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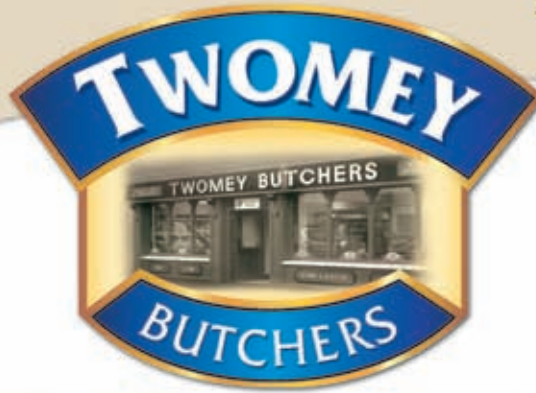
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Jo Cronin-Lovell.



DE LA SALLE UPDATES



Andrias Moynihan pictured with the first years in De La Salle and their excellent collection of boxes for the Team Hope 'Shoebbox Appeal'. © An Scoil



The very impressive school bank team in De La Salle. Pictured: Fourth Year students; Darragh Neville, Brian O'Riordan, Daniel Cotter, Rian Coghlan, Robert Lucey Gerard Kelleher and Mark O'Leary. © An Scoil

Gaeltacht Visit: De La Salle third year students enjoyed a break from the study and spent two days in the Muscraí Gaeltach of Ballingearry; the stay was organised by Irish teachers, Mr. Kiely, Ms. O'Shea and Ms. McSweeney. The students went to the college on Tuesday morning, November 15th, and were met by the principal Mr. O'Leary. They then went to the community school, Scoil Mhuire Béal Atha an Ghaorthaidh, and learned traditional Irish dances. 'Tae agus Plé' with Scoil Mhuire followed. The U-16 footballers were treated to a session with local football star Seán O'Tuama. The students took part in Irish classes, quizzes, and all activities were through Irish. The boys stayed the night and ended the trip the next day with a mountain climb. 'Ó Choláiste De La Salle Máigh Chromatha, go raibh míle maith agaibh ag Scoil Mhuire don fháilte croiúil. Bhí na múinteoirí agus na daltaí an-chairdiúil do gach duine ó De La Salle. Go raibh míle maith agaibh arís, Jack Devine, Third Year.

Positive Mental Health Awareness Month: In keeping with this theme, on Tuesday November 19th, Dessie Fitzgerald spoke to all our students about his life experiences. Dessie disclosed that he had lost two brothers in shocking and tragic circumstances. Shortly after he was involved in an accident while playing hurling in which he suffered a life-changing spinal cord injury. All of this occurred within fourteen months. Despite

such immense personal suffering, Dessie's message to students was very positive. He spoke about removing the shame associated with being vulnerable, particularly for young men. He emphasised that despite our circumstances, we ultimately have a choice in how we live our lives, echoing sentiments shared by Philly McMahon two weeks ago. Most importantly, he stressed that each of us has made and continues to make valuable contributions, in some capacity, everyday. We sincerely thank Dessie for visiting our school. We also thank Mr Fergus Ryan for organising the presentation.

Senior Footballers: Hard luck to our seniors, defeated, Wednesday November 13th, in the second round of the group stages of Corn Uí Mhuirí. They lost to Clonakilty Community School by 1-14 to 2-8. The full match report is available on our school website.

School Bank: Our fourth years have been running the school bank for the last three weeks. This enables our students to open a charge-free student account, set up in school. The response has been great; 'Well Done' to the fourth years for their excellent organisation. The school thanks Ms Briega Corkery who has been working with the boys on behalf of the bank and Mr. John Ryan for facilitating her presence.



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Festive Season: The festive season is nearly here, which means a busy month ahead in Macroom Library. December is also when there is a special focus on Family Time at Your Library, so we'd love to see families come along to some of our events during the month, particularly Story Time which takes place every Saturday at midday.

Juvenile Book Club: It will meet on Saturday Nov. 30th at 3 p.m. to discuss 'Wonder' by R.J. Palacio.

Closure – the library will close on Tues. Dec. 3rd due to staff training. You can renew your books by popping into the library before then, phoning at 026-42483, or going online at <https://www.corkcoco.ie/library-services>.

Adult Book Club: meets on Wednesday Dec 4th at 11.30 a.m. to discuss 'Dear Life' by Alice Munro.

The Purlies Knitting Group will gather on Thursday Dec 5th at 11.30 a.m.; they have been busy preparing their annual Christmas display for our library windows. We can't wait to see what it is!

Tots Time will take place on Friday Dec. 6th at 11am

The Creative Writing Group will be meeting on Tuesday Dec 10th at 5.30pm.

Bridge Club will be meeting bright and early on Wednesday Dec 11th at 10am.

Ciorcal Cainte will take place on Thursdays Nov. 28th and Dec. 12th at 11.30am.

Music Morning: December's mMusic Morning is always a special and it will be the same this time as there will be Christmas songs aplenty. Eddie Hogan will be joined by Eileen Hackett on Friday Dec. 13th and they invite you to bring along your own favourite Christmas songs so they can be played too.

Children's Christmas Arts & Crafts; this workshop takes place on Saturday Dec 14th from 3-4 p.m. and is for children aged 5-8 years old. The

kids in Macroom and the surrounding areas are extremely creative and as places in our arts & crafts workshops fill up really fast, be sure to book a place as soon as you can. Also, be sure to enter our Christmas Colouring Competition – watch out for colouring pictures at the desk.

Creativity: Speaking of creativity, a special congratulations to both Lucy Murphy and Cliona O'Connell; their pictures were chosen as two of twelve winning entries of Cork County Library's Calendar Competition. Both girls collected their prizes in Macroom Library recently and their pictures will be part of the Cork County Library 2020 Calendar, which will be launched on Dec 4th.

Photographic Exhibition by Connie Cronin: Connie's exhibition is on display until the end of December. It is a wonderful collection of photographs entitled "Messengers in the Wind". Please call in and browse.

Everyone is welcome to become a member of the Library and membership is free for all. To join, complete an application form and bring along proof of identity and address. There is a wide variety of fiction novels covering all genres and a comprehensive non-fiction collections encompassing 'Healthy Ireland' at your Library and Work Matters Programme suggested titles. Library Members can avail of the online services such as e-Books, e-Audiobooks through Borrowbox, and e-magazines through the RBdigital app. Free Wi-Fi is available for library members and they also have access to computers with internet facilities, as well as scanning, printing and photocopying facilities. A separate computer is available for you to explore our online services, check the catalogue or order books. With the exception of a small charge for printing/photocopying, all the facilities are free for members. We look forward to welcoming new members and if you were a member in the past and still have your card, please bring it with you when updating your membership.

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RNLI

Fund-raising: As we come to the end of the year, the fund-raisers for RNLI in the Macroom area would like to say a HUGE thank-you to the kind and generous people of the town and surrounding district for their marvellous support. We began in May as a new fund-raising group and were very pleased with the support we received; but the results of our Fish Supper in October and the Street Collection in November have been phenomenal. For the Fish Supper, we had wonderful contributions from restaurants and fish shops; among others Granville's and the Castle Hotel each gave a sizeable cheque and Teddy's Fish Stall, O'Leary's Supervalu, Val's Takeaway, Fitz's Takeaway, New 57 Café, Clancy's Fresh Fish, Ann and Martin Hurley's Takeaway – all supported the Fish Supper – to the total of €1,100. We also thank Andy, Computek, who did much free printing. We do not forget the shops who carry the Collection "Boats" on their counters – every cent you donate helps to provide life-saving equipment. Muinefliuch N.S. raised €90 when they hosted the RNLI "Respect the Water" talk and demonstration (by

Angela, Courtmacsherry Lifeboat Station, assisted by Wendy, Macroom Fund-raising Group) and took part in the RNLI

Colouring Competition; the children produced lovely posters. The winner in the youngest age-group was Sara, aged 7; the next group winner was Abbey, 10 and the senior winner was Saoirse, 12. We say "Thank you!" to all the parents, teachers and pupils of Muinefliuch.

The Street Collection on November 9th was very well supported. On a wet, cold and windy day, we collected almost €1,000 euro. But we had the easy job – we didn't have to face out to sea as the Lifeboat Crews do, in all conditions! Certainly generous Macroom people are doing their best to make sure that the crews have the best possible equipment for their tasks. *Catherine O'Riordan (RNLI fund-raiser)*



CHRISTMAS CABARET AT COOLCOWER HOUSE

LeeValley Panto Group will assist 4 charities by performing a Christmas Candlelight Cabaret at Cololcower House, Macroom on the 13th and 14th of December.

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News from St Mary's



Congratulations to Lara Coleman O' Sullivan of St Mary's Secondary School, who won a trip to Brussels organised by Sean Kelly MEP. Left - right Seán O Cuill History Teacher, Ms Collins Vice Principal, Lara Coleman O' Sullivan and Principal Mr. Cooke



Members of the St Mary's Secondary School newly elected Student Council

Student Council: Congratulations to our newly elected Student Council 2019/20: 1st Year: Aoibhe O Sullivan, Sadhbh Donovan; 2nd Year: Aoibhe Kelleher, Mary Donovan, 3rd Year: Nicole McCarthy, Aoife Downey; 4th Year: Lorraine Casey, Alannah Cunningham, Katie Lynch and Jane Murray; 5th Year: Eva Slattery, Ella Dobbie; 6th Year: Anna O Leary, Rachel Burgoyne. The schools thank you, the students, for your support and mentor Ms Queally.

Lara's Trip to Brussels: 'Well Done' and 'go n-éirí go geal le' Lara O'Sullivan who will represent St. Mary's on a trip to Brussels and the European Institutions as a result of writing an essay 'How will life be different if or when we achieve gender equality?'. The competition was sponsored by Sean Kelly M.E.P. and Lara will spend two days visiting the European Institutions. Her busy days will include visiting the European Parliament, speaking with the Women's Lobby and also meeting Commissioner Phil Hogan. Lara will deliver a speech on the issue of equality and attend a gender equality workshop as part of her trip. We wish Lara the very best of luck. Everyone at St. Mary's is proud of her achievement. We thank Mr Quill for organising entry to this competition.

Foróige: Congratulations to Macroom who received a West Cork Group Award at the West Cork Garda Youth Awards 2019 on the 7th of Nov. at the Celtic Ross Hotel, Rosscarbery. Awards are given to young people whose activities make

their communities better places in which to live. Foróige is a fantastic organisation and we thank it giving amazing opportunities it gives to the students of Macroom.

Science Week: Our Science department organised many fun activities for Junior Students to celebrate

Science Week, starting on the 11th of November. Second year students took part in a challenge where they were tasked with building a tower from 25 straws, 1 meter of tape and one marble. The tower had to balance a marble; the winner had the marble at the highest point. 'Well Done' to the winning team - Alexandra Savage, Meabh Murray and Sarah O'Leary with a tower of 67cm! Second were Emer O'Connor, Kirstin Bonnar and Gemma Munro with a 42cm tower. First Years took part in a Science Scavenger Hunt! Congratulations to winners - Rachel Bradley, Ashling Quinn, Lorraine O'Connell, Christina Burke and Niamh O'Riordan. 'Bravo' girls!! We thank our TY students who helped our Science Teachers to run the event.

Senior Science Quiz: 'An Mhaith' Elaine Kelleher, Kate Murray and Eileen Condon who took part in last Thursday's quiz in UCC and hosted by the Irish Science Teachers' Association. The girls performed extremely well. The questions were difficult and were drawn from topics on and off the Leaving Cert.

Science courses. St Mary's finished in the top 10, out of 40 participating schools. 'Très bien' girls: Ms Foley's help in preparation was effective and much appreciated.

Transition Year Show: the show was a huge success. What a fantastic show! It sold out for its two nights. We have a very talented group of girls in Transition Year; 'Well Done' to all of the TY students whose dedication resulted in two marvellous performances. We thank Aideen Johnson for her amazing choreographing which brought the show to life. The extremely talented Theresa Galvin wrote the script. Ms Aoife Donovan put in many extra hours in preparing the cast for the show. Her wonderful direction and talent was instrumental in making this a thoroughly enjoyable production.



Elaine Kelleher, Kate Murray and Eileen Condon, St Mary's Secondary School who took part in a Senior Science Quiz in UCC recently

MASSEYTOWN CHRISTMAS FROLICS

Masseytown Community Action Group is once again preparing for their Christmas frolics! The busy Committee is preparing the street to be adorned with lights and for a large Christmas tree to be the centrepiece of the event. The lights are scheduled to be turned on at 5 p.m. on Sunday 8th December. Once again Santa Claus has assured us that he will attend, together with Mrs. Claus and some of his elves. There will be treats for the children and mulled wine and mince pies for the adults. Afterwards there will be a get together with music at Mary Anne's.

Table Quiz: To defray costs, the Committee is holding their annual table quiz in Mary Anne's on Friday November 29th starting at 8.30 p.m. Entry for a table of four will be €20. Based on the successes of previous years a great night is assured! There will also be a raffle with terrific spot prizes.

Thanks: The Committee wishes to express its gratitude to Cork County Council, Macroom Tidy Towns, Lee Valley Enterprise Board and the Men's Shed for their help throughout the year.

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McEgan College Transition Year Pupils who raised over 2,800 euro for CUH Breast Cancer Unit. Included in the photo are Ms Maeve Power (CUH Charity Organisation) and Ms Bernie Angland (Transition Year Co-ordination)



French Tutor: Ms Isabelle O Driscoll, PHD Researcher at UCC, and originally from Montpellier in the South Of France, with Leaving Cert French Students. Emilija Jakovlevaite, Marta Solis, Sharon O Brien, Mary Clarke and Gabrielle Dollard.

UCC French Tutor: Ms Isabelle O'Driscoll, originally from Montpellier in the south of France, is currently undertaking a Ph. D. (a doctorate and highest academic degree) in UCC, spent the day at McEgan College working with our 6th Year French students. Isabelle has worked with Senior French pupils in McEgan many times in recent years and helps them improve their fluency in the French language. The project is funded by the UCC Plus Scheme and each pupil was provided with one-on-one tuition. Isabelle will again work with the pupils prior to the Leaving Cert Oral examination. She will provide further support online to the pupils. The UCC Plus scheme provides Leaving Cert pupils with free extra tuition in many Leaving Cert subjects and it is happening throughout the academic year at McEgan College. This is a wonderful opportunity for 6th Year pupils as it provides extra academic support, enabling them to reach their potential.



Past Pupils Of McEgan College with Career Guidance Teacher Ms Manning who participated in a careers event in the school

TY Students Attended Internet Safety Workshop: at Trend Micro, Model Farm Road Business Park.

Transition Year pupils were fortunate to spend a day at the Cork-based Online Security Company Trend Micro on the Model Farm Road, where they attended a very informative and interactive workshop on the importance of internet safety. The workshop provides education to both pupils and teachers to help prevent and address online risks among young people. As part of the workshop, the pupils were trained in how to deliver a presentation to their peers on the importance of safety when using the internet, especially when using social media. Trend Micro will provide ongoing support to the pupils in delivering the presentation and provided the pupils with an information pack and power point presentation

to enable them to carry out the task. The pupils received a tour of the company and were treated to lunch. McEgan College is very grateful to the staff at Trend Micro for this invaluable experience.

