent young man and this award is well deserved. Further training will start in May and will continue on during the Summer. It will be Patrick's honour to represent Ireland in August 2019 in Russia for the World Skills Championships. Go n-éirí go geal leis.



Patrick Twomey, Coomecluvane, Coolea who will represent Ireland in Russia in the Metal Fabrication Section of the World Skills Competition. ©

## Clondrohid Updates

**Text Alert:** A.G.M will take place in Clondrohid Community Hall on Monday night April 15 at 8.30pm. The local Superintendent and gardai will attend to answer any queries you may have. As this is a very important part of country life nowadays, your attendance is important. You can renew your membership of €10 on the night.

**Muinefliuch N.S.** pupils recently took part in the No Plastics Day on March 15; 5th class pupils came 1st with their Super Hero creation in the recycling competition which took place in McEgan; some of the pupils took part in projects for Engineering week and they also paired up to do reading in Irish for Seachtain na Gaeilge. Well done to all involved.

**Autism Awareness Week:** A coffee morning in aid of Sonas and Suaimhneas ASD Classrooms, Clondrohid N.S. will be held in the Community Hall on Friday April 5 from 9.45 to 11.30 am. All are welcome.

**Community meetings:** A very successful and informative meeting took place in Clondrohid Community Hall April 1. Individuals, clubs and organisations, totalling nearly 40 people, were all present. A great buzz was evident in the hall as people filled up their posters with their 'wish lists' for the community of Clondrohid and Carriganima. Thanks to IRD for hosting this informative meeting and hopefully, plans for 'going forward' will be in place for future funding and improvements. Thanks to all who attended, which showed great community spirit. Well done one and all.

**Confirmation.** A picture postcard to wake April 2 to see snow on Musherá mountain. But maybe not so much if you were one of the children receiving Confirmation in Clondrohid and Carriganima. Best wishes from all in the parish to these children and their families.

## Kilmurry Historical Events

**National tree week.** A talk by Ted Cooke on Saturday 06th April on Warrenscourt woods. Departing museum at 2pm; bring a picnic along if you like.

A review of beer brewing by Dag Mueller and an introduction to brewing cider by Paidi Cohalan in the heritage room Kilmurry museum April 13th 7.30pm tickets Ellen 085 1470058 or mike at Shiela's shop Kilmurry Members €15 non members €20.

**Michael Galvin** book launch on Tuesday 16th

April at Independence Museum Kilmurry at 8pm "The Vikings in Ireland" by Dr John Sheehan in the Heritage room at Independence Museum Kilmurry on Wednesday April 17th @8pm. Members free, non-members €5.

**KHAA concert.** John Spillane and guests on Saturday 27th April in Ovens at 8pm. Tickets €20. Darkness into light May 11th walking from Kilmurry museum at 4.14 am sharp. Registration from 3.30 am, refreshments afterwards and donation for Pieta house.

## Community Watch

The Rusheen /Bealnamorrvie Community Watch Group held its AGM recently and a good crowd showed up on the night. The committee would like to thank all those who attended. The next meeting will be the registration night on the 8th of April where all members of the watch group

can renew for another year. We will have a few speakers on the night, so we look forward to seeing you all there. The re-elected members of the committee are: Chairman Pat Lucey; Treasurer Hugh Twomey; Secretary Caroline Corkery; PRO Noel Cunningham.

## Leabharlann Bhaile Bhúirne

Exciting news for Leabharlann Bhaile Bhúirne! It was announced recently that it is one of five Libraries in County Cork to be chosen to participate in the Writer in Residence Programme. We are delighted to announce that Denyse Woods has accepted the post of Writer in Residence for Libraries for 2019. The principal objective of this programme is to support creative writing activity in local areas, by providing engagement and interaction with people interested in writing, with the local library service as the centre for the programme. Denyse will provide a group workshop and one-to-one sessions with adult writers in five library locations, namely Ballyvourney, Dunmanway, Kanturk, Millstreet and Passage West Libraries. Denyse Woods, who also writes as Denyse Devlin, is the author of six novels, including *Of Sea and Sand* (2018), *Overnight to Innsbruck* and *The Catalpa Tree*. She has been awarded Literature Bursaries by the Arts Council of Ireland and Cork County Council, and writers' residencies with the Shanghai Writers' Association, the Centre Culture Irlandais in Paris and Zvonai Nari, in Lijnjan, Croatia. In 2016, as the winner of the Florida Keys Flash Fiction Award, Denyse

was offered the extraordinary opportunity to spend two weeks writing in Ernest Hemingway's studio in Key West – the first author to do so since Hemingway himself. Denyse was Writer in Residence with Cork County Council Library & Arts Service in 2017. Her books have been translated into six languages. For further information: [www.denysewoods.ie](http://www.denysewoods.ie).

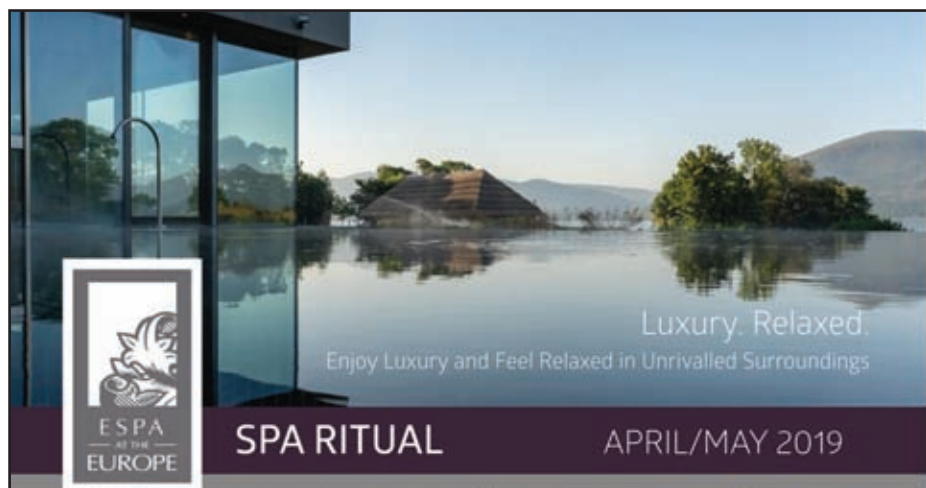
During her tenure as Writer in Residence, Denyse will run Creative Writing workshops during which participants can look forward to exploring their ideas and creativity in a friendly and supportive environment. She will focus on the essentials of good writing in order to bring out the very best from each writer. The residency will also provide a one-to-one mentoring service which will give aspiring writers an opportunity to do readings of their work with Denyse and to take advantage of her editorial and publishing experience. Those involved in the writing programme will also have the opportunity to take part in at least one public reading in their local library and will be encouraged to enter writing competitions, at home and abroad, and to submit work for publication in newspapers, journals and other publications. Above all,

Denyse hopes to bring a writing rhythm into the lives of participants and the broader writing community, so that writing becomes part of their routine, ultimately allowing them to finally achieve their literary aspirations, whether in a private or public capacity.

If you are interested in participating in a creative writing group in Ballyvourney Library, please contact Fionn Mc Sweeney on 026 45767 during library opening hours or by email at [LeabharlannBhaileBhuirne@CorkCoCo.ie](mailto:LeabharlannBhaileBhuirne@CorkCoCo.ie). For further information on the residency programme contact: Sinéad Donnelly County Arts Office: 021-4346210.

Bainteach le Féile Foghlama feadh an tSaoil agus Preab Isteach sa Scéal i do Leabharlann, beidh Am Scéalaíochta do dhaoine fásta i Leabharlann Bhaile Bhúirne le Seán Seosamh de Búrca ar an 12ú Aibreán ag 11r.n. agus an lá ina dhiaidh sin an 13ú Aibreán do dhaoine óga le Samantha Morton ag 10.30 r.n. Is féidir leat clárú ag an seoladh ríomhphoist thuas nó trí ghlaoch a chur ar an leabharlann le linn uaireanta oscailte. Beidh an Leabharlann dúnta i gcomhair na Cásca ar 19ú & 20ú Aibreán.





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## Uíbh Laoire Notes



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Gussy O'Riordan presenting Isobel Good from friends of Macroom Hospital with €450. raised from Inchigeela Bingo. ©

**Hospital Bingo Night.** The Hall Committee wish to thank everybody who made their special Bingo Night a great success. As a result, they presented the local hospitals of Macroom and Dunmanway with €450 each. Maureen Hurley accepted a cheque for The friends of Dunmanway Hospital and Isobel Goode accepted the cheque on behalf of the Friends of Macroom Hospital. We appreciate the excellent service we get from both hospitals. Well done to all.

**IRD Meeting.** A large crowd attended the meeting hosted by Creedon's Hotel and Croí na Laoi. The rural development reps gave a summary of the work they do in giving rural communities an opportunity to take control of their own development while availing of the human and natural resources at hand. They facilitated a workshop where those who attended were invited to air their concerns for the future and discuss ideas for dealing with the recent decline in many aspects of rural life. We

hope that there will be a successful outcome from the work as it was very inspiring. TD Aindrias Ó Muineacháin and Councillor Gobnait Ní Mhuineacháin also attended.

**Beautiful Blooms.** The Store of Memories was the venue for a lovely show of colour by Hana of Hanako Flowers. Hana has been settled in Inchigeela for some years now where she grows and arranges blooms for all occasions. Visit her web site at hanako.ie She can be contacted at 087775822

**Garda clinic.** The Garda will be in Inchigeela on the following dates at The Parish Office: April 1st 11 am to 12 Noon; April 8th 6pm to 7pm; April 15th 11 to 12 noon; April 22nd 6 pm to 7pm; April 29th 6 pm to 7pm.

**Céilí** for Cope Dont forget the Céilí for Cope Foundation in the Hall in Inchigeela on Fri April 5th at 9.30pm

**Croí na Laoi.** Next meeting will be on Tue April 9th at 9pm. Big clean up date 19th of April, Good Friday morning.

Lifelong Learning Festival. As part of this festival of learning, Inchigeela will hold the following free events:

**Siulóid Dúlra** 7ú Aibreáin 2pm Meet at Creedon's Hotel and enjoy a guided walk in the countryside with the Ciorcal Comhrá. Afterwards tea and chat in Creedon's. Thursday 8.30pm Chat and music in Creedon's. Sunday 12th Cheval or horse and pony event 12.00 to 3pm for info call (026)49012.

**Béal Átha Coffee morning.** Comhairle na dTuismitheoiri, Scoil Mhuire are having a coffee morning in Scoil Mhuire tar éis Aifreann Domhnaigh 7ú Aibreáin 10.30go 12.30. Please support

**DVD on Sale** The dvd of the St Patrick's Day parade and high jinks is on sale in Siopa Uí Dhuinnín and I'm told that the recording and production quality is very good.

**Bottle Bank.** The bottle bank looks well in its new home, tucked in neatly near the Halla. Job well done.

## Macra Matters

**Aghinagh Macra** enjoyed a successful night on March 8th in Donoughmore at the Cork County Round of the National Titles Competition (NTC). The club was victorious by winning the solo singing (Sarah Twomey) and group set dancing. The club also had a ballad group while Sean Dineen represented the club in the solo instrumental and Eileen Lynch in Mastermind. The ladies of Aghinagh Macra then travelled to Thurles for the NTC National semi-final to represent Muskerry in the solo singing category and set dancing. Our set dancers will now progress to the NTC National final on the 5th of May. Aghinagh Macra impromptu debaters represented Muskerry in Donoughmore on March 23rd in the National quarter finals. The team consisted on Joanne Crowley, Matthew McCarthy and Dermot O' Callaghan. Freemount were eventual winners, while Dermot O' Callaghan won best speaker. Aghinagh Macra's annual 5K Fun Run and Know Your Neighbour evening will take place June 9th in the Ploughman Bar, Ballinagree to raise funds for the three primary schools in the parish.



