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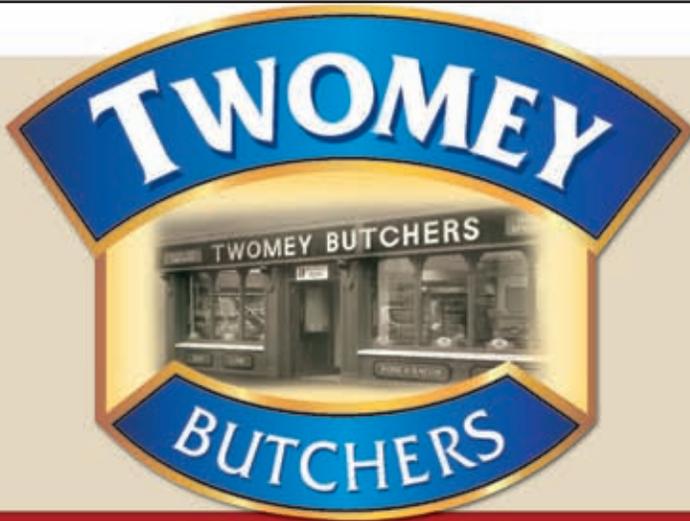
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The Blarney Stone



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The World Premiere of *The Blarney Stone* received great acclaim from the capacity audience in the Riverside Park Hotel, Macroom on opening night, April 25, 2019. Based on a book by John McDonagh and set to music by Fritz Brase, the score was adapted by Cathal MacCabe, who also directed the show wonderfully. Ann Dunne was Musical Director and Hollywood Star, Patrick Bergin, was in the lead role. The audience was also delighted with the many new faces among the cast. Adrianna Dinneen was superb as Cheryl and she and stage daughter, Carmel McCarthy were a tour de force. Daniel Everton, imported from Mullingar, gave a sterling performance and his counterpart, Geraldine Barry Murphy as the hotel proprietor, played her role to perfection. What can one say about the comic roles? Patrick Cregan played the quintessential lispng Lord; Jim Leahy was hilarious in his role as the cute hotel porter while Brian Hogan acted the slick American showman to perfection. The Leprechauns gave great performances and the fairies on the lawn were beautifully gowned and choreographed. A solo from Julie Dunne (Clíodhna) and Martin McCarthy's Moonshine were memorable highlights. *The Blarney Stone* is a delightful show, full of humour, wit and music, with strong elements of myth, folklore, legend and history. The

Curse of Clíodhna - conflict, horror, gloom, dissent; violence, trouble, ruin - was effectively and hilariously portrayed. The music of *The Blarney Stone* is lively, catchy and varied. All involved in this challenging production are to be congratulated, particularly Director, Cathal MacCabe and the woman for all seasons, Anne Dunne. Feedback from the opening three nights is very positive. Storm Hannah caused some upset but the show went on regardless and the final two stagings in the Riverside Park Hotel on Friday and Saturday May 3 and 4 are sure to be booked out. Call 026 41174 or 087 1663395 for reservations.
Cast: Patrick Joseph McSweeney Patrick Bergin; Cheryl McSweeney, Adrianna Dinneen; Jessica McSweeney, Carmel McCarthy; Sam Golden, Brian Hogan; Lord Frederick Wye, Patrick Cregan; Una O'Connor, Geraldine Barry-Murphy; Maurice Armstrong, Daniel Egerton; Andy Harkin, Jim Leahy; Grollach, Gearóid Kelleher; Festy, Jamie Blavin; Teague, Tadhg O'Driscoll; Narrator, John McCaffrey.
Teen Cast: Jane Kyprianou, Lara O'Sullivan, Ciara Quinn. Kiera Moynihan, Elma McCarthy, Meabh McCarthy, Niamh White, Clodagh O'Riordan, Aine Sheehan
Soloists: Goddess Clíodhna, Julie Dunne; Micheál, Martin McCarthy.

Adult Chorus: Elizabeth Cronin, Alisheen O Connell, Ann O Sullivan, Margaret Creed, Mary Crowley, Theresa Dineen, Bernie Whooley, Karen Foley, Teresa Hurley, Anita Gallagher, Pat Kelleher, Con Foley, Donal Kelly, Kevin O'Brien, Padraig O Driscoll, Bill O Riordan
Fairies: Isabel, O Callaghan, Madeline O'Callaghan, Dorothy O Callaghan, Orla O'Brien, Cara O'Brien, Lia Kenny, Sophie O Grady, Sophie Moynihan, Emily Mehigan, Ioafa Mc Carthy, Molly Mc Carthy, Kate Hourihan, Julie Collins, Amy Browne, Amy McCullagh, Emma Kelleher, Kate O Sullivan
Leprauchans: Madeline O Callaghan, Lilly Lambrou, Sean Mc Sweeney, Robert Collins, Eoin McCarthy
Orchestra: Piano, Anne Egan; Violin, Lyn O'Reilly; Flute-Clarinet, Michael Lynch; Base, Brian Hyland. Percussion, Jimmy Hynes
Back Stage: Anne Dowling, Maria Hurley, Jane Elliot, Caroline Conolly, Michael Cronin, Michael Murphy, John McCaffrey
Make-up: Eleanor Healy; Projection Denis Collins; Lighting, Jon Mathers; Sound, Mark McMillan; Gerard Collins. Costumes, Rita O'Brien, Margaret O'Sullivan, Kevin Moynihan; Stage Manager, John McCaffrey; Choreographer, Catherine Long, Musical Director, Ann Dunne; Director: Cathal MacCabe.



Plotting to steal 'The Blarney Stone' at the Riverside Park Hotel, Macroom ©Lee Valley Outlook



The Curse of Clíodhna with Patrick Bergin at the premiere of 'The Blarney Stone' in the Riverside Park Hotel, Macroom ©Lee Valley Outlook



Lord Frederick gets the gift of eloquence at the premiere of 'The Blarney Stone' which continues in Macroom on May 3 and 4 ©Lee Valley Outlook

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Easter Commemoration



Joe Cunningham raises the tricolour at the Easter ceremonies in Macroom ©Lee Valley Outlook

The 2019 Easter Rising Commemoration in Macroom marked the 100th anniversary of the start of the War of Independence and paid particular tribute to local members of Cumann na mBan. John O'Connor acted as M.C. Joe Cunningham, grand nephew of Mollie Cunningham, raised the tricolour. Deirdre Coughlan and Noreen Kelleher read the list of Cumann na mBan members from Macroom. Siobhán and Nora Murphy recalled Toames members and Maria Healy listed the women from Clondrohid. Deirdre Burke and Louise Daly, members of Kilmurry Historical Association,

listed the women from Kilmurry and Crookstown and Laura O'Riordan read the Honours List from Ballinagree. Deirdre Coughlan, granddaughter of Mollie Cunningham, laid a wreath at the Republican Monument; John Dineen sounded the Last Post; Gobnait Moynihan recited a decade of the Rosary and Peadar Ó Ceallaigh read the Irish Proclamation.

Historian and novelist, Dr Pádraig Óg O'Rourke, delivered the oration. Beatha teanga é a labhairt a dúirt sé agus bhagair sé go bhfuil an Gaoluinn i mbéal bháis de bharr míchúram na bpolaiteoirí. Chuir sé iachall ar ghnáthdaoine an teanga a

shábháil tré é a úsáid. In a fiery oration, he declared that Republicans died to remove tyranny while the army and police died to maintain British rule. The Republicans fought, not just for separation from Britain but also for workers' rights and equality for women. He appealed to the audience to remember the ideals of Cumann na mBan and to lobby for the teaching of history at all levels and not allow it to be removed from the curriculum. At the conclusion, Michael Bradley led the crowd in the singing of Amhrán na bhFiann.



Members of Kilmurry Historical Society at Easter Sunday Ceremony in Macroom - (l/r). Deirdre Bourke, Siobhain Murphy, Karen Kelly, Louise Daly, Mary O'Mahony.©



Remembering Cumann na mBan in Macroom on Easter Sunday ©Lee Valley Outlook

Flower Club

Macroom Flower & Garden Club hosted an Easter Floral Demonstration with Anne Slattery AOIFA (Ennis) entitled "Bunnies and Baskets" at Coolcower House recently. The event attracted a large attendance, with visitors travelling long distance. Chairperson, Winifred Lynch, welcomed all present, followed by announcements on upcoming Club activities and AOIFA events. Guest Demonstrator, Anne, was then introduced on stage. The audience were captivated by her choice exhibits, which began with a Contemporary Parallel followed by Traditional work and placements suitable for decorating the home for Easter, the theme combined with some entertaining stories, well-chosen plant material and flowers made for a show-stopping demonstration. All exhibits were raffled. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by President, Eileen Kelly, for a most enjoyable evening, which was both uplifting and inspirational. Special word of thanks to

Committee members for organising Sales Table, to Club Members who entered Competitions and to the Officers Committee for their help on the night. Next event is Members' Social evening scheduled for May. Contact Secretary to confirm if interested in attending, further details 087-9821708. Gratitude to Bernie O Callaghan and staff of Coolcower House for the excellent service and refreshments. The AOIFA National Competitions 2019 were held at Acton's Hotel Kinsale on 12th to 14th April. Club Member Nora Gallagher achieved a Commended from the Judges with her Exhibit, "Seasonal Inspiration". Thanks to all who travelled to Kinsale over the week-end. Further details on AOIFA website Association of Irish Floral Artists. Next AOIFA Event will be Cork Summer Show (Curraheen) which will take place June 14th to 16th. Staging on Friday 14th of June 4pm to 8pm Competition entry forms and further details available from Club Secretary.



Chairperson, Winifred Lynch; Anne Slattery AOIFA (Ennis) and Club President, Eileen Kelly at Macroom Flower & Garden Club Easter Floral Demonstration at Coolcower House ©



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De la Salle

Founders Day Mass We would like to invite all past and present members of the De La Salle Community to join in the celebration of our Founders Day Mass on Wednesday, 15th May, at 12pm in St Colman's Church Macroom. All welcome.

Transition year students showcased their science projects in the Scifest competition in CIT. The students have been working on these investigations for many weeks with their teacher, Ms. Dunne. The boys came up with their own interesting ideas and produced some excellent projects. They even came away with a win, with Ramon Gasper and Ricky Cróinín winning best display! The boys projects consisted of the following: How screen time affects the quality and duration of your sleep (Ciaran Seery, Conor O'Leary and Michael Kelleher), How your boot choice affects the power, touch and accuracy in your game (Ramon Gasper and Ricky Cróinín), The effects of dynamic stretching on physical performance (Bradley O'Shea and Maciek Razcka), Development of a smoothie that reduces muscle fatigue (JK Long and Conor Dinneen), To test the effects of heading the ball on short term memory loss (Conor Murphy), To investigate if plant growth is faster under natural or artificial light (Niall Madden and Ethan O'Hare), To investigate the effect of water hardness and chlorine concentration on plant growth (Tom Downey, George Kinsella and Kevin Kelleher), To investigate if gloves improve grip in both dry and wet conditions (Arnold Costello and Cathal O'Riordan), Does caffeine consumption affect brain performance, reaction time and short term memory (Liam Proudford and David O'Donoghue).

Winners. Michael O' Riordan (first year) is the winner of the Young Reporters for the Environment Competition. He will now be entered into the national competition with the video he made. This can be viewed on our Facebook page. Colm McSweeney (second



Fourth Year Geography students from De La Salle in Killarney National Park. ©An Scoil

year) is the winner of the Green Schools Slogan Competition. His slogan is "Think Green & Clean @ DLS". This is part of the schools' ongoing campaign to be more environmentally friendly,

with many more projects in the works, thanks to the school's Green Schools Committee.

Macroom Library

April's 'Spring Into Storytime' may be over, but Storytime in the Library continues all year long – every Saturday at Midday. Closure – the Library will be closed on Saturday May 4th as it will be the Bank Holiday weekend. You can renew your books by popping into the library at any time before then, over the phone at 02642483, or online at <https://www.corkcoco.ie/library-services> Bridge Club will be meeting bright and early on May 8th at 10am. **Ciorcal Cainte** will take place on May 9th at 11.30am. **Music Morning** will be held on May 10th at 11am with guest Mary Curtin and Eddie Hogan. This will be the final music morning before it breaks for the summer, so be sure to join us! **Juvenile Bookclub** will meet on May 11th at 3pm to discuss 'Jacky Ha-Ha' by James Patterson. **Creative Writing** Group will be meeting on May 14th at 5.30pm. Purlies Knitting Group will meet on May 16th at 11.30am. **Art Exhibition** for the month of May is by watercolour artist Rashika Kahapola.