College Awareness Week: took place in McEgan College recently. All subject departments participated in the event. Many students got to investigate college courses related to the different subjects they are studying. Dr. James Pittman, a past student of McEgan and currently of CIT spoke to DCG students about his experience in education. He highlighted the importance of following your passion and how it is possible to succeed with supports such as The Higher Education Access Route (HEAR) regardless of what barriers may be before you along your journey. This year much focus was put on the growing opportunities in the area of Apprenticeships. Many new ones have been introduced and include Accounting Technician, Auctioneering and Insurance Practitioners among many more. Those students interested in entering the workforce immediately on completion of the Leaving Cert were encouraged to look at this area as combining such work with study will increase not only ones qualification status but earning potential into the future. Damian Butler, Mature Student Officer of UCC,

began the week by visiting our QQI students in Macroom Business Park. He gave a very informative talk on the wide range of opportunities available to adult learners at UCC and encouraged all QQI students to attend an open evening in January held specifically for adult learners. All teachers throughout the week shared their own college experiences with their classes, something which is often a highlight for the students. The week ended on a high, when past pupils of McEgan returned with great vigour on the afternoon of Friday,

22nd and spoke to the students on their areas of current and previous study, college accommodation, The HEAR programme, and the SUSI grants among much more. Returning students came from a variety of colleges such as Cork Institute of Technology, University College Cork, Coláiste Stiofáin Naofa, Carlow Institute of Technology, St. Angelas College Sligo, Waterford Institute of Technology and University of Limerick. It is hoped that students got as much as the teachers did who greatly admired the mature, well rounded individuals who returned to visited us last Monday.

Cork Young Film Makers introduced our LCA 5 to filmmaking. The students enjoyed learning about film-making in general and visual media creation. The workshops covered film history, screenwriting and camerawork, as well as on-screen choreography. The culmination of the day saw students working in teams to create their own 3 minute film which will be entered into a Film Festival and Awards Ceremony in 2020. This is our fifth year working with Cork Young Film Makers and the students thoroughly enjoy the workshops. Some past students have studied in the area of Film and Media at third level, largely thanks to their exposure to these fantastic workshops.

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Macroom Youthreach students displaying their art works.



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Success in Art: Macroom Youthreach Centre for Education continued its success with Art and creativity and won recognition at the recent West Cork Garda Youth awards where Elton Sibanda received an individual award for his contribution to Youthreach and to the wider Macroom Community.

Elton left Zimbabwe with his family just six months ago seeking asylum in Ireland and has been a student in Youthreach for a mere 3 months. In this short time Elton's positive attitude, friendly nature and his gift for art has enriched the Youthreach Centre and Macroom Community as a whole. With the support of his Art Teacher Kevin Holland, Elton and fellow student Wioletta Grzegorzak have displayed their artistic skills on local shops fronts in Macroom town.

Elton's positive experience in Macroom reflects the positive welcome he received, and it highlights the enrichment and talent refuge-seeking people like Elton can bring to a community, to our community.

Macroom Flower & Garden Club

Annual Charity Floral Demonstration "The Joy of Christmas". The club hosted this event at Coolcower House recently. Demonstrator Margaret Collins, Co. Carlow, is well known in the Association of Irish Floral Artists and she is an AOIFA Teacher and a Demonstrator; and she won 2nd prize at the World Show in Dublin, 2014, with her exhibit "Verdant Bower". She was visiting Macroom for the first time. Chairperson Winifred Lynch welcomed all who attended. As the event was supporting Macroom Community Hospital, Bernie Buckley, Director of Nursing, briefly outlined the hospital's future plans for an extension the project's progress. The Christmas Demonstration and Floral Exhibits unfolded. Margaret's originality and love of gardening was evident in her work, with her choice of wonderful plant material and flowers.

At the interval cameras captured the theme while committee members prepared for a Draw and a Raffle.

Proceeding concluded with President Eileen Kelly proposing a vote of thanks to Margaret Collins for a most enjoyable evening. The officers wish to thank all who attended and supported the Annual event, visitors of other clubs who travelled short and long distances, Bernie O Callaghan and her staff, and the parking stewards at Coolcower for their warm welcome and hospitality.

Macroom Flower & Garden Club: 45th (Sapphire) Anniversary Dinner Thur. 5th Dec. 2019, Castle Hotel, at 6.30 p.m. For reservations and further details please phone 087-9821708.

Members Christmas Workshop Coolcower House Dec. 7th ; to book, contact 087-9821708. We would be delighted to hear from anyone who would like to share photos and/or memorabilia from past events.

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Wed. 7.30 p.m. – A Journey Through Caum; it repeats on Sun, at 5.00 p.m.

Wed. 4th December at 7.30 p.m. – Clondrohid National School 1984 and Macroom Horticultural Show 1984. Repeats on following Sun. At 5.00 p.m.

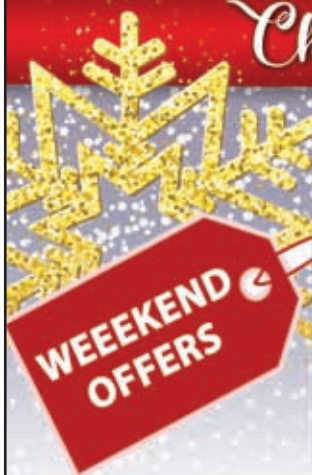
Wed. 11th December at 7.30 p.m.; Tribute to Jerry Horgan – The Ballinagree Ploughman, 1990.

Wed. 18th December at 7.30 p.m. ; Briery Gap Christmas Pantomimes from past years.

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Coachford NS athletes that took part in the Muskerry Cross Country Running competition held in Macroom recently © An Scoil



Champions. Coachford NS girls, winners of Roinn DGF5 at the Allianz Sciath na Scol Finals at Pairc Uí Rinn. Picture: © Mike English



Bhí bua maith ag foirín MFC I Ballincollig, seo dhá pic. ©Nóra Ní Luasa



Foróige Macroom's Garda award, group that won with Garda James Masters who has been so supportive and encouraging to all of the 108 members.



U16 2019 Gold Medal Winners of the Munster Open Judo-Kata Competition from Macroom Judo club. ©Macroom Judo Club.



Macroom Judo Club winners and trainers Ted Leahy & Gavin Murphy at the Munster Open Judo and Judo-Kata Competition 3rd November. © Macroom Judo Club



Canovee school's new Chess Club © An Scoil



The Muskerry Local History Society group on tour to the World War I battlefields and cemeteries at the memorial to the 1914 Christmas Truce in the village of Messines, led by Liam Hayes, Chairperson, (second left) and Gerry White, military historian, on the right.

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October / November Review

October 2019 Review:

Macroom G.A.A. organised a successful Strictly Come Dancing at Rochestown Park Hotel on October 19. Ainmníodh Saotharlann nua Ag Scoil Mhuire, Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh I gcuimhne a bhunaitheora, ?. Daonscoil an Fhonnair celebrated the voices of Muskerry in Gougane, October 4-6.

The Terence McSwiney Week-end was held at Kilmurry Museum Oct. 18-20.

Clodagh O'Sullivan released her 1st EP.

Clondrohid's new national school was officially opened Oct. 11.

Éalú Lu Adventure Race was a great success. Macroom parish Mission attracted great crowds. Canovee Church celebrated its 150th anniversary. News that the Government approved the financing of the 22km Bypass brought general rejoicing, with hopes that it will be completed in 2023.

November 2019 Review:

Coachford AFC celebrated their 50th anniversary. There were more good tidings for Macroom with the announcement that the Briery Gap Cultural Centre with €4.3 million in grants from Government and Co. Council sources. It will go to tender and the yearlong project should commence in the Spring. Lee Valley Toastmasters are in full voice twice monthly in the Castle Hotel. The switch-on of the Christmas lights and Christmas market were on Nov. 29.

Mrs Joan Creedon launched Dr. Con Kelleher's Macroom Union Workhouse 1843-1921 in Macroom Hospital. Éigse Dhiarmuidin was held on the last weekend of November.

Santa booked into the Mills for week-ends leading up to Christmas.

AGHINAGH MACRA

Double Trouble!! Aghinagh continued its winning ways with both the men's and ladies' teams winning the Muskerry Macra soccer competitions in Coachford recently. Both teams will progress to the All-Ireland finals in Dublin. Furthermore, 'Well Done' to Aghinagh Macra's very own Eibhlís Kelleher who competed at this year's Queen of the Land Festival in Tullamore

from November 8th -10th. Eibhlís did a great job in representing Aghinagh and the Muskerry region in the final. She received great support from her own club and from the Muskerry region. New members are always welcome and should contact Aghinagh Macra on Facebook and Instagram if they wish to join.



Aghinagh Macra



Aghinagh Macra

Béal Átha an Ghaorthaidh Nuacht

Seachtain Geo: Ba mhór an spraoi a bhí ag daltaí na scoile an tseachtain seo caite agus "Seachtain Geo" fé lán tseol againn. Bhí dúshlán an lae ann, clár taisteal na ndaltaí, comórtaisí, srl. Buaicphointe na seachtaine, áfach, ná na seomraí éalaithe, áit go raibh ar na daltaí ceisteanna agus cóid a fhreagairt leis an mbealach éalaithe a aimsiú as seomra. Tá ardmholadh tuillte ag Iníon Ní Mhuimhneacháin a d'eagraigh imeachtaí na seachtaine.

Clár na gComhlachtaí: Seoladh Clár na gComhlachtaí do dhaltaí mheánscoile i mBéal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh le déanaí agus bhí daltaí na hIdirbhliana go mór i lár an aonaigh ann. Is comórtas fiontraíochta é seo agus is léir go bhfuil an tréith sin go láidir ag roinnt dár ndaltaí féin agus iad ag tabhairt fé mhionchomhlachtaí a bhunú. Thug an tAire Talmhaíochta Michael Creed agus Aire na Gaeilge, na Gaeltachta agus na nOileán Seán Kyne cuairt ar an scoil agus bhíodar beirt ana thógtha le hobair na scoláirí. Guimíd gach rath orthu agus ar a múinteoir Iníon Ní Uidhir sa chomórtas seo!



An dornálaí Christina Ní Dheasúna ag caint le daltaí Scoil Mhuire.



Daltaí Scoil Mhuire leis an Aire Michael Creed agus an Aire Seán Kyne ag seoladh Clár na gComhlachtaí.

De la Salle ar cuairt: Bhí ana áthas orainn fáilte a chur roimh dhaltaí Choláiste De la Salle, Maigh Chromtha go Scoil Mhuire nuair a bhíodar ar cuairt chun na Gaeltachta le déanaí. Bhí céilí againn i dteannta a chéile chomh maith le "Plé agus Tae" ar an 7ú Samhain. An lá dar gcionn chuaigh daltaí ó Scoil Mhuire soir go Coláiste na Mumhan chucu chun cluichí spóirt a imirt leo. B'iontach an deis í le haithne a chur ar ár gcomharsana agus an Ghaeilge á cleachtadh againn go léir i gcomhthéacs nádúrtha, sóisialta.



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Clondrohid Updates

Parish Priest Induction: A solemn and happy occasion occurred in Clondrohid Church on Sunday November 17, when Canon Roberts formally handed over the key of the Parish to Fr. Joe. Everybody was invited to the Community Hall for refreshments. A cold plate and dessert was served by local volunteers. We thanks to all who helped in anyway, and a special word of thanks to Margaret, Peter and Maria

New Mass Times: From January there will be 3 Masses celebrated in Clondrohid parish at the weekends. The 6 o'clock Saturday evening Mass in Carriganima and the 7.30p.m. Saturday night Mass in Clondrohid will continue as before, and there will be a 10.30 Mass in Clondrohid on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month, and a 10.30 Mass in Carriganima on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.

Carriganima N.S School News: It is holding a Pre-Christmas Trolley Dash in Supervalu, Macroom on Thursday Dec. 5th @ 7pm as a fundraiser – you have 3 minutes to grab as much as you can. Tickets €10 are on sale in Supervalu Macroom, The Pub, Carriganima, Busy Bees Preschool (083) 857 1714 and Carriganima National School (026) 44 107 or (086) 7943289 on Sat. November 30th at 9.30 p.m. Everyone is welcome, a great night is guaranteed!

Muinefiuch N. S. News: It is working on biodiversity for their 5th green flag this year. Recently it applied to the Local Agenda 21 Environmental Partnership Fund, Cork County Council and was granted €1,000 for work in their garden. They plan to upgrade their poly tunnel, add signage around the school and continue planting vegetables, fruit and flowers in spring. On Wed. Nov. 13 Dave Brooks, an Táisce, completed workshops with each classroom doing lots of planting. Each group planted a tree in the school grounds. On Fri. Nov. 15 Wendy Ward, The RNLi organised an interactive and engaging talk for the pupils. They also took part in a colouring competition and prizes for each room winners were awarded. Congratulations to our pupils from 5th and 6th class who performed so well in the UCC's Science Quiz held in Nov. 19. 5th class pupils scored



Clondrohid parish Active Retired at the Seniors Conference in Newmarket

an unbelievable 59 out of 64 and were overall winners of the Science Quiz. Over 60 schools from all Cork city and county participated. 'Well Done' for a wonderful achievement.

Floral Demonstration: The parents association has organised this in the school on Fri. Dec. 6th @ 7:30 p.m. Tickets are €10 and all are very welcome on the night.

Community Events in Clondrohid Hall: Cards have returned to the Community Hall on Sunday nights at 8.30pm. No better way to pass away a few hours on these winter nights.. All are welcome. New faces would be given a Céad Míle Fáilte.

Set Dancing continues on Tues. nights, Line Dancing on Thurs. nights.

Piano lessons and Mini Musicians continue; **Kick Boxing** will be held on Tuesdays and Bingo

on Wednesdays. **Arts and Crafts** with Felicity continue.

Clondrohid Active-Retired: A great night of song and story-telling was held in the Community Hall by the group on Mon. Nov.18th. We thank all who turned up and Fr. Joe for popping in to say hello and singing..

The Christmas Dinner will take place in the Mills Inn Ballyvourney on Sat. Dec. 14th at 7.30pm. Any member who wishes to attend please hand in your name to Maria at the Post Office without delay. A great night is assured.

G.A.A. News: The Clondrohid G.A.A. Club's A.G M will be held in the Club Rooms on Fri. Nov. 29 at 8 p.m. All members are welcome.

Ballincollig Updates

Craobh Niall Ó Cathasaigh, Baile an Chollaigh

Set & Céilí Dancing Classes: At dancing last Monday night, Diarmuid taught the first two figures of the Claddagh Set. Diarmuid finished teaching the caidhp; this set is now completed. After a short break we danced the Antrim Square and finished off the night with the Merchant Set. 6 sets were on the floor agus bhain gach éinne taitneamh as an oíche. Dancing continues next Monday in GAA Pavilion at the usual time of 8:45 pm. Eolas Diarmuid at 087 202 8638.