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## Peil na mBan Naomh Abán

Naomh Abán ladies had a great 2018. With u12, u14, u16, Minor and Junior teams in action, organisers and mentors were kept busy keeping all the balls in the air. Dual champion, Rena Buckley, was on hand recently to present medals to the winning teams. The u12s were County Champions; the u14s won the Mid Cork championship; the u16s won both the Mid Cork League and the Autumn League; the u21s were County Champions and the Juniors won the County League.

A special thanks to Betty who has a set of jerseys ready for the girls for each match played and can sort a pitch at short notice. Another valued lady is Nora, our photographer, who keeps a record of some of our great achievements with her keen eye for the good action picture. A big thank you also to Rena Buckley who was on hand to present the medals on the celebration night. We, as a club, would like to thank all our coaches, managers and behind the scene people who help to keep this brilliant little club active and successful.

**U 12.** In 2018, we had two under 12 teams. The first team was put into the "A" grade in Mid Cork division. The B team had some very tough games in division "D" and narrowly lost to a good Douglas team in the semi-final. Team 1 lost the Mid Cork "A" final to St Val's but booked a place in the County U12 championship. The county final was played on September 23rd in Bishopstown and the girls eventually got into their stride and beat Douglas 3-03 to 2-04.

**The U 14** girls began training early in January and all the hard work paid off on May 20th in Eire Óg when they beat Bishopstown in a very competitive game on a score line of 3-11 to 3-6 to become Mid Cork Champions. The team went on to the County championship but were knocked out by one point by Doheny's.

**The U 16's** had a brilliant year, winning the Mid Cork "A" league in Bishopstown on the 23rd of September. They began training in

January and ended their year winning the Autumn League on the 11th of November. The girls had a chance at a county and narrowly lost to Glanmire by a point under lights. They

trained hard and played their hearts out all year and got a well-deserved rest after the autumn league final.

The Minors played three games but lost to



Ríona Ní Bhuachalla le mná Naomh Abán a bhuaidh an U-16 Cork A League and Autumn League 2018 ©Nóra Ní Luasa



Foireann Naomh Abán fé 12 Peil na mBan – County Champions ©Nóra Ní Luasa



Foireann Naomh Abán U21 a bhuaidh Craobh an Chontae, le Victor Murphy agus Tomás Ó Murchú ©Nóra Ní Luasa



Naomh Abán U14s, winners of Mid Cork Championship ©Nóra Ní Luasa





Bishopstown in the semi-final.

**The U21 ladies** had a very tough path to their final in Stuake in late October. Their opposition was Bishopstown and after a really hard and competitive game, they overcame tough opponents by a one-point margin and became County Champions.

**Our Juniors** began training in January and got to play in the Páidí Ó Se competition in Dingle in February where they played 3 competitive games. They continued their good form and went on to win the Junior County League on July 2nd in Kilmichael on a sweltering hot evening. They overcame their old foes, the Doheny's, by 2 points and had a great celebration to mark the occasion. They went on to compete in the county championship but were beaten by a very strong Valley Rovers team.



Foireann Naomh Abán, Junior County League Champions © Nóra Ní Luasa

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## Macrooom Motors Mid Cork U21 Football Championships

### U21 A FC Final:

Éire Óg 3-12 Ballincollig 1-14

### Semi Finals:

Ballincollig 1-16 Kilmurry 0-13

Éire Óg 1 - 13 aet. Inniscarra 1 - 9

### Éire Óg 1 - 13 Inniscarra 1 - 9 aet.

Éire Óg were strong pre-match favourites to advance when they met Inniscarra in the first semi final of the Macrooom Motors Mid Cork U21 A football championship at Kilmurry but it took extra time before the Ovens outfit got the better of a fine young Inniscarra team. Inniscarra started well, opening up an early two point advantage, and they led for most of the half subsequently, bar two short spells when Éire Óg managed to draw level. Inniscarra led by a single point at the break but early in the second half Éire Óg got the game's most important score, a goal from Dylan Foley which gave his side a lead they held until injury time when Inniscarra drew level with an opportunist goal from Seán Sheehan which sent the game into twenty minutes of extra time. In extra time Éire Óg were the better team, outscoring 'Scarra by 0-5 to 0-1 but they still had a few lucky escapes and were relieved to hear the final whistle.

Conditions at Kilmurry were excellent for the first game of the season at the venue and the players on both sides responded with fine positive play. A point from play from Michael O'Connell and one from a free from Podge Holland had Inniscarra 0-2 to the good after ten minutes and it was clear that the outsiders were up for the contest. Dylan Foley had a fine opening point for Éire Óg in the 11th minute, Adam O'Connell pointed a free for 'Scarra in reply and in the 17th minute Brian Hurley took a point for Éire Óg to narrow the gap to 0-3 to 0-2 as the second quarter commenced. Éire Óg had a clear physical advantage over their opponents, but the Inniscarra defence was composed under pressure and up front their fast moving forwards were causing the winner's rearguard many problems. Goalkeeper Donal Óg Coleman made an outstanding save from Joseph Cooper to keep Inniscarra in front but in the 25th minute, midfielder Jack Murphy, who was very prominent all afternoon, kicked an equaliser over from close range. Within a minute Inniscarra were back in front with a smashing long range point from their midfielder Eddy O'Connor but Éire Óg quickly drew level again, Anthony O'Doherty pointing a free after a foul on Brian Hurley. Inniscarra were out of luck in the 29th minute when Adam O'Connell's shot hit the intersection of upright and crossbar and rebounded to safety but they deservedly led at the break when Podge Holland pointed a late free.

Dylan Foley's vital goal came in the 34th minute, the full forward combining with David Twomey and when the latter's shot was blocked, the ball spilled to Foley who slammed first time to the Inniscarra net from point blank range. Points from frees were twice exchanged Anthony O'Doherty popped over a



Éire Óg who defeated Ballincollig in the Macrooom Motors Muskerry u21A Football Championship final ©Lee Valley Outlook



Ballincollig who were defeated by Éire Óg in the Macrooom Motors Muskerry u21A Football Championship final ©Lee Valley Outlook

point in the 46th minute to leave Éire Óg 1-7 to 0-7 in front and seemingly on the road to victory. Inniscarra introduced young effective substitutes however, never surrendered, and when Liam O'Connor kicked a superb point in the 51st minute they redoubled their efforts. They were decidedly unlucky when Adam O'Connell had a point from a free disallowed, overstepping the mark the verdict, and Éire Óg appeared to have weathered the storm when Brian Hurley kicked over to re-open the three point gap. Inniscarra were still battling on, now in pursuit of a goal, and in the final minute they succeeded when Podge Holland fired a shot across the Éire Óg goal and Seán Sheehan was on the spot to slide the ball in to the net for a sensational but merited equaliser at 1-8 apiece.

In extra time Éire Óg were the dominant side with Jack Murphy outstanding. His two points, one from a '45', and one each from Ryan O'Flynn and Anthony O'Doherty left Éire Óg in a strong position at the break and each side had a point in the final ten minutes, Hugh Murphy for the winners and Podge Holland for Inniscarra who were again denied a goal by the woodwork as they chased the game. Scorers: Éire Óg: D Foley 1-2 (0-1f), J Murphy 0-4 (0-1'45', 0-1f), A O'Doherty 0-3 (0-2f), B Hurley 0-2, Hugh Murphy and R O'Flynn 0-1 each. Inniscarra: S Sheehan 1-0, P Holland 0-5 (0-4f), M O'Connell, A O'Connell, Ed O'Connor, L O'Connor 0-1 each.

Éire Óg: Éoin Kelleher: Cillian Sheehan, Shane Quigley, Seán O'Flynn: Diarmuid Dineen,

Jason Twomey, David Twomey: Jack Murphy, Anthony O'Doherty: Conor McGoldrick, John Cooper, John Corkery: Joseph Cooper, Dylan Foley, Brian Hurley. Subs: Ryan O'Flynn for J Corkery, David Kirwan for Jos Cooper, Hugh Murphy for C McGoldrick, Cathal Mullins and Js Cooper (extra time).

Inniscarra: David Óg Coleman: Jack O'Sullivan, Con O'Leary, Darragh Hughes: Danny O'Herlihy, Ciarán Lombard, Liam Ryan: Jack Harrington, Eddy O'Connor: Seán Sheehan, Adam O'Connell, Colin O'Leary: Frankie Horgan, Mickey O'Connell, Podge Holland. Subs: Liam O'Connor for M O'Connell, Mark MacLoughlin for J Harrington, Seán Leisk for F Horgan, Stephen Linehan and F Horgan (extra time). Referee: Mr Pat O'Leary, Kilmurry.

### Ballincollig 1 - 16 Kilmurry 0 - 13

The second semi final took place at Coachford between champions Kilmurry and Ballincollig who had disappointed at under 21 championship for the past two seasons but who had had a very formidable team on duty with many players who had figured prominently in senior championship football. Ballincollig were shaping like winners for most of the hour. Kilmurry tried their utmost throughout to stay in contention and they only trailed by two points at the interval but were thankful to their goalkeeper Eoin Curzon who made several superb saves.

Ballincollig were on the offensive from the throw in and they quickly put scores on the board, David McCullagh, Eoin O'Reilly and Darren Murphy all raising white flags.





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Nine minutes had elapsed before Kilmurry opened their account a point from a free by Seán Warren and another from play from their best forward Liam Wall. Ballincollig led 0-5 to 0-3 at the end of the first quarter they were looking comfortable and scored four additional points to their opponents three before the short whistle sounded and they led 0-9 to 0-6 and were fully deserving of their advantage.

Ballincollig dominated the third quarter as Kilmurry's cúl baire and backs defended gallantly and a 0-13 to 0-8 score line indicated that the former were well on the road to victory. Two points from Darren Murphy put them further ahead but a good effort by Kilmurry to stay in contention yielded three points, two from Liam Wall and one from Greg Fitton.

Ballincollig subsequently registered the only goal of the game in the 55th minute. Substitute Darragh Dorgan transferred the football to Evan Cooke perfectly and the latter

confidently found the Kilmurry net. There was no way back for the outgoing champions at that stage but they did manage to reduce the arrears when Seán Warren from a free and Eoghan Clifford from play sent the football between the uprights. Ballincollig had the final score, a point from a Darren Murphy free. Scorers: Ballincollig: D Murphy 0-10 (0-2 f), E O'Reilly 0-3 (0-1 45), E Cooke 1-0, L Fahy, D McCullagh and J O'Leary 0-1 each. Kilmurry: S Warren 0-6 (0-4 f), L Wall 0-4 (0-1 f), J O'Mullane, E Clifford and G Fitton 0-1 each.

Ballincollig: Seán Horgan: Seán Walsh, Gearóid O'Donoghue, Fintan Denny: Robbie Bourke, Kevin Crowley, Karl Walsh: Luke Fahy, Jordan Murray: David McCullagh, Evan Cooke, James O'Leary: Jordan O'Connor, Darren Murphy, Eoin O'Reilly. Subs: Darragh Dorgan 49, Ciarán Twomey 54, Fionáin O'Donovan 56, Shane O'Neill 57.

Kilmurry: Eoin Curzon: Mark Dromey, Fionn Warren, William Ronan: Brian Hinchion, Liam O'Sullivan, Darragh Linehan: Seán Flannagan,



Pat Barrett, Macroom Motors, Sponsors, presenting the Muskerry u21A Football Championship trophy to Éire Óg captain, Brian Hurley. On left, Pat Malone, Chairman Muskerry Board and on right, Dáithí Ó Laoi, Treasurer. ©Lee Valley Outlook

Kyle Kelleher: Liam Wall, James O'Mullane, Evan Carroll: Denis Dullea, Eoghan Clifford, Seán Warren. Subs: Gregg Fitton h/t, Jack Casey 48, Stephen O'Donoghue 51, Denis Dullea 54.

Referee: Mr John Ryan, Macroom.