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April Music Morning. Eddie Hogan presented a delightful Music Morning in Macroom Library on April 12. The Entrance March from Strauss's Gypsy Baron with the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra, was followed by Joan Sutherland singing Love Live Forever by Paganini. J.C. Thomas presented Just for Today followed by Stuart Burrows with When you and I were Young, Maggie and Silver Threads among the Gold. Waltzes with the Jim McLeod Orchestras led on to Jo Stafford and Gordon MacRae

singing Whispering Hope and Beautiful Isle of Somewhere. The wonderful Russian born Coloratura Soprano Rita Streich sang The Last Rose of Summer and Handel's Minuet was followed by Cantairi Duhallow singing Mo Ghile Mear and Danny Boy. After refreshments, Marilyn Hillsmith and Peter Morrison sang A Paradise for Two. Loch Lomond was followed by O my Heart and Spring is Returning from Rossini's Thieving Magpie. The Mormon Tabernacle Choir sang Lone at Home and Glasgow Tabernacle Choir gave a beautiful rendition of All in the April Evening by Katherine Tynan. Handel's Ombra Mai Fu and Regina Nathan with O Sanctissima preceded John McCormack singing Il Mio Tesoro from Don Giovanni. The session ended with This Nearly was Mine from South Pacific and music from Handel's Atalanta. Eddie will be on hand again on May 10 at 11a.m. when he will present the last Music Morning of the season with Mary Curtin.

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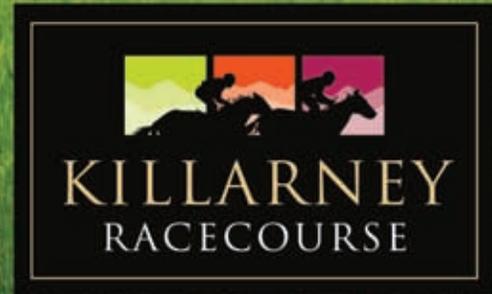
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McEgan College

Maidin Gaeilge. The first JCSP (Junior Cert School Project) Maidin Gaeilge was held i gColáiste Mac Aogáin before the Easter Holidays. Parents were invited to the Seomra Gaeilge where an informal morning of using a cúpla focal as Gaeilge was encouraged. Parents spoke as Gaeilge over a slice of cake and a cupán tae! Parents and pupils viewed a short film as Gaeilge , and great craic was had by all while playing a game of bingo as Gaeilge . Thanks

to all the parents and students who supported the event and to Ms Morris for facilitating the enjoyable morning.

Transition Year Mini Company. Well done to all the Transition Year students who represented McEgan College in this year's 2019 Mini Company. Although not successful, they did the school very proud. Their stands and presentations were excellent; however it wasn't to be this time round. They all agreed it was a

fantastic experience and one they will have fond memories of. We would like to congratulate Mr O Driscoll, who won the award of Enterprise Educator of The Year, a well deserved award.

Crawford Success Huge Congratulations to Leaving Certificate student Mary O'Leary who scored maximum marks in her Art portfolio in her recent interview for Crawford College of Art, Craft and Design. We wish Mary every success in her future career.



McEgan Transition Year Students who won "Best use of Social Media" organised by Webwise and PDST, with Ms Lynam, Principal and Ms Burke. ©An Scoil



Ms Elaine Morris, Muinteoir Gaeilge, who recently facilitated a Maidin Gaeilge for parents and pupils in McEgan College ©An Scoil

Music of the Bees

Students, parents and choir members of the Lee Valley Academy of Music recently got together with horticulturist, Fin Hayes of Fin's Garden Centre, to plant the Bee Major Garden around the bull statue in Macroom. The volunteers worked very hard in fierce heat to remove the grass and put in some bee friendly plants. There will be wildflower seeds scattered about the bed also, so in a month or so it will be a riot of colour and buzzing bees, whose pollination is so important to our environment. Macroom Men's Shed also built lovely colourful bee boxes for the bees to

nest in. Support was very kindly provided by Fin's Garden Centre, Fitz-Gerald's Bookshop, Fitz's Takeaway and Connections. We thank Macroom Tidy Towns Committee for giving us this lovely spot to work with, and for arranging disposal of the sod. We are looking forward to seeing our bull standing in a riot of wildflowers in the coming weeks! *Síle Ní Dhubhghaill*

Macroom Bull inspects the new floral arrangements put in place by Fin Hayes and Young Musicians ©Con Kelleher.



Kilmurry Historical Events

Wednesday May 15 @ 8 pm in the Heritage Room, Independence Museum, Kilmurry, an illustrated talk by Michael Smith, best-selling author about Ireland's key figures in early exploration of Antarctica. Well-known explorers: Tom Crean, Patrick Keohane and the McCarthy brothers from Cork. Michael Smith's books such as An Unsung Hero – Tom Crean have shed light on a little known chapter of Irish history and generated widespread interest in Ireland's major contribution to exploration.



KHAACurator, Noel Howard, presents Cork Lord Mayor Mick Finn, with a picture of his visit to the Terence MacSwiney Memorial Weekend in October 2018 ©



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One sunny April day, The Good Lives Project, on New Street, Macroom, opened its windows and doors. Here, for a valuable few hours a mix of people flocked for a day of fun and frolics. Its humble but warm and welcoming centre packed in the public for one exclusive day! In the kitchen, the kettle hummed and the clinking of cups promised tea and coffee all round. The criss-cross of a knife over soft layers of filled bread made triangle sandwiches and daubs of whipped cream and madeira wings became butterfly buns taking their first flight! Groups gathered round tables with tea and apple tart, eating, chatting, laughing and eating some more! Curious faces came and satisfied faces left. Quiet conversations huddled in corners, exchanging notes and information whilst others absorbed the atmosphere. Someone gently strummed a guitar. Children flitted about playing, colouring, nibbling and a baby played contentedly on the floor. Others wandered out to the yard amongst the hanging baskets for a stretch, a smoke, or a breath of fresh air.

Tables of activity were set up for involvement. Scatterings of fresh foliage were shaped with moss stuffing and wrapped with wire and ribbons. A flowing group of artists had a smashing time breaking tiles and gluing to create a mosaic. Each added their own expressive stamp before drifting away to mingle in the crowd. Time – like a magic wand, sprinkled a spell over these labours of love. The foliage was fashioned into a glorious exhibition of Easter wreaths, all crowned with spring flowers. The mosaic became a tree.

A strong, growing network, branching out to a whole community of life and bearing the rewards of fruit and blossom – symbolic of community spirit and a constructive outcome of creative differences!

Cups were emptied, plates were cleared, with only tell-tale crumbs remaining. The bustling kitchen smoothed to silence. Jovial voices trailed off to play a friendly game of soccer. Shy smiles gathered together for proud photo shoots of charming achievements. A successful and productive open day had come to a natural close.

The Good Lives Project is exactly what it says on the tin. Established just over five years ago in Macroom, it is a Local Training Initiative (LTI) funded by Solas and the Educational Training Board (ETB). It aims to promote a good quality of life for adult learners in a supportive and friendly environment. The main project is run by Coordinator Karen O'Callaghan and two assistant coordinators Mark Lucey and Andrew Hegarty, along with some newly recruited and willing volunteers. The project has recently branched out to form a Community Arts project facilitated by Sue Pearmain, Community Resource, Development and Support Worker. She has helped to form MacArt, which is a community arts group. *Credit to Emma Lucey*



"Putting the pieces together" at the Mosaic workshop.

Easter bunnies Orla Desmond and Deirdre Lucey at the recent Traditional Easter wreath workshop for the Life Long Learning Festival.



If you have indeed been captivated by a flavour of a day in the life of The Good Lives Project and are intrigued to know more or get involved, just contact Karen (083) 1699095 or Sue (083)1609007

Clondrohid Updates

Clondrohid N.S.: A nostalgic day for many in the parish and a joyous day for present pupils, teachers and staff as Gurrane National School closed its doors for the last time on Wednesday, April 10, an early Easter bonus for the children, but a lot of hard work ahead for teachers and staff to be ready for the opening of the new school on Monday, April 29. There was a small celebratory opening of the new school on Wednesday May 1 from 1 to 4pm. An official opening is planned for a later date. Clondrohid Development Group and the Active Retired Group, and all groups, clubs and parishioners wish the teachers, staff, pupils, and parents good luck.

Text alert: A very informative meeting was held in the Community Hall and local Superintendent and local policing officer Eimear O'Connell were in attendance, and gave some very valuable information.

The hard working committee would like to remind members and non members that they can still join this very important Text Alert System by calling to Maria at post Office or Seanie at the pub Carriganima or any member of committee. Being alert to what's happening in your area is very important in modern society, so please join and play your part in keeping your parish 'a safe haven'.

Muinefliuch N.S.: Pupils from Muinefliuch were busy before the Easter holidays. The 5th class took part in the 'Discover Primary Science Programme', while the Juniors were busy planting flowers and vegetables, and they all took part in the Easter egg hunt. Well done all.



3rd class from Clondrohid N.S. who took part in an Athletics Blitz at Mallow © An Scoil

5km fun/run/walk will take place on Sunday May 12 for Muinefliuch N.S. Registration 1.30pm. Start time 2pm. €5 per child €10 per adult €20 Family Light refreshments and raffle after. All welcome. Muinefliuch N.S. is holding a charity clothing collection with NCBI National Council for the Blind Ireland as part of their fundraising. Bags can be dropped to the school before Tuesday, May 7 or you can contact Deirdre Martin on 0872897903.

Scoraíocht: To celebrate the Bealtaine Festival, the local Retired Active Group will hold a Scoraíocht in the Community Hall on Friday, May 10 at 8pm. Refreshments served.

First Holy Communion: the children of 2nd class in Clondrohid N.S. will receive their First Holy Communion in Clondrohid church on Saturday, May 11. Refreshments in Community Hall later in the day. All in the Parish wish them well.

Annual Famine Graveyard Mass: will take place at Carraig a Staighre on Monday night May 27 at 7pm A very important and commemorative occasion in the parish. Mark in the diary.

G.A.A. First round of Muskerry Junior A Championship: Clondrohid v Kilmichael in Inchgeelagh on Sat May 4 at 7pm.

Uíbh Laoire Notes

Inchigeela Tidy Towns The tidy towns group have gone into action in preparation for the Tidy Towns competition. Over the past few years the adjudicators have given Inchigeela very high marks for work done, so let's continue the good work! The Litter Challenge, sponsored by Cork County Council, is starting shortly and everyone's support is needed to help Inchigeela keep its place in the top three towns in its category. The big clean up on Good Friday was very successful, so well done to the band of pickers who left our roadsides spick and span and to the Council men for their assistance.

Walking Darkness into Light 11th May. Last year 375 people walked in Inchigeela and contributed over €10,000 to Pieta House. This year again the walk will begin at the GAA pitch and the distance is 5 Km.

Bingo Night. Good Friday bingo night in Inchigeela had a profit of €220 which has been

donated to the altar societies of Inchigeela and Ballingearry churches. Thanks to all involved.

1916 Commemoration. A large crowd attended the memorial ceremony at the Garden of Remembrance on Easter Sunday and the oration was given by Tim Crowley of the Michael Collins Centre. His subject was the year 1919 and the part that our area had in the struggle for freedom. It was a most interesting talk on those troubled times and the brave people who sacrificed so much for the freedom we enjoy today. The MC was Seamus Twohig. Piper Donal Kelleher of Ballingearry led the crowd to the Garden of Remembrance. Jack O'Leary read the Proclamation and the Last Post was played by Kevin Bradley.

Half Marathon. This was a very successful event and well done to all who took part and to the team of volunteers who saw that things went like clockwork. It would be hard to find a more

beautiful setting for such an event, beside Loch Allua, with sylvan surrounds and magnificent mountain background, with a fresh new vista around every bend of the road. I've heard that all went home very satisfied with the day.

Oíche cheiliúradh. Gúagán Barra was the venue for the "Night for Máire" when past pupils, colleagues, relatives and friends marked the retirement of Máire Ní Liatháin (Bn de Nóglá) from her work as a múinteoir at Scoil Fionnbarra in Béal Átha. In spite of the threatened storm, many people braved it and enjoyed a wonderful night of music and song. Máire taught in Béal Átha for 28 years and we wish her a long and happy retirement.

Fund Raiser. Scoil Fionnbarra will hold a clothes collection on May 25th and 26th. Bags may be left in to the school before and after Masses on those days and during school time on the following Monday 27th.

Drama in Coachford

Coachford Players will perform three short plays on Saturday, Sunday & Monday - May 4th, 5th & 6th in the GAA Hall Coachford. The three plays, 'The Bear' by Anton Chekov, 'A reflection on life' and 'In High Germany' by Dermot Bolger, are entertaining and thought provoking. Chekov's 'The Bear' is a witty comedy about the relationship between a boorish man and a

widow. 'A reflection on life' is a short piece about the trials of wives having to put up with their know-it-all husbands. Dermot Bolger's 'In High Germany' looks back at the Ireland of 1988, the emigration crisis of that time and how a new generation of young Irish people found their national identity by following an Irish soccer team made up of English and Irish born players

across Germany during the Euro '88 Soccer championships.

"We're delighted to be back performing again after a longer than usual break for us and we're hoping for lots of support for our first outing of 2019", said Peter Dineen, PRO. The show begins at 8.30pm each night and the admission price includes a cup of tea or a glass of wine.