Oíche Amhráníochta: Final reminder – next Thursday November 28th when our Traditional Singing Session takes place in the comfortable

Henry Suite at the Oriel House Hotel. "In song and in story" we hope to acknowledge what was happening in Ireland 100 years ago. Our theme for the evening is 'CENTENARY SONGS' but no doubt, as always, our regulars will choose from their own favourites & party pieces. Beidh fáilte roimh cách, idir scéalaithe, amhránaithe agus éisteoirí. Eolas, Dick 087 7732387.

Keeping in Touch: Latest news is available at www.ballincolligcomhaltas.ie Ballincollig Comhaltas can also be found on Facebook. Number is 086 448 1253, e-mail: eolas@ballincolligcomhaltas.ie

Ballinagree Updates

Lord Mayor's Ball 2019: The Mayor of Ballinagree, Pat Murphy, invites you to join him for the with a Country & Western Theme on Friday the 22nd of November at the Laine Bar Ballinagree. Music is by Seamus Healy and it commences at 9 p.m.

Baile Mhúirne Updates

Éigse Dhiarmada, Dáimh Staire Acadamh Fódhla. Nochtfar leac ar uaigh Micheál Mor Ó Loinsigh (Na Ceire Máistrí) i Reilg Ghobnatan, Domhnach na hÉigse ar a 1:00. Is é Liam Ó hÉigeartaigh Seancha/cainteoir an lae. Fáilte roimh cách.

(A headstone to Micheal Mor Ó Loinsigh will be unveiled on Sunday next (Éigse Sunday 1/12/2019) @1:00pm. Liam Ó hÉigeartaigh is the day's Seancha/Speaker).

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COACHFORD UPDATES



Coachford Player's 'Out of Order' on December 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th in Coachford GAA Hall; Back row L to R: Eugene Manley, John McCaffery, Aidan Duffy and Joe Scanlon. Front row L to R Ann Marie McMahon, Tomás Healy and Eva Kelleher

Out of Order: You'd be way 'Out of Order' to miss this. The lines are learnt, the set is up and the actors are ready to take to the stage to entertain you. Coachford Player's production of Ray Cooney's 'Out of Order' promises to be one of those farcical comedies that will have you laughing all night long. 'Out of Order' is staged for only 4 nights in Coachford GAA Hall on Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday – December 7th to 10th at 8 p.m. each night. This rip-roaring comedy has wowed audiences in London's West End and is one of Ray Cooney's most popular farces. The laughs come thick and fast, from curtain up to the very end. Audiences will enjoy belly-aching laughs. A wayward politician, his poor assistant, a dead body, a dangerous window that seems to have a life of its own, a young female secretary, her angry husband, daft hotel staff and unexpected visitors all make for a hilarious comedy. "This is a terrific show and one that will really set you up to enjoy the festive season ahead. It really is a great comedy and there is so much going on that it makes for fantastic fun. We are expecting great crowds as usual for our December play. We have assembled some of our finest actors for this production which is directed by our award winning director, Eugene O'Sullivan. This is going to be a great night out for everyone and I would encourage you all to come along for a fantastic night of fun" said Willie Barrett, Chairman of the group. Coachford Players is one of the longest running drama groups in County Cork. The group has performed plays and musicals all over the country. It has existed for over 30 years and their productions have won many awards and even more fans. They have performed plays written by John B. Keane, William Shakespeare, Brian Friel, Martin McDonagh, Dermot Bolger, Anton Chekov and now Ray Cooney. Coachford Players is one of the best theatre groups in the county and their productions are always a must-see.

'Out of Order' begins at 8pm and tickets, €15 each are available at the door of the GAA Hall, Coachford. There are concessions for OAPs, students and the unwaged.

Christmas Lights: One lucky person will switch on the lights. Children from the Coachford area are being given an opportunity to switch on the lights on in the village on November 30th. The Coachford Christmas Lights



Members and their representatives of the first Coachford AFC team who took to the field in 1969 recreating that famous 1969 photo. Back row; Cianan Lucy, representing his uncle, Pat Lucey; Lisa Murphy, representing her father Patsy Murphy, John Long, Anne Murphy representing her husband John Murphy, Richie Martin representing his father Seamus Matt Martin, Thady Delaney representing his friend, Donal Murray. Front row; Tom Stack, Martin O'Mahony representing his friend, Sean Tuohy, Caroline Murphy representing her father Con Murphy, Kathy Murphy representing her brother Ted Murphy and Frank Twomey

committee will pull the lucky person's name out of the hat on the night. If you want to enter, pop your name on the entry form at Coachford Post office from now until the closing date of November 28th. Entry is free. All you have to do is make sure you're in the village after mass on Saturday November 30th and you could be this year's VIP to turn on the lights. The Coachford Christmas lights are being switched this November 30th after 6 p.m. mass. The village will be alive with the festive spirit. Our young Carol Singers will entertain everyone with some classic Christmas carols. Santa Claus is making a very special appearance and will be handing out sweets and chocolates and meeting all the children. Delicious Mulled Wine and gorgeous Hot Chocolate will be served. Our guest of honour to turn on the lights is still unknown. It could be you! There is still time to get to the Post Office and enter your name in the free draw to be the lucky person who will 'Light up Coachford' this Christmas. Everyone is welcome to come along on Saturday and we would love to see you all in your Christmas jumpers and Santa Hats and to join in the festivities.



Members of the first Coachford AFC team who took to the field in 1969; Back row, Pat Lucey, Patsy Murphy, John Long, Johnny Murphy, Seamus Martin, Matty Martin Donal Murray (insert). Front Row; Tom Stack, Sean Tuohy, Con Murphy, Ted Murphy, Frankie Twomey.

Donoughmore Updates

The annual Bweeng Tractor & Vintage Car Run took place on October 27th 2019. It raised €10,050 and the cheque was presented to Cait McCarthy, 'Friends of Marymount', in Molly's Bar, Bweeng, on November 17th. We give huge thanks to everyone who participated and supported the cause.



Firmount NS winners of Roinn F5 at the Allianz Sciath na Scol finals at Pairc Ui Rinn. Picture: © Mike English

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Kilmichael Updates

Dunmanway Hospital Cheque: Dunmanway and District Honey Beekeepers' Association on Nov 18th presented a €300 cheque to Moira Deasy (Clerical Officer), Dunmanway Community Hospital, as a token of appreciation for the use of the hospital hall for their meetings. Holding the cheque from left to right Michael O Sullivan (President), Moira Deasy, Micheál Ó Muirí (Treasurer) Elke Hasner (Secretary) and Donal Kelleher (Chairman) along with our club members.



Kilmichael pitch and putt, Kevin O Donavan 1st Gross, Sean O leary Chairman, Jim O callaghan Winner, Philip Dawson Captain and Dan Cronin 2nd nett



Kilmichael Rovers Under 14 team crowned division 1 winners in U14 West Cork Schoolboys

LEE VALLEY ENTERPRISE BOARD Cork Business and Tourism Awards 2019

The Cork North Business and Tourism Awards 2019 which are sponsored by Cork County Council, with sponsor Allied Irish Bank and media partner The Corkman took place on Friday Nov. 22nd in Charleville Park Hotel. Well known media presenter Síle Seoige was host for the inaugural event. Tim Lucey, Chief Executive of Cork County Council, welcomed everyone to the awards which celebrate excellence and innovation in business and tourism across county Cork. This year's awards' scheme encompasses the entire county. He said that the Cork County Council is committed to promoting economic development in the county by supporting the strong cohort of enterprises trading across all sections in Cork. These awards afford local businesses, big and small, the opportunity to show why they're the best at what they do.

The Lee Valley Enterprise Board was represented at the awards by



At the Business Awards 2019; L/R Pat O'Connell, Chairman LVEB, Ashling O'Callaghan, Longueville House Beverages, Jo Lovell, LVEB, Evelyn Mc Sweeney, LVEB, Tim Lucey CEO Cork County Council.

its Chairman Pat O'Connell, his wife Peggy, Jo Cronin-Lovell, Board Administrator, and Evelyn Mc Sweeney, Board Member. Due to the success of the Macroom Food Festival the LVEB sponsored the Best Artisan Food Producer. The three finalists were Shalong Thai Food, Longueville House Beverages and Bó Rua Farm. Longueville won and Pat O'Connell presented the award to Ashling O'Callaghan proprietor. The O'Callaghan family has been fermenting craft cider and distilling Ireland's only Apple Brandy for almost 35 years.

Cill na Martra Updates

Gearóid Ó h-Ealaithe, West Cork Award Winner: Congratulations to Gearóid Ó h-Ealaithe on winning a West Cork Garda Award for his outstanding work with the youth and community of Cill na Martra. He was nominated by Connie and Sheila Horgan for the award, and it is an outstanding achievement. Gearóid has been involved at all levels of football from Sciath na Scoile underage to the premier intermediate grade. A Múinteoir by profession and principal in Cill na Martha since 2002, he keeps the school linked to the community through sport, culture and the Irish language. His contribution to the rise and rise of peil Cill na Martra has been crucial. The award is very 'Well Deserved' and everybody in the community is thrilled with this recognition of his work,



Damien o hUrdail The Glebe Kilnamartyra at Mary Immaculate College Limerick graduation 2019 receiving his Bachelor of Education certificate for primary school teaching. Parents Pat and Mary and sister Karen.

a reflection of his popularity and the respect in which he is held, within and outside the parish.



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Iveleary/Uibh Laoire Notes

Cards: The card games have ended in the Hall for the winter and will continue in Clondrohid as usual until start of summer when it will return to Inchigeela once more.

Knotweed Meeting: Last week, Crof Na Laoi hosted an information night on invasive plants like Japanese Knotweed, the Himalayan Balsam, the Rhododendron and more, as well as invasive animals like the Coypu, a rat-like creature about 7kilos in weight and 3 feet long. Darren Reidy, an ecologist from IRD Duhallow shared his immense knowledge of such scourges that have recently become very apparent even in our locality. He emphasised the difficulties which our native plants and animals have in competing with these unwanted newcomers and how difficult it is to eradicate them. Darren illustrated his talk with pictures and actual samples of his subject matter. He will cooperate with local people in forming a plan to identify the extent of the problem and the means to deal with it.

Bingo for Hope Foundation; A Fund-raising Bingo Night for a local young Hope Foundation volunteer took place in the hall, recently. Proceeds of the raffle were in aid of Sinead Clancy's Hope Fund. We have supported local girls before, who have volunteered to work with the street children of Kulkata in India. If you wish to help with a donation you can give it to Sinead or any hall committee member. Don't forget, Bingo continues every Friday night at 8.30 p.m., through the winter (with lovely tea and biscuits!).

Garda Clinic Timetable: A Garda will attend at the parochial office on Monday 2nd Dec from 8 – 9 p.m.

Boat Slip: The improvement works have begun at the boatslip in Graigue. We understand that the low wall will be repaired and better access will be made available to the green area. Some bushes will be cleared and modern picnic tables will be provided. The area is now in Council ownership and we look forward to seeing people enjoying this lovely amenity.

Croi na Laoi: The year's final meeting will be in Inchigeela hall, on TueS. Dec. 3rd, 8 p.m. All welcome.

Caifé sa Ghúagan: The recent coffee morning in Gougane Barra for Pieta

House was very successful with great local support and some travelled long distances. The Gougane Hotel and Cronin's Bar have had a very busy summer not only with the regular summer trade but with the great response to their offer of wedding packages for smaller weddings. Recently wedding parties have come from all parts of Ireland, America and even Cuba. The island oratory church must be the most popular wedding venue in Europe. Its website suggests that bookings should be made 2 years in advance of the big day!

Social Housing Award: Last September I wrote about the successful completion of additional social housing at Cuan Barra in Beal Ath'an Ghaorthaidh. Since then Dan Ó Duinnin and Sean Ó Céilleachair, have been invited to Wexford where they were presented by the Irish Council for Social Housing with an award honouring their dedicated work for nearly 20 years. Along with social housing, Cuan Barra complex provides hot meals, a meeting hall for local activities like card games, a playground, hairdresser and beautician services and more. It is a true success story, well deserving of reward recognition.

Scoil Mhuire: The hard-working parents' committee held their fund-raising coffee morning in the school on Sunday last agus bhí slua mór i láthair. After some lovely home baking, we were treated to a tour of the new state of the art Domestic Science and Woodwork rooms. Tugadh an t-ainm Fionnbarra Ó Murchú ar sheomra amháin sa scoil le deanaí, in omós don duine úasal ó Bheantraí a bhunaigh Meán Scoil Mhuire thart ar 60 bliain ó shin. Do chreid sé go mór i scoil dara leibhéal sa Ghaeltacht agus measaim go mbeadh sé an bhródúil as an scoil breá nua aimsire atá ann faoi láthair.

To the young at heart; Thanks to all, young and old (but especially those young at heart) who helped the síoga on the river island in Inchigeela to construct the fairy village and the enchanted woodland walk. I hear that the fairies, pixies and leprechauns, have gone for a long winter's sleep, right now, after Halloween. But I believe, if you listen very carefully and you believe in the fairies you can hear them snoring quietly Shhh –try it and see!

LEABHARLANN BHAILE BHÚIRNE

Prelude/Art Competition Winner: As I am writing this I'm looking out at the rain falling silently and steadily. A few brave birds are flitting about in the holly tree, finishing off the last of the red berries. The bright yellow flower of the gorse brightens up the varying shades of brown of the fionnán grasses with a few dappled grey rocks slumbering around the field. I can't see the mountains today as the cloud cover is very low. Last weekend there was a 'dusting' of snow on the mountains. It's the perfect day to light a cheery fire and settle down with a good book and a hot drink! Earlier in the Autumn Cork County Council Library & Arts Service ran an art competition throughout the county to select pictures for its 2020 calendar. Anyone under the age of 12 was invited to submit his/her drawing. Leabharlann Bhaile Bhúirne was delighted to hear that one of the entries submitted through this branch has been selected. The winner will be presented with her prize and a framed print of her drawing this week and we are very excited about it. A copy of the drawing is also on display in the library and we wait in excited expectation for the delivery of the calendars.

Labhair Linn sa Leabharlann: Beidh an chéad chruinniú eile de, ár gciorcal comhrá cairdiúil, ar an 6 ú lá de mhí Nollaig. Tá fáilte roimh gach duine is cuma cén leibhéal Gaeilge atá agat nó fiú más mian leat éisteacht. Tá fáilte roimh chách agus ba bhreá linn baill nua a fheiceáil mar tugann sé seo comhrá nua agus éagsúla don ghrúpa. Tá neart tae agus caife againn do chách freisin. Beidh Leabharlann Bhaile Bhúirne dúnta ar Mháirt 3 ú lá de mhí Nollaig chun oiliúint foirne a éascú. Gabh ár leithscéal faoi aon chúram a chuir ort. Fiosrúcháin maidir leis seo ar fón 021-4546499.