### Mid Cork U21 A Final Éire Óg 3 - 12 Ballincollig 1 - 14

Éire Óg are Mid Cork U 21 A Football champions for the first time since they won their only previous title in 2011 and they fully deserved their latest win, achieved over a highly rated Ballincollig in a fine final played before a big crowd at a sunny Coachford. Éire Óg had started well with two early points but fell behind in the second quarter before Ryan O'Flynn's 26th minute goal gave them a 1-4 to 0-5 lead. A late first half goal from the fist of Darragh Dorgan regained the lead for Ballincollig who led by 1-6 to 1-5 at the break. On the resumption, three early points, one apiece from Anthony O'Doherty, Brian Hurley and Diarmuid Dineen had Éire Óg back in front but Ballincollig fought back and it took a

goal from full forward Dylan Foley in the 40th minute to give the Ovens men a 2-8 to 1-9 lead and Jack Murphy's point then opened up a three point gap at the three quarter stage, 2-10 to 1-10. Ballincollig came back with points from Darren Murphy, Kevin Crowley and James O'Leary but Anthony Doherty pointed for Éire Óg and followed on with a goal in the 50th minute to make it 3-11 to 1-12 in his sides favour. Again Ballincollig fought back but Jack Murphy crowned a fine personal display with a late point to give his side a four point win.

Scorers: Éire Óg; A Doherty 1-3 (0-1f), R O'Flynn 1-1, D Foley 1-1, J Murphy 0-3, B Hurley 0-2, J Twomey and D Dineen 0-1 each. Ballincollig: D Dorgan 1-2 (0-1f), D Murphy 0-6 (0-3f), E O'Reilly 0-2 (0-1f), J O'Leary, K

Crowley, D McCullagh, L Fahy (f) 0-1 each.

Éire Óg: Eoin Kelleher: Seán O'Flynn, Cillian Sheehan, Diarmuid Dineen: Hugh Murphy, John Cooper, David Twomey: Anthony Doherty, Jason Twomey: Ryan O'Flynn, Jack Murphy, Conor McGoldrick: Joe Cooper, Dylan Foley, Brian Hurley. Subs: Paddy Twomey 35, Cathal Mullins 60.

Ballincollig: Ballincollig: Seán Horgan: Seán Walsh, Gearóid O'Donoghue, Fintan Denny: Robbie Bourke, Kevin Crowley, Karl Walsh: Luke Fahy, Jordan Murray: David McCullagh, Evan Cooke, James O'Leary: Jordan O'Connor, Darren Murphy, Eoin O'Reilly. Subs: Darragh Dorgan 15, Fionáin O'Donovan 50.

Referee: Mr Dave Murnane, Macroom.

## U21 B Football Championship Final

### Aghabullogue 0-12 Canovee 1 - 9

Neighbours Aghabullogue and Canovee will have to meet again to decide who will take the Macroom Motors Mid Cork U21 B Football title this year and advance to represent the division in the county championship. The very evenly matched sides drew at Kilmichael after a tight contest where little separated the teams on the scoreboard at any stage and where Canovee lost a two point lead late in the game and went behind but rallied to secure a well deserved equaliser with time almost up. It was a fair result after an excellent game, sportingly contested.

Aghabullogue started well, Niall BarryMurphy scoring it their first attack straight from the throw in and points from David Thompson and Mathew Bradley then had them three clear after six minutes. Jack Kelleher pointed a free to open the Canovee account in the 8th minute, repeated the exercise two minutes later but Thompson pointed for Aghabullogue immediately to maintain a two point gap. Aghabullogue lost influential centre back Paul Ring temporarily with a nose bleed and in his absence in the 12th minute Canovee corner forward Mark Walsh

fired in a hard drive which was blocked but the ball broke loose and centre forward Eoghan Lehane slipped it neatly to the net to put his side in front. Evan Dodd added a fine point from out on the wing and Aghabullogue now found themselves chasing the game, two points in arrears at 1-3 to 0-4.

Aghabullogue responded well to the challenge and David Thompson pointed in the 16th minute, Mathew Bradley levelled matters three minutes later and Thompson kicked Aghabullogue back into the lead, all three scores from frees. Evan Dodd pointed a Canovee '45', and Canovee were denied a goal by a marvellous save by goalkeeper Dan Lane from Mark Walsh before Mathew Bradley pointed another free in the 28th minute to give Aghabullogue a 0-8 to 1-4 interval lead.

In the third quarter, Canovee held Aghabullogue scoreless and added three points to their own tally to go back in front and assume a degree of control. Aghabullogue did have a great goal scoring opportunity immediately after the restart but Mathew Bradley, set up by Keelan O'Sullivan, saw his shot from close range rebound off the

upright to be scrambled clear by the Canovee defence. Points from a Jack Kelleher free and from Eoghan Lehane and Eoin Moynihan made it 1-7 to 0-8 by the 42nd minute and a degree of desperation was beginning to creep into the Aghabullogue play. Substitute Luke Casey steadied their nerves with a smashing point in the 48th minute, their first of the half, and when strong Canovee midfielder Daniel Akirrinbola kicked confidently over in the 50th minute, Casey again kept Aghabullogue spirits up with a quick reply to leave the minimum between the teams with eight minutes play remaining.

It was a very exciting finish. Aghabullogue looked to have made a decisive break when Mathew Bradley pointed twice in a minute to put them in front by a point with two minutes remaining and he could have wrapped up the win but was penalised for overholding after planting the ball in the Canovee net. Battling Canovee came down the field and Mark Walsh kicked over an equalising point with time almost up to give his side a second chance of taking the title.





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Scorers: Aghabullogue: M Bradley 0-6 (0-4f), D Thompson 0-3 (0-1f), L Casey 0-2, N BarryMurphy 0-1. Canovee: E Lehane 1-1, J Kelleher 0-3 (0-3f), E Dodd 0-2 (0-1'45'), E Moynihan, D Akirrinbola, M Walsh 0-1 each.

Aghabullogue: Daniel Lane: Killian BarryMurphy, Conor Smith, Thomas Long: Shane Tarrant, Paul Ring, Paul Dilworth: Seán O'Connell, Niall BarryMurphy: Jack Oldham, Mathew Bradley, Jack Murphy: Aodhán Lehane, David Thompson, Keelan O'Sullivan. Subs: Adam Murphy for J Oldham h/t, Luke Casey for A Healy 39, Seán Lane for K O'Sullivan 52.

Canovee: Cormac O'Driscoll: David Carroll, Neil Kirk, Patrick O'Neill: Evan Dodd, Denis Murphy, Seán Browne: Jack Murphy, Daniel Akirrinbola: Kieran Walsh, Eoghan Lehane, Shane O'Riordan: Eoin Moynihan, Jack Kelleher, Mark Walsh. Subs: Gavin Hickey for S O'Riordan h/t. Referee: Colm Uas. Ó Mocháin, Cill na Martra.

## U21 C FOOTBALL (13 A SIDE) CHAMPIONSHIP

Final: Aghinagh v Iveleary

## CORK COUNTY FOOTBALL AND HURLING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019

### SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

#### Divisional / College Section

##### Round 1

B Seandún 1-12 Beara 0-7

C UCC 2-18 Muskerry 1-11

D CIT 0-19 Carbery 2-11

E Imokilly 0-13 Duhallow 2-22

Round 2: Seandun v UCC, CIT v Duhallow

2 Winners to qualify for open county

### SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

#### Divisional / College Section

##### Round 1

A UCC 0-23 CIT 0-13

B Duhallow 1-15 Muskerry 5-17

C Carrighoun 1-13 Imokilly 0-31

D Avondhu 0-18 Carbery 2-16

##### Round 2

UCC v Muskerry, Imokilly v Carbery

##### Muskerry 5 - 17 Duhallow 1 - 15

Two first-quarter goals paved the way for Muskerry to book their place in round 2 of the Cork SHC after a 5-17 to 1-15 win over Duhallow at Páirc Uí Chaoimh, Ballinora's Kevin Murphy and Ian Barry Murphy of Aghabullogue getting the scores. Muskerry kept this momentum going giving them a 2-3 to 0-3 lead after 14 minutes but Duhallow hit back and it was 2-7 to 0-9 at the interval. Muskerry started the second half with three points in a row and in the 38th minute scored their third goal, Peter Kelleher catching a ball before laying off to Kevin Hallissey who finished to the net.

Duhallow had a goal in reply but Muskerry secured the win when the impressive Kevin Murphy netted 10 minutes from time and Peter Kelleher had an injury-time goal.

Scorers for Muskerry: K Murphy (2-1); IB Murphy (1-4); K Hallissey (1-3); S Bourke (0-4, 2 frees); M Bradley (0-3); P Kelleher (1-0); D Hanlon, A Murphy (0-1 each).

Muskerry: P Hallisey (Blarney); R O'Donovan (Ballincollig), J Mullins (Eire Og), L Ryan

championship draw for last 16

### UCC 2-18 Muskerry 1-11

UCC eventually saw off a brave Muskerry effort in this Cork Senior Football Championship clash at Páirc Uí Rinn. UCC, were short a few from their Sigerson winning team but Muskerry were also understrenght and were without the star of their win over Avondhu, Fintan Goold, out injured. UCC started well and they managed to get five points without reply in the opening eight minutes of play with points from Liam Wall, Eibhin Courtney and Liam Grainger but Muskerry gradually worked their way into the game as the opening half wore on and Mark Healy was to slot over some fine scores from frees and his Canovee clubmate James Moynihan was also to get on the scoring act for the Mid Cork men. In the 15th minute Muskerry broke, the ball was worked to Healy and after his initial effort was saved, the ball was blasted home by a powerful strike from close range by Peter Kelleher and the Cork senior then added a point. It was all square at the break.

UCC went two points up on the restart, Moynihan had a good opportunity at a Muskerry goal moments later, but he was to be denied by Eoghan O'Brien in the UCC goal. A great Michael Desmond effort for Muskerry did reduce the gap to just a score seven minutes into the second half.

Both teams then exchanged a point apiece, through Eoghan O'Brien from a placed ball for UCC and a point from play by Evan O'Sullivan. With only a point between the teams, Muskerry had a good spell of pressure midway through the second half but they had little to

show for the number of chances they created, which included two goal chances. Left off the hook, UCC hit Muskerry with a goal which effectively set them on the road to victory and had another late on to put a misleading appearance on the final score.

Scorers: Muskerry: Mark Healy 0-4 (0-3f), Peter Kelleher 1-1, Evan O'Sullivan, James Moynihan 0-2 each, E O'Sullivan, D O'Connell 0-1 each.

UCC: E O'Brien (Churchill, Kerry): J Hannon (St Josephs Doora Barefield, Clare), M Flood (St Bridgets, Meath), T Linehan (St Michael's): C Ó hAiniféin (Éire Óg Ennis, Clare), R Dunphy (Éire Óg, Carlow), Liam Wall (Kilmurry): K Ryan (Mungret, Limerick), J Ryan (Ballymartle): E Finnerty (Mountbellew, Galway), D Cleary (Laune Rangers, Kerry), L Grainger (St Michael's): L O'Sullivan (St Michael's), P Spillane (Templenoe, Kerry), E Courtney (Éire Óg Ennis, Clare).

Subs: Alan Quinn (Macroom)54.

MUSKERRY: Shane Masters (Kilmichael): Billy Casey (Aghabullogue), John Mullins (Éire Óg), Conor Cotter (Kilmichael): Danny O'Connell (Cill Na Martra), Paul Ring (Aghabullogue), Aaron O'Raw (Inniscarra): Ronan O'Toole (Éire Óg), Aidan Murphy (Canovee): Evan O'Sullivan (Aghabullogue), Peter Kelleher (Kilmichael), David Horgan (Macroom): James Moynihan (Canovee), Mike Desmond (Cill Na Martra), Mark Healy (Canovee)

Subs: Cian Dineen (Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh) 39, Declan Ambrose (Aghinagh) 55, Liam Twohig (Aghinagh) and Seán O'Sullivan (Aghabullogue), both on 59.