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Leabharlann Bhaile Bhúirne

The first gathering of a Creative Writing group in Ballyvourney Library was a resounding success. About ten people gathered, with another few people expressing an interest but unable to attend on the day. Denyse Woods, the Writer in Residence, gave a brief description of how she would guide the group over the next few months and answered any questions the group had. It was a lovely evening and there was even time for the participants to put pen to paper and write a few lines. A great start to what will be lovely experience for all who partake. The next gathering will be on Thursday evening 9th May 5pm to 7pm in the library. But before that here are another few things going on in the library. Thursday 2nd May is Poetry Day Ireland. It is a national event aiming at connecting people and poetry. The theme

this year is Truth or Dare! Ballyvourney Library is taking an informal approach and would love if anyone would drop in to share their favourite poem, or browse the poetry selection in the branch. Some poetry recordings will be played in the branch intermittently throughout the day and between 6pm and 7pm. 7th May sees the first day of our Bealtaine Festival Cross-Stitch Workshops. Cross-Stitch is a simple but very pretty form of basic embroidery. The workshops begin at 11am and will run every Tuesday during the month of May. The workshops are open to members and non-members, are free of charge, basic supplies will be provided as well as tea and coffee. The Library Book Club will meet at 10.30 am on Tuesday 7th May to discuss last month's book; The Language of Flowers by Vanessa

Diffenbaugh. The book for May will be Stella Bain by Anita Shreve. New members to the book club are always welcome. Beidh Labhair Linn sa Leabharlann ag teacht le chéile ar an 10ú Bealtaine ag 10.30 r.n.sa Leabharlann. Bhí an spóirt ag an Cruinniú deireanach le scéalta ó John Joe Burke. Beimid ag phlé an ocaíd sin agus ag pleanáil níos mó mar an gcéanna. Please enjoy the May long weekend and don't forget to visit the library to stock up on books or log on to the Library Online Services. If you are interested in any of the above events or groups. Ballyvourney Library can be contacted by phone on 026 45767 during library opening hours or by email at LeabharlannBhaileBhuirne@CorkCoCo.ie

Bealtaine

May Day, one of the Quarter Days of the Celtic Calendar, has come and gone. It is associated with growth and abundance and the coming of summer. In olden days, a cloth was put out on a bush on May Eve and this was considered to have healing powers during the year. May morning dew was also considered a beauty aid before the advent of face-lifts. Many piseógs were associated with May Eve. In the west, thorn bushes were decorated with coloured rags and bonfires lit to ward off evil.

Púcaí were considered to be at large and rituals were observed to protect dairy produce, cattle, crops and water supplies. Dancing and music were part of the celebration. During the last century, May was considered Mary's month. May altars were erected in homes and schools. These were decorated with primroses and bluebells which abounded by the roadside in May. May devotions, which consisted of the Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, were held each evening

during the month and Marian processions were organised to local shrines. Nowadays, May Day is a Workers' holiday and is associated with marches, street concerts, rallies and protests. Bealtaine, a programme celebrating creativity for the older age group, is a positive development at a time when Youth is in the ascendancy.



Deirdre Coughlan lays a wreath at the Republican Monument in Macroom on Easter Sunday. ©Lee Valley Outlook



Staff at the Blarney Castle Hotel welcome Patrick McSweeney home ©Lee Valley Outlook

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Milleens, Coolea Price Guide €270,000

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Milleens, Coolea Guide Price POA

For Sale By Private Treaty Circa 95Acre Residential Farm At Milleens, Coolea, Macroom, Co. Cork. The property is located at the above address to the west of Coolea village. The land consists of a small selection of arable land. Most of the land is rough grazing. Ground suitable for sheep grazing or forestry plantation. The farm buildings consist of a Slatted House capable of housing 50 cattle approx, and two old buildings. The dwelling house consists of an old style farmhouse located close to the yard. House Brief - 4 Bedrooms, 1 Bathroom, Living Room, Kitchen and Parlour. Further Details and Maps available from Michael Creedon.



No 8 Bruach an tSuláin Guide Price €195,000

3 Bedroom Semi-Detached House with Spacious Side Entrance and Back Garden. This property is in an excellent location in the Centre of the Gaeltacht village of Ballyvourney in a small estate which is close to all amenities, schools, library, post office, shops and church. House Brief Ground Floor - Fully Fitted Kitchen/Dining Room, Sitting Room, Downstairs Toilet. 1st Floor - 3 Bedrooms, Master Bedroom En Suite and Bathroom. This property has Oil Fired Heating and has Mains Water and Sewage. Outside Storage Shed which is plumbed for washing machine and has a concrete floor. This property is in excellent condition and in an excellent location. Viewing by appointment only.



No 10 Cúil na Carrage Guide Price €190,000

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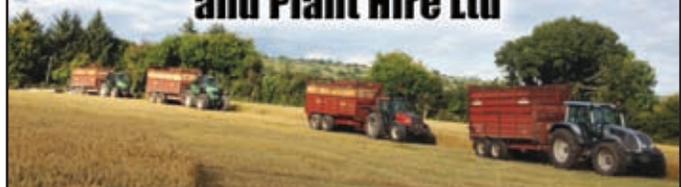


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50 Bliain ag Fás – Óstán Ghobnatan

The Abbey Hotel, Óstán Ghobnatan, Baile Mhúirne, is currently celebrating its Golden Jubilee. Conrad's parents, Julia nee Singleton, known as Ciss, and Michael Creedon, erected a house on the site in 1929. Michael had been in America, and following the Wall Street crash, he returned home, bringing with him a pre-fabricated timber house. Conrad remembers it and the shop which his parents owned. Conrad, an only child, was educated in Baile Mhúirne and Rochestown. When he married Joan Twomey, they decided to provide B and B on a seasonal basis from 1959. Tourism in Ireland was in its infancy. While some of their guests were passing tourists, others were teachers in Coláiste Íosagáin or people on temporary work projects in the area, such as the construction of the RTÉ mast on Mullaghanish. By 1965, they had added a dining room and had seven guest rooms capable of accommodating up to 15 visitors. Demand exceeded supply and Conrad, ever an entrepreneur, went for a total rebuild in October 1968. Óstán Ghobnatan was blessed by Joan's uncle, Fr. Hugh Twomey PP Townsville, Queensland and opened on Satharn Cincise, May 1969. It boasted 13 bedrooms, one with private bath; 3 bathrooms upstairs; a licensed lounge bar, TV lounge and private lounge and could accommodate 25-30 guests. A function room capable of seating 120 guests was added and the Abbey Hotel hosted its first wedding, that of Sean Twomey and Eileen Lynch, Gort Uí Raghallaigh, in August 1969. The telephone number was Ballymakeera 27.

During the following decades, Óstán Ghobnatan welcomed guests from near and far and catered for weddings, socials, fundraisers, conferences etc. Sadly, Joan died in 1986, a huge loss to her family, Conrad, Gobnait, Martina, Áine and Mícheál, the community and the business. Mícheál and his wife, Mary, joined with Conrad in maintaining and modernising the hotel. They added a conservatory reception area and an 8 bedroom block with wheelchair access. They now had 39 en suite bedrooms with direct dial telephones, TVs and tea and coffee making facilities. The hotel had great music sessions every Saturday night and these continue to attract locals and visitors, with all comers welcome to join in with a song or a tune. The variety of instruments is fascinating and contributions are in Irish and English and more and range from trad to rock, jazz to Country and Western.

Until 2003, the Abbey brought busloads of



An early photograph of the Abbey Hotel. ©

tourists for seven day holidays, taking them on trips all over Cork and Kerry daily before returning them to Dublin. Now, European travel agents bring tourists for overnight stays in the 3 star Abbey Hotel. The present function room can comfortably seat 300 guests at weddings, dinner dances or private functions. The restaurant has a 60 guest capacity and the bar offers a lunchtime carvery and à la carte food featuring the best of local produce, throughout the day. The Abbey Hotel epitomises all that is best in a rural, family run hotel. The Creedons are an intrinsic part of the community. Since the beginning, they have been active in local events. Over the decades, they were involved in building the local hall, developing St. Gobnait's shrine, supporting the Show, Tidy Towns, the G.A.A., the

vintage car society, Tidy Towns, traditional music and everything that contributes to the wellbeing of this beautiful Gaeltacht area. Mícheál and Mary now run the hotel but Conrad is never far away, with a helping hand, a word of advice and a cheerful word and scéal for staff and customers. The Abbey is remarkable for its low turnover in permanent staff. One lady has been there for 41 years and the others are all there more than 17 years. This is surely testament to a happy work environment.

Conrad, Mícheál, Mary and all the Creedon family and staff will celebrate the hotel's 50th anniversary over the May Bank Holiday weekend. They hope to welcome customers, family and friends to Óstán Ghobnatan to mark another milestone.



Celebrating the 40th anniversary of Óstán Ghobnatan in 2009 ©



The original Creedon home and shop, now replaced by the Abbey Hotel. ©



At the official opening and blessing of the Abbey Hotel in 1969 ©



Conrad Creedon, proprietor, explains the attractions of an all-in stay at the Abbey Hotel in times past ©

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Cork v Galway in 2019 League Final

Cork 1-18 - Dublin 2-14

Cork enjoyed a hard earned win over League champions, Dublin, when they won the Lidl National Football League Division 1 semi-final at Nowlan Park on Easter Sunday. They now face Galway, who made their way to the final with an easy win over Donegal. The final will be played in Parnell Park on Sunday, May 5th at 4p.m.

In an absorbing game that lasted for over 86 minutes, Cork had their second win in as many games over their arch rivals, the Dubs and, again, by a single point. Orla Finn scored 13 of the Rebels' points, 12 from frees, punishing the opponents' indiscipline. But it was a tit for tat game, with never more than a goal between the sides and the lead going from one side to the other. After a fine goal from Melissa Duggan, the sides were level 2-3 to 1-6 at the break. Healy scored first on the resumption and Cork took

control with four points in a row. Niamh Cotter pointed the last of those four scores and Cork led by 1-10 to 2-4, only for Dublin to charge back with points from Lauren Magee, McEvoy and Siobhán Killeen. Points from Orlagh Farmer and Ciara O'Sullivan looked to have secured the win but scores from Dublin's McEvoy and Nicole Owens brought the game to extra-time. Owens was awarded a yellow card before the end while Aine O'Sullivan picked up a straight red card for dissent immediately after she was shown a yellow card for a similar offence. Dublin held a narrow 2-13 to 1-15 lead at half-time in extra-time. Aherne scored just before the break, but a couple of Finn frees had Cork back in charge in the second half. Duggan put Cork 1-18 to 2-13 in front with a driving score and Dublin had no response.

Scorers – Cork: O Finn 0-13 (12f), M Duggan 1-1,

N Cotter 0-1, C O'Sullivan 0-1, O Farmer 0-1, E Scally 0-1.

Cork: Martina O'Brien, Clonakilty; Melissa Duggan, Doheny's, Hannah Looney, Aghada; C O'Shea; Shauna Kelly, Araglen; Ashling Hutchings, Fermoy; Eimear Kiely, Valley Rovers; N Cotter, Maire O'Callaghan, Mourneabbey; Ciara O'Sullivan, Mourne Abbey; Orlagh Farmer, Middleton; L O'Mahony; Libby Coppinger, St. Colum's; Aine O'Sullivan, Beara; Orla Finn, Kinsale.

Subs: Eimear Scally, Éire Óg for O'Mahony (21), Saoirse Noonan, Nemo Rangers for Finn (50), Daire Kiely, Valley Rovers for Kelly (53), Eimear Meaney, Mourne Abbey for O'Shea (53), Sadhbh O'Leary, Kinsale for E Kiely (61), O Finn for A O'Sullivan (60), L O'Mahony for O'Leary (70), S Kelly for Cotter (74), C O'Shea for Duggan (81).

Cork Minors' Two in a Row Camogie Title

Cork 3-15 Clare 2-12

Clare played Cork in the All-Ireland Minor A Camogie Final on Saturday, April 27

In the first semi-final, Clare edged out fellow Munster challengers, Tipperary, by 0-12 to 1-8 after a hard-fought tussle. In the other decider, a first-minute goal gave Kilkenny a dream start at the WIT Arena but it was old rivals, Cork, that had the superior firepower to advance on a 1-21 to 1-14 scoreline. Fiona Keating was among the points as Cork settled into the fray but the Cats led at the interval by 1-9 to 0-8. Cork hauled themselves back into the game in the second half and had drawn level by the time Keating pointed and then goaled with 53 minutes elapsed to open up daylight. The Rebels moved through the gears from there to the end.

In the final, Clodagh Finn scored a goal and eight points; Emma Murphy slotted a brace of goals and player of the match, Fiona Keating, shot five points as Cork secured a second All-Ireland Minor A Camogie Championship in a row by 3-15 to 2-12 over Clare at MacDonagh Park. Cork led by a storming 17 points at half-time, Hurricane Hannah helping them on their way, but Clare used her powers to reduce the deficit by 11 in the second half.