Craft Workshop; On December 10th there will be a Christmas-themed workshop in the library at 11am. The proposed craft is hand-stitched Christmas cards. This workshop is open to all and necessary materials will be provided. If you are interested in attending and in order to ensure that enough materials will be available please contact the library, 026

45767 during branch opening hours or email leabharlannbhailebhuirne@corkcoco.ie. There is no charge for this workshop.

Book Club: The last meeting of 2019 of the library is on 10th Dec. at 10.30 am; so come along to pick-up your December book.

Creative Writing Group: It will have its last workshop with Writer in Residence, Denyse Woods on Dec. 12th at 5 p.m. The writing group will continue in 2020. If you would like to join please contact the library for information.

Family Time at Your Library: There will be an event at Leabharlann Bhaile Bhúirne on 21st Dec., including a story-time and crafts workshop, starting at 10.30 a.m. for 6 to 10 year olds (booking essential). Colouring materials and board-games will be available throughout the morning and parents and children are invited to browse the stock and take the opportunity of choosing some books to read to each other at home. Family Time at Your Library events are family-focused and hope to increase awareness of the benefits of reading as a fun activity for the whole family.

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DIARY

Closing: Ballyvourney Library will be closed on Tuesday 3rd December. Apologies for any inconvenience. **Ciorcal Comhrá:** Friday 6th December 10.30 a.m. **Christmas Craft Workshop:** Tuesday 10th December 11.00 a.m. **Book Club:** Tuesday 10th December 10.30 a.m.

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L-R: Seán Kyne, Gaeltacht Minister, Caroline Ní Nualláin, Manager Comharchumann Forbartha Mhúscraí, Micheál Ó hÉanaigh, CEO Údarás na Gaelachta, and Michael Creed, TD, Minister for Agriculture.

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History

Missions, Mass Rocks and Mass Houses – handing on the faith in Macroom. *Jack Kelleher, Castlevew*

The recent Parish Missions, held in Kilnamartyra and Macroom, each began with a "Pilgrims' Walk" or "Camino". The walkers set off along familiar streets and roads, retracing the footsteps of previous generations who had sacrificed so much to hand on the faith. For some it may have reminded them of mass-goers who, in the not so distant past, walked cross-country along "mass paths" and, on drawing near to the chapel, would have stopped a while to change into their "Sunday shoes" – as at Carraig-na-mBróg in Kilnamartyra. Of course you'll see something similar happening among today's mass-goers as they stop and check to see if they have turned off their mobile phones. Yet another part of that shared Catholic heritage is the many "mass rocks" dotted all about the countryside. During the dark days of the Penal Laws the people of Macroom had to head west as far as Dundareirke in Kilnamartyra to hear mass. And when the persecutions grew even greater, many were forced to travel further still, to one of the mass rocks located in the nearby townlands of Shanballyshane and Cahirkereen. As the mass-goers made their way along the High Road they passed a large flat stone at a place known as "Luibín-na-gCoirp" (The Bend of the Corpse). At this particular stone it became the custom during local funerals for the "hunted priest" to recite the committal prayers of Christian burial since it was not safe to do so at the graveside. Thus any funeral cortege heading to the cemetery stopped there, with the coffin being placed on the stone, until the committal prayers had been said. Only the mass rock in Cahirkereen still survives. It sits on the northern slopes of a deep



Missions, Mass Rocks and Mass Houses – handing on the faith in Macroom
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glen through which a stream runs, which explains how it came to be known as "Glaise-an-Aifrin" (The Stream of the Mass). The "mass-rock" consists of a shelf of rock jutting out from the hillside with a small area of level ground surrounding it. Here priest and faithful gathered early in the morning to offer mass. It is said that the mass rock was sometimes screened on all sides by a canopy so as to protect the Blessed Sacrament from the elements. And posted at various

sentry points on nearby hills were lookouts whose duty it was to scan the surrounding countryside for the approach of any "priest hunters". A local story handed down from those times tells of one such attack at Glaise-an-Aifrin. It so happened that the priest had not yet vested for mass when the raid began and so he was able to make his escape by concealing himself among the congregation, which at that stage was beginning to scatter in every direction. He made his way to a nearby field where earlier his pony had been tethered. Here was a large boulder and it was his custom to step onto this stone before getting onto his mount. However, on this occasion, as he climbed onto the rock, his feet left behind two deep imprints on its surface. And not only that, even the hooves of the pony left their mark at the side of the same rock. From then on the place became known as "Carraig-an-tSagairt" or "The Priest's Rock", with the surrounding land being regarded as sacred ground. Later on, it became a place of prayer – particularly so by married couples who sought God's blessing for the birth of a son. Some brave priests who risked their lives in the service of the faith sometimes stayed in a small cabin at the southern edge of Prohus

Wood, Kilnamartyra. When the time of persecution finally came to an end, the cabin was no longer needed and soon fell into ruin. By the late 1850s it was little more than four crumbling walls, with a large ash tree growing at its centre. Then, when a fierce storm uprooted the tree, it caused such damage to the structure that the landholder decided to have it demolished. It was while this work was being carried

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out that a hidden wall niche was uncovered. In it was found a fragment of cloth which, upon being unfolded, revealed two small silver spoons. Clearly the spoons had been concealed there by one of the hunted priests and must have been part of the set of sacred vessels traditionally used in the mass. The era of the mass rocks definitively drew to a close on July 27th 1782 when the second "Catholic Relief Bill" was enacted. This bill gave legal toleration to Catholics thereby allowing them to practice their faith in public once more. There were, however, irritating clauses included in the bill: a Catholic church could not have a steeple or a bell, nor could it be erected beside a main thoroughfare – which explains how the new chapel in Macroom came to be built up a

steep, narrow lane away from Main Street. Craftily the people of Macroom found a way around the Act by hanging their bell from a tree on Sleaveen Hill. Priests were still not allowed to officiate at burials, and members of Religious Orders were excluded from the benefits of the Act. Those in the country when the Act was passed could remain provided they registered their names and place of residence. But no others were permitted to enter the country. For some decades preceding the Act the practice of families hosting a "Station Mass" had become well established among rural communities. When the first wave of construction of new chapels got under way these simple structures became known as "mass houses" – since they were low buildings,

with whitewashed walls both inside and out, and covered with thatched roofs. The locations of the various mass houses within this district were as follows: in Macroom where St Colman's Church now stands, in Kilnamartyra where now we find An Crois public house; in Inchigeela village where today we find the national school; in Clondroid village where now stands St Abina's Church; and in Ballyvourney near Desmond's farmyard in Ballymakeera. Later on, when funds were more plentiful and laws were more favourable, fine new churches were erected in every parish, as befitted the worship of God in the sacrifice of the mass.

Kilmichael Ambush – 99th Anniversary

by Con Kelleher

November 28th 1920 is when Kilmichael Ambush took place and this edition of LVO is published on its 99th anniversary. The ambush became an iconic symbol of the War of Independence. It was just seven days after Collins's squad had executed British intelligence officers in Dublin and British forces responded by shooting players and spectators at a Dublin-Tipperary match in Croke Park. This incident is remembered as the Bloody Sunday massacre. The country was on edge. On a miserable Sunday day in 1920 sixteen British men and three Irish men were killed at or near the battle scene. One auxiliary who escaped was captured and shot. Another auxiliary was left for dead but survived and had permanent injuries. Pat Deasy, IRA volunteer, was sixteen when he lost his life in the fight.

In recent years the late Peter Hart's controversial book, *The IRA and its Enemies*, ignited a bitter argument between learned historians on both sides. In particular Meda Ryan, Tom Barry's biographer, took issue with many of Hart's statements and conclusions. Seán A. Murphy, a retired Irish Army officer and ammunitions expert, analysed what likely happened at Kilmichael. Later again a British historian Andrew Nelson, in a journal article, examined the 'other boys of Kilmichael', that is the ambushed British auxiliaries.

The ambush was part of the conflict between Irish Nationalism and British Imperialism and occurred in the aftermath of World War I and severe economic hardship in both Ireland and Britain. Matters were further complicated by Ireland's divided society roughly along and overlapping religious and loyalty lines. About 10% of the population of what later became first the Free State and later the Republic was Protestant and Unionist. In the Six Counties about 60% were Protestant/Unionist.

The youth of the combatants at Kilmichael is striking as is the ferocity of the fighting and the numbers killed in a very short period of time. On one side were idealistic young men and on the other hardened, damaged and disillusioned war veterans. Five auxiliaries had significant medical or psychological problems. The Irish were

there voluntarily and the auxiliaries were earning a living and acting for King and Empire.

It was the first time that trained British soldiers were beaten 'in the field' by the IRA. The UK government quickly realised that this was a war that would be difficult if not impossible to win. In the immediate aftermath Macroom was lucky not to be burned, possibly due to Lady Ardilaun's intervention and perhaps to safeguard her property interests in the town. Cork was not as lucky in the following week when British forces vented their anger and destroyed much of the city centre.

As The Boys of Kilmichael song goes, '(T) the tans left the town of Macroom' 99 years ago on that fatal day 28th of November 1920. What happened at Kilmichael changed the War of Independence and probably Ireland's history.

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All Ireland Title for Donoughmore Ladies

DONOUGHMORE 1-12 MACHALE ROVERS 1-11 (AFTER EXTRA-TIME)

Rena Buckley scored 0-7 as Donoughmore became the third Cork team in a row to claim the All-Ireland Junior Football title with victory over MacHale Rovers in the final, after extra-time at Duggan Park in Ballinasloe.

Donoughmore were 1-7 to 0-6 in front at half-time after Niamh Lohan's strike. Cork legend Rena Buckley was inspirational throughout for her side while Rachel Kearns kept MacHale Rovers right in touch.

Mayo star Kearns picked up a yellow card at a vital stage in the second-half but she scored a key goal after she returned to set up a grandstand finish. Kearns then equalised and the game went to extra-time.

Donoughmore were 1-11 to 1-10 ahead at half-time in extra-time, and Rena Buckley added another point to seal the win.

MacHale Rovers started slowly and Donoughmore raced into a 1-4 to 0-0 lead after just nine minutes. Rena Buckley was selected at midfield but started in the half-forward line and

she opened the scoring in the second minute. She doubled her tally from a free moments later, and then Lohan tagged on her first point before Donoughmore really hit their stride in the eighth minute.

Rena Buckley took a free short to Lohan and her long looping effort evaded the grasp of MacHale Rovers goalkeeper Niamh Larkin to finish in the net. It was a huge score and Rena Buckley quickly followed that up with her third point, and second from a free.

All-Star award winner, Rachel Kearns finally got MacHale Rovers on the scoreboard in the 12th minute and four minutes later she doubled her tally. Aileen Buckley and Lohan combined to cancel out those scores but MacHale Rovers hit four of the final five points in the half to go into the break right in contention. Aileen Buckley scored her second point but two from Kearns and Rebecca Maughan reduced the arrears to four points at half-time.

Rena Buckley won a free on the resumption and she tapped it over too. It was the perfect start to the second-half for Donoughmore, however, Kearns set up Rebecca Maughan for her third

point in the 36th minute. MacHale Rovers were dealt a massive blow six minutes later when Kearns was shown a yellow card for a foul on Michelle Dilworth. Rebecca Maughan brought it back to 1-8 to 0-8 with just over ten minutes remaining. Rena Buckley's fourth free gave her team a bigger cushion.

Kearns returned and after Annie Gough won a close-in free, Kearns rifled it into the roof of the Donoughmore net direct from the free in the 55th minute. One point separated the sides until Kearns popped up to score the leveller from a free, and the game went to extra-time.

Jenny Brew Dinan opened the scoring for Donoughmore and MacHale Rovers followed that with a couple of costly misses but substitute Niamh Maughan did tie it up again. Rena Buckley's fifth free gave Donoughmore a 1-11 to 1-10 half-time lead and she scored again after half-time. Niamh Maughan and Amy Walsh had goal chances for their respective sides and Sinead Walsh had her goal-bound shot blocked but Donoughmore held on.

Scorers for Donoughmore: R Buckley 0-7 (0-6 f), N Lohan 1-2, A Buckley 0-2, J Brew Dinan 0-1.

Cork and Munster Club Football and Hurling Championships

SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

County Champions: Nemo Rangers (Duhallow)

Munster Club Football:

Nemo Rangers 1-9 Newcastlewest 0-9

Semi Finals:

Nemo Rangers 2-17 Austin Stacks 0-5

St Joseph, Miltown Malbay 0-7 Clonmel Commercials 0-9

Final: Nemo Rangers v Clonmel Commercials Dec 1st at Dungarvan

PREMIER INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

County Champions: Éire Óg (St Michaels)

Munster Club semi finals:

Éire Óg 0-12 Templenoe 1-17

St Brechans, Clare 0-12 Moycarkey-Borris 0-5

Final: Templenoe v St Brechans on December 1st.

Éire Óg 0-12 Templenoe 1-17

There was a great atmosphere at Ovens for this Munster club semi final, a huge crowd of 1,800 anticipated a close encounter but there was disappointment for the home fans who could only be consoled by the fact that Templenoe were a superb team in top form.

Éire Óg manager Harry Reilly said his charges came up against a 'super' team. "We came here with great expectation. We had a great build-up since the Cork county final and fierce intensity in training. We gave ourselves a fantastic chance. Templenoe have a lot of outstanding players, and even above their four county seniors, they have four or five others that are very good players as well."

Templenoe opened the scoring with a point in the first minute but Ronan O'Toole's instant reply maintained the hope of a ding

dong struggle. Templenoe were in top form however and scored the next seven points to lead by 0-8 to 0-1, scoring from all angles as the home side struggled to contain the barrage. Ronan O'Toole got a second point for Éire Óg in the middle of the half but with the home attack failing to get a score on the board it was 0-12 to 0-2 at the break and the spectators were left to mull over what had been an awesome display from the Kerry champions in the opening half. In fact the deficit for the Ovens men could have been worse as twice John Kelleher had averting goal opportunities for the visitors.

For the second half, Éire Óg brought in All Ireland U20 winner Colm O'Callaghan and they had points from Eoin O'Shea, Ciarán Sheehan, Brian Hurley and Colm O'Callaghan, but Templenoe matched these scores, 0-15 to 0-6 on 45, before Daniel Goulding fired over three points in a row, 0-16 to 0-8 in the 53rd minute. Templenoe were in total control however and finished in style when midfielder Adrian Spillane getting through for a 54th-minute goal.

Scorers for Éire Óg: D Goulding 0-6 (0-5 f), R O'Toole 0-2, E O'Shea, C Sheehan, B Hurley and C O'Callaghan 0-1 each.

Éire Óg: Eoin Kelleher; John Kelleher, John Mullins, Dermot O'Herlihy; Diarmuid Dineen, John Cooper, Daire McCarthy; Liam Sheehan, Ronan O'Toole; Jack Murphy, Kevin Hallissey, Eoin O'Shea; Daniel Goulding (Capt), Ciarán Sheehan, Brian Hurley. Subs: Colm O'Callaghan ht, Joe Cooper 52, Dermot Hurley 56, Michael O'Shea 58, Denny Murphy 60, Phil O'Sullivan 62.

INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

County Champions: Knocknagree (Gabriel Rangers)

SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

County Champions: Imokilly (Glen Rovers)

MUNSTER CLUB SENIOR HURLING:

Borris-Ileigh 1-17 Glen Rovers 3-8

Final: Borris-Ileigh 1-12 Ballygunner 1-11

COUNTY PREMIER INTERMEDIATE HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

CHAMPIONS: FR O'NEILL'S (KILWORTH)

Munster Club Intermediate:

Fr O'Neills 2-19 Blackrock (Limerick) 1-20

Fr O'Neills 3-22 Broadford, Clare 0-14

Final:

Fr O'Neills, Cork 2-15 Ballysaggart, Waterford 0-17

INTERMEDIATE HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP


COUNTY FINAL:

Cloughduv 1-10 Blackrock 0-15


Cloughduv just failed to make it two county titles in successive years when last year's junior champions had to yield to Blackrock in the intermediate final at Páirc Uí Rinn. This was a game with three penalty shots, all to Cloughduv, only one of which produced a goal and the two unsuccessful efforts will inevitably be a matter of regret for the Mid Cork side but Blackrock were the better side over the hour. The successful penalty came in the final minute, too late to alter the outcome but the earlier unsuccessful efforts came at times when Cloughduv could have profited from a boost.

Brian Verling opened the scoring for Cloughduv but Eoin O'Farrell soon stamped his authority on the game with five points in a row from placed balls, helping Blackrock to a 0-5 to 0-2 lead by the 20th minute. Cloughduv were wasteful in attack but with Verling finding his range from frees and a good Joe Ryan effort they trailed

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Blackrock by one in first-half injury time. Ryan then won a penalty but Brian Verling's shot just flew wide of the upright so Cloughduv trailed by 0-6 to 0-5 at the break. Rockies pointed on the resumption but Cloughduv were better in the third quarter, with Verling finding his range and the Mid Cork men went a point up before O'Farrell equalised soon after. Blackrock then went three ahead, 0-11 to 0-8 before Cloughduv won a second penalty on 48 but the Rockies goalkeeper saved Brian

Verling's shot. Blackrock then went five ahead before Cloughduv won their third penalty deep in injury time and Mark Verling rattled the net with the last puck of the game. Scorers for Cloughduv: B. Verling 0-8 (0-6 f), M. Verling 1-0 (pen); S. O'Connor and J. Ryan 0-1 each. Cloughduv: Jonathan Buckley, Denis O'Sullivan, Brian Ahern, Patrick Buckley, James Moynihan, Dave O'Leary, Eoghan Clifford, Mark Walsh, Liam Kelleher, Aidan Murphy, Seán O'Connor,

Joe Ryan, Donal Corkery, Mark Verling, Brian Verling. Subs: Kevin BarryMurphy 42, Aodh Twomey 45; Ger Ahern 53, Kevin Walsh 60. Cloughduv have earlier won the County Hurling League Div 5 title and will be promoted to Div 4 league for next season and will be competing in the higher intermediate hurling championship in 2020, not a bad season's work for a promoted junior team in its first year in the higher grade!

CORK PREMIER 1 U21 HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

Round 2

G Na Piarasaigh 2-13 Glen Rovers 2-16
H Fr O'Neills 3-14 Duhallow 3-19
J Blackrock 4-14 Bishopstown 0-7

Round 3

(i) Douglas v Duhallow 1 December
(ii) Glen Rvrs v Blackrock 1 December

Quarter Finals

1. Killeagh-St Itas v Winner (ii)
2. Winner (i) v Sarsfields
3. Blarney 2-16 Shandrum 2-20
4. Middleton 2-25 Ballincollig 1-10

Semi Final:

1 v 2
Middleton 3-14 Shandrum 0-12

Final:

Middleton v Winners of 1 v 2 semifinal

PREMIER 2 U21 HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

Round 3

i) AGHABULLOGUE 1-12 INNISCARRA 1-11
(ii) Ballinhassig 0-17 CLOUGHDUV 1-7

Quarter Finals

1. Mallow v Ballinhassig
2. Aghabullogue 0-9 Bride Rovers 1-11
3. Carrigaline 0-24 St Finbarrs 3-18
4. Valley Rovers 3-12 Charleville 0-16

Semi Finals:

Mallow/Ballinhassig v Bride Rovers;
St Finbarrs 2-22 Valley Rovers 1-16
Final: St Finbarrs v Bride Rovers or Mallow/
Ballinhassig

Aghabullogue 1 - 12 Inniscarra 1 - 11

Aghabullogue 0-9 Bride Rovers 1 - 11
Aghabullogue had a thrilling win over neighbours Inniscarra in Round Three of the County U21 Premier 2 Hurling championship at Páirc Ui Chaoimh 4G pitch. It was very closed all through, 0-4 to 1-4 after the opening quarter with Scarra in the lead, but Aghabullogue had drawn level by the 25th minute and trailed by a point at the break, 0-8 to 1-6 for Inniscarra. On the resumption, Inniscarra went two points clear but then Aghabullogue had three points in a row to go in front for the first time in the 38th minute. The sides were level again at the three quarter mark but Aghabullogue got in for a goal, added a point and even though Inniscarra got three points in a row to leave only the minimum between the teams, Aghabullogue held on for the narrowest of victories.

In the quarter final, played under lights at Páirc Ui Chaoimh 4G, weather conditions were simply cruel with the rains falling without a break from the pitch dark skies and Aghabullogue did well for fifty minutes before being swept aside in the final ten minutes by the powerful East Cork side. Aghabullogue did well in the first half and led by a point after the first quarter and by 0-6 to 0-3

at the break. They continued to do well in the third quarter but a goal for Bride Rovers leveled the scores at 0-8 to 1-5 in the 51st minute and thereafter Bride Rovers outscored Aghabullogue by six points to one to emerge clear winners at the end of a prolonged added time period. Aghabullogue: Luke Casey: Cillian BarryMurphy, Tadhg Corkery, Aodhán Healy: Jack Murphy, Niall BarryMurphy, Cian Furey: Seánie Furey, Seán O'Connell: Tadhg Bradley, Paul Ring, Shane Desmond: Conor Dineen, Paul Dineen, Tom Long. Alan O'Sullivan, David Thompson, Liam Twohig, Jack Long, Conor Smith, Pádraig O'Sullivan, Cialan O'Sullivan, Kevin Cotter, Ardhall Ó Buachalla, Jack Oldham, Paul Dilworth.

U21 A HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

Round 3

Quarter Finals

Castlelyons 0-16 Newcestown 1-16
Ballygarvan 2-10 Fermoy 3-8

Semi Finals

Éire Óg v Newcestown @ Páirc Ui Chaoimh 4G,
Saturday Nov 30th
Fermoy v Nemo Rangers

U 21 B HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

Semi finals

Kilavullen 3-15 Whitechurch 1-10
Ballinora v Castlemartyr @ P Uí Chaoimh
4G, Sat November 30th

County U21 Football Championship 2019

U21 A FOOTBALL

Quarter Finals:

Carrigaline 1-14 Ballincollig 1-16
Beara 0-8 Éire Óg 1-15
Kilshannig 2-10 Douglas 2-9
St Finbarrs v St Michaels 1 December

Semi Finals:

Ballincollig 0-12 Éire Óg 1-8
Kilshannig v St Finbarrs/St Michaels 8/12

Final:

Ballincollig v St Fin/St Michaels 15/12

Ballincollig (v Éire Óg): Shane Hogan: Sonny O'Neill, Gearóid O'Donoghue, Karl Spillane: Fenton Denny, Kevin Crowley, Robbie Bourke: Luke Fahy, James O'Leary: Karl Walsh, Eoghan O'Reilly, Evan Cooke: Jordan Murray, Darren Murphy, Darragh Dorgan and Jordan O'Connor, Stephen Wills, Conor O'Leary, Danny Murphy.

U21 B FOOTBALL

A. Courceys 0-2 Aghabullogue 3-18
B. Castlemartyr v Buttevant
C. Na Piarasaigh 0-11 Newcestown 1-14
D. Duarigle Gaels

Semi Finals:

Aghabullogue v Buttevant December
1st at P Uí Rinn
Newcestown 2-11 Duarigle Gaels 0-13

Final:

Newcestown v Aghabullogue or Buttevant
December 8th

U21 C FOOTBALL

Champions: Aghinagh (Robert Emmets)

Semi Finals:

AGHINAGH 2-10 Bride Rovers 1-9
Whitechurch 0-5 Robert Emmets 1-15

Final: Aghinagh 4-8 Robert Emmets 2-7

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MUSKERRY CUP FOOTBALL

Final: Aghinagh 5-9 Kilmichael 2-9

Aghinagh 5-9 Kilmichael 2-9

The Muskerry Cup final, the last game of the 2019 junior football season in Mid Cork, was decided at Annahala, and Aghinagh, runners up in the divisional championship, gained some silverware for their season with a fairly comprehensive victory over the home side in what was an entertaining game of football. Kilmichael started in impressive form and had three points on the board in the opening minutes but conceded a goal to Aghinagh in the 5th minute and were 1-3 to 0-4 in arrears at the end of the first quarter and beginning to struggle to contain the fleet footed Aghinagh attack. Two goals within a minute for Aghinagh followed and the winners were firmly in control and remained so until the break. Kilmichael staged a mini revival on the restart but the loss of a forward to a red card and a fourth goal for Aghinagh fairly settled the issue and there was little doubt about the outcome thereafter, though to their credit, Kilmichael battled bravely to the finish and were rewarded with a late goal.

Kilmichael opened enterprisingly with points from Peter Kelleher, Chris O'Connell and Micheál Masters but were rocked by a 5th minute goal from Adam O'Leary who fisted home a Diarmuid Crowley centre. Kilmichael edged back in front from a Chris O'Connell free, Michael O'Brien equalised and then two pointed frees in succession had Aghinagh in front and beginning to get on top. In the 16th minute William Coakley set up a goal for Micheál Horgan and a minute later, Declan Ambrose fed Coakley who slammed to the net from close range to put Aghinagh 3-3 to 0-4 in front. Aghinagh remained on top and led by 3-6 to 0-6 at the break, Kilmichael making little impression up front where Peter Kelleher was starved of possession.

A goal from Conor Cotter after an incisive drive at the defence gave Kilmichael a boost on the restart but within a minute, the home side lost Micheál Masters to a red card and lost momentum again. Aghinagh's Trevor Burns had a fourth goal for the winners in the 34th minute with a well judged lob to the far corner of the net, Kilmichael replied with two points from the reliable boot of Chris O'Connell. Con Buckley, star of the Aghinagh U21's in their county final win a week earlier, belted a fifth Aghinagh goal through the legs of defenders in the 48th minute to put ten points between the teams, 5-6 to 1-8, and the final stages were not going to change the result but Kilmichael never gave up and after Aghinagh points from Liam Twohig and a long range effort from Micheál Corkery, the home side finished the scoring with a goal from close range from Danny Twomey, swooping on a ball broken down by Peter Kelleher, and a point from a late free.

Scorers: Aghinagh: M Horgan 1-1, Wm Coakley, A O'Leary, T Burns, C. Buckley 1-0 each, L Twohig 0-5 (0-4f), M O'Brien, D O'Riordan and M Corkery 0-1 each. Kilmichael: D Twomey 1-1 (0-1f), C Cotter 1-0, C O'Connell 0-5 (0-4f, 0-1'45'), P Kelleher and M Masters 0-1 each.

Aghinagh: Paul O'Sullivan: John Lynch, Dermot O'Callaghan, Eoghan McCarthy: Adam O'Leary, Sean Kelleher, Donagh O'Riordan: Michael O'Brien, Gearóid O'Sullivan: Micheál Horgan, Declan Ambrose, Con Buckley: Dermot Crowley, Liam Twohig, William Coakley. Subs: Trevor Burns and Micheál Corkery, both half time.

Kilmichael: Ronan O'Callaghan: Kevin Murphy, Finbarr Dromey, Eoin Murphy: Brendan Cotter, Finbarr Buckley, Kieran Murphy: Conor Cotter, Cathal Foley; Ronan Murphy, Chris O'Connell, Andrew Kelleher: Micheál Masters, Peter Kelleher, Shane Foley. Subs: Seán Buttimer h/t, Barry Kelleher 40, Danny Twomey 45, Stephen O'Leary 50, James O'Mahony 53.

Referee: Ciarán Ó Foirréidh, Cill na Martra.

MID CORK CUMNOR CONSTRUCTION JUNIOR A HURLING LEAGUE FINAL

Inniscarra 2-16 Blarney 1-11

The 2019 junior A hurling league final was decided under lights at Cloughduv and the game did produce passages of good play but there was never any doubting Inniscarra's superiority. The experienced players in their line-up, Ger Burke, Aidan O'Mahony and Dan O'Connell, were significant figures in their victory as they led from start to finish.

Inniscarra had three points on the board in as many minutes as they started strongly and had Blarney under pressure for most of the first half. Fergal O'Leary, Dan O'Connell and Pádraig O'Donoghue raised the early white flag and the Blarney defence was under pressure. Blarney opened their account in the tenth minute with a Jack O'Keeffe point but they were trailing 0-5 to 0-3 at the end of the first quarter with Inniscarra well worth their advantage at this stage. Dan O'Connell then put daylight between the sides when he found the Blarney net in the sixteenth minute and Inniscarra were in a very strong position at the interval leading 1-12 to 0-5.

Blarney reduced the arrears early in the second half when Mark Cremin, from a 65, and Cathal Hegarty raised white flags but those scores were quickly matched when Aidan O'Mahony and Jerry Roche were on target for Inniscarra. Blarney were more on the offensive subsequently, but they were unable to close the gap and it was 1-14 to 0-8 in Inniscarra's favour entering the final quarter. Aidan O'Mahony pointed a free to put them further ahead but then Mark Cremin raised three white flags for Blarney from frees and a goal from Cian Dunlea gave the winners additional cause for concern but their defence tightened again and Dan O'Connell finally wrapped things up when he fired home his second goal in the dying seconds.

Scorers: Inniscarra: Dan O'Connell (2-2), Aidan

O'Mahony 0-9 (0-6 f), Pádraig O'Donoghue, Fergal O'Leary, Jerry Roche, Mark Nagle, Seán Sheehan 0-1 each.

Blarney: Mark Cremin 0-8 (0-6 f, 0-1 65), Cian Dunlea 1-0, Cathal Hegarty 0-2, Colin Murphy 0-1. Inniscarra: Dave Óg Coleman: Cathal Griffin, Ger Burke, Michael O'Mahony: Seán Sheehan, David O'Carroll, Donal O'Callaghan: Aidan O'Mahony, Jack Horgan: James Murphy, Mark Nagle, Jerry Roche: Fergal O'Leary, Dan O'Connell, Pádraig O'Donoghue. Sub: Kieran Rice 50.