(Inniscarra);C O'Leary (Inniscarra), S O'Donoghue (Inniscarra), A Murphy (Cloughduv); R Murphy (Blarney), M Bradley (Aghabullogue); M O'Riordan (Dripsey), S Bourke (Grenagh), D Hanlon (Blarney); K Hallissey (Éire Óg), K Murphy (Ballinora), I Barry Murphy (Aghabullogue).

Subs: P Kelleher (Kilmichael) h/t; M Walsh (Cloughduv) 51; S Tarrant (Aghabullogue) 55; E Murphy (Dripsey) 56; C Cotter (Kilmichael) 56.

### PREMIER INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

#### Preliminary Round

Bantry Blues v Nemo Rangers

#### Round 1

Aghada v Na Piarasigh

Bandon v Newmarket

Castletownbere v Kanturk

Cill na Martra v Éire Óg

Naomh Abán v Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh

St. Michael's v Macroom

St. Vincent's v Bantry Blues / Nemo Rangers

### INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

#### Preliminary Round

Kildorrery v Knocknagree

#### Round 1

Gabriel Rangers v Adrigole

Dromtariffe v Millstreet

Kinsale v Ballydesmond

Youghal v Kildorrery / Knocknagree

Aghabullogue v Mitchelstown

Grenagh v Glanmire

Rockchapel v Ballinora

Mayfield v Glenville

Glanworth v St Finbarrs

### PREMIER INTERMEDIATE HURLING

#### Round 1

Blarney v Ballinhassig

Castlelyons v Youghal

Cloyne v Aghada

Fermoy v Courcy Rovers

Fr. O'Neill's v Ballincollig

Inniscarra v Watergrashill

Kilworth v Valley Rovers

Mallow v Carrigaline

### INTERMEDIATE HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

Aghabullogue v Ballinhassig

Argideen Rangers v Castlemartyr

Barryroe v Glen Rovers

Blackrock v Kilbrittain

Dripsey v Ballygarvan

Eire Óg v Dungourney

Grenagh v Na Piarasigh

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Meelin v Midleton

Milford v Ballymartle

St. Catherine's v Cloughduv

St Finbarr's v Douglas

Tracton v Kildorrery



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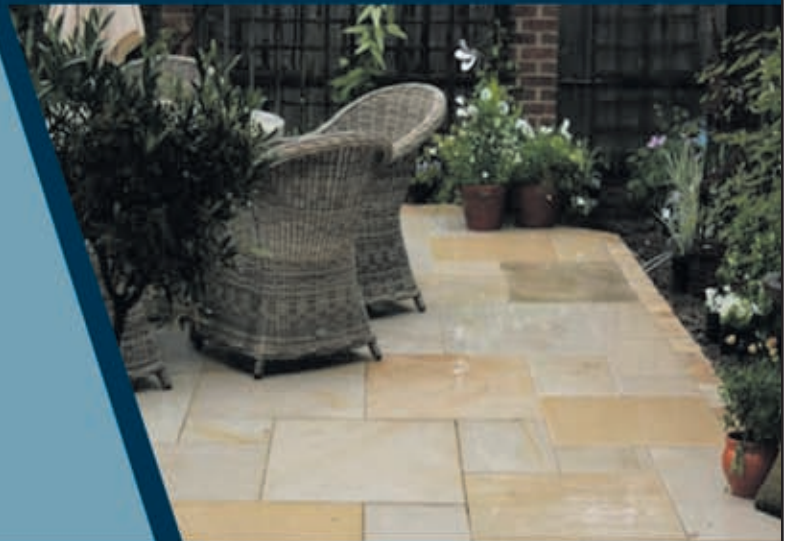
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## TOM CREEDON CUP 2019

### Semi Finals: Nemo Rangers v Cill na Martra Knocknagree 0-16 Macroom 1-10

Macroom Intermediate footballers lost out to Knocknagree in the Tom Creedon Cup semi final at Knocknagree on a scoreline of Macroom 1-10 to Knocknagree 0-16. Macroom had a goal from Andrew Hegarty in the 17th minute and led by 1-5 to 0-7 when they lost Fintan Goold through injury just coming up to half time and the home side had hit the front by the break. In the second half Macroom again went ahead at 1-10 to 0-12 by the 50th minute but fell away in the last ten minutes to lose by three points and so the quest for Tom Creedon Cup success continues. Team: Brendan O'Connell, Michael Cronin, Paul O'Farrell, Rory Buckley, Sean McMahon, Alan Quinn, Mark Corrigan, Fintan Goold, Caleb Dineen, David Horgan (capt), Ethan O'Gorman, Tony Dineen, Pa Lucey, Conor O'Sullivan, Andrew Hegarty. Subs introduced - John Murphy, Gerard Angland, Eolan O'Leary, Don Creedon.

## CORK COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019

### Senior, Premier Intermediate and Intermediate Football & Hurling

Round 1 Fixtures (extra-time in all games)

Fri, April 5th: SFC Round 1 Mallow v Kiskeam at 7.30pm @ Glantane

Sat, April 6th:

SFC Round 1 Clyda Rovers v St. Finbarr's at 5.45pm @ Pairc Ui Rinn

SFC Round 1 Valley Rovers v Nemo Rangers at 7.30pm @ Pairc Ui Rinn

SFC Round 1 Newcestown v Clonakilty at 6.15pm @ Dunmanway

SFC P.R. Carrigaline v O'Donovan Rossa at 6.15pm @ Cloughduv

PIFC Round 1 Bandon v Newmarket at 6.15pm @ Macroom

Sun, April 7th

IFC Round 1 Glanworth v St. Finbarr's at 3pm @ Carrignavar

IFC Round 1 Mayfield v Glenville at 3pm @ Blarney

PIFC P.R. Bantry Blues v Nemo Rangers at 3pm

@ Kilmurry

PIFC Round 1 Castletownbere v Kanturk at 3pm @ Ballingearry

PIFC Round 1 St. Michael's v MACROOM at 2pm @ Coachford

SFC Round 1 Dohenys v St. Nicholas at 2pm @ Brinny

SFC Round 1 Castlehaven v Fermoy at 3.45pm @ Brinny

PIFC Round 1 Aghada v Na Piarasaigh at 2pm @ Pairc Ui Rinn

SFC Round 1 Bishopstown v Douglas at 3.45pm @ Pairc Ui Rinn

Sat, April 13th

IFC P.R. Kildorrery v Knocknagree at 5pm @ Kilbrin

IFC Round 1 GRENAGH v Glanmire at 5pm @ Blarney

IFC Round 1 Rockchapel v BALLINORA at 5pm @ Millstreet

IFC Round 1 Kinsale v Ballydesmond at 5pm @ Carrigadrohid

SHC P.R. Erins Own v Ballymartle at 7pm @ Pairc Ui Rinn

Sun, April 14th

IFC Round 1 Gabriel Rangers v Adrigole at 3pm @ Kealkil

IFC Round 1 Dromtarriffe v Millstreet at 3pm @ Cullen

IFC Round 1 AGHABULLOGUE v Mitchelstown at 3pm @ Mallow

SFC Round 1 Carbery Rangers v Ilen Rovers at 3pm @ Castlehaven

PIFC Round 1 CILL na MARTRA v ÉIRE ÓG at 2pm @ Macroom

PIFC Round 1 NAOMH ABÁN v BÉAL ÁTHA'n GhaORTHAIHDH at 3.45pm @ Macroom

Fri, April 19th

SHC Round 1 Bishopstown v Newtownshandrum at 7.45pm @ Mourenabbey

SHC Round 1 Sarsfields v Kanturk at 7.45pm @ Mallow

PIHC Round 1 INNISCARRA v Watergrasshill at 7.45pm @ Pairc Ui Rinn

PIHC Round 1 Fr. O' Neill's v BALLINCOLLIG at 7.45pm @ Carrigtwohill

Sat, April 20th

PIHC Round 1 Castlelyons v Youghal at 7pm @

Ballynoe

SHC Round 1 Douglas v Bride Rovers at 5.45pm @ Riverstown

SHC Round 1 Carrigtwohill v St. Finbarr's at 7.30pm @ Riverstown

SHC Round 1 Charleville v Erins Own / Ballymartle at 5.45pm @ Pairc Ui Rinn

SHC Round 1 Blackrock v Ballyhea at 7.30pm @ Pairc Ui Rinn

Sun, April 21st

PIHC Round 1 BLARNEY v Ballinhassig at 2pm @ Ballincollig

PIHC Round 1 Mallow v Carrigaline at 3.45pm @ Ballincollig

SHC Round 1 Killeagh v Na Piarasaigh at 2pm @ Pairc Ui Rinn

SHC Round 1 Glen Rovers v Midleton at 3.45pm @ Pairc Ui Rinn

SHC Round 1 Newcestown v Bandon at 3pm @ Clonakilty

Sat, April 27th

IHC Round 1 Barryroe v Glen Rovers at 4pm @ Brinny

IHC Round 1 Blackrock v Kilbrittain at 5.45pm @ Brinny

PIFC Round 1 Bantry Blues / Nemo Rangers v St. Vincent's at 5.45pm @ Enniskeane / Brian Dillons

IHC Round 1 ÉIRE ÓG v Dungourney at 5.45pm @ Pairc Ui Rinn

IHC Round 1 Argideen Rangers v Castlemartyr at 7.30pm @ Pairc Ui Rinn

Sun, April 28th

PIHC Round 1 Fermoy v Courcey Rovers at 2pm @ Pairc Ui Rinn

PIHC Round 1 Kilworth v Valley Rovers at 3.45pm @ Pairc Ui Rinn

Fri, May 3rd

IHC Round 1 St. Catherine's v CLOUGHDUV at 7.30pm @ Pairc Ui Rinn

Sat, May 4th

IHC Round 1 AGHABULLOGUE v Ballinhassig at 5.45pm @ Ovens

IHC Round 1 DRIPSEY v Ballygarvan at 7.30pm @ Ovens

IHC Round 1 Tracton v Kildorrery at 5pm @ Blarney

IHC Round 1 GRENAGH v Na Piarasaigh at 6.45pm @ Blarney

## MID CORK GAA CHAMPIONSHIP DRAWS 2019

### JUNIOR A FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

#### Round 1

A Éire Óg v Cill na Martra

B Kilmurry v Iveleary

C Naomh Abán v Canovee

D Donoughmore v Inniscarra

E Clondrohid v Kilmichael

F Dripsey v Ballincollig

G Blarney v Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh

Aghinagh - a bye

#### Round 2

Aghinagh v Loser A

Loser B v Loser C

Loser D v Loser E

Loser F v Loser G

Round 3 - new draw

### JUNIOR B FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

#### Round 1

A Grenagh v Inniscarra

B Kilmurry v Ballinora

#### Quarter finals

1 Canovee v Iveleary

2 Winner of A v Aghabullogue

3 Winner of B v Aghinagh

4 Ballincollig v Macroom

Semi Finals; 1 v 2, 3 v 4

### JUNIOR C FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

#### Quarter Finals;

A Kilmichael v Dripsey

B Ballincollig v Éire Óg

C Gleann na Laoi v Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh

D Blarney - a bye

#### Semi Finals:

Winner of A v Winner of B, Winner of C v

Blarney

### JUNIOR A HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

#### Round 1

A Donoughmore v Éire Óg

B Ballinora v Inniscarra

C Iveleary v Cloughduv

D Ballincollig v Blarney

Kilmichael - a bye

#### Round 2

Kilmichael v Loser A

Loser B v Loser C,

Loser D a bye BUT v Kilmichael if KM lose earlier

### JUNIOR B HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

#### Round 1

A Gleann na Laoi v Éire Óg

#### Quarter Finals

1 Grenagh v Laochra Óg

2 Winner of A v Inniscarra

3 Aghabullogue v Ballincollig

4 Blarney v Ballinora

Semi Finals: 1 v 2: 3 v 4

### ALLIANZ NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

#### Armagh 1-14 Cork 3-9

There was drama at the bottom end of the Div 2 league table as Cork dropped down to Division 3 despite a one point win over Armagh. The Rebels were 3-9 to 1-14 winners away to the Orchard County but Clare's dramatic win over Tipperary condemned their two Munster rivals to the third tier. The Banner produced a late flourish to beat the Premier County 3-15 to 1-19 and secure their Division 2 status for next year.