Cork were clinical in the opening period with the gale in their favour, leading by 3-11 to 0-3 at half time. It was the Clodagh Finn Show early on as Cork laid siege to Rachel Daly's goal. The Fr O'Neill's tyro provided the first four points before getting the final touch to make it 1-4 to 0-0 with just seven minutes elapsed. Lorna

McNamara registered Clare's opening two scores but Dervilla Moloney's troops were left shell-shocked as Murphy grabbed her two majors inside a minute at the start of the second quarter. Keating provided a supplementary trio of points, McNamara Clare's third but it was looking forlorn for the saffron and blue at that juncture. Yet they resumed with real intent and when McNamara set up Robyn Conway for a goal in the 36th minute, they were reinvigorated. McNamara brought her tally to 10 points but Clare needed a goal earlier than when it finally arrived, in the third minute of injury time, the brilliant McNamara providing the assist for Finia O'Brien but Jerry Wallace's Cork had done enough. Daragh Ó Conchúir

Cork County Football and Hurling Championships 2019

Draws for 2nd round of all championships to be made on May 28th.

SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Divisional / College Section

Round 2: Seandún v UCC, CIT 2-11 Duhallow 1-18

Duhallow and either UCC or Seandún qualify for open county championship draw for last 16

Clubs Section

Preliminary Round

O Donovan Rossa 2-12 Carrigaline 1-8

First Round

Kiskeam 2-12 Mallow 0-10

St Finbarrs 3-12 Clyda Rovers 0-6

Clonakilty 2-9 Newcestown 0-9

Nemo Rrs 3-14 Valley Rovers 1-6

Dohenys 4-15 St Nicks 0-7

Douglas 1-10 Bishopstown 1-9

Fermoy 1-9 Castlehaven 0-11

Ilen Rovers 2-9 Carbery Rngrs 1-9

Ballincollig O'Donovan Rossa

2nd round (draw to be made): Carrigaline, Mallow, Clyda, Newcestown, Valley Rovers, St Nicks, Bishopstown, Castlehaven, Carbery

Rangers, Ballincollig or O'Donovan Rossa (losers)

3rd Round qualifiers (to date): Duhallow, UCC/

Seandun, Kiskeam, St Finbarrs, Clonakilty, Nemo

Rangers, Dohenys, Douglas, Fermoy, Ilen

Rovers, Ballincollig/O D Rossa.

PREMIER INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Preliminary Round

Bantry Blues 2-10 Nemo Rangers 0-12

Round 1

Aghada 1-12 Na Piarasigh 0-16

Bandon 3-14 Newmarket 1-19

Castletownbere 1-16 Kanturk 0-19 draw

Kanturk 4-9 Castletownbere 1-10 replay

Cill na Martra 1-9 Éire Óg 0-8

Naomh Abán 1-9 Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh

2-12

St. Michael's 3-12 Macroom 1-14

Bantry Blues 3-11 St. Vincent's 1-16

Round Two: Nemo Rangers, Aghada,

Newmarket, Castletownbere, Éire Óg, Naomh

Abán, Macroom, St Vincents.

Round Three: Na Piarasigh, Bandon, Kanturk, Cill

na Martra, Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh, St Michaels,

Bantry Blues.

INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Preliminary Round

Kildorrery 0-7 Knocknagree 1-13

Round 1

Gabriel Rangers 0-9 Adrigole 0-5

Dromtarriffe 3-9 Millstreet 1-10

Kinsale 1-15 Ballydesmond 0-14

Youghal v Knocknagree

Aghabullogue 2-8 Mitchelstown 1-8

Grenagh 0-12 Glanmire 2-11

Rockchapel 4-7 Ballinora 0-8

Mayfield 1-15 Glenville 2-9

Glanworth 1-13 St Finbarrs 0-11

Round Two: Kildorrery, Adrigole, Millstreet,

Ballydesmond, Youghal/Knocknagree,

Mitchelstown, Grenagh, Ballinora, Glenville, St

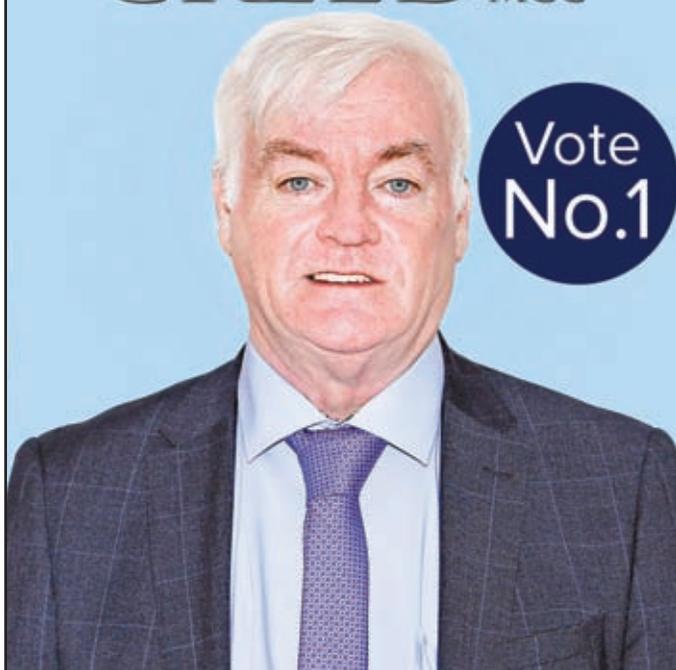
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SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

Divisional / College Section

Round 2

UCC 2-17 Muskerry 0-16

Imokilly 0-24 Carbery 0-10

UCC and Imokilly both qualify for last 16 county senior championship draw.

Club Section - Preliminary Round

Erins Own 3-7 Ballymartle 2-8

Round 1

St. Finbarr's 3-23 Carrigtwohill 0-8

Na Piarsaigh 0-18 Killeagh 1-12

Bandon 1-17 Newcestown 0-17

Blackrock 2-27 Ballyhea 1-10

Glen Rovers 1-17 Midleton 0-16

Bishopstown 1-14 Newtownshandrum 1-13

Douglas 1-18 Bride Rovers 1-12

Sarsfields 2-24 Kanturk 0-11

Charleville 1-27 Erins Own 1-25

Round Two: Ballymartle, Carrigtwohill, Killeagh, Newcestown, Ballyhea, Midleton, Newtownshandrum, Bride Rovers, Kanturk, Erins Own.

Round Three: UCC, Imokilly, St Finbarrs, Na Piarsaigh, Bandon, Blackrock, Glen Rovers, Bishopstown, Douglas, Sarsfields, Charleville.

PREMIER INTERMEDIATE HURLING

Round 1

Blarney 0-24 Ballinhassig 2-12

Castlelyons 2-17 Youghal 1-12

Cloyne v Aghada

Fermoy 1-23 Courcy Rovers 1-22

Fr. O'Neill's 1-22 Ballincollig 2-14

Inniscarra 0-13 Watergrasshill 1-16

Kilworth 0-20 Valley Rovers 0-12

Mallow 3-15 Carrigaline 1-20

Blarney 0-24 Ballinhassig 2-12

A rousing second-half performance from a relatively young Blarney team enabled them to get past Ballinhassig in the opening round of the Cork Premier IHC at Ballincollig. They worked their way back from a two-point deficit at the interval, 1-9 to 0-10, to take control in the second half and outscore Ballinhassig 0-14 to 1-3, that second Ballinhassig goal not arriving until stoppage time. Blarney have a fine blend of experience and young players, from Joe Jordan at 32 down to four Leaving Certs students with Mark Coleman 22, Sean Crowley and Peter Philpott at 25 in between. Joe Jordan was superb, Mark Coleman scored 10 points, Shane Barrett had five points, and young Pádraig Power registered three.

Ballinhassig were 0-5 to 0-3 in front after 10 minutes and raised it to five with a goal near the end of the first quarter.

Blarney got back on level terms, 1-7 to 0-10, with three frees from Coleman and points from Hanlon, Barrett and Sean Crowley and Keith Costello. Ballinhassig had an opportunity to regain the lead but goalkeeper Paul Hallissey dived full length to deny them. Ballinhassig were two points in front at the break.

Blarney surged into the lead for the first time early in the second-half, and the introduction of Power also had an immediate impact as he pointed with his first touch. Ballinhassig levelled at 1-11 to 0-14 but Blarney started to dominate and outscored their opponents by ten points to one during the final 20 minutes of play.

Scorers for Blarney: M Coleman (0-10, 0-7 frees,

0-1 65, 0-1sl), S Barrett (0-5), P Power (0-3), R Murphy (0-2), J Jordan, S Crowley, K Costello and D Hanlon (0-1 each).

Blarney: Paul Hallissey; Eoin Mullane, Paul O'Leary, Conor Power; Alan McEvoy, Joe Jordan, Peter Philpott; Ben Ahern, Mark Coleman; Seán Crowley, Ray Murphy, Mark O'Leary; Keith Costello, Declan Hanlon, Shane Barrett.

Subs: Pádraig Power 35, Pádraig Crowley 48.

Ballincollig 2-14 Fr O'Neill's 1-21

Ballincollig, last year's intermediate county champions, made a return to premier grade at Carrigtwohill and gave one of the fancied teams of the higher grade a major challenge before going under at the end of a super game by four points.

Ballincollig opened the scoring with a Seán Walsh point but the East Cork men quickly replied and then went in front from a Declan Dalton free, the first of five from the promising Cork forward. Robbie Burke equalised and then created a goal chance for Peter O'Neill which was sent to the net but Fr O'Neill's came back immediately with a goal at the other end and the sides were level at 1-3 each after a brilliant opening nine minutes. Fr O'Neill's went back in front but a 27th minute goal from Karl Walsh brought Ballincollig level again before the Ladysbridge side finished with points to lead by 1-12 to 2-7 at the break.

Fr O'Neills increased their advantage on the restart but Ballincollig cut the lead back to a single point before the East Cork side led by 1-15 to 2-9 after ten minutes. It was all out action with scores coming for both sides before O'Neill's went four points clear early in the final quarter. Back came Ballincollig with a brace from Seán Walsh frees, but a long range point ease the situation for the winners and another followed to guarantee them of victory.

Ballincollig scorers: S Walsh 0-8 (0-7f), P O'Neill and K Walsh 1-1 each, JP Murphy, D Bowen, R Bourke and L Fahy 0-1 each.

Inniscarra 0-13 Watergrasshill 1-16

A very even first half at Páirc Ui Rinn finished with the teams on level scores but on the restart, Watergrasshill quickly hit over four points and even though Inniscarra pegged it back to a two point game subsequently, the Easy Cork men had momentum and they shaded the proceedings to the finish. Inniscarra battled all the way, were never out of contention and they will take positives from the game, particularly from their first half display which was excellent and could have yielded a better reward.

Owen McCarthy opened the scoring with an Inniscarra point but The Hill replied with a goal and ten minutes had elapsed before 'Scarra were level and as Pádraig Holland continued to find the range with his frees, Inniscarra led by 0-4 to 1-0 after 13 minutes and they could have had at least one goal a well. The teams were level after 20 minutes, then points from Sean O'Donoghue, David O'Keeffe and two more from Pádraig Holland had the sides level again at the break, 0-9 to 1-6 the score now.

Within ten minutes of the restart Watergrasshill had established an advantage which they retained to the end. They led by 1-14 to 0-11 with ten minutes remaining and Inniscarra came

looking for a goal but could not get through the Hill's defence. Inniscarra left point scoring opportunities go a begging as they pursued the elusive goal and were six adrift at the finish. They will be disappointed with the outcome but have grounds for hope for the next round on this display.

Inniscarra scorers: P Holland 0-7 (0-6f, 0-1'65'), S O'Donoghue 0-2, S O'Mahony, O McCarthy, D O'Keeffe and D Hughes 0-1 each.

Inniscarra: John O'Keeffe: John O'Callaghan, Brian O'Mahony, James Buckley: Con O'Leary, Sean O'Donoghue, Liam Buckley: Liam Ryan, Darragh Hughes: David O'Keeffe, Conor Buckley, Pádraig Holland: Owen McCarthy, Shane O'Mahony, Michael O'Connell. Subs: Ciarán Lombard 41, Colm Casey 43, Craig Bennett 49.

INTERMEDIATE HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

Aghabullogue v Ballinhassig

Argideen Rangers 2-15 Castlemartyr 0-17

Barryroe 0-7 Glen Rovers 3-16

Blackrock 2-14 Kilbrittain 1-10

Dripsey v Ballygarvan

Eire Óg 1-22 Dungourney 2-18

Grenagh v Na Piarsaigh

Mayfield v Sarsfield

Meelin v Midleton

Milford v Ballymartle

St. Catherine's v Cloughduv

St Finbarr's v Douglas

Tracton v Kildorrery

Éire Óg 1-22 Dungourney 2-18

Éire Óg had only a point to spare over Dungourney at Páirc Uí Rinn but they were delighted with this win which was very hard earned. Indeed Éire Óg were in arrears four minutes into time added when goalkeeper Dylan Desmond hit over a long range free to level matters and then two minutes later Éoin O'Shea struck over a winning point from play to the delight of the Éire Óg support.

Keith O'Riordan poached an early goal for Éire Óg and they went on to lead by six points after the first quarter, 1-6 to 0-3. A goal in the 22nd minute for Dungourney was the highlight of as recovery by the East Cork men which had the teams level at 1-8 each in the 28th minute. A pint apiece from Kevin Hallissey, John Cooper and Dylan Desmond helped Éire Óg to a three point interval lead.