Blarney: Conor Murphy: Stephen O'Brien, Stephen Sheedy, Olan Hegarty: Mark Cummins, Dan Quill, Vincie O'Mahony: John Daniel Goode, Ray O'Donovan: Cathal Hegarty, Paul O'Connor, Jack O'Keeffe: William Crowley, Mark Cremin, Colin Murphy. Subs: Seán McSweeney h/t, Danny White ht, Cian Dunlea ht, Barry Dennehy 38.

Referee: Colm Uas Ó Mocháin (Cill Na Martra).

PREMIER 2 U21 HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

Cloughduv 1-7 Ballinhassig 0-18

Ballinhassig were comfortable winners of the third-round premier (2) under 21 hurling championship game played on the 4G pitch in Pairc Ui Chaoimh. They were physically stronger than their opponents, Cloughduv, and their forceful play ensured that the Mid-Cork side never really managed to produce a period of dominance over the hour. The South-East side took the lead in the first minute and it was clear that they were fully focused on their task ahead. William Ronan did manage to reply promptly for Cloughduv as he tied the scores but Ballinhassig were not flattered to lead on a 0-4 to 0-2 scoreline at the end of the first quarter. Darragh Walsh pointed a free in the sixteenth minute to improve Cloughduv's position but Ballinhassig subsequently dominated the remaining first half exchanges. They scored four points to their opponents' one, so they comfortably led 0-9 to 0-4 at the interval.

There was no improvement for Cloughduv on the resumption as Ballinhassig confidently dealt with everything their opponents threw at them and they increased their advantage significantly. In the third quarter they added 0-4 while Cloughduv's only reply was a Darragh Walsh point from a free. It was consequently 0-13 to 0-5 in favour of the South-East side who were now well on the road to victory.

Gavin Walsh got a point back for Cloughduv in the fifty-fourth minute and Liam Wall got a consolation goal for Cloughduv in the dying seconds.

Scorers: Cloughduv: D. Walsh 0-3 f, L. Wall 1-0, W. Ronan, J. Kelleher, L. Elliott and G. Walsh 0-1 each. Cloughduv: Conrad Crowley: Pádraig O'Leary, Eoghan Curzon, Eoin McNabola: Brian Hinchion, Eoghan O'Driscoll, Odhran O'Driscoll: Aodh Twomey, Eoin Moynihan: Cormac O'Driscoll, William Ronan, Darragh Walsh: Jack Kelleher, Liam Wall, Luke Elliot. Subs: Thomas Collins Ht, Stephen O'Donoghue 44, Gavin Walsh 44.

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JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

County Football Champions: Kilshannig (St James, Ardfield)

MUNSTER CLUB JUNIOR F

Kilshannig 2-3 Na Gaeil (Tralee) 2-11
Croom 0-8 Ballyduff 0-6

Semi Finals:

Na Gael 3-20 Michael Cusack, Clare 0-1
Mullinahone 2-10 Croom 1-10

Final:

Na Gael, Tralee v Mullinahone

JUNIOR A HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

County Champions: Russell Rovers (Carriga na bFear)

MUNSTER CLUB JUNIOR H

Russell Rovers 2-21 Kilgarvan 1-11
St Mary's 1-13 Carrig Davins 0-14

Final: Russell Rovers v St Marys Waterford, Dec 8th at Mallow

COUNTY JUNIOR B HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

Interdivisional Champions: Aghabullogue (Ballyhea)

COUNTY JUNIOR B FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Inter divisional Champions: St Michaels (Goleen)

MUSKERRY GAA-AULD TRIANGLE SPORTS STAR AWARDS 2019

Sponsors have just been confirmed for The Mid Cork Championships Teams of The Year. The Junior Hurling Team of The Year will be sponsored by O'Mahony Walsh, Auctioneers and the Junior Football Team of The Year by Quish's Super Valu Ballincollig. This year the Intermediate Football Team of the Year will be honoured (Intermediate hurlers in 2018) and EuroPumps Ireland are the sponsors of this team.

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County Championship Draws 2020

Premier Senior Hurling

Group 1	Group 2
Midleton	Blackrock
Sarsfields	Erins Own
Douglas	Bishopstown
Ballyhea	Newtownshandrum

Premier Senior Football

Group 1	Group 2
St. Finbarr's	Carbery Rangers
Ballincollig	Castlehaven
Clonakilty	Newcestown
Carrigaline	Ilen Rovers

Senior A Hurling

Group 1	Group 2
Newcestown	Bandon
Killeagh	Charleville
Kanturk	Mallow
Cloyne	Fermoy

Senior A Football

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
O'Donovan Rossa	Kiskeam	Dohenys
St. Nicholas	Mallow	Fermoy
St. Michael's	Eire Óg	Clyda Rovers
Ballingeary	Bantry Blues	Bandon

Premier IHC

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
Courcey Rovers	Valley Rovers	Inniscarra
Carrigaline	Ballinhassig	Blarney
Aghada	Watergrasshill	Castlelyons
Youghal	Ballincollig	Blackrock

Premier IFC

3 group games each, winners of each group and second in each group advance to quarter final stage (6 teams). Best of the third placed teams join them (7), second best and third best third place team play off for the eight and final quarter final place. The last team in each group play off in a relegation battle with the ultimate loser relegated for 2021.

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
Newmarket	Naomh Aban	Macroom

Group 3
Glen Rovers
St. Finbarr's
Na Piarasigh
Carrigtwohill

Group 3
Nemo Rangers
Valley Rovers
Douglas
Bishopstown

Group 3
Ballymartle
Bride Rovers
Fr. O'Neill's
Kilworth

Na Piarasigh	Cill na Martra	Kanturk
Castletownbere	St. Vincent's	Nemo Rangers
Aghada	Knocknagree	Gabriel Rangers

Inter A HC

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
Kildorrery	Eire Og	Cloughduv
Mayfield	Sarsfields	Aghabullogue
Dungourney	Meelin	Glen Rovers
Argideen Rangers	Douglas	Midleton

Inter A FC

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
Millstreet	Rockchapel	Mitchelstown	Aghabullogue
St Finbarr's	Dromtarriffe	Glanworth	Kildorrery
Glenville	Ballydesmond	Mayfield	Glanmire
Ballinora	Kinsale	Adrigole	Kilshannig

Lower IHC

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
Kilbrittain	Castlemartyr	Tracton
Barryroe	St Finbarrs	St. Catherine's
Ballygarvan	Ballymartle	Grenagh
Russell Rovers	Milford	Dripsey



Aghabullogue Junior B Hurling team after being crowned County Champions following their great victory over Ballyhea on a score line of 1-10 to 0-09.



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Schoolgirls: The Matt Murphy Pharmacy-sponsored U15s took the long trek to Youghal Utd. and had a fantastic 6-0 win. A shortage of goals in recent weeks was long forgotten here as a fine squad performance gave Macroom a considerable boost. Goals from Ciara Creedon (2), Grace O' Riordan, Siobhan O'Leary, Leanne Healy and Aoife Lucey secured the win. A strong defensive effort resulted in an important clean sheet.

The U13 Premier girls played away to Ringmahon. With both side eyeing up a league title, a closely contested game was no surprise. Macroom took an early lead through Lisa O' Donovan and Joanne Kelly thought she had doubled the lead, but the referee blew for offside. The hosts then equalised and it was 1-1 at half time. The tie remained evenly contested in the second period with both teams adding a goal. Caoimhe O' Brien was on target for Macroom with a cracking free kick from long range. 2-2 was the final result in an excellent game of league football. Best for Macroom were Avril Manning, Lilly Murphy and Olivia Woźniak. Macroom Town U13 girls were also away from home, to Carrigaline Hibs, and played out a 1-1 draw in cold blustery conditions last weekend. Erin Kelleher was the Macroom goal scorer. The visitors were unlucky with a couple of missed chances late on. Macroom were content enough though with a hard fought away point. This team is sponsored by Life Pharmacy, Railway View.

Schoolboys: Macroom U13A entertained Corinthians in the Town Park. After a slow start by Macroom, the visiting team had a big 3-0 lead. In fairness to the hosts they upped the work rate and played their way back into the game. On 20 minutes Charlie Magee hit a fantastic free kick to give Macroom encouragement. Right on half time Magee again poked home from close range, leaving it 3-2. On the resumption the home side kept piling forward and the leveller came from the hard working Sean Lucey. Strangely with the game now very open there were no more goals. An excellent 3-3 result after a nightmare start, Macroom came away feeling they could have even won it, which is a great sign for this young team. Coaches John Neville and Jimmy Murphy were delighted with the display.

Presidents Cup Semi-Final: Macroom B made the trip to Leemount last Sun. but lost 4-1 to Ard Na Laoi. It was a disappointing result as

Macroom had high hopes of reaching the division 3 show-piece at Turner's Cross. All the damage was done in the first half as the hosts raced into a 3-0 lead before half-time. Any chance for Macroom was reliant on getting the first goal of the second half but unfortunately the 3 goal deficit became 4 on the hour mark. Macroom

plugged away and the home keeper made a number of fine saves from Darren Dinneen and Shane Keane. Oisín Shovlin did get a Macroom consolation with a fine volley late on. But it is Ard Na Laoi who move on to the final. Macroom B will now continue their league programme. They sit in 2nd position with games in hand so there is plenty to play for as the season continues. The best for Macroom were Owen McSwiney, Cathal O' Riordan and Shovlin.

U13 National Cup: The U-13 boys a fantastic result last week when they qualified from Cork and into the open draw for the National Cup competition. This means they are now in the last 32 teams in Ireland and can be drawn against any other team in the country. Last weekend's game v Passage at the Town Park went all the way to penalties following a 2-2 draw and Macroom prevailed in the sudden death shoot-out. Macroom are now one of only four Cork representatives in the competition. As well as defeating Passage they have also had fine victories over Kilworth Celtic and Avondale Utd, both away. Macroom FC has 3 teams in U-13 competition and all are doing extremely well. This exciting National cup run will without doubt encourage all players across the 3 teams and is great for the club. Youths: The Youths team travelled to Midleton in the league. After a slow Macroom start, the hosts had a 2-0 lead. Macroom upped the work rate and Kieran Doody halved the deficit on the half hour mark. George Lowrie then levelled matters just before the short whistle. The home side responded well and added 2 more goals in the second half. Macroom continued to work hard and were unlucky to see a number of attempts come back off the upright. They were unable to improve their position and lost 4-2. AUL Division 3: Macroom B entertained league leaders Ard Na Laoi at the Town Park in an entertaining 3-3 draw. The visitors struck first but Macroom were level when Mike Hourihan fed Darren Dinneen to score. Ard Na Laoi re-took



Macroom FC U13 team who have qualified for the last 32 (open draw) of the National Cup.

the lead in the second period but a fine Cathal O' Riordan strike again brought parity. Good work from Steve Collins then allowed Dinneen his second, putting Macroom in front. The visitors equalised late on with a fortuitous penalty award. Both teams were reasonably happy and in many ways it was a dress rehearsal - the sides are to meet again in a week in the President's Cup semi-final. Best for Macroom were Oisín Shovlin, Shane Keane and Damien Hoare.

President's Cup Semi Final: The U12 Div. 3 side, sponsored by Fitzgerald's, won an amazing game 4-3 against Midleton at Murrayfield. Trailing 0-3 after just 20 minutes, Macroom staged a remarkable recovery. Gerard Quinn gave hope when he scored the first and Cathal Neville's shot made it 3-2 after some fine play from winger Samuel Leavy. Continued pressure from the hosts paid off when Billy Murphy struck to level. In a frantic finish Macroom found the winner when Tyrón Moyo raced clear to claim the fourth. This was tough on Midleton but Macroom were ecstatic with the hard work and skill levels of all players.

The U16 boys' division 3 team beat league leaders Springfield Ramblers 3-0 at the Town Park. All the goals came in the second half. First it was a Ben Herlihy corner headed home by new signing Cesar Garcia. Macroom were going well at this stage and Garcia was again involved when he was brought down after driving into the box. Herlihy stepped forward and although the keeper made a save, he managed to finish the rebound to the net. Late on it was Rory Duggan who fed Eoin Healy to make it 3-0. Macroom were completely dominant now and it was an outstanding outing from all 15 squad members. Coaches PJ Herlihy and John Wenger were rightly delighted with the application of all players.

Huge thanks are due to all the parents for the continued support of all our underage teams.

*There have been many cancellations over the last few week-ends so we hope the weather can improve slightly to allow our teams get out on the field playing games.

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Seniors' Scramble - 1st Pat Connell\Stevie Wills\Mick Fleming\Tony O'Riordan, 52.4: 16/17 Nov. **Club Singles,** 1st Stephen Cassidy(12) 34 pts and 2nd Sean Cronin (16) 32pts. 19th Nov.

Seniors' Scramble 1st: Frank O'Brien\Tony Bullen\John Smyth\Tony Lancaster, 44.4; **Club Singles** 23/24 Nov. 1st Dylan Cotter (11) 34pts, 2nd Charlie Foley (7) 33pts'

LAOCHRA ÓG



Shane Murphy's family with trophies at the Poc Fada.



Family and volunteers at the Poc Fada.

SUMMER CAMP 2019: Our first club-run Summer Camp & Development Camp in August saw 160 enthusiastic young players take to the fields of Coláiste Gobnatan and Naomh Abán, Ballyvourney; both showed great community spirit in allowing access over three days - Míle buíochas as bhur tacaíocht. Fifteen coaches along with Martin Fogarty, National Hurling Development Manager, and John Darby, camp co-ordinator, ensured an action packed first day. An army of club behind-the-scenes volunteers had everything in place on and off the field. Laochra Óg Development Camp was full of activity with kids enjoying their time; a Jigsaw Mental Health presentation informed our players there is also support off the field. Sponsors Michael and Nora McCarthy Glenmill Restaurant, Clondrohid, & Macroom CVRT Centre, very generously sponsored the camp and camp jerseys and we were delighted with their visit. In 2014 when our club started Nora and Michael provided us with our first playing field in Teerbeg, still used today; from those beginnings we had 160 kids at camp. We were delighted that Stuart Reid Munster, Participation and Growth Co-Ordinator for camogie visited our camp. He was delighted to see so many enjoying the camp and gave us information on different available courses and workshops; thank you Stuart. Community Gardaí visited on day three when they spoke about personal safety and drug awareness, and also visited the younger groups to talk to the kids. Rena Buckley visited and spoke to the camogie groups. Coaches involved with the camp were Mick Cremin, Neilus Murphy, David Lynch, Diarmuid

Meachair, Colm Meachair, Joseph Buckley, Maeve Murphy, Lauren Healy, Gaia Downey, Ellie O'Connell, Pauline O'Leary, Julie Verling, Rosie Walsh and Luke Elliot. We also thank Siobhán Bn. Uí Luasa, Ó'Luasa Foodstore, Ballymakeera who sponsored the catering for the camp; and again many thanks to Coláiste Gobnatan and Naomh Abán CLG for the use of their facilities. Our Summer Camp prize, kindly sponsored by Clayton/Maldron Hotels was won by Jack Purcell and his family. This prize was to acknowledge the support of the parents of the 163 children registered for Summer Camp, and their names were entered for the draw. Our 50/50 draw took place in The Mills Ballyvourney at the end-of-camp barbecue that evening. The winner was Catriona O'Donoghue, Cúil Aodha who won €325. We thank everyone who supported the camp and the draw; your support is greatly appreciated.