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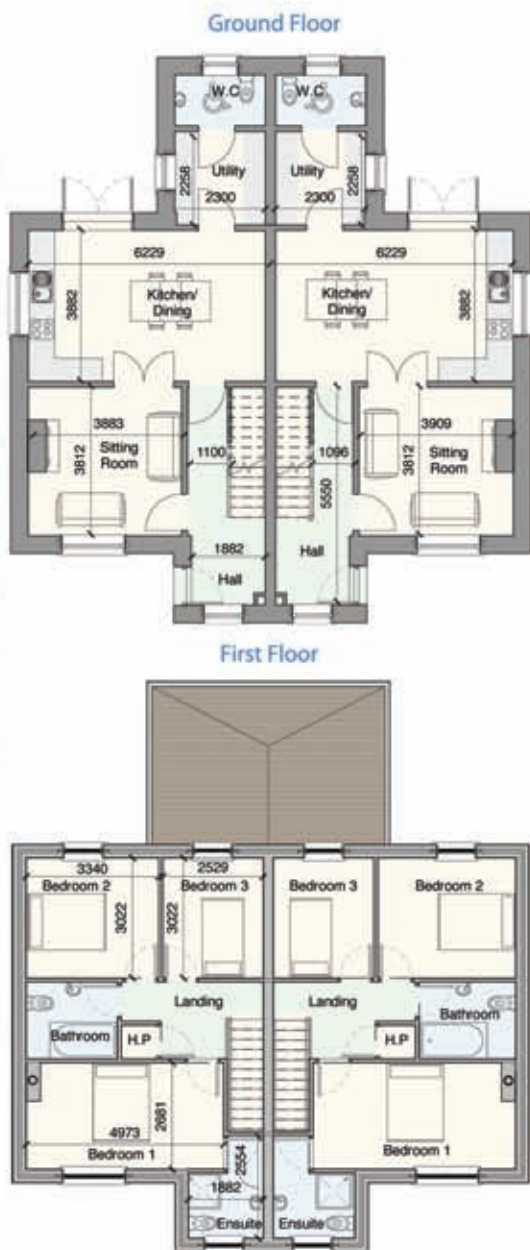
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Béal Á Ghaorthaidh P 5 - 5

### Division Two - 11 teams

On top: Fermoy P 5 - 21pts

Macroom P 5 - 13

Éire Óg P 4 - 12

Aghabullogue P 5 - 7

### Division Three - 11 teams

On top: Aghada P 5 - 25 points

Naomh Abán P 4 - 10

### Division Four - 11 teams

On top: Castletownbere P 5 - 21pts

Grenagh P 4 - 10pts

### Division Five - 9 teams

On top: Millstreet P 4 - 20pts

Ballinora P 5 - 15

## COUNTY HURLING LEAGUES

**Div 1 and Div 2** - no Muskerry team

**Division 3** - 10 teams

On top: Mayfield Played 4 - 18 points

Inniscarra P 3 - 13pts

Ballincollig P 4 - 12pts

Blarney P 4 8pts

### Div 4 - 11 teams

On top: Sarsfields P 4 - 16 pts

Éire Óg P 3 - 11pts

Aghabullogue P 2 - 2 pts

### Div 5 - 11 teams

On top: Douglas P 4 - 18pts

Cloughduv P 4 - 16 pts

Grenagh P 4 - 4pt

Dripsey P 2 - 1pt

## 2019 MUNSTER GAA HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

1-Waterford--Clare--12/5-Walsh Park Waterford @ 2pm---

1-Cork--Tipperary--12/5-Pairc Ui Chaoimh @ 4pm---

2-Tipperary--Waterford--19/5-Semple Stadium Thurles @ 2pm---

2-Limerick--Cork--19/5-Gaelic Grounds Limerick @ 4pm---

3-Waterford--Limerick--2/6-Walsh Park

Waterford @ 2pm---

3-Clare--Tipperary--2/6-Cusack Park Ennis @ 4pm---

4-Cork--Waterford--8/6-Pairc Ui Chaoimh @ 7pm---

4-Limerick--Clare--9/6-Gaelic Grounds Limerick @ 4pm---

5-Clare--Cork--16/6-Cusack Park Ennis @ 2pm---

5-Tipperary--Limerick--16/6-Semple Stadium Thurles @ 2pm---

Final 30/6-Venue TBC @ 2pm---

## 2019 MUNSTER GAA FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

QF-1-Tipperary--Limerick--11/5-Semple Stadium Thurles @ 7pm---

QF-2-Clare--Waterford--11/5-Cusack Park Ennis @ 7pm---

SF-3-Cork--Winner of 1--1/6-Pairc Uí Chaoimh @ 7pm---

SF-4-Kerry--Winner of 2--1/6-Cusack Park Ennis or Fraher Field Dungarvan @ 7pm---

Final-----22/6-Venue TBC @ 7pm

## Macroom Ladies Football

On Friday 22nd of February, Macroom Ladies Football Club hosted their Social and Medal Presentation for 2018 in the Castle Hotel. During the past year the girls have brought home Mid-Cork league wins at U12, U14 and U16. Club history was made also by the U16s winning the County final. For the first time in many years, Macroom ladies fielded a Junior team who also contributed to the club history by bringing home a county league title. All these victories

were celebrated in style on the night. It was great to see so many players receiving their medals from Cork Football and Camogie legend, Rena Buckley. Her inspiring words on the night were a real boost to the girls for the year ahead. For such a small club to have so many victories is just amazing. Macroom Ladies Football Club would like to thank the Castle Hotel for letting us host the night for the girls; Rena Buckley for presenting the medals to the girls; DJ Aidan

McMahon for having the dance floor full for the night and everyone who sponsored prizes for our raffle. Finally, a massive thank you to all the trainers and parents without whose support none of the victories would have been possible. We look forward to the year ahead.

U14 and U16 training is on every Tuesday and Thursday at 6:15pm and Junior Training Sunday mornings at 11am in Tom Creedon Park. New members are always welcome.



Irene O'Callaghan, Katelyn Burke, Emma Cahill and Lucy Duggan, captains of Macroom's winning teams in 2018. © Brian Gallagher.



Foireann fé 16 Laochra Óg lena mboinn ©Nóra Ní Luasa

## Laochra Óg

**Membership.** Thanks to all those who have paid their Membership Fees for 2019. If you have yet to do so, please remember that this covers your affiliation and insurance for the year. All Players/Mentors need to be paid up Members before Training or Playing games. Log onto the Club website laochraog.com to register.

**Hurling Camp.** Laochra Óg Easter Hurling and Camogie Camp for boys and girls born 2007/ 08. Coláiste Ghobnatan, Ballyvourney. April Tuesday

23rd and April Wed 24th from 11am to 2pm both days. Camp is free of charge and will be run by club volunteers for club members only for the above ages.


**Draw.** Our latest Club Development Draw took place at Mulcahy Insurance, Macroom. Dónal drew the winning ticket for The Twomey Family, Clondrohid Tavern who won €372 plus the seller's prize of €25. Thank you to Dónal for hosting the event. Thanks to everyone who

supported the draw. The next draw takes place on March 25th.

**Parade.** Great day at the parade. Once again Laochra Óg took part in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Macroom and won Best Non-Commercial Float for their efforts this year. Thanks to everyone who worked on the float and took part in the parade. Well done to you all.



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## Macroom GAA

It has been a busy two weeks on the field for the club with most teams in action: Twenty u6s had their first training of the year in Tom Creedon Park. The U8s had a great day in Páirc Ui Chaoimh where they played Barryroe, Glanmire, Bantry and Whitescross. They included: David Twomey, Darragh Creed, Ruairi Lucey, Dara Kelleher, Lochlainn Phelan, Odhran O'Regan, Tiernan Harrington, Oisín Harrington, Donnacha O'Callaghan, Noah Moss, Con Moss, Conor Angland, Sean Bourke, Kennan Deasy. Steve Sweeney, Cian Kelleher, Adam Creedon. William Bland. The u9s had a really good showing against Valley Rovers. They were Ciaran Murray, Michael Deasy, Tristane Mullane, Evan O'Keefe. David Condon, Tadhg O'Driscoll, Dylan O'Shea, Ryan Brophy, Aled Hopkins, Cian Lee, Oisín Rybalka. The u10s played well against Aghabullogue in their first league game of the year and included: Ivan Rybalka, Michael Cregan, Michael Kelleher, Michael Dunne, Conor Coughlan, Ultan O'Tuama, Donagh Moss, Ronan O'Sullivan, Ronan Duggan, Ben Ronan, Dan Lyons, Robie Magee, Conrad Melia, Daniel Lucey, Alex Waugh, Eoin Holland. The u11s played their first league game away to Carrigaline and had two teams competing. The u12s played Aghabullogue in a challenge game and emerged victorious after a pleasing performance. They were Odhran Creed, Regan Cui Fung Wong, Kuba Gdaniec, Ray Griffin, Maks Hajduk, Shane McCarthy, Ben McRory, Ruadhan McKenna, Denis McSweeney, Euan Molyneux, David Neville, Cian O'Sullivan, Kristan Rutkowska, Ryan Alex Siju, Sam MacSweeney. The U14s played Kilmichael in the league and suffered defeat in their second game, having won the first. They played a challenge game in preparation for the upcoming Féile against Naomh Abán and had some very good

performances. They are: Jonah Dervin, Evan Casey O'Sullivan, Ryan Sabas, Mark Condon, Cormac Bourke, Colin Kelleher, David Burke, Aidan Lynch, Bobby Murphy, Jamie Murphy, Ruairi Kiernan, Danny McKirgan, Michael Oleksy, Martin Fitzgerald, Alex Geasley, Darragh Hogan, Rowan Mullane, Liam McSweeney, James Slattery, Oisín O'Sullivan, Minuk Kahpola, Conor Coleman, Jakub Milek. The u14s will compete in Féile na nÓg Division 3 and have been drawn in Group B. Their games will be played in Ballygarvan and their opponents are Aghinagh, Ballygarvan, Courcey Rovers and Clann na nGael on Saturday 06th April. We wish them all the best of luck. Well done to some of our u14 footballers who recently competed and won in the All Ireland Foróige's Got Talent Competition. Macroom u16s had a good win over Naomh Abán, with encouraging performances for their first outing of the year. They continue to train hard under a management team of Mark O'Sullivan, Tony O'Sullivan, Seamus Coughlan, Chris Cronin, Tom O'Sullivan and Catherine Cahill. The Minor footballers played their opening league game against Aghabullogue and suffered defeat.

The Premier Intermediate Footballers lost out to Knocknagree in the Tom Creedon Cup Semi Final on Sunday on a scoreline of Macroom 0-10 to Knocknagree 0-16. The team that started was: Brendan O'Connell, Michael Cronin, Paul O'Farrell, Rory Buckley, Sean McMahon, Alan Quinn, Mark Corrigan, Fintan Goold, Caleb Dineen, David Horgan (capt), Ethan O'Gorman, Tony Dineen, Pa Lucey, Conor O'Sullivan, Andrew Hegarty. Subs introduced - John Murphy. Gerard Angland, Eolan O'Leary, Don Creedon. Macroom Premier Intermediates played a County Division 2 league game away

to Kanturk. They lost out on a scoreline of 2-12 to 1-12 but had some good performances as they build towards Championship this weekend. Team: Brendan O'Connell, Michael Cronin, Rory Buckley, Mark Corrigan, Sean Kiely, Alan Quinn, Gerard Angland, Caleb Dineen, David Horgan, Tony Dineen, Andrew Hegarty, Ethan O'Gorman, John Murphy, Pa Lucey, Conor O'Sullivan. Subs introduced: David Cotter, Don Creedon, James O'Connor, Paul O'Farrell, Dylan Twomey, Olan Murphy. The Intermediates now face St. Michaels in the opening round of championship next Sunday at 2pm in Coachford and all support is welcome.