A goal for Dungourney early on the restart put it up to Éire Óg who were now facing into the wind but points from Dave Kirwan moved them three points clear again and they held this lead until Dungourney drew level at 2-15 to 1-18 with five minutes remaining. Points were exchanged, Dungourney went in front, Eoin O'Shea equalised. Dungourney again led in the 62nd minute, but late scores from Dylan Desmond and O'Shea saw Éire Óg through by the narrowest of margins.

Éire Óg scorers: K Hallissey 0-6 (0-2f), K O'Riordan 1-2, E O'Shea 0-5, D Desmond 0-4 (frees), D Kirwan 0-3, B Hurley and J Cooper 0-1 each.

Éire Óg: Dylan Desmond: Paul Kirwan, Matt Brady, Conor McGoldrick: Alan O'Connor, Dermot Herlihy, John Mullins: John Cooper, Dave Kirwan: Brian Corcoran, Eoin O'Shea, Eoin Kelleher: Keith O'Riordan, Kevin Hallissey, Brian Hurley. Subs: Fionn O'Rourke 24, M Kelleher h/t, Joe Cooper 40, Daniel Goulding 52.

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COUNTY U21 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP 2019

U21 A Football

A. Carrigaline/Valleys winners v Glanmire
 B. Aghada v Ballincollig - May 10th
 C. Beara v Bishopstown
 D. Éire Óg v Carrigaline/Valleys losers
 E. Kilshannig 0-16 Nemo Rangers 1-10
 F. Douglas v Castlehaven
 G. O'Donovan Rossa v St Finbarrs
 H. Dohenys/Charleville v St. Michaels/Carbery Rangers

Quarter Finals: A v B, C v D, E v F, G v H

U21 B Football

A. Courneys v Aghabullogue - May 11th
 B. Castlemartyr v Avondu winners
 C. Seandun winners v Carbery winners
 D. Duarigale Gaels

Semi Finals: A v B, C v D

U21 C Football

A. Belgooly/Crosshaven v Aghinagh - April 27th
 B. Bride Rovers v Ballycastle Gaels
 C. Seandun winners v Carbery winners
 D. Robert Emmetts

Semi Finals: A v B, C v D

TOM CREEDON CUP 2019

Final: Knocknagree v Cill na Martra at Macroom, date to be fixed
 Semi Final:

Cill na Martra 0-13 Nemo Rangers 1-7

Cill na Martra travelled to Trabeg Road and defeated Nemo intermediates on their home ground in the second semi final of the Tom Creedon Cup (Intermediate Football). Cill na Martra, just days after their championship win over N Abán showed some changes from that game but there was no diminution in performance levels and the visitors were in control early on. Points from Seánie Ó Foirréidh, Martín Ó Concubhair and then three from Mike Ó Deasúna had Cill na Martra 0-5 to 0-2 in front at the start of the second quarter but then after an exchange of points on two occasions, Colm MacLochlainn and Martín Ó Concubhair scoring for the Muskerry men, Nemo finished the half well with two unanswered points to leave only one point between the teams at the break, Cill na Martra leading by 0-7 to 0-6 at this stage.

On the restart, Cill na Martra got a firm grip on proceedings and three points from Mike Ó Deasúna had them leading by 0-10 to 0-6 in the 40th minute. Shane Ó Duinnín had added a brace before Nemo scored a point in the 53rd minute and Shane had a third point before Nemo made the scoreboard more respectable with a late goal.

Cill na Martra: Antóin Ó Conaill: Seanachán Ó Loinsigh, Eoin Ó Loinsigh, Eoghan Ó Céilleachair: Seánie Ó Foirréidh, Nollaig Ó Laoire, Colm Ó Laoire: Gearóid Ó Goillidhe, Colm MacLochlainn: Gearóid Ó Faoláin, Damian Ó hUrdail, Martín Ó Concubhair: Liam Ó Loinsigh, Micheál Ó Deasúna, Cian Ó Foirréidh. Subs: Micheál Ó Duinnín, Danny Ó Conaill, Shane Ó Duinnín, Dean MacCarthaigh, Maidhchí Ó Duinnín, Pádraig Ó Críodain.

COUNTY GAA FIXTURES

IHC Round 1 Fri, May 3rd 8pm St. Catherine's v Cloughduv Pairc Ui Rinn
 IHC Round 1 Sat, May 4th 5.45pm Aghabullogue v Ballinhassig Ovens
 IHC Round 1 Sat, May 4th 7.30pm Dripsey v Ballygarvan Ovens
 U21AFC Rd 2 Sat, May 4th TBC Eire Og v Carrigaline / Valley Rovers (Losers) TBC
 SFC Round 1 Sun, May 5th 3pm O'Donovan Rossa v Ballincollig Ballinascarthy
 SFC Div Round 2 Mon, May 6th 3pm Seandun v UCC Bishopstown
 IHC Round 1 Wed, May 8th 7.30pm Mayfield v Sarsfields Pairc Ui Rinn
 U21AFC Round 2 Fri, May 10th 8pm Aghada v Ballincollig TBC
 JBFC Round 1 Sat, May 11th 7pm Kilbrin V Deel Rovers Dromina
 JBHC Round 1 Sat, May 11th 6pm Bantry Blues V Gleann Na Laoi Cloughduv
 U21AFC Round 2 Sat, May 11th TBC Douglas v Castlehaven TBC
 U21AFC Round 2 Sat, May 11th TBC O'Donovan Rossa v St. Finbarr's
 U21AFC Round 2 Sat, May 11th TBC Dohenys/Charleville v St. Michael's / Carbery Rangers TBC

MUNSTER SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

Cork v Tipperary at P Uí Chaoimh, Sunday May 12th, 4 pm
 Limerick v Cork at Páirc na nGael, Sunday May 19th, 4 pm.

MACROOM MOTORS MID CORK U21 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

U21 A FC Final: Éire Óg 3-12 Ballincollig 1-14
 U21 B Football Championship Final replay: Aghabullogue 1-11 Canovee 0-8
 U21 C Football (13 a side) Championship Final: Aghinagh v Iveleary

JUNIOR A FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

The championship first rounds will be played over the coming weeks.

As always, these arrangements come with a warning – they may be changed so CHECK locally before travelling to a venue.

Round 1

A Éire Óg v Cill na Martra, Saturday May 18th 6.30 at Coachford
 B Kilmurry v Iveleary, Saturday May 18th 7.30 pm at Coachford
 C Naomh Abán v Canovee, Saturday May 25th 7pm at Kilmichael
 D Donoughmore v Inniscarra, Sunday May 26th 7pm in Grenagh
 E Clondrohid v Kilmichael, Saturday May 4th 7pm in Inchigeela
 F Dripsey v Ballincollig, Saturday May 18th 4pm in Ovens
 G Blarney v Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh, Saturday May 11th at Kilmurry
 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

MUSKERRY CUP FOOTBALL

A Donoughmore v Kilmichael
 B Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh v Blarney

Quarter Finals;

Winners A v winners B
 Clondrohid v Dripsey
 Aghinagh v Éire Óg
 Cill na Martra v Naomh Abán

COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUES

Division One - 11 teams
 On Top: St Finbarrs Played 7 -29 points
 Ballincollig P 4 - 18pts
 Cill na Martra P 4 - 12
 Béal Á Ghaorthaidh P 5 - 5
 Division Two - 11 teams
 On top: Castlehaven and Fermoy each P6 - 26pts
 Macroom P6 - 14
 Éire Óg P4 - 12
 Aghabullogue P5 - 7



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THE ABBEY HOTEL



Ba mhaith le Conrad, Micheál agus Mary buíochas ó chroí a ghabháil le cách a thug cabhair agus tacaíocht dúinn le caoga bliain anuas. Ní bheimis anseo ag ceiliúradh an ocáid speisialta seo gan sibh go léir.

Conrad, Micheál & Mary, and the extended Creedon family would like to thank all the people who have helped the family in any way over the past fifty years.

We would like to thank our neighbours who have been supportive to us all this time, the extended Creedon and Twomey families, our friends who have always been so supportive over the years, all the staff who worked in the hotel full-time and part-time since the beginning and to this present day. To our suppliers, maintenance personnel, a huge thank you, and finally our large circle of customers from far and wide but especially our local customers who have always been there to support us we say a huge thank you!

We hope to see as many as possible of our customers and friends to celebrate with us on this Saturday night in the Abbey.

Conrad and the Creedon Family.

Muintir Uí Chríodáin.

50 Years

1969 - 2019

50 BLIAIN AG FÁS - ÓSTÁN GHOBNATAN

The Abbey Hotel, Óstán Ghobnatan, Baile Mhúirne, is currently celebrating its Golden Jubilee. Conrad's parents, Julia nee Singleton, known as Ciss, and Michael Creedon, erected a house on the site in 1929. Michael had been in America, and following the Wall Street crash, he returned home, bringing with him a pre-fabricated timber house. Conrad remembers it and the shop which his parents owned. Conrad, an only child, was educated in Baile Mhúirne and Rochestown. When he married Joan Twomey, they decided to provide B and B on a seasonal basis from 1959. Tourism in Ireland was in its infancy. While some of their guests were passing tourists, others were people on temporary work projects in the area, such as the construction of the RTÉ mast on Mullaghanish. By 1965, they had added a dining room and had seven guest rooms capable of accommodating up to 15 visitors. Demand exceeded supply and Conrad, ever an entrepreneur, went for a total rebuild in October 1968. Óstán Ghobnatan was blessed by Joan's uncle, Fr. Hugh Twomey PP Townsville, Queensland and opened on Satharn Cincise, May 1969. It boasted 13 bedrooms, one with private bath; 3 bathrooms upstairs; a licensed lounge bar, TV lounge and private lounge and could accommodate 25-30 guests. A function room capable of seating 120 guests was added and the Abbey Hotel hosted its first wedding, that of Sean Twomey and Eileen Lynch, Gort Uí Raghallaigh, in August 1969.

The telephone number was Ballymakeera 27.

During the following decades, Óstán Ghobnatan welcomed guests from near and far and catered for weddings, socials, fundraisers, conferences etc. Sadly, Joan died in 1986, a huge loss to her family, community and the business. Micheál and his wife, Mary, joined with Conrad in maintaining and modernising the hotel. They added a conservatory reception area and an 8 bedroom block with wheelchair access. They now had 39 en suite bedrooms with direct dial telephones, TVs and tea and coffee making facilities. Until 2003, the Abbey brought busloads of tourists for seven day holidays, taking them on trips all over Cork and Kerry daily before returning them to Dublin. Now, European travel agents bring tourists for overnight stays in the 3 star Abbey Hotel.

The present function room can comfortably seat 300 guests at weddings, dinner dances or private functions. The restaurant has a 60 guest capacity and the bar offers a lunchtime carvery, bar food menu in the afternoons and à la carte food featuring the best of local produce throughout the day.

The Abbey Hotel epitomises all that is best in a rural, family run hotel. The Creedons are an intrinsic part of the community since the beginning.





Division Three - 11 teams
 On top: Aghada P 5 - 25 points
 Naomh Abán P 5 - 11
 Division Four - 11 teams
 On top: Knocknagree P 5 - 25pts
 Grenagh P 4 - 10pts
 Division Five - 9 teams
 On top: Millstreet P 5 - 21pts

Ballinora P 5 - 15

COUNTY HURLING LEAGUES
Div 1 and Div 2 - no Muskerry team
 Division 3 - 10 teams
 On top: Inniscarra P 6 24pts
 Ballincollig P 7 - 19 points
 Blarney Played 6 - 18 points

Div 4 - 11 teams
 On top: Blackrock P 6 - 30 pts
 Éire Óg P 4 - 16pts
 Aghabullogue P 5 - 9 pts
 Div 5 - 11 teams
 On top: Cloughduv P 7 - 27 pts
 Dripsey P 4 - 11pts
 Grenagh P 6 - 6pts

Laochra Óg

Croke Park. On Thursday 18th April our u12 boys went to Croke Park to play three matches in an All Ireland blitz. The team represented the club whose members through continuous dedication and hard work have ensured Rebel Óg benchmarking 2020. The team got a guided tour of the stadium and museum as part of the whole experience. A once in a lifetime opportunity with parents also travelling. The team visited our proud u12 sponsors, Mid Cork Pallets and Packaging, for an official team photo before the big day. Mid Cork Electrical have very generously given sponsorship to our U12 boys for the trip to Croke Park. This gesture is greatly appreciated by the team and club and a presentation was made to the lads by Anthony Hennigan on behalf of the company at training in Teerbeg. Laochra Óg U 10 boys had their 1st game of the season against Grenagh and played 12 a side , two 25 minute halves . Thanks to our sponsors

Follain Jams and to Micheal and Nora Mc Carthy of Macroom Vehicle Testing Centre and Glenmill Restaurant for the use of Teerbeg. U12 Hurling and Camogie Easter Camp went great. Thanks to John Darby for coaching the U12 Hurlers and Camogie players during the course of the two days and Coláiste Gobnatan for the use of their facilities and the IonadCultúra for the use of the dressing rooms. **Club Development draw** ~Winner Denis Noonan, C/o T.P's €348. Seller's prize T.P's, Macroom. €25 Maeve Cotter, Macroom. Next draw takes place on May 6th. Well done to the u14 camogie team who won their 1st game of the league against Cobh. Great teamwork. Well done to our u11 Camogie team away to Ballincollig. Team was made up of a mixture of experienced u11 girls , girls u11 and u10 playing their first ever camogie match and experienced U10 camogie girls. They played a

very sporting game, scoring lovely points and goals from play. Thanks to Ballincollig Camogie u11s for a good game, Team sponsors Macroom Tidy Town's and parents/guardians for bringing the girls to the game supporting our U11 team. LaochraÓg U10 boys played 2 hurling matches 12 and 13 aside games with either a goal or a point considered a score, we won the first game 5-2. In the second game we played really well with great teamwork shown and a great battle on the field as better and better we were playing , we won this game 11-4 well done lads. **Macroom Person of the Year 2019** Calling on all GAA supporters far and wide to get behind Brian Healy our Club player who has been nominated for this year's youth sports person of the year. He deserves your vote for all his hard work and dedication to the sport of GAA and we wish him all the best in his future endeavours as a player for Laochra Óg GAA, Macroom GAA and Cork GAA.