Shane Murphy Memorial Poc Fada: This year's charity is the Irish Guide Dogs. This is a well-deserving charity which gives such amazing help to all who need it. To date the Poc Fada has raised nearly €7,000 for various charities; we are very grateful to all who support us. We thank Tony Hughes and Macroom Credit Union who are sponsoring again this year. This year's Poc Fada was a great success with over €2,150 raised and the proceeds will go to The Irish Guide Dogs Association. The Murphy Family was delighted with the great turnout which was a great tribute to Shane. This year's winners were Colin Murphy, Cormac McCarthy and Eoin Healy. The final event was between the Camogie Trainers, sponsored by The Tavern,

Clondrohid and The Hurling Trainers, sponsored by Astra Systems, and was played with great fun and banter. The rivalry continued to the very end and the Hurling Trainers came out on top. The day ended with everyone looking forward to next year's event. We thank everyone who helped to organise the occasion and especially everyone who supported or took part in raising funds. **Club A.G.M 2019:** This takes place on Fri. 29th Nov. at 7.30 p.m. in the Sullane Room, Castle Hotel, Macroom. Parents/guardians, players, new members - all are welcome.



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Altogether club members won one Gold one Silver and two bronze medals. Jędrzej Rajca in the 71kg K1 category won Gold and Silver in the K1 Kick- light category. He had seven fights altogether. Ruadhan McKenna, our youngest fighter, did himself proud; in the 45kg weight category; he

won Bronze. Another Macroom representative, Bogdan Michalczewski won Bronze in the senior category. All of our fighters showed amazing talent in such a big competition and we feel certain further success will come to our club in the future. Andrzej Sliwa is Coach of Macroom Muay Thai Club.



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As we face winter there is a much greater call on our resources for fuel, food and clothing. One of our particular concerns is providing support

to families with very young children and elderly people living alone.

More generally, we provide educational support to students at all levels with ancillary costs such as travel and accommodation – in support of our core belief that education is the only certain route out of long term dependency. This is our ONE Church gate collection for the year. Your ongoing generosity enables us to provide these services.

CERT Hotel School Reunion

As the new 5 screen cinema is taking shape on Park Road, Killarney, a reunion is also taking great shape, for students & teachers alike for CERT Hotel School Reunion of the former Torc Great Southern Hotel from '95-'97.

The hotel itself operated as usual in the high season and as a CERT Hotel School in the off peak for more than 30 years, where the students 'boarded' at the hotel, Mon-Fri, and travelled home to various different counties for the weekends. It was a great asset to train people in all aspects of hospitality, now a thing of the past.

The school shut its doors to CERT in 2000 under Pauline Lyne and the reunion which is well underway for Feb 2020 is for the specific years of



Sept 1995 - April 1997.

A whatsapp group was started by a Clare student, Elaine Keehan with just two numbers on the group. Now the numbers are reaching almost 100 with another hundred or so still outstanding. If you were a student yourself over this period or if you know anyone, country wide, that may have attended the Torc Hotel School over this period only, please send an email to elainekeehan@gmail.com, to be added to a nostalgic Whatsapp Group, in preparation for February for what promises to be a night full of fun, taking a trip

down memory lane, in Killarney of course!



Cork County Council Notices

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hedgerows (including non-roadsides hedges) and information is available on www.pollinator.ie

The All-Ireland Pollinator Plan recommends that when hedge-cutting to leave one new whitethorn tree in every routinely trimmed hedgerow – a strategy to address the decline in bees. According to Teagasc, hedgerows are the most important source of flowers in the Irish farmed landscape, but are only of value to pollinators if flowers are present. Every little helps – you can make a difference! Further details are available on the Council's website www.corkcoco.ie



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Musicals & Light Entertainment) for staging productions, has been quite difficult. While Macroom was lucky to have the Riverside for a number of performances, one cannot beat a proper stage and theatre. The Briery Gap Building has been an integral part of the life of Macroom for nearly twenty years and this news is most welcome. Great credit must go to all concerned who, after many battles and great persistence, finally secured the funding for the "Gap", the "heartbeat" of our local community.
Padraig O'Driscoll.

INCHIGEELAGH NS PARENTS ASSOCIATION HOSTING A FUN TABLE QUIZ

Inchigeelagh NS parents association is hosting a fun table quiz in Creedons Hotel on Friday 6th December at 8pm. Tables of 4 cost €40. There are prizes for the quiz and there will be a fantastic raffle after the quiz. Finger food will be served.

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Ballyvongane Nat. School Fundraiser in Bealnamorrive Church at 7.30pm on Tues. 3rd Dec. €10.

Baile Mhúirne, Bridge: The Abbey Hotel, Wed., 4th December @ 10.15.

Carrigadrohid Christmas Lights: Will be switched on in Carrig at 6 p.m. on 1st Dec.

Macroom Senior Citizens/Active Retired Group - Christmas Events:

Christmas Tea Party: Wed. 4th Dec. @ 8.30 pm in Fr Ryan Hall. All are welcome.

Christmas Dinner: Tues. 10th Dec. @ 1.30 pm in Castle Hotel. Tickets are €30 each. All are welcome.

Macroom Flower & Garden Club: 45th (Sapphire) Anniversary Dinner Thur. 5th Dec. 2019, Castle Hotel @ 6.30 p.m. For reservations and further details please phone 087-9821708.

Members' Christmas Workshop: Coolcower Hse. Dec. 7th; to book contact 087-9821708. We would be delighted to hear from anyone who would like to share photos or memorabilia from past events.

Ballinagree Vintage Run: Sun. Dec. 8th from 11am.

Kilmurry GAA Club: AGM takes place on 13th Dec., 7.30 p.m. in Kilmurry GAA complex. All are welcome.

Christmas Cabaret: Candlelight, in Cololcower House, Macroom, 13th & 14th of Dec. by Macroom Pantomime Company.

Christmas Table Quiz Fundraiser Toonsbridge Defibrillator

Fund: At Toonsbridge Dairy on Friday 13th December 2019, €10 per person - Everyone is Welcome.

Noel Murphy, Boxing in Madison Square Garden, New York; Dec. 14th. Best Wishes from your Macroom fans.

Leabharlann Bhaile Bhúirne: Re-opened on Tues. 26th Nov. Knitting & Craft Group: On every Tuesday, 11 a.m.

Macroom Library Events

Tots Time: Takes place on the first and third Friday of every month

Story Time: Takes place every Saturday at 12.00pm.

Purlies Knitting Group: Thurs.

Ciorcal Cainte will meet Thurs., 28th Nov. at 11.30 a.m. Tá fáilte roimh gach éinne.

Juvenile Book Club: Sat. 30th Nov. at 3.00 p.m.

Photographic Exhibition: This exhibition by Connie Cronin is on display until Dec. 31st; "Messengers in the Wind" is a wonderful collection of photographs. Please call and browse.

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Snippets may include details of upcoming Lee Valley functions, fundraisers, sports events etc. We may include commercial events that are also being advertised simultaneously in the magazine.

Ballyvongane National School Fundraiser in Bealnamorrive Church at 7.30pm on Tues. 3rd Dec. The 'High Hopes Choir' from Cork Penny Dinners and Ger Wolfe will perform with lots of local talented entertainment, both singing and music. Tickets at €10 will be available on the night; or contact Liam 087/7526535 after 3p.m. A great night's entertainment is certain to put you in the Christmas Spirit! Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Christmas Cabaret in Coolcower House, Dec. 13th and 14th: Rehearsals by the Lee Valley Pantomime Group are at an advanced stage as they prepare for the inaugural Christmas Cabaret on Dec. Four charities - Sullane Haven, S.V. D. P., Marymount Hospice & Macroom Hospital will benefit from the proceeds. Under the watchful tutelage of Anne Dunne, super shows have been arranged and it looks like that we will have two great nights of laughter and song. Great credit must go to all those involved, young and old, for giving their time for these four worthy causes.

Tickets at €20 each, including a drinks reception, are available at Evelyn McSweeney's Shop, Middle Square, or by phone at 026/41070. We encourage everyone to come and to enjoy themselves while supporting four very worthy charities - all of whom do wonderful work in our community.

Dáimh Staire Acadamh Fódhla. Nochtfar leac ar uaigh Micheál Mor Ó Loingsigh (Na Ceire Máistrí) i Reilig Ghobnatan, Domhnach na hÉigse ar a 1:00. Is é Liam Ó hÉigeartaigh Seancha/cainteoir an lae. Fáilte roimh cách. (A headstone to Micheal Mor Ó Loingsigh will be unveiled on Sunday next (Éigse Sunday 1/12/2019) @1:00pm. Liam Ó hÉigeartaigh is the day's Seancha/Speaker).

Macroom Senior Citizens/Sullane Haven Christmas Fund-raiser: To raise much needed funds for Sullane Haven, the Sullane Art Group has again produced Christmas cards with some lovely hand-painted Christmas scenes. These Christmas cards are available in shops in Macroom and the Lee Valley at a cost of €5 for a pack of 10; all proceeds go directly to Sullane Haven. Sullane Haven is a Residential Centre catering for thirteen elderly people.

Lee Valley Toastmasters: Castle Hotel, Macroom is the venue & the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, at 8 p.m., are the days and times of each month's meetings. All welcome as guests.

Rosary for the Dead: takes place every Thurs. in Nov. at 8 p.m. in Bealnamorrive Church.

Inchigeela Calendar 2020: Anyone who would like their photo included in next year's calendar,

please send photos to inchigeelacalendar@gmail.com. The pictures can be of people, places or events in and around Inchigeela. Please send photos in landscape orientation. Proceeds will go to the local historical project in the village.

Ballinagree Vintage Tractor, Car and Bicycle Run: will be held on Sun. the 8th of December. Proceeds will go to the Ballinagree Development Group and Ballinagree N.S. Registration is from 11 a.m. The run leaves Ballinagree at 12 noon. For tractors call Billy, 087 6757447 or Chris, 086 7840146. For cars & bikes call Johnny, 086 1931773.

West Muskerry A.C. Tractor Run: on Sunday 22nd of December in Carrigadrohid, starting at 12 noon.

Kilmurry Historical and Archaeological Association. The KHAA is currently looking for volunteers in the museum. Please contact a committee member if you would like to help. Thanks, Michael John O'Mahony, PRO KHAA.

LOTTO RESULTS

Canovee GAA: Nov. 17th Numbers drawn were 1,17,19 & 22 - No €12,950 Jackpot winner. €50 was won by Michael O'Sullivan, K'avullig and €25 by JJ Browne, Connie O'Keefe and Trish Dunlea. Nov. 24th Numbers - 4, 16, 18 & 24; No winner of €13,100. Hamper winner was James O'Sullivan. €25 was by Sarah Scanlan, Frankie Walsh, Aherla, and Conor Murphy, Crookstown and online Joanne McCarthy.

Coachford AFC: 4/11/2019. Jackpot: €3,000. Numbers Drawn: 24 - 28 - 31. No Winner. €40 won by Eileen Buckley, and €20 each was won by Tadhg Bradley, Derry Murphy, Madge Martin and Ger Deasy (Yearly Ticket). 11/11/2019. Jackpot: €3,200. Numbers Drawn: 4 - 21 - 33. No Winner. €40 Pat O'Riordan & €20 each for Sheila Sheehan, Michael O'Riordan, Syl & Kathleen Sheehan and Sarah, C/O Pat. 18/11/2019. Jackpot: €3,400. Numbers Drawn: 5 - 9 - 35. No Winner. €40 Mary Sull. €20 Lotto Ladies, The O'Connell Boys, Evan O'Sullivan and John Hogan Jnr. (Online Ticket).

Clondrohid G.A.A.: Nov 14; €70 Bridget O'Sullivan Muinfluch, €20 Sheila Buttimer Coolcower, Anne Mc Sweeney Carrigphooka, Con Walsh Carriganima and Anne Cooney Coachford. Congrats to Helen McCarthy Codrum winner of the €250 Bingo jackpot. Nov. 20: Jackpot of €4,000; €70 Catherine Cotter, Kilvoultra, €20 Denise, Chris de Jageur, Carrigaphooka, Aidan Harty, Mid-Cork Pallets, Kevin Kelleher Muinfluch and Anthony Murphy Masseytown. Congrats to Evelyn McSweeney and Dave Reidy winners of the Bingo Jackpot of €250 last week.

Kilmichael G.A.A.: 4th Nov.: Jackpot €6,400; Numbers: 14-27-30-34; No Jackpot winner. €50 John Cronin, Limerick €25 Kathleen O'Riordan, Sleaveen; John Cronin, Shanacrane; Con O'Keefe, Lissarda. 11th Nov. Jackpot €6,550: Numbers: 15-16-22-31; No Jackpot winner. €50 Aoife Daly, Kildare Town; €25 each to Colm Burgoyne, Carrigboy; Eileen O'Driscoll, Haremount; J. D.J.D.B.O.T. c/o J. Collins. 18th November: Jackpot €6,700. Numbers: 2-3-18-

21; No Jackpot winner; €50 JJJCD, c/o 5 Roads, Terelton; €25 each Richard Ring, Cooldaniel; Denis & Liz, c/o Foleys; Aoife, Aisling & Orlaith Ring, Rylane. 25th Nov. Jackpot €6,850; Numbers: 3-13-24-33; No Jackpot winner: €50 John Carroll, Gneevies; €25 to John Crowley, Terelton; Mary Murphy, Dromleigh; Nicholas Dromey, Dromcarra.

Kilmurry G.A.A. Lotto: 04/11/2019. Jackpot: €4,800; Numbers Drawn: 16, 21 & 22; there was no winner. Consolation prizes: €50 Jo Jo and €20 each to Paddy Murphy, Eleanor Shorten, M O Mathúna, Blackie and Ben O'Donoghue. Kilmurry G.A.A. Lotto: 18/11/2019. Jackpot: €5,000, Numbers Drawn: 2,15,33. Winner Liselle Irwin €100 Denis Murphy €50 Ben Healy, €20 Tim Coleman, Mgt Murphy, Daniel Buckley and Martin Hubbart.