**Championship Fixture:** There is a first round game in the County Premier Intermediate Championship being played this Saturday night 06th April in Macroom at 6:15pm between Newmarket and Bandon.

**Johnny Creedon RIP:** Macroom GAA Club would like to extend its sincerest condolences to the family of the late Johnny Creedon and in particular, his wife Patricia, sons Seán and Brian, daughters Margaret, Patricia and Claire and all the rest of his family. Johnny represented Macroom Senior Footballers and the Cork Senior Footballers with distinction and the club can only hope and try to produce footballers of his quality in the future. Members of the club formed a guard of honour at his removal as a mark of respect to our former player and his family. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.

Fixtures: U9s v Kilmurry in Tom Creedon Park at 6pm 06th April. U10s v Naomh Abán in Ballyvourney at 10:30am on 06th April. u14s compete in Feile na nÓg Saturday 06th April in Ballygarvan. Premier Intermediate Championship Round 1 - Macroom v St. Michaels at 2pm in Coachford.

## Macroom AFC

By Darragh Deasy

**Lotto Win.** We had another lucky winner of the lotto jackpot last week. Claire Mungovan c/o Evelyn chose the winning numbers of 7, 17, 29 and scooped the prize of €1,400. Many congratulations to Claire from everyone at the club.

**AOH Cup Semi Final.** The draw was made for the two legged semi finals and Macroom A will play Village Utd from the Premier league. Macroom will be away from home in the first leg and the ties will be played on consecutive weekends, Apr 13th/14th and Apr 20th/21st. These are massive games for the club, so please come out and support the team. Fixed times and dates will appear on the club Facebook page. The other semi final features Innishvilla A and City Wanderers.

**FAI PDP 2 Course** Following on from a successful level 1 course recently, Macroom FC hosted an FAI PDP level 2 course last weekend. Delivered over two full days by FAI development officer Stephen O' Mahony, the course covers all aspects of coaching underage players. There were 12 coaches in attendance, 11 of them currently active coaches within Macroom FC. This is another milestone for coaching

standards in the club and will further develop our already excellent pool of coaches. Many thanks to Gearoid Griffin and Peter Coleman for organising the course and well done to all who completed it.

**Race Night** The big club fundraising Race Night is coming quickly down the track. All are welcome to join us at Murray's Bar on Easter Sunday Night, first race @ 9pm. It promises to be a great occasion and is of course an important fundraiser for the whole club which now has 23 teams. Horses, costing €10, remain on sale throughout the town from club and committee members and at Murray's Bar. Don't miss out!

**Youth Semi Final.** In the Sean Williams Memorial Cup quarter final, Macroom had a big 6-1 victory away to Everton and have now qualified for the semi final. This was a fantastic performance with goals courtesy of David Cotter (2), Dylan Twomey (2), David Hunt and Daniel Buckley. The recent good form of the Youth team continued as Macroom welcomed Bandon in a league fixture and secured a huge 8-3 win. The goals are flowing at the moment and long may it continue. Daniel Cotter helped himself to 4 goals, Dylan Twomey (2), with Shane Meaney and captain Daniel Buckley notching one each.

Another top outing from the whole squad.

**Schoolgirls** teams have been busy. Macroom Town U13s, sponsored by Life Pharmacy, Railway View played Carrigaline Hibs and lost 1-0. Our Matt Murphy's Pharmacy sponsored U15s also had home advantage to Leeside, who won 2-1. Ciara Creedon was the Macroom scorer. A large Macroom U11 squad (23 players in total) welcomed Ballincollig to Murrayfield. Some great football was played with the important emphasis on 'having fun' clearly evident from all players and coaches.

**Schoolboys.** The U11s, sponsored by Advance Pitstop, made the short journey to play Coachford in a number of excellent games. All players competed brilliantly.

**International Fortunes.** While there has been much talk in recent weeks of matters off the field, the Republic of Ireland senior men's team have made a positive start to Euro 2020 qualifying. Two wins from two sees Ireland at the top of the group D. Although the first win over Gibraltar was a disappointing performance (with high winds and a poor pitch not helping) the points were gained. It was back to the Aviva Stadium last week for a much better performance and a 1-0 win over Georgia.



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Attacking intent was clear to see and a willingness to receive and pass the ball by all Irish players was really encouraging. It's early days for manager Mick McCarthy but the signs are really positive so far. Rep. of Ireland U19s, managed by Tom Mohan, last week qualified for the European U19 Championships to be held in Armenia in July. Having already beaten

the Netherlands, Faroe Islands and Bosnia and Herzegovina in earlier qualifying, the boys in green took part in the elite phase of the tournament, played in Russia. Here, they won all 3 games against Romania, Azerbaijan and Russia and were the first team to qualify for the finals. Indeed they are the only U19 team to qualify across Europe with a 100% record, winning all

of their 6 qualifying games. This in itself is an outstanding performance and hopefully, the team can continue the good form come July. No doubt Stephen Kenny, who will become the senior international manager in autumn 2020, will be keeping a keen eye on this team and hopefully, many will graduate to the senior set up in the coming years.

## Muskerry Judo Sambo

Muskerry Judo Sambo Club's Dillon Manning competed in the Sambo World Cup Kharlampiev Memorial 2019 (A Category) Tournament in Moscow, Russia recently. Over 300 competitors from 30 different countries competed over two days. Dillon fought in the 82kg category in Combat Sambo, a Martial Art that originated from the Russian military and is a combination of boxing, judo and wrestling. Dillon fought against the highest level of Combat Sport athletes, all of which ranked in the top three in 2017 and 2018. Dillon took home a Bronze Medal, an outstanding achievement at this level and is the first Irish person to win a medal in Combat

Sambo in Russia. He plans to compete next in the European Championships in Gijon, Spain in May. Also competing are Shane Manning, Lloyd Manning and Ronan Manning. Dillon also hopes to compete in the World Championships in Seoul, Korea in November of this year. Also in the club, 4 competitors attended the Galway Open. Aaron Fitzgerald u28kg won gold; Ruadhàn McKenna fought u45kg and won gold; Levi Fitzgerald fought in the pre cadets u66kg, winning silver; Daimhin McKenna took a bronze medal in her category in her first competition. The team of 4 travelled to Galway with Coach Seamus Manning and Orlaith Hayes

and parents. Muskerry judo/Sambo Club train in Canovee National school hall Tuesday and Friday nights at 7pm ages 6 years to 13 years and 8pm for ages 13years plus on both evenings.

## Macroom Golf Club

**Results:** Seniors Scramble 1st Ted Murphy/A.F. Murphy, Mike Brosnan/Dermot O'Shea 56.5  
Thurs Open. 1st: Leo Goold(8) 39pts  
**Open 4 Ball 30/31 March** 1st Conor O'Leary/Jack Healy 49pts 2nd Kevin O'Keeffe/Garry Moloney 46pts.



Dromleigh N.S., Kilmichael Indoor Hurling Team. ©An Scoil



Dromleigh N.S., Kilmichael Girls Spike Ball Teams who reached the Regional Spikeball Finals. ©An Scoil



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Laochra Óg with the trophy for Marching Group at Macroom St. Patrick's Day Parade ©





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Your daughter is eligible for the Post-Primary School Transport Scheme if she is attending her nearest school and lives 4.8 kilometres or more from the school. The Department and Bus Éireann determine the appropriate nearest school with regard to ethos and language.

Parents must arrange to bring their child to the nearest pick-up point on the bus route. Generally, bus routes are organised so that no pupil has more than 3.2 kilometres to travel to a pick-up point.

There is a single annual charge of €350 per pupil. However a family does not pay more than €650 per year. The charge is due to be paid in full by the end of July or else in 2 instalments: by the end of July and the start of December. Pupils who are eligible for school transport and who hold a valid medical card are entitled to free school transport to the nearest school.

Since your child is enrolling in post-primary school for the first time, you should either apply for school transport online or download the form from Bus Éireann's website. Applications are now being accepted for the 2019-2020 school year. You should apply by Friday, 26 April 2019.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre below.

Know Your Rights has been compiled by Macroom Citizens Information Service which provides a free and confidential service to the public. Address: South Square, Macroom, Co. Cork. Information is also available online at citizensinformation.ie and from the Citizens Information Phone Service, 0761 07 4000. Macroom Helpline: 0761078430.



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## LEE VALLEY DIARY

**Rosary for Lent** in Bealnamorrive Church every Wed night at 8p.m.

**IRD Duhallow** Community Meeting Rusheen Hall Thurs Ap 4 8pm

**National Tree Week** March 31st - April 7

**Coffee Morning** for ASD Classrooms, Clondrohid N.S. in Community Hall Fri April 5; 9.45 to 11.30 am

**Cope Céilí in Inchigeela Hall on Fri 5th of April @ 9.30.**

**Macroom Golf Club** Ladies 'Spring into Style' at Castle Hotel Fri April 5th at 7.30pm.

**Aghabullogue GAA** Astro Opening Sat 6th April @ 6.45p in Coachford.

**Dromleigh N.S.** welcomes all Mon April 8th at 6:30pm.

**Rusheen /Bealnamorrive** Community Watch meeting April 8

**Flight of the Bremen** lecture 8.00 pm Mon 8 April, Ballincollig Rugby Club.

**Cuidiú Coffee Morning** Wed 10 April 10:30-12:30 Macroom GAA Hall.

**Macroom Flower & Garden** Club Thurs 11th April, Coolcower House, 8.00p.m.

**Kilbonane N.S.** PA presents Tidying Up at Oriel House Thurs April 11th at 8pm.

**Text Alert:** A.G.M Clondrohid Community Hall Mon April 15 at 8.30pm.

**Book Launch** by Michael Galvin Tues April 16 at 8p.m. in Kilmurry Museum

**Macroom AFC** Race Night Easter Sunday April 21st Murray's Bar 9pm.

**John Spillane** In Concert at Éire Óg Pavilion, Sat 27th April

**Mushera Platform** Afternoon Tea fundraiser, Marquee, Ballinagree, Sun April 28, 3 to 5.30pm

**Fatima ex Cork Mid Cork Pilgrimage** - 18th of Oct '19. Contact O'Driscoll Travel, Macroom - 087 2322505

### Leabharlann Bhaile Bhúirne

**Knitting, Crochet, & Craft Group** 11am every Tuesday

**Library Book Club** 1st Tuesday of every month

**Labhair Linn** sa Leabharlann gach coicís ar an Áoine ag 10.30 r.n (céad lá eile 12ú Aibreán)

**Am Sceálaíochta** do dhaoine fásta 12ú Aibreán ag 11 r.n

**Am Sceálaíochta** do dhaoine óga 13ú Aibreán ag 10.30 r.n

Library closed for Easter on 19th & 20th April

### Macroom Library

**Storytime** Every Sat at noon.

**Purlies Knitting** Group April 4 and 18 at 11.30am.

**Creative Writing** Group April 9th at 5.30pm.

**Bridge Club** April 10th at 10am.

**Ciorcal Cainte** April 11 at 11.30a.m.

**Music Morning** April 12th at 11am with Eddie Hogan.

**Juvenile Book Club** April 13th

**Easter Closure** -Fri April 19th and Sat April 20th.

**We are pleased to publicise Lee Valley functions, fundraisers, sports events etc. in this fortnightly Diary. We may include commercial events that are also being advertised simultaneously in the magazine. Please email information to [leevalleyoutlook@gmail.com](mailto:leevalleyoutlook@gmail.com) ; telephone 026 41891 or post to Killarney Road, Macroom by the Monday before publication. Remember you can access back issues of the Lee Valley Outlook at [www.macroom.ie](http://www.macroom.ie)**



## The Europe Hotel wins Hotel Spa of the Year at this year's European Hotel Awards



Multi-award winning ESPA at The Europe Hotel & Resort, Killarney has added another prestigious award to its name this week, scooping the top prize in the spa category at this year's European Hotel awards in Geneva, taking home the award for Hotel Spa of the Year.