Macroom AFC

By Darragh Deasy

Sean Williams Youths Cup Final. For the first time since 1997, Macroom Youths were cup finalists at Turner's Cross. Watergrasshill Utd were the opposition and a close tie was expected. This is exactly how things played out and it took extra time and penalties to decide the winner. Unfortunately for Macroom, they were on the wrong end of the shootout, but every player can be proud of a marvellous effort over 110 minutes of football which ended 1-1. The opening 20 minutes were tight with nerves probably having an effect on the U18 players. The game opened when Macroom full back George Lowrie made a good interception to deny a clear chance. As half time approached, goalkeeper Peter Murphy's long ball downfield found Dylan Twomey. Twomey pulled the ball back from the endline and Cotter's shot was saved from point blank range, with the rebound agonisingly rolling across the goal line. Watergrasshill replied with an effort which was well dealt with by Murphy. Into the second half and Twomey again found Cotter who shot over from a narrow angle. Then Shane Meaney's inswinging corner was almost forced home by David Hunt. Meaney then had a fine free kick parried away and Hunt had another effort which flew wide. Watergrasshill continued to threaten and late on and a beautiful defence splitting pass was shot narrowly wide by an in rushing winger. In extra time, Macroom broke the deadlock. Cotter did well to head the ball towards Twomey and he did the rest, hitting a low effort beyond the despairing keeper to send supporters and players wild. Twomey then had a back post header that flew wide and Cotter shot just past the post as

Macroom looked likely to add a second. But with just 4 minutes remaining, a series of headers in the Macroom penalty area fell to Watergrasshill striker Richard Morrison and he struck at the back post to send the tie to spot kicks. Watergrasshill were successful in the shootout and Macroom, although devastated with the outcome, performed heroically and gave everything for the cause. Well done to all squad members and their management of Philip O' Donovan, John Francis Lee and Peter Burns. **Macroom FC** would like to thank Michael Purcell of Michael Purcell and sons Solicitors, Macroom, who kindly sponsored training tops for the entire Youths squad prior to the final at Turner's Cross. This is very much appreciated by all at the club. **AOH Cup Semi Final** 2nd leg, Macroom A 2 Village Utd 0. (Village won 3-2 on aggregate). Trailing 3-0 from the first leg, Macroom A welcomed Village Utd to Murrayfield. The contrast in weather conditions from the 1st leg at Mayfield the previous week could not have been greater. Glorious Easter sunshine prevailed as Macroom set about their task. In a blistering opening half they led 2-0. A fine Paul O' Farrell header off a Conor O' Sullivan corner accounted for the opener on 20 mins. And then Don Creedon found the bottom corner to make a great first half for Macroom. Village were clearly intent on slowing the game down in the second half. Macroom continued to apply the pressure but the game became a stop-start affair, with many 'injuries' to Village players. But it was another tremendous performance from a Macroom team. The management of William O' Riordan, Shane O' Sullivan, Andrew Boyle and all the players gave their all and can be proud of a gutsy performance.

Race Night. The club held a hugely successful Race Night at Murray's Bar on Easter Sunday night. The large turnout once again provided great support to Macroom FC. Many purchased horses, sponsored races and the local business community along with private individuals were all willing to sponsor ads in the Race programme. Macroom FC would like to thank all who contributed to this very important fundraiser which will support the day to day running of our 23 teams. Thanks also to Murray's Bar for facilitating the hosting of the event. Behind the scenes a huge amount of work at committee level goes into organising such fundraisers and thanks to all club members who make it happen. Finally, Macroom FC would like to ask all of our supporters to please continue to support the many club sponsors. **Cork U12 Schoolgirls.** Maisie Murphy from Macroom FC U12s was recently chosen to play for the Cork U12 Schoolgirls. The Waterford Viking Tournament is an annual schoolgirls' competition featuring groups between U10 and U15. This year's line up featured teams from Waterford, Cork, Kilkenny, Carlow, Limerick and Tipperary among others. Played over 3 days it is a great advertisement for girls soccer and Maisie was one of over 300 girls to take part. It is a great boost for Macroom FC to continue to see our players being chosen to represent Cork in Inter league competition. Well done to Maisie and all of her Macroom FC coaches. In further schoolgirls news Macroom U13s travelled to play Kinsale and won easily 5-0. Goals came from Lisa O' Donovan (2), Aoife Murphy (2) and Caoimhe O' Brien.

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Macroom GAA

u9s played Blarney in two mini games in the Castle Grounds on Saturday morning. In a game against very good opposition our boys really battled hard and showed some great skill and determination. The squad who played were as follows: Brian McRory, David Twomey, Michael Deasy, Ciaran Murray, Evan O'Keefe, Alad Hopkins, Oisín Rybalka, Dylan O'Shea, Conor Angland, Will Buckley, Leo Slattery, Tristan Mullane, Fionn Fabrizi, David Bradley, Scott Baillet O'Leary

u10s played four games against Aghinagh on Monday night and won three out of the four mini games played and a great nights football was enjoyed by all. The squad who took part were: Ivan Rybalka, Michael Cregan, Michael Kelleher, Michael Dunne, Ultan O'Tuama, Donagh Moss, Ronan O'Sullivan, Ronan Duggan, Ben Ronan, Robbie Magee, Daniel Lucey, Bradan Morey, Ciaran Murray, Dylan O'Shea, Michael Deasy, Dan Lyons, Eoin Holland, Conor Coughlan

u11s 1s competed in the John Kerins memorial qualifier tournament on Saturday morning which was hosted by Nemo Rangers. They played four games against quality opposition in Nemo, Bishopstown, Castlehaven and Na Piarasigh. The lads played well and while not winning it outright had a great morning and will take loads from it going forward for the rest of the year. The squad who competed were: Olan Buckley, Gearoid Quinn, Eoghan Healy, Robert Fitzgerald, Billy Murphy, Conor Nash, Jack O'Shea, Dylan Lucey, Ruairi O'Shea, Darragh Donovan, Troy Murphy, Adam Sweeney, Tristyn McBride, Jayden O'Sullivan, Jake Geasley, Coran Burns, Brian Bradley.

u14s played a challenge match last Thursday evening against O'Donovan Rossa. They were beaten on the night by a more physical team, they will look to improve in their upcoming league match against Aghabullogue on Friday night. The squad that played against Skibb was: James Slattery, Oisín O'Sullivan, Evan Casey

O'Sullivan, Ryan Sabas, Mark Condon, Cormac Bourke, David Burke, Joshua O'Ctonnor, Aidan Lynch, Bobby Murphy, Jamie Murphy, Ruairi Kiernan, Sam McCarthy, Michael Oleksy, Martin Fitzgerald, Alex Geasley, Jakub Milek, Darragh Hogan, Rowan Mullane, Conor Coleman, Liam McSweeney

u16s played Canovee in a challenge game on Sunday last and used 22 players in a good competitive game. They play another challenge game this Thursday away to Dohenys and a league game away to Clonakilty next Bank Holiday Monday.

Minors played a league game last week against Canovee and went down to their hosts on a scoreline of 5-9 to 0-15.

Junior B's were due to play a Mid Cork League game against Aghinagh last Friday night but it was called off by our opponents due to a conflicting u21 fixture. The Juniors will now play a challenge game Friday night against St. Johns Premier Intermediates welcomed Castlehaven to the Castle Grounds on Sunday afternoon last and a super game in even better conditions took place. The lads were trailing by nine points at the break but stormed back into the game in the second half and very nearly pulled off what would have been a great result given the position they were in at half time. There was plenty of positives on the day including some super point taking from Andrew Hegarty, Pa Lucey and Ethan O'Gorman, as well as tireless work from Mark Corrigan, Tony Dineen and Caleb Dineen. The final score was 0-16 to 2-12. The team that started was: Deccie Kiely, Michael Cronin, Olan O'Mahony, Paul O'Farrell, Sean McMahon, Mark Corrigan, Sean Kiely, David Horgan, Caleb Dineen, John Murphy, Ethan O'Gorman, Tony Dineen, Conor O'Sullivan, Pa Lucey, Andrew Hegarty. Subs introduced were Gerard Angland, Don Creedon, James O'Connor, David Cotter, Fintan Goold.

Presentation of Jerseys: Our main adult

club sponsors Macroom Motors hosted our committee members and some of our players on Monday night and Pat Barrett the General Manager presented the club with a new set of jerseys. We are extremely grateful for Macroom Motors continuing loyal support of the club and we are proud to be associated with their brand. In a good move the club have also now put the "Opt for Life Logo" on the back of the jersey, Opt for Life are a key foundation in encouraging organ donation and we would encourage all of our members to become Organ Donors.

Lastly we would like to thank Richard McSweeney for designing the new Macroom jersey which is getting rave reviews from all our members.

Easter Camp A really successful Easter Camp was run last week in the Castle Grounds with over 50 young players under the age of 12 learning new skills over Easter Thursday and Friday. A big thanks to all the coaches who included Concubhar Murray, Alan O'Shea, Donie Angland, Bobby O'Dwyer, Tadgh Sheehan, Jeremy Kelleher, James Duggan, Colman Corrigan. Thanks also to Margaret McSweeney and Dr. Con Kelleher for capturing pics of the camp and finally a big well done to Shane Dunne who came up with the idea and hopefully it becomes an annual event.

Golf Classic May 31st MACROOM GAA would like to invite you to take part in our annual **Golf Classic** on May 31st in Macroom Golf Club. Teams of 3 with dinner included costs €200. A tee box can be sponsored for €50. For further details please contact any of the following: Don Buckley, Paddy Murphy, Tom O'Sullivan, John O'Mahoney, Denis Buckley, PC Crowley, Colm Cronin, Kevin Hinchion.

Club Membership Anybody who still has not paid club membership please do so asap.

Cork u15s A big well done finally to Mark Hunt and Robert Lucey who were part of the Cork u15 squad which defeated Kerry last weekend.

Macroom Golf Club

Results: Seniors Scramble 16/4 1st Flor Mc Carthy/ Pat Twomey/ Michael Dwter/ Ray Murphy 45.6

Mc Guirks Open 18/4 1st Ted Murphy(11) 38pts
2nd Leo Goold(9) 38pts

Open Team Event 19/4 1st Adam Wills\ Stephen Wills \ Conor Cronin 84pts

Open Singles 20/21 Apr 1st Sean Mc Laughlin(12) 40pts
2nd William Murray(7) 40pts
3rd P.J Healy(8) 39pts

23rd April Seniors Scramble 1st Pat Connell /Dan Murphy/ John Smyth 46.5

Mc Guirk's Open 1st Niall Kelleher(10) 47pts; 2nd Paddy Fitton (15) 41pts

Open Singles 27/28 April 1st Stephen P Wills(10) 40pts
2nd Jerry Mc Kenna(19) 38pts

Intermediate Scratch Cup 1st Derek Murray 79
2nd William Buttimer 80
3rd Martin O'Mahony 81
Best Nett Michael O'Mahony 67nett

New Manager for Castle Leisure

David O'Leary has just been appointed manager at The Castle Hotel Leisure Club. The Castle Hotel welcome David on board as Manager. He has been a long term team member and very deservedly takes over the reins. He has many

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David O'Leary, newly appointed manager at The Castle Hotel Leisure Club. ©

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Inniscarra who were defeated by Éire Óg in the semi final of the Muskerry Junior A Championship ©Lee Valley Outlook



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Jack Murphy, Éire Óg, receiving the Muskerry GAA/Auld Triangle Sports Award for March from Eileen O'Flynn, The Auld Triangle. Included are Jack's parents, Marita and Michael and sister, Eimear. Picture: Mike English



Jack Murphy, Éire Óg, receiving the Muskerry GAA/Auld Triangle Sports Award for March from Eileen O'Flynn, The Auld Triangle, in the presence of Éire Óg officials, Under 21 Manager, Alan O'Regan, team mates and friends. Picture: Mike English.