Macroom FC Lotto: 4/11/19. Jackpot: €7,200. Numbers drawn: 4, 5, 29. No Winner. €80: Isabella and Alex c/o Catherine. €20 each: Monica c/o JJ, Daniel O' Leary, Codrum, Marguerite O'Riordan c/o Fudge, Mag Neville c/o Hound. Lotto Results: 18/11/19. Jackpot €7,600. Numbers drawn: 3, 15, 31. No Winner. €80 Ciaran O' Sullivan c/o Murray's. €20 each: Veronica Csaki—Online ticket, Craig Ronan c/o Murray's, Laura O' Mahoney c/o Murray's, Shane and Sally Burns c/o JC's. 25/11/19. Jackpot €7,800. Numbers drawn: 1, 13, 26. One Jackpot Winner: Des McGarvey c/o Fudge. €80: Imelda Healy c/o Fudge. €20 each: Frank Cronin c/o Noel, Norelene Healy c/o Darrin, Alan O' Connor c/o Murray's, Noreen and Richie c/o MaryAnnes.

Macroom GAA: 5/11/2019. Numbers drawn were 8-18-33 - Jackpot €1000. No Winner. €70 Mary Cooney, Greyhound Bar, Macroom. €20 Liah & Ella Goold, Killarney Road, Macroom. €20 Olan Buckley, Kilnagurteen, Macroom, €20 Kathy Looney, The Lawn, Macroom, €20 Colette Mullins, Coolea, Macroom and €20 Mary Lynch, Cools, Kilnamartyra.

Rusheen Nat. School: 10th Nov. 2019 - The jackpot was €5,200.00. Numbers drawn were 2, 6 and 31. There was no jackpot winner. Consolation prizes: €50 to Marion Kelleher, Ballinagree and €20 each to Ciarán Cummins, Little Island, Joanne Dineen, C/O John Casey, Simon O'Connell, Béal na Marbh and Thade Delaney, Coachford. 17th Nov. 2019-The jackpot was €5,350.00. Numbers drawn were 9, 24 and 25. There was no jackpot winner. Consolation prizes: €50, Martin O'Mahony, Rockgrove, Coachford and €20 each to Michael O'Sullivan, Rylane, Donagh McCarthy, Castleview, Macroom, Noel Nunan, Cahirbaroul, Macroom and Michael Fitzsimmons & I, Ballinagree.

Rylane Community Park Association/CPA: Mon. Nov. 4th 2019. Lotto results: 4/11 /2019 Jackpot €1,600. Numbers drawn: 18 - 19 - 40. No Winner. €20: Seán Buckley (Rylane); Dan Kelleher (Rylane); J & J Crowley (Rylane). Seller's Prize €20: Crowley's. 18/11/2019 - Jackpot €1,800. Numbers drawn: 15 - 16 - 17. No Winner. €20: Caitlin Desmond (C/O Anvil Bar, Rylane), Diarmuid Kelleher (Derry), Nick Martin (Coachford). Seller's Prize €20: Mag's Chipper.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

MICHAEL LEAHY

Bridelands, Crookstown, Co. Cork and late of Ruan, Co. Clare who died on 17th November 2018

On the first anniversary of his death the family of Michael (Mick) Leahy wish to extend sincere thanks to everyone who supported and sympathised with us on our great loss.

We are extremely grateful to the Staffs of C.U.H. and Marymount. Thank you to Canon Bernard Donovan for celebrating the Mass and to Martina and the choir.

A special thank you to members of Cloughdub and Ruan Hurling Clubs for their guard of honour at the removal and funeral.

We would like to acknowledge the many people from his native county who travelled for the funeral as well as our very kind relatives, neighbours and friends for their sympathy and support over the last year.

To Fitzgerald Undertakers for their professional support and service.

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



4TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

MICHAEL (MICKY) BUCKLEY

Inchinahoury, Kilnamartyra, who died on November 27th 2015

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



Always remembered by Mom & Dad and all the Buckley Family

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.

15TH ANNIVERSARY



Cherished memories of

SEAN MULLANE

Late of Toonlane, Ballymakeera, Macroom Who died on December 12th 2004

*Sadly missed along life's way,
quietly remembered every day...
No longer in our life to share,
but in our hearts, you're always there.*



Always remembered and missed by his Wife Margaret, Sons Jerry and Jonathan, Daughters Lisa and Rachel, Son in law Kieran, Daughters in law Joan and Mairead, Grandchildren, Ciaran, Michael, Eilis, Patrick, Sean, Darragh, James and Shauna.

Anniversary Mass Sunday 8th December at 11.30am in Ballyvourney Church

2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

DONAL CREED

late of Codrum, Macroom, Co Cork Died 23rd November 2017

*In loving memory of Donal a dear husband,
father, grandfather, great grandfather,
brother, uncle and friend.*



Remembered every day with so much love by his wife Madeleine and by his extended family.

Ar Dheis Dè go raibh a anam uasal

21ST ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

MICHAEL MURRAY

45 Oakwood & Ballina, Who passed away on 5th December 1998

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



Sadly missed by his wife Kitty and family.

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PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN



O Most Beautiful Flower of Mount Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendour of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother (Make request). O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succour me in this necessity. There are none, that can withstand your power. O show me herein you are my mother. Oh Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 times). Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days and then publish it and request will be granted to you. This prayer must be published in thanksgiving for favours received.

4TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

EILEEN MURPHY

**Currabeha, Crookstown, Co Cork
Who died on 3rd December 2015**

*Silent thoughts, sincere and true
from a family who thought
the world of you.
No longer in our lives to share,
but in our hearts
you're always there.*



Sadly missed and always remembered with love by Mary, Niall, Dylan and Eoin.

2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

TIM O'LEARY

**Rossmore, Kilbarry, Macroom,
Died on 25th November 2017**

*Silent thoughts, sincere and true
From a family who thought the
world of you.
No longer in our lives to share,
But in our hearts you're always there.*



Lovingly remembered by your wife Margaret, Son : Gerard and Daughter in Law : Erika and all the family.

*Special Remembrance Mass on Sunday the
15th December in Inchigeela Church.*

6TH ANNIVERSARY & BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE



In loving memory of

NELL MURPHY

**Knockroe, Kilnamartyra, Macroom
Whose anniversary occurs on the
23rd November.**

*God saw you getting tired,
And a cure was not to be,
So he put his arms around you,
And whispered come to me,
With tearful eyes we watched you,
We watched you fade away,
Although we loved you dearly,
We knew you could not stay,
You left behind some aching hearts,
That love you most sincere,
We never did and never will,
Forget you Mother dear.*



Always loved and remembered, Anna, Dan, Denis, Elaine, Danny and Sheena.

THE MIRACLE PRAYER



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

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

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

Never known to fail.

Must promise publication of prayer.

MM

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.

TM

NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT



O Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can attain my goal. You gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me and that in all instances of my life you are with me. I want in this short prayer to thank you for all things you have given me as you confirm once again that I never wanted to be separated from you in spite of all material illusions. I wish to be with you in Eternal Glory. Thank you for mercy towards me and mine.

This prayer must be said for three days, after three days the favour will be granted.

TM

NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART



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

Take it dear heart of Jesus and place it within your heart where your father sees it.

Then in his merciful eyes it will become your favour, not mine. Amen.

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

Never known to fail.

Must promise publication of prayer.

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3RD ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

RENA BUCKLEY

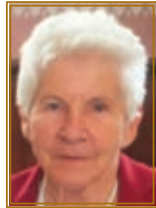
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A fuair bás ar an 8ú Mí na Nollag 2016

In loving memory of a dear and hard working mother and grandmother **RENA BUCKLEY** who passed from this life to the next two years ago.

Remembering also her dear husband **JERRY** who passed from this life in 1976.



4TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving Memory of

NORA HERLIHY

Gortnalicka, Clondrohid, Macroom who passed away on 6th December 2015

*We miss your smile, your joking ways,
We miss the things, you used to say,
And when old times we do recall,
It's then we miss you most of all.*



Always remembered and loved by Timothy, Matthew, Nora Theresa, P.J., Margaret, Miriam and extended families

FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

MARY MCCARTHY

SHANACLOON, BALLYMAKEERA, MACROOM, CO. CORK Who Died on 1st December 2018

On Mary's first anniversary, we her family would like to extend our gratitude to all who helped us in celebrating her long life and sympathised with us at the time of her death. Thank you to everyone who attended Mary's funeral and to all who sent messages of condolence and Mass cards. Our thanks to Father John Keane, Father Dónal O'Brien, the Sacristans, the gravediggers, Aileen and the choir. Thank you to the Management and the staff of the Abbey Hotel for their delicious food.

Mary received wonderful care from the doctors and staff at Sullane Family Practice and from District Nurse Ellen O'Leary. While living at home she was continually supported by home helpers in particular by Joan and we are indebted for the care and companionship she received. We also extend our gratitude to McCarthy's undertakers for their professionalism throughout the funeral. In Mary's final months she was cared for in Cahereen Nursing Home. We will be forever grateful for the love, kindness, and gentle care shown to her in her time there. We remember with thanks Mary's card playing friends who brought much happiness to her life. As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually please accept this acknowledgment as an expression of our deepest gratitude. The holy sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions.

St Gobnait Pray for her.
I smaointe do chlann dilis i gcónaí



Now I am contented
That my life it was worthwhile,
Knowing as I passed along the way
I made somebody smile.
When you are walking down the street
And you've got me on your mind
I'm walking in your footsteps
Only half a step behind.
And when you face the gentle breeze
Or the wind upon your face,
I'm giving you a great big hug
Or just a soft embrace.
So please don't be unhappy,
Just because I'm out of sight,
Remember that I'm with you,
Every morning, noon and night.

Anniversary Mass in Ballyvourney Church on Saturday 30th November at 6.30pm

FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

TADG MANNING

Tirnaspidoeige, Inchigeela, Co Cork Who died on the 6th December 2018

We lovingly remember Tadg on his first anniversary. Sadly missed by his wife Noreen, daughter Miriam, Son-in-law Brian and his Grandson Tadg

We would like to express our sincere and heartfelt gratitude to our family, friends and neighbours who supported us and helped us in many ways through this sad time.

Thank you to everyone who attended Tadg's rosary, removal, funeral mass and burial, those who travelled long distances, those who sent Mass cards and letters of sympathy.

A special word of thanks to Fr. Anthony, the Inchigeela choir & Ballingearly choir, Patrick and Conor O'Sullivan, Eibhlís Twomey, and everyone who made Tadg's funeral mass so special. We would also like to thank all who formed the Guard of Honor.

We would like to thank Joe & Ann Creedon and their staff for providing refreshments on the day. Thanks to Cyril Casey and his team for their support, help and professionalism.

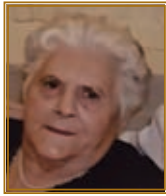
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Míle Buíochas díobh go léir



Tadg's 1st Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday, 8th December 2019 at 11.30am mass in Inchigeela Church.

4TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

MARY DINEEN

Knockroe West, Kilnamartyra Macroom, Co. Cork
Whose anniversary occurs on 29th November

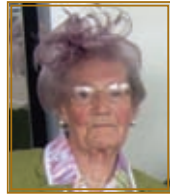
*Silent thoughts sincere and true
From a family who thought the world
of you
No longer in our lives to share
but in our thoughts you are always there
"If you think of Mary today a little prayer
to Jesus say"*

May she rest in peace



Lovingly remembered and missed by Gerard, Margaret, Catherine, Joan, Andrew, Mary and their families.

2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

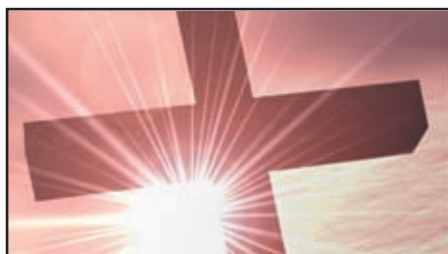
MARY CRONIN

Candromey, Kilnamartyra, Macroom who died on the 27th November 2017

*We think of you in silence,
We often speak your name,
But all we have are memories,
And your picture in a frame.
Your resting place we visit,
And put flowers there with care,
But no one knows the heartache,
As we turn and leave you there.*



Forever in our hearts
Colman, Bernie and Family



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Karolyne Dineen, Tracey Martin and Liz Thompson, organisers of the Coachford Christmas Lights Table Quiz in O'Callaghan's Bar last weekend



St. Joseph's Primary School Senior Infants releasing white balloons for November, the month of the Holy Souls. © An Scoil



Ballyvongane NS 4th class pupils who recently won then 4th class UCC/Lifetime Lab Science Quiz in UCC © An Scoil



Pupils from Muinefliuch NS who took part in the recent Muskerry athletics club cross country competition in Macroom. © An Scoil



Sheena Sheehan, Macroom, who was an overall winner at the Garda Youth Awards in Rosscarbery recently, pictured with her are Sergeant Emer O Connell, Macroom, Carol Warren Bishop Mac Egan College, Ken Leonard Manager of SuperValu Macroom and Margaret Corkery Bishop Mac Egan College, Macroom.



Donoughmore ladies, Laura Barrett, Claire Ahern, Julie Ann O'Sullivan, Ally Dineen and Norma Hegarty enjoying the craic and the racing at Curraheen Park. © Mike English



The Shane Murphy Memorial Pool Tournament which was held recently in the Bell Inn Clondrohid from left Nelius Murphy - Winner, Paul Burke, Dan Murphy, Angie McCarthy and Runner Up - Daniel Mahony



Rusheen Parents Association committee promoting their upcoming Christmas Market on 1st December



A Word of Victory

Welcome back dear reader "can two walk together unless they are agreed?" (Amos 3:3). Agreement is essential for advancement and peace. Jesus told His critics that "a house divided cannot stand" (Matthew 12:22-30). A familiar tactic of Satan is 'divide and conquer'. He uses it in marriages and families, in workplaces and amongst friends. Also a person can be afflicted by this with mental torment when they are conflicted within themselves by feelings of shame, guilt and condemnation - all diminishing love for oneself and others. With Christmas approaching many couples and families feel pressure because of demonic attacks which are specifically sent to cause strife and arguments in order to divide and conquer them. Most people do not even realise what's going on and have no defence for it, and what happens is they lash out at the one who has hurt them, so a tit-for-tat results, breeding resentment and allowing bitterness to take root. To the one harbouring feelings of anger it is like drinking poison, and can be the root cause of sickness, torment, and fear. To counteract strife and the plots of the devil draw close to God! When we humble ourselves before God by accepting Jesus as Lord, repent for our sins, and obey His Word we can resist the demonic by God's Power and the devil has to flee (read James 4:1-12). It is through studying God's Word the Bible that we train our spirits in discernment and, as we get to know the Lord through His Word, we become a habitation for His Presence and will easily spot and stop these attacks. Anger is an important emotion, but the Lord warns us to "be angry and do not sin" and, to not "let the sun go down on our anger" (Ephesians 4:26-27). This is a vital principle friend, because, when we hold onto anger it only grows bigger as we feed on the offence it causes us all kinds of trouble and gives the devil legal access to bring disaster as he has "foothold" in our lives through that anger. Yes, I can hear you shouting 'you don't know what they did to me!!!', but friend, God wants us to forgive from the heart - not just for the one who has hurt us to be released, but, so we can be set free from Satan's grip. "Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who have sinned against us". To the same extent that we forgive, we are forgiven and peace is restored.

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