The awards, which took place this week, hosted an elite selection of Europe's top hoteliers, celebrating the best in luxury and hospitality across the continent. The Europe Hotel & Resort featured alongside finalists from all corners of Europe, in the category.

Speaking about the win, Michael Brennan, Managing Director of Killarney Hotels said, "We are thrilled to have won Hotel Spa of the Year for ESPA at The Europe at The European Hotel Awards in Geneva. We pride ourselves on excellence across all hotel amenities, ensuring guests have the best stay possible. It is a wonderful recognition for our spa team who provide a truly memorable 5 star experience to our guests when they visit ESPA at The Europe."

Located on the shores of Lough Lein and framed by the McGillycuddy Reeks mountain range, ESPA at The Europe is set in one of Ireland's most spectacular locations and a truly unique place to escape the stresses and strains of day-to-day life.

ESPA at The Europe Hotel & Resort captures the beauty and serenity of this incredibly enchanting corner of Ireland. The multi-award-winning spa is one of the most unique destination spa hotels the country and indeed Europe has to offer. The spa has been designed to be in perfect balance with the nature of its environment, with each relaxation space created to take advantage of the landscape, a peaceful haven in which to awaken the senses and relax the mind.

The luxurious Spa and Active level facilities of ESPA at The Europe are generously spread over two levels and cover a total of 4,500 sq.m. Every aspect has been designed to provide a genuinely holistic and restorative experience.

## EXTENSIVE DINGLE DEVELOPMENTS NEAR COMPLETION

It has been an exciting Winter in Dingle, with work nearing completion on the new multimillion development at the Dingle Skellig Hotel. This development includes 32 additional guest rooms and suites as well as the upgrade and redesign of The Blaskets Bar and Bistro to include new relaxed dining spaces, which opened in February, and the landscaping of the guest carparking and public exterior areas. Beginning last October and with a completion date of early May 2019, Kerry based Griffin Brothers secured the contract to carry out this high end development which falls on the 50th anniversary of the Hotel first opening its doors. The new luxury bedroom addition includes 16 Deluxe King Suites, 6 Deluxe Executive Suites and 5 Deluxe Family Suites including a selection of interconnecting options. Designed with guest luxury and exceptional comfort in mind and featuring cutting edge enhancements and finished to the highest of standards, the addition also includes 5 roof top interior designed suites which will also feature private balconies making the most of the hotels amazing panoramic views across Dingle Bay.

The first phase of the internal refurbishment took in the re development and design of The Blaskets Bar and Bistro. This area has now been transformed into 2 relaxed dining spaces – The Atrium, a light filled centre focus of the hotel and The Binn Bán Brasserie which offers a new concept in relaxed dining for both residents and non-residents.

The Dingle Skellig Hotel was originally built in 1968 by Gaeltarra Eireann as an incentive to encourage job promotion and growth in Gaeltacht areas. A first of its kind, the hotel included 48 en suite guest rooms and an outdoor swimming pool. 32 guest rooms were added on in quick succession to allow for the cast and crew of Ryans Daughter to take up residence. From May, the property will now include 152 guest rooms, swimming pool, gym, spa, childrens crèche and kids club, extensive banqueting facilities and new relaxed dining spaces including the latest additions The Atrium and The Binn Bán Brasserie.

**You can book a stay in one of the new rooms or suites at [www.dingleskellig.com](http://www.dingleskellig.com)**



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## A HUGE THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO MADE DAFFODIL DAY AN AMAZING SUCCESS

*Daffodil Day is the Irish Cancer Society's biggest fundraiser taking place each March across the country with thousands of people supporting Daffodil Day each with their own reasons and stories of how they have been affected by cancer. Each donation from Daffodil Day makes a huge difference to cancer patients, to be cared for in their own homes surrounded by family and friends and the support of the wonderful Daffodil nurses (night nurses).*



Macroom lades Abbey Murphy & Hannah Casey volunteering outside Macroom Post Office



*I just had to show you this beautiful photo of 'Dolly' playing her part for Daffodil Day with the Cork Fire Brigade on Patricks Street, Cork.*

Mary O'Callaghan Hallissey, Raleigh North, Macroom, Co. Cork

## Spring is in the Air

It's officially spring! We can now look forward to blooming flowers and warmer weather. However, with the change in seasons, home maintenance is imperative. Learn more about what you can do to make sure your seasonal maintenance is up-to-date.

**Clean the gutters.** Over the fall and winter, gutters get filled with leaves and debris. Since rain is usually expected during the spring months, make sure your gutters are clear before heavy rainfall hits.

**Move the car.** Hail storms come around quite a bit in the spring time-keep your car covered in a garage or car port when possible.

**High wind.** Increased wind speeds can cause some serious damage to homes, cars and other structures. Put your car in a safe place if you're expecting a storm, and stay away from windows or dangerous objects when indoors. If your home or car does sustain damage during a storm, make sure you call your agent to get started on filing a claim.

## OPEN UP A WORLD OF FUN AT KENNEDYS PET FARM



Kennedys Pet Farm has re-opened for the 2019 season and this year have a brand new coffee shop.

The award winning family run farm, Kennedys Pet Farm is owned by the Kennedy family and has been farmed for generations.

Their all-weather pet farm and playgrounds are perfect for a family day out and with the addition this year of their new coffee shop - it is the ideal spot to have lunch or treat yourself to coffee and some lovely home baking.

The farm is ideally located just 5 miles from Killarney on the Cork Road and their outdoor playground structure with slides and swings is ready to be played on!

There is a wide range of farm animals and exotic birds that are waiting to be cuddled, fed and admired such as deer, pigs, piglets, calves, lambs, goats and kids.

Say hello to Roisin and Dawn - the little brown donkeys with their foals. Meet the pot bellied pigs, rabbits, guinea pigs, cute cuddly puppies, ducks, ducklings, geese and goslings in the pond. Never milked a cow before? Well now you can, Daisy the life size dairy cow, would love to meet you! You will spot Prince, the peacock.

as he struts hisstuff but watch out for cheeky Bambi as he might

try to steal your picnic! At Kennedys Spring is always in the air with lots of baby animals being born. New arrivals on the farm are a regular occurrence and there's always a happy mother waiting to show off her new babies. The Kennedy family would like to welcome you and your family to their Pet Farm and Playgrounds. The pet farm is a great attraction for both young and old. A great advantage is the all weather facilities, indoor and outdoor playgrounds and indoor little stars play-centre, so come rain or shine the Kennedy family can offer you an exciting day out. Ideal for special events and birthdays as well as schools tours, Kennedys Pet Farm is educational and great fun for kids of all ages. Enjoy meeting pets from fur to feather- indoors and outdoors. If you have any queries on the day do not hesitate to contact, Diarmuid, Noreen, Jerry, Tracy or Ina as they are happy to help you and answer any questions. Tickets cost €9 each for adults and children. Family tickets are available -2 adults and 3 Children - €40. 2 year olds are 5 and under 2's are free. No booking is necessary and Kennedys Pet Farm is open daily from 10am to 5pm.

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**Bright Beginnings** Breakfast Club, Preschool and After-School Service. Opening September 2019 in Dromleigh National School, Kilmichael. Applications for enrolment now available. Contact 026-46212 or [info@dromleighns.ie](mailto:info@dromleighns.ie)

Rosary for Lent in Bealnamorrive Church every Wednesday night at 8pm.

**Macroom Golf Club Ladies** are hosting a fundraising event entitled 'Spring into Style' presented by Ms. Joan Cashman, Colour and Image Academy, in The Castle Hotel, Macroom on Friday April 5th at 7.30pm. Time to shake off those cobwebs and cut a stylish dash into 2019.

Aghabullogue GAA and Camogie Club Astro Opening Sat 6th April @ 6.45p in Coachford. Refreshments afterwards in G.A.A. Community Centre

**Save the Date** Dromleigh N.S., established in 1840, has served the people of Kilmichael and surrounding areas over three centuries. From September 2019 services will expand to include Bright Beginnings Breakfast Club, Preschool and After-School Service. Please join us for a celebration of our community on Monday April 8th. Pirate Pete will commence his magic show at 6:30pm. Music and refreshments for parents, grandparents and friends after the show. Past pupils and prospective students and parents are particularly welcome to view our state of the art facilities. Contact 026-46212, [info@dromleighns.ie](mailto:info@dromleighns.ie), follow us on Facebook or view our website [www.dromleighns.ie](http://www.dromleighns.ie)

**Flight of the Bremen.** Muskerry Local History Society are organising an interesting lecture on the Flight of the Bremen, the first plane to cross the Atlantic from east to west. Included in the 3-man crew was Irishman, Captain James Fitzmaurice. The exciting story of the Three Musketeers of the Air, as they called themselves, will be presented by Liam O'Brien at 8.00 pm on Monday, 8 April, in Ballincollig Rugby Club.

**Cuidiu Coffee Morning** Weds 10 April 10:30-12:30 Macroom GAA Hall. Have a cuppa and chat while

the kids play. Contact Helen Corcoran on Cuidiu Cork Facebook group

**Macroom Flower & Garden Club** Floral Demonstration with Ann Slattery AOIFA (Ennis), entitled "Bunnies & Baskets", Thursday 11th April at Coolcower House 8.00p.m. Tel: 026-41695 Club Competitions. Sales Table. New Members and visitors most welcome.

**Kilbonane N.S.** Parents Association presents Tidying Up with Vera Keohane, Ireland's only Konmari consultant. Oriel House Hotel, Ballincollig, Thurs April 11th at 8pm. Tickets €10 available on the night.

**Kilmurry KHAA** April lecture April 17th 8pm by Dr John Sheehan UCC. The Vikings in Ireland. Heritage room at Independence Museum Kilmurry.

**John Spillane** In Concert at Éire Óg Pavilion, Saturday 27th April. Supporting Artists: Castletownkennigh Choir, True Colours, Cór Geal Whitechurch. Tickets €20 from Mary O'Sullivan 087 6568110 or search KHAA on Eventbrite for tickets. [www.kilmurrymuseum.ie](http://www.kilmurrymuseum.ie)

**Mushera Platform** Afternoon Tea fundraising dance in Marquee in Ballinagree Village on Sunday 28th of April 3 to 5.30pm Music by Autumn Gold Proceeds to Ballinagree Playground.

**Kilmurry Active Retirement.** Stay Fit for the Future, 8 week program. In Kilmurry Heritage Room starting Thursday 2nd May Classes 6p.m.&7p.m.€4 payable on 1st night. To book a place, text /call 0830483335 with your name and the word Kilmurry to Cork Sports Partnership. Places are limited.

**Darkness into Light** May 11th 4.15 am walk of hope for Pieta House. Walking from Independence Museum Kilmurry. Donations and registration from 3.30 am. Refreshments available after the walk /run. Sponsored by the Movement Gym, Macroom

**Fatima ex Cork** Mid Cork Pilgrimage- 18th of October'19 - 3 nights - Spiritual Leader - Fr Dónal Ó Briain. Further details from O'Driscoll Travel, Macroom - 087 2322505

**A Prayer for You** God bless you in the morning with his presence shining bright and make your whole day happy with radiant love and light. God bless you in the evening when the daytime hours depart and like a benediction, leave peace upon your heart.

**Aghinagh G.A.A.** Lotto 24th March. Jackpot €5,200. Numbers drawn 4, 10, and 17. No winner. €50 John & Rita O'Sullivan, Ballinagree. €20 each to Eileen Sommers, Bealnamorrive; Donnacha Twohig, Mallow; Seán Twohig, Mallow; Peggy Lynch, Horsemount.

31st March Jackpot €5,350. Numbers drawn 22, 25, and 36. No winner. €50 Lilly Mai & Conor Hickey, Ballinagree. €20 each Norma Casey, Cobh; Alan & Christine Kelleher Shanakiel; Eileen Somers, Aghabullogue; Eileen Somers, Aghabullogue.