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Famine Graveyard Mass: at Carraig a Staighre Mon. May 27 at 7pm

Leabharlann Bhaile Bhúirne

Poetry readings Thurs 2nd May Poetry Day Ireland

Cross-Stitch Workshop 11 am Tues 7th May

Creative Writing Group 5 - 7 pm Thurs 9th May

Labhair Linn sa Leabharlann Dé hAoine 10ú Baltaine 10.30 r.n.

Knitting & Craft Group every Tuesday at 11 am

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Storytime Every Sat at noon.

Closure - Sat May 4th Bank Holiday.

Bridge Club May 8th at 10am.

Ciorcal Cainte May 9 at 11.30a.m.

Music Morning May 10 at 11a.m..

Juvenile Book Club May 11th

Creative Writing Group May 14th at 5.30pm.

Purlies Knitting Group May 16 at 11.30am.

May Art Exhibition by Rashika Kahapola.

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SUCCESS AT THE AUDI TWIN CUP FOR AUDI CORK

Cork, April 30th, 2019 Audi Cork have continued their winning ways at the Audi Twin Cup by placing first in the Twin Cup Technical Test.

The Audi Twin Cup, which took place in Dublin on April 27th, is an annual competition which was developed by Audi AG to recognise areas of excellence throughout the worldwide Audi dealer network.

Representing the Audi Cork Team were, Pat O'Brien, Liam Walsh, Sarah Mc Swiney, Ciaran Barrett and Shane O'Farrell & as part of the competition had to compete in numerous tasks across their sectors.

Our technical team members, which consisted of Pat O'Brien, Liam Walsh and Shane O'Farrell emerged victorious in their test, placing them in the top 6 overall participants in the competition, who will now prepare for the international final in Germany this July where they will represent Audi Ireland, competing against the best Audi teams from around the world.

For Daire Sargent, Audi Cork service manager and former Audi Twin Cup winner, this achievement serves as a reward for consistently leading the industry in demonstrating exceptional levels of customer service.

Sargent said: "It comes as no surprise to us that they are leading the way in their respective positions, they have proven time and time again to be amongst the best in the country. We are really proud of Pat, Liam and Shane on their achievements to date and we wish them all the best in the world finals."



COMPANY LAW

The farm business becoming a limited liability company is something that has become increasingly popular in the agricultural sector. For the purposes of this article, I will outline some of the advantages and disadvantages of incorporation.

ADVANTAGES

Limited Liability: One of the most significant advantages to incorporation is limited liability. This essentially means that there is a limit put on the responsibility of the company shareholders to pay the debts of the company in the event the company runs out of money and becomes insolvent. The company is the farmer.

Succession Planning: A company can be easier to split amongst shareholders or successors by allocation of shares. It can be less complicated to divide shares in a farming company among children than to divide a sole trader farming business among them.

Tax Purposes: One of the most beneficial features of incorporating is the significant tax advantages. However, to benefit from the tax advantages, it is important to ascertain as to whether your business and scale suits the move to incorporation. Essentially, if your farm business turnover is reaching the higher tax band, then it may well be more tax efficient to incorporate. For example, if a self-employed person's earning capacity was over the higher tax band, then they could be taxed at 55%, whereas the corporation tax for a company's trading profits would be at the lower rate of 12.5%.

A farmer also needs to consider the amount of money he or she draws from the business for his or her own personal use. There may be income available to a farmer outside of the company, for example, rental income or a spouse's income, and then a farmer and his or her family has a reduced need to extract money from the company for personal use. This is important because, if a farmer draws large amounts of money from the business for his or her own use, then the benefits of incorporation would be significantly reduced. Money drawn down from a business would be subject to the normal tax regime and it is only money that is left in the company that benefits from the 12.5% tax rate.

One of the main issues in determining if incorporation is the right move is essentially, the turnover of the farm business. If the annual turnover in a farm business is reaching the higher tax band, then a farmer should seek advice from his or her solicitor in relation to the option of incorporation. The above are only a very brief summary of the tax issues to examine if considering incorporation.

Business expansion: If you are considering buying agricultural land in the future, it is tax efficient to allow profits to build up through a company. Earnings can be retained within the company for the purposes of investment.

DISADVANTAGES

Bank loans: Existing loans would have to be renegotiated as the facility agreements would have been in the sole trader's name. In these circumstances, the Bank would have to draw up a fresh facility agreement transferring the loan to the company. This involves legal fees, land registry fees, time, inconvenience and negotiating a new loan with the bank. However, it can also be an opportunity to negotiate more favourable terms with your bank. The benefits of incorporation can also far outweigh any expense and inconvenience involved in the set up on incorporation.

Inheritance and Succession Planning

Consider the future and both your short term and long term plans for the business. If one is thinking of retirement soon, incorporation is not an option. A successor will not qualify for young trained farmer relief in the event that he or she takes the gift in the name of a company. He or she must farm for over 5 years. If farmland is in the name of a company, it may not be considered an agricultural asset for agricultural relief in respect of gifts or inheritances.

Costs and Administration: One must register the company name. One must register with the Revenue Commissioners. One must obtain clearance from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine. One must arrange to transfer the herd number into the company name. Banks accounts will have to be set up in the name of the company. Annual accounts need to be prepared, which usually involve higher accountancy costs.

Farmers thinking about incorporating their farming business should obtain professional legal and tax advice in relation to their own business and set of circumstances.

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Karen Walsh

A NEW CHAPTER IN THE LEGEND OF THE RACES

Legend has it that the warrior chieftain O'Donoghue still glides his great white steed across the Lakes of Killarney every May but the month is now more associated with horses of a more modern kind as Killarney hosts the first of its three summer race meetings.

The white flag is being unfurled as the spectacular Ross Road track – acknowledged as the most scenic in the country – prepares to host three hugely exciting days of top quality racing.

The action will get underway on Sunday, May 12 which has been designated a special family day out and nothing is being left to chance to ensure that children – and the young at heart – are well catered for. The first race will be at 1.35pm and a feast of high quality National Hunt racing is on the cards as well as free entertainment, fun-filled competitions and music with some terrific prizes to be won.

Monday will be an evening meeting with the off timed for 5.05pm and the eagerly awaited highlight will be the high-profile Killarney National which this year will feature an increased prize fund of a whopping €70,000, thanks to the generosity of new sponsor TOTE Ireland.

Tuesday's racing – a flat card – will also be an evening meeting with the first race timed for 5.20pm and it has been designated as a special night at the track for those involved in the hospitality industry with

special discounts available for all hard working hospitality staff.

There will be a very impressive overall prize fund of €450,000 for the May meeting and some of the superstars of the sport will be in Killarney over the action-packed three days.

When it comes to racing festivals, Killarney simply has few rivals in terms of excitement and a top quality venue and it came as no surprise to punters when the course was voted number 13 in the top 20 racecourses in the world by the Racing Post.

Like the legend of O'Donoghue, the story of racing in Killarney is rich and colourful and the tradition dates back to 1822, while the present racecourse, set against the backdrop of Killarney National Park, was opened in 1936.

The May festival meeting is the first of three planned for the summer and the other dates for the diary are July 15-19 – with the hugely popular Ladies' Day planned for Thursday 18th – and August 21-24 with Ladies' Day on Saturday, August 24.

The races have a great deal to contribute to Killarney with the three annual festivals bringing more than 80 races over a total of 12 days. The conservative estimate is that the races are worth in the region of €6.2 million to Killarney with an additional €1.6 million in prizemoney.



Thank you
Cllr. Ted Lucey



L to R Maurice McCarthy, Ted O' Sullivan, Ted Lucey Knocknagoun Place Residents Association Rylane would like to thank Councillor Ted Lucey, Fine Gael, Macroom for his help in securing funding and Maurice McCarthy of Macroom Tool Hire and Sales who supplied Husqvarna grass cutting equipment.

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Macroom Senior Citizens Bealtaine Coffee Morning on Friday May 3rd in Fr. Ryan Hall at 10.30am.

Rosary will be recited at the Kilmurry grotto each Wednesday night in May at 7.30.

Donoughmore Active Retirement Social Dance in the Community Centre Stuaice on Sunday 5th May Music by Marino Sound 8.30p.m. to 12.30. Admission €10.

Darkness into Light - Inchigeela : The annual 5km walk for Pieta House will begin at 4.15am on Saturday morning 11th May from the GAA Grounds. You can register online at www.darknessintolight.ie

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.

Pilgrim walk to Shrone 2019 In a break with tradition, the 17th annual pilgrim walk from Cill na Martra to Shrone will take place on Sunday May 12th and not on the first Sunday in May as in former years. The change is due to the Rally of the Lakes passing through Shrone on Sunday, May 5th. Walkers are invited to assemble at Cronin's Farm, Clohina at 7:30am or at the Mills, Baile Bhúirne at 8:30am. As some of this walk is on mountain trails and on forest roads, sturdy walking boots are essential.

Bealtaine Social in Fr Ryan Hall on Tuesday May 14th at 9.00pm Music by Tim Joe & Ann.

Mushera Platform first dance of the season Sunday May 19. Music by Tim Jo & Ann 3 to 5.30pm

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.

Dromleigh N.S., Kilmichael. Applications for enrolment now available. Contact 026-46212 or info@dromleighns.ie. Keep an eye on all our activities on www.dromleighns.ie or follow us on Facebook.

Daffodil Day Coffee Morning Committee, Ballyvourney would like to say a huge Thank You to everybody who helped in any way, in the relaxed atmosphere of the Abbey Hotel, to make their recent event such a huge success. We celebrated our 25th year of hosting Coffee Mornings in Ballyvourney and a total of €5,564.33 was raised. The ongoing success of this coffee

morning is thanks to the support and generosity of the individuals, shops and businesses of the local and surrounding communities. Also we would like to thank Fionn McSweeney and Mary O'Connell for organising the 1st coffee morning 25years ago.

Rusheen/Bealnamorrive Community watchgroup annual registration night attracted a great number of people, Linda Coughlan, guest speaker, gave a great talk on e- net safety. Thanks to an Garda Síochána for their attendance and Diarmaid with muintir na tíre. A lot of people renewed their subscription on the night. Subscription can be renewed by dropping the subscription fee of €10 in to Hugh in Dan Twomey's or contact any member of the committee. Pat Lucey Hugh Twomey Caroline Corkery Noel Cunningham.

Aghinagh G.A.A. Lotto April 7 Jackpot €5, 500. Numbers drawn 32, 36, and 38. No winner. €50 Tim Sheehan, Dooneens. €20 each Denis & Abina Murphy, Carrigagulla; Cathy & Clive Jones, Coolgarraff; Kim O'Sullivan, Rylane Upper; Pat Casey, Shanakiel.

14th April Jackpot €5,650. Numbers 17, 24, and 31. Winner Jackie Lehane. €50 Billy & Bina O'Connell, Coolnadane. €20 each to John & Erica Kelleher, Leades; Finbarr O'Sullivan, Rylane; Claire Ambrose, Caherbaroule; Stacey Lynch, Coachford.

21st April, Jackpot €1,000. Numbers drawn 10, 14, and 23. Winner Patrick Spillane Jr., Rahalisk. €50 to Shauna Cotter & Liz Cotter, Ballinagree. €20 each Anne O'Sullivan, Rusheen; Mary Twomey, 9 The Terrace, Clondrohid; John Moynihan, Bealnamorrive; Anthony Hubbard, Bealnamorrive.

28th April Jackpot ws €1,000 Numbers drawn ere 3, 14, and 33. No winner. €50 Martin Hubbard, Inchalea. €20 each to John Joe & Marion Kelleher, Ballinagree; Seanie Mac & Mary O, C/O Láine; Richie Kelleher, MCP; Vincent O'Leary, Ballyvongane.

Canovee G.A.A. Lotto March 24th. Jackpot €7,8500 Numbers 3,10,13,28 No winner . €50 Emily Lyons Carrigadrohid €25 Connie O Keffe. Dooniskey. Denis Canty Aherla. €25 online Magaret Corcoran.

April 1. Jackpot €8,000. Numbers 5,21,22,28 No winner of €50 Denis & Noel Moynihan Canovee. €25 Anthony Falvey, Aherla. Mary Nash. €25 online Mary Boyle.

Clondrohid G.A.A. Lotto April 24 €70 Linda Long Oakwood €20 Jessica McSweeney Carrigaphooka, Coakley Family Inchigeela, Mary Carroll Crookstown, M. Scanlon Sullane Weirs.

Donoughmore G.A.A. Lotto April 16th Winning Numbers: 13 20 33 Jackpot €1000: No Winner €25 Lucky Dip Winners: 1. Mary Cooney 2. Denise Murphy 3. Aidan Buckley 4. Dan Joe Mullane 5. Shane + Chloe Keane April 23rd Winning Numbers: 7 19 22. Jackpot €1,200. No Winner €25 LuckyDip Winners: 1. Kay Healy 2. Annette Kearney 3. Jacky Deane 4. Dan Joe Mullane 5. Robert Armitage

Kilmichael GAA Lotto 15th April – Jackpot €2,050; Numbers: 8 – 12 - 15 –18; No Winner. €50 Charles McCarthy, Clonmoyle; €25 each Johnny O'Leary, Cooldorrihy, Rolf Schneeberger, Inchigeela; Paddy Noonan.

Lotto 22nd April – Jackpot €2,200; Numbers: 2 -10 - 12 -19; No Winner. €50 Richard Ring, Cooldaniel; €25 each Peggy, Sineád & Aoife O'Brien, Dunmanway; Michael Lordan, Dunmanway; Diarmuid Horgan, Toames.

Kilmurry G.A.A. Lotto 11/03/2019. Jackpot: €6000. Numbers Drawn: 5,18,33. No inner. €50 Nessa Kenny. €20 each: Patricia Payne, Kitty & Natasha Howard, Linda Pierse, Mary Horgan, Dan Clifford

Macroom AFC Lotto 15/04/19. Jackpot: €1,400. Numbers drawn: 9, 13, 23. No Winner. €80: Marguerite O' Riordan c/o Fudge. €20 each: Maura Twomey c/o Murray's, Connie Shannon c/o Murray's, Darragh Deasy c/o Murray's, Dawn Murphy c/o Hound.

23/04/19. Jackpot: €1,600. Numbers drawn: 20, 24, 35. No Winner. €80: Fiona Phelan c/o Lar's. €20 euro: William O' Riordan, Caoimhe Browne c/o Noel, Josie O' Keeffe c/o Lar's, Pat O' Riordan c/o Po'R

Macroom G.A.A. Lotto 16/04/2019. Jackpot €1000. Numbers 10-12-34. No Winner - €70. Margaret Kelly, Barrett Place €20 each: Anne Duggan, Mashanglass. Jackie O'Sullivan, The Glenties. Mary O'Mahony, Cork Street. Gobby O'Driscoll, Sullane Weirs. Emma & Sarah, C/O Murrays Bar,

23/04/2019. Jackpot - €1200 Numbers drawn: 8-14-21. €70. Denis Buckley, 8 An Gleann, Macroom. €20 each Aidan O'Brien, Clondrohid, 20. Margaret Lucey, Gortnalicks, Clondrohid. €20. Caoimh Creedon, Inchigeela, Ted Kelleher, Gurteenroe, Gobnath Mc Sweeney, Carriganima

Rylane CPA Lotto: 15/4/2019 Jackpot €2500. Numbers drawn: 14-22-32. No Winner. Danny Kelleher (Rylane), Tiernan Walsh (Knockrour), Brendan Twomey (Rylane). Seller's Prize €20: Johnny O'Sullivan

23/4/2019 Jackpot €2600. Numbers drawn: 10 - 15 - 27. No Winner. Stephen Crowley (Coachford), Tom & Antoinette Archer (Rylane), Gillian Padwick (Rylane). Seller's Prize €20: Crowleys

29/4/2019 Jackpot €2700. Numbers drawn: 10 - 16 - 24. No Winner. Julia Barrett (Coachford), Paddy Finnegan (Aghabullogue), Patrick, Jo & Boys (Rylane). Seller's Prize €20: Marie O'Riordan

Coachford AFC Lotto: 15/4/2019. Jackpot: € 1,800. Numbers Drawn: 14 – 17 – 18. No Winner. €40 Steve Crowley. €20 Peggy Looney, Kate O'Mahony, Owen McGarvey, Shane. .

23/4/2019. Jackpot: € 2,000. Numbers Drawn: 8 – 23 – 35. No Winner. €40 The Crowley Girls. €20 Kay Murray, Sadie Moloney, John O'Riordan (Yearly Ticket), Sheila & Moloney..

29/4/2019. Jackpot: € 2,200. Numbers Drawn: 2 – 33 – 34. No Winner. €40 Jillian Lawlor. €20 Aidan & Ian Barry Murphy, N. O'Callaghan, Lisa Bergin, Con Dineen

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Some of the large crowd at the recent Ballyvongane NS Parents' Association Sports Talk held in the Aghinagh GAA Hall. ©

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*Those Special memories of you
will always bring a smile,
If only I could have you back
for just a little while.
Then we could sit, talk and dance John
just like we used to do.
You always meant so very much
and always will do too.
The fact you're no longer here darling
will always cause me deep pain
but you're forever and always in my heart
until we meet again.*

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Anniversary Mass in St. Colemans Church,
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3rd ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

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*As each day dawns, we think of you.
As each night falls, we pray for you.
And throughout our lives,
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In our hearts you are always there.*



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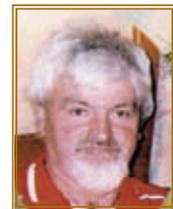
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Not only did you become my partner in life,
I became your wife*

*and we became great friends
til the bitter end.*

*You turn my world upside down
and turn me inside out,
It was a love that was never meant to be,
through good times and sad times
and you touched alot of people's lives
and I love to hear them say
"If Connie was here today"*

*What would he say and do
for you loved a good laugh and joke
and I loved the way people knew you
and miss your company and presence.*

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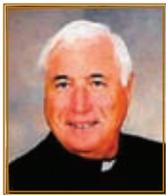
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Always in prayers and thoughts
everytime I wake and sleep
In God's arms embrace him
and kiss him goodnight.*



Always remembered by your wife
Geraldine and extended family and
friends.

Anniversary Mass in Cloughduv Church
11th May at 8 O' Clock.
All Welcome.

3rd ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

MONSIGNOR EUGENE O'CALLAGHAN

Derrivane, Inchigeela, Co. Cork
and Archdiocese of San-Antonio,
Texas

Who died on 30th April 2016

Ar Dheis Dé go raibh ah-anam dheillis



Always remembered by
his loving family

3rd ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

MARY ANNE MURPHY

Knockrour, Aghabullogue
who died on 29th April 2016.

*Those who think of her today,
a little prayer to Jesus say*



Sadly missed & lovingly remembered by
her brother Jerry.

2nd ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

ELLEN (NELLIE) MCSWEENEY

Gurranreigh, Lissarda,
Who died on 29th April 2017

*Those who die in grace go no
Further from us than God.
And God is very near.*



Always remembered by her
loving family

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FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

EILEEN O'CONNOR

Carrigeigh, Inchigeela
Died 21st April 2018

As we lovingly remember Eileen on her first anniversary, her husband Sean and the O'Connor family Ovens, wish to thank most sincerely everyone who sympathised with us on our sad loss, thank you to neighbours and friends. Thanks to those who sent Mass cards, floral wreaths and attended her funeral service and came long distances to be with us.

Our gratitude to Doctor Ken Harte, the discreet nurses and the doctors, nurses and staff of CUH, who provided care in the final days.

Our thanks also to the clergy who officiated at her funeral Mass and rosary, to the sacristan Marie and altar servers, to the musician Breda O'Leary for the lovely hymns and music.

A special thank you to Caseys funeral directors for their professional help and kindness.

To the grave digger and to Joe Creedon and staff for the refreshments.

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

*We loved her in life
Lets not forget her in death.*



First anniversary Mass Friday 3rd May
7pm in Inchigeela Church.

25th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

MARGARET KELLEHER

Sleaveen Road, Macroom and
late of Ballinagree.
Who died on the 29th of
January 1994.

*I lost a mother with a heart of gold
How much I miss her can never be told
She was a mother so very rare
Content in her home and always there*

*It was a sudden parting
Too bitter to forget
Those who loved you dearly
Are the ones who can't forget*

*Mag my dearest mother
You loved your football like no other
You would travel far and near
To see your team and cheer
You would back them at all cost
And even if they lost you'd say
WE'LL BE BACK NEXT YEAR!*



Always remembered and loved by her daughter Mary Ethna, John and her friends and neighbours.

Her anniversary mass will be celebrated on her birthday, Sunday 5th May at 10.30am in St. Colman's Church Macroom.

2nd ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

SHEILA (DEEDEE) COUGHLAN

Coolmakee Farnanes Co. Cork
Who died 7th May 2017

*Your name is often spoken,
We think about you still,
You haven't been forgotten,
By us you never will.*



Always remembered by sons Martin, Con, Tim, Pat and Frank and daughter Gillian. Her sister Babe, daughters-in-law son-in-law, nephews, nieces, grand nephews and grand nieces. May she rest in peace.

2nd Anniversary Mass on Sunday May 5th. In St. Joseph's Church Cloughduv at 11.30am

NOTICE



In loving memory of

JOYCE COOPER

Who passed away 10th October 2018

A Mass in memory of Joyce will be held in Inchigeela at 11am on Wednesday 15th May 2019 followed by the interment of her ashes.



Sadly missed by Mary Moore and siblings, Ann, sister Felicity, Bernard, James and Lucy.

J. HICKEY AHERLA

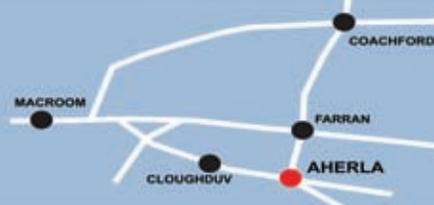
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30th BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE



In loving memory of

AUSTIN COONEY

Carrigaphooka, Macroom
30th BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
on the 27th April

*If we could visit Heaven even for a day
Maybe for a moment,
the pain would go away.
We would put our arms around you
and whisper words so true,
That living life without you
is the hardest thing to do.
No matter how we spend our days
No matter what we do,
No morning dawns, Or evening falls,
When we do not think of you.*



Happy Birthday in Heaven Austin
Love always - Your Sisters, Brothers,
Mum and Family

2nd ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

MAURICE O'CONNELL

Ballymakeera Co Cork

*Rest in peace dear loved one
And thanks for all you've done.
We pray that God has given you
The crown you've truly won.*



Always remembered by your wife
Mary and family.

4th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

SEAN COUGHLAN

Kilnagurteen Macroom.
Who died on the 8th of May 2015

*We miss you from your fire side chair
Your loving smile and gentle air
Your vacant place no one can fill
We miss you Dad and always will.*



From your loving wife Janie
and all your family

21st & 22nd ANNIVERSARY



Remembering our dear mother

KITTY O'RIORDAN

Whose 21st Anniversary
occured May 1st.
Also our dear father

DENNY O'RIORDAN

Whose 22nd Anniversary
occures June 5th.
Cork Street, Macroom

*Sadly missed along lifes way,
Quietly remembered every day
No longer in our lives to share
But in our hearts, you're always there.*



Always in our thoughts
Your 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.

HOD

3rd ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

JUDY O'SULLIVAN

No. 3 Cois Cille (formerly of
Ballyvoige), Kilnamartyra, Macroom.
4th May 2016

*She was a mother so very rare,
Content in her home and always there,
On earth she toiled, in Heaven she rests,
God bless you mother,
you were one of the best.*



Lovingly remembered and sadly missed
by her sons Pat and Billy, daughters Joan,
Nora, Eileen, Mary and Bridget, sons in
law, daughters in law, grandchildren and
great grandchildren.

2nd ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

SEAMUS CUNNINGHAM

Oakwood Court Macroom.
Who died on 10th May 2017

*Your name is often spoken.
We talk about you still.
You have not been forgotten.
By us you never will.*



Always remembered by his loving Sons,
Grandchildren, and extended Family & All
his dear Friends.

May he rest in peace.

15th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

ANN O'MAHONY

Dan Corkery Place Macroom.
Who died on 5th May 2004.

*Memories of you are lovingly kept,
Someone too special to ever forget,
Your wish today would be no fuss,
Just to be remembered by all of us.*



Sadly missed by Willie and Maire.

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MORC



A Word of Victory

Welcome back dear reader continuing on the bread and the cup of Communion and how it is a symbol put in place by Jesus by which we part-take in His sacrifice and enter into the New Covenant. Communion is the key to the entire message of the Gospel because it's the vehicle Jesus left us with to remember Him by. In 1st Corinthians 11:23-31 Paul teaches the church about the significance of the Lord's Supper, and warns that if we eat the bread or drink the cup in an unworthy manner we are sinning against the body and blood of Jesus. He goes on to say that we must examine our lives before eating the bread and drinking the cup so as not to bring judgement upon ourselves, and indicates that this is why many in the church are weak and sick and many die prematurely. Jesus shared the Passover meal with His disciples on the night He was betrayed by Judas (who was at the table eating with Him). He gave thanks and broke the bread and gave some to each of them saying 'this is My body which is given for you' (Luke 21:19), knowing well the Scriptures in Isaiah chapter 53 that His body was about to be whipped, beaten and torn apart for the Salvation and physical and mental healing of every person who would turn from their sins back to God and accept Him as Messiah - the Lamb of God. Jesus actually BECAME sin for us on the Cross. He blood doesn't just cover our sins like the yearly Passover lamb had done for the people up to His coming. He bore them upon Himself and carried them away never again to be remembered (Hebrews 8:8-12). This permitted the New Covenant to be enacted by God because of the sinless blood that Jesus shed for us (Hebrews chapter 10). He did not deserve to die - yet He chose to lay down His life for you and I so that we could be forgiven of our sins and reconciled back to the Father as if we had never sinned, and healed from every sickness and mental torment as well. True repentance and turning from our sins before part-taking in the bread and cup, and understanding fully what Jesus did for us brings healing and reconciliation - but it is to be a true lifestyle change and not an empty ritual.

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