**Canovee G.A.A.** Lotto March 11th. Jackpot €7,550 Numbers 2,7,26,27 No winner. €50 Dan shine ,Aherla. €25 Paddy Murphy ,Crookstown. €25 Murphys , Gurrangleigh. €25 online Anne o Riordan

18th March 9,14,20,30 no winner of €7,700 €50 JJ Browne Carrigadrohid. €25 Aaron Forde Caum.

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**Clondrohid G.A.A.** Lotto March 20. €70 Denise Lynch Ardnacrusha €20 each. Mairead Dillon c/o S. Walsh, Marian Kelleher Ballinagree, Tadgh Ring Carriganima, Marian, Claire and Jack c/o the Laine. March 27. Jackpot €3,000. €70 Anne Shine Canovee €20 each Marie Spillane Mounahorna, James and Maria Neville Kilvoultra, Olan Buckley Kilnagurteen, Finbarr Cronin Shanballyshane €70

**Donoughmore G.A.A.** Lotto March 19th Jackpot €1.100. Winning Numbers: 26 28 31 No Winner: €25 LuckyDip Winners: 1. Maria O'Shea 2. E. Buckley 3. Laura Hayes 4. Cillian Healy 5. Mark Lucey. Kelleher.

March 26th. Jackpot €1.200. Winning Numbers: 5 7 34. No winner. €25 LuckyDip Winners: 1. Anne Crowley 2. Maria O'Shea 3. Dick Dineen 4. Kieran Lucey 5. Dan + Noreen Buckley

**Kilmichael GAA** Lotto 18th March - Jackpot €1,450; Numbers: 9 - 16 - 23 -35; No winner. €50 Finbarr Kelly, Gneevess; €25 Finbarr Bradley, Ballincollig; JJJCD, Terelton; Martin & Eileen O'Connor, Johnstown.

25th March - Jackpot €1,600; Numbers: 1 - 7 - 17 -33; No winner. €50 Diarmuid Horgan, Toames; €25 Mairead Collins, Kilmalooda; Emily Cronin, Carrigdangan; Nellie Masters, Carrigboy.

**Macroom AFC** Lotto 18/03/19. Jackpot: €1,200. Numbers drawn: 2, 29, 32. No Winner. €80: Damian Burns c/o JC's. €20 each: Denis Buckley c/o Noel, Kathryn O' Farrell c/o Darrin, Mary Ellen and Cameron c/o Hound, John O'Leary c/o Cash.

25/03/18. Jackpot: €1,400. Numbers drawn: 7, 17, 29. Winner: Clare Mungovan c/o Evelyn. €80: Gillian Ronan c/o Murray's. €20 each: Terry Kelleher c/o Fudge, Martina Twomey c/o Fudge, Stephen Kelly c/o Fudge, Noreen Murphy c/o Brian.

1/04/19. Jackpot €1,000. Numbers drawn: 17, 25, 30. No Winner. €80: Paul Long c/o Murray's. €20 each: Liam Goulding c/o Swanky, Peigi Sheehy c/o Murray's, Lydia c/o Janet, Ally Ring c/o Darrin

**Macroom G.A.A.** Lotto 19/03/2019. Jackpot €2600. Numbers 19-22-28. No Winner - €70. Hugh Twomey, Middle Square.

26/03/2019. Jackpot - €2800 Numbers drawn: 14-22-35. No Winner. - €70 Ann Counihan, 21 Glen Park,

**Rylane CPA** Lotto: 18/3/2019 Jackpot €2100. Numbers drawn: 9 - 17 - 30. No Winner. €20: Paul O'Rourke (Rylane), Conor Long (Rylane), Mary Leyshon (London) c% Josie . Seller's Prize €20:Crowleys.

25/3/2019 Jackpot €2200. Numbers drawn: 7 - 38 - 39. No Winner. €20: Adam, Sophie & Emily Lucey c% Helen (Rylane), Maureen Long (Rylane), Trisha & Eloise Long (Rylane). Seller's Prize €20: Norma Walsh.

Coachford AFC Lotto: 25/3/2019. Jackpot: € 1,200. Numbers Drawn: 1 - 7 - 24. No Winner. €40 Richard Daly. €20 Zoe O'Riordan, Jim O'Sullivan, Orla Maher, Karen Kelleher.

1/4/2019. Jackpot: € 1,400. Numbers Drawn: 3 - 22 - 30. No Winner. €40 Connie Cronin. €20 Paddy Pons, Nick Martin, Jillian O'Shea, Greg Daly.



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## FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

### EILY (ELLEN) O'REILLY

**Mountmassey Macroom  
Died 14th of April 2018**

As we lovingly remember our Mother Eily (Ellen) on her first anniversary, we the family wish to thank most sincerely everyone who sympathised with us on our sad loss.

Thank you to mam's family, friends and neighbours.

Thanks to those who sent mass cards, floral wreaths and attended the funeral service especially those that travelled long distances to be with us.

Special thanks to those who cared for mam in her last weeks, particularly Dr John O'Riordan and his colleagues at the Sullane Family Practice, her Public Health nurse Irene, the Irish Cancer Society and Marymount hospice.

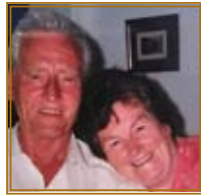
*Deep in our hearts  
Your memory is kept  
To love  
To cherish  
And never forget.*



All our love, Orla, Christopher, Ken, Alan, daughters in law and grandchildren.

First Anniversary Mass on Sunday 14th April 2019 at 12 noon in Macroom Church.

## 1st & 13th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

### EILY & CHRISTY O'REILLY

**Mountmassey, Macroom  
who died on the 14th of April 2018  
& 11th of April 2006 respectively**

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



Lovingly remembered and sadly missed by Orla, Christopher, Ken, Alan and their families.

## 5th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of a wonderful husband and dad

### DENIS (DENNY) SWEENEY

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

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

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



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

## 16th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory today and always of a dear son, brother, uncle and grand-uncle

### MICHAEL DONLON

**Roughgrove, Bandon, Co. Cork  
who died on 2nd April 2003**

*There's a place in our hearts,  
That is yours alone.  
A part of our life no one can own,  
For deep in our hearts,  
Your memory is kept,  
To love and to cherish and never forget.*



Sadly missed and always remembered by his loving father Richard, sisters Marian and Nora. Nephews Kenneth, David, Sean, Kenneths wife Laurie, grandnephews Darragh and James.

## 7th 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.*



Your wife Mag and daughters Eilish & Aisling.

Anniversary Mass in Cloughduv Church on Sunday 7th April at 11.30am

## 8th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

### MICHAEL DINEEN

**O'Mahony's Terrace, Clondrohid  
Who died on 7th April 2011**

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



Always remembered by wife Caroline, son Darren and daughter Katie

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**2nd ANNIVERSARY**



In loving memory of

**PATRICK JOSEPH LEHANE**

Kilnagurteen, Macroom  
Who died on 13th April 2017

*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.*



Deeply missed by his loving wife Anne, children Angela and Paul, and grandchildren Leanne, Neil and Paul, in-laws John and Donna, family and friends.

**8th ANNIVERSARY**



In loving memory of

**MARGARET KELLEHER**

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

*Those we love remain with us  
for love itself lives on,  
and cherished memories never fade  
because a loved one's gone.  
Those we love can never be  
more than a thought apart,  
for as long as there is memory,  
they'll live on in the heart.*



Sadly missed by her husband Connie, daughter Susan, sons Greg & Conor, grandson Noah, her mother, father, brothers, sisters & extended family.

**3rd 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 and sadly missed by her family, relatives and friends.

**2nd ANNIVERSARY**



In loving memory of

**JOANIE CREEDON**

Coomnaclohy & Ballymakeera East  
Died 3rd April 2017

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



Lovingly remembered by her family.

**12th ANNIVERSARY**



In loving memory of

**CON MOYNIHAN**

Coachford, Co. Cork,  
who died on 28th March 2007

*Ar Dheis Dé go raibh a h-anam dheilis.*

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



Always remembered by his loving family, Seamus & Mairéad

**30th ANNIVERSARY**



In loving memory of

**SEAN KELLEHER**

Curragh, Lissarda,  
who died on 3rd April 1989

*We remember always  
not just that you died,  
but that you lived  
and that your life gave us memories  
too beautiful to forget.*



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## 23rd ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**DAN  
CRONIN**

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

*Too Dearly Loved  
to be Forgotten*



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

## 23rd ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**MARY  
MURPHY  
(NEE MOLONEY)**

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

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



Loved and missed everyday by her husband Teddy, Mairead, Sheena, Susan and Teddy Joe and their families.

## 5th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**HUGH  
TWOMEY  
(HUGH MIKE HUGH)**

The Mills, Ballyvourney Who passed away on 3rd April, 2014

*There is a face before us  
A voice we would love to hear  
A smile we will always remember  
Of a dad we loved so dear.*

*Dear Dad you gave us so much  
Your sense of fun and fairness  
Your love and wisdom  
And the importance of enjoying  
and treasuring life.*



Always remembered with great love and affection by his family  
Miss you so much Dad xx

## 7th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**NORA  
ROCHE**

Slievreagh, Ballyvourney. Who died on April 7th 2012.

*We miss you now, our hearts are sore,  
As time goes by we miss you more,  
Your loving smile, your gentle face,  
No one can fill your vacant place.*

Always in our thoughts  
Forever in our hearts.



Saint Gobnait Pray for her.  
Always remembered by  
Her loving family.

## 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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**THE MIRACLE PRAYER**



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CMBK

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TK

**NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART**



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EOL

**POWERFUL NOVENA**



This novena never fails. Say it on the hour for nine hours. Jesus who has said, ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and the door will open to you. Through the intercession of Mary, the Most Holy Mother, I knock, I ask that my prayer will be granted. (Make your request).

Oh Jesus, has said all you ask the Father in my name, he will grant through the intercession of Mary, the Most Holy Mother. I humbly beg and urgently ask the Father in thy name that my prayer be granted (make request here). Oh Jesus who has said heaven and earth shall pass away through the intercession of Mary, the Most Holy Mother. I fell confident my prayer shall be answered. (Make request here).

This novena is to be said at the same time every hour for nine consecutive hours - one day. Promised publication, never fails.

SOH

**NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART**



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x

*A Word of Victory*



Welcome back dear reader "Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy" (Proverbs 28:13). Hidden sin is a massive blockage to receiving answers to prayer, and to success and peace. Often it's something that we are not even aware of - long forgotten from years ago. Un-confessed sin has physical and emotional repercussions as David pointed out in Psalm 32:3 "When I refused to confess my sin, my body wasted away and I groaned all day long" (NLT). The devil has access to one's life as a result of sin and can bring torment, sickness and disaster upon that person with whom he has something in common with. This is why the demons spoke from the people Jesus healed "what have we got in common with You?" (Luke 4:34; Luke 8:28) They had to leave at the Word of Jesus because He had authority over them as He had nothing in common with sin. He never sinned, so He became the sacrifice for each one of us - He took our sins and iniquities (violations done against people, and the sins of forefathers) and He paid the penalty due for sin which is death (Romans 6:15-23). One of the greatest delusions people can have is 'if no-one sees what's going on then I'm ok'. This is a lie from the pits friend, because God knows and sees everything and we will give Him an account for every idle word we have spoken, and face eternity in hell if sin remains and is not renounced (Matthew 12:36; John 3:18-21). Betrayal in marriage is on the increase as people think they are getting away with living how they want to, with no thought of the consequences. The devil lures people into violating their own marriage covenant which brings curse upon themselves and their children. The devil comes to steal, kill and destroy and that is exactly what's happening right now. Adultery and fornication are rampant in our society and are accepted as nothing important, but society breaks down where marriage is degraded. Sexual sin is an abomination to God - read it yourself in Romans chapter 1. There is judgement promised for it. God is so merciful and gives people time to repent, but no-one knows the day or the hour when the thief comes (Matthew 24:36-44). Just like in the days of Noah.

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- Drop your mask into our store in either Macroom or Ballincollig with your name and number on it *\*the artist themselves must drop the mask in\**

Make sure they are as funky and creative as possible!  
The winners will be announced over Easter

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