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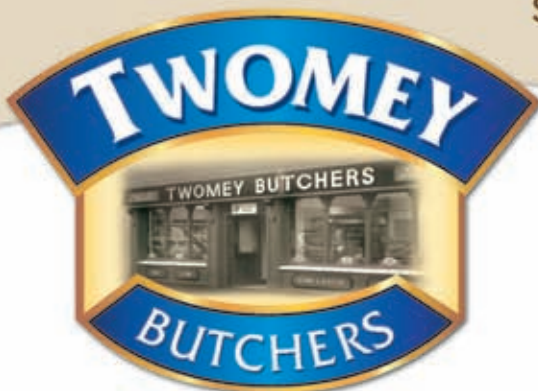
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MACROOM PARISH CHRISTMAS CEREMONIES 2019.

Masses: Christmas Eve: Tuesday, Vigil Mass 7 p.m. with Youth Choir; Polish Mass 9.00 p.m. Mid-night Mass 12.00.

Christmas Day, Wednesday: 8.30 am, 10.30 a.m., 12.00 noon. Caum: 10.00 a.m.

St. Stephen's Day: Thursday, 10.00 a.m.

Confessions: Tuesday 24th in Macroom from 12 noon - 3 p.m. Caum: 12 noon to 12.30.

Carol Service in Macroom on Sunday 15th, December at 7 p.m. Penitential Rite-Confessions in Macroom —Tuesday 17th at 7.30 p.m.

Aghinagh Parish: Christmas Eve Masses 7.00 p.m. in Rusheen and 9.00 p.m. in Bealnamorrive. Christmas Day Masses: 9.30 a.m. in Bealnamorrive; 11.00 a.m. in Ballinagree.

De La Salle Updates

Noel Murphy, boxer: Our former pupil, welterweight boxer Noel Murphy, will make his Madison Square Garden debut on December 14 th .The Macroom man meets Josue 'The Prodigy' Vargas of the Bronx in an all southpaw battle on the Terence Crawford versus Egidijus Kavaliauskas undercard at the iconic boxing venue. Murphy, who has won 14, drawn 1 and lost 1 of his 16 outings, is guaranteed plenty of Irish support in the Big Apple as Michael Conlan faces Vladimir Nikitin in one of the headline bouts. We would like to wish Noel the very best of luck and the school is very proud of his achievements.

Charity Work: There has been an amount of charitable work in De La Salle lately. The second year pupils took part again in the 'Christmas Shoebox Appeal' run by Team Hope, where thousands of gift-filled shoeboxes are sent to children in Africa and Eastern Europe who are living in poverty. Well done to the students involved and their parents for their important donations. You have helped bring joy and excitement to children often living in very difficult situations. Well done to the fourth years also who were out collecting for Macroom Charities appeal organised. As our year draws to a close we would like to reflect back on the year and thank all the students, parents, teachers and members of our school community for their work and commitment to the school. Tercentenary of St. De La Salle: This year was of great significance in the school as we celebrated the Tercentenary of the death of our Founder and the Patron Saint of Teachers, Saint John Baptist De la Salle. We see his legacy continued in the school. This year saw wonderful charitable work, a good rounded education and an inclusive school community being cultivated.

We have had many highlights during the year, to name a few; the French and Italian exchanges, many sporting activities like football, hurling and athletics, class trips like hiking and paintballing, environmental work with the formation of the Green School's Committee, work on mental health and awareness, subject quizzes, Seachtain na Gaeilge, debating and more!

Transition Year students; have been busy with yoga, cooking skills, gym in Macroom Complex/Castle Hotel, a coaching and refereeing module and many guest speakers.

Remembering: We remember at this time friends of De La Salle who have passed away, with the death of Mr. Jim Quinn during the year, and the first anniversary of our former teacher Mr. Pat Gould.

Nollaig chiúin do gach duine ó De La Salle.



Mr. Tom Walsh and members of De La Salle student council who both contributed to the purchase of a defibrillator for the school. © An Scoil



5th class pupils from Muinefiuch N.S. who were overall winners of the UCC Science quiz recently © An Scoil

YOUTHREACH MACROOM UPDATES

Community Art: Students in Youthreach continued their Community Art evident in the Creative Window display in Macroom Credit Union. Tony Hughes, Manager of Macroom Credit contacted with Youthreach to see if it was possible for students to create a festive window display for Macroom Credit Union. With the support of their Art Teacher, Kevin Holland Youthreach students were delighted to facilitate Tony who continues to be very supportive of Youthreach students.



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Hospice, Macroom Community Hospital, Macroom St. Vincent de Paul and Sullane Haven. Enquire from Ann at 087 2755080.



St Mary's Soundings



St Mary's JUNIOR CAMOGIE TEAM. © An Scoil



St Mary's TY BUSINESS STUDENTS WITH BUSINESS TEACHER ARLENE O'DONOGHUE AT BANK OF IRELAND MONEY SMARTS © An Scoil

ScholarshipS: Congratulations to past pupil Aoife Doyle who received a Language Scholarship at a ceremony in UCC recently. Aoife is studying World Languages. We wish you every success Aoife. Congratulations also to Daria Byrdziak who received a JP McManus All Ireland Scholarship in UL recently. This scholarship was established in 2008 to support gifted young students across Ireland by providing them with financial support thus enabling them to participate in all aspects of university life. Daria is studying Chemical Engineering at CIT.

Our Transition Year students enjoyed their Public Speaking Workshop with Fair City's Alan Devine in school recently. This workshop is fantastic; it helps to improve communication skills and will give them the tools to help them with presentations and interviews in the future.

St. Vincent de Paul Society: Mr Sean O' Leary came into to our school last week to speak to our 5th year LCVP Class about the work of St Vincent de Paul. This talk will benefit the class as they study the unit on Voluntary Organisations; thanks is very much due to Sean, and we appreciate your time.

U- 19 Basketball Team: Congratulations to our fantastic team who beat Bandon Grammar Secondary School in the semi-final of the county recently. The girls started off strongly, pulling ahead by four points by the end of the last quarter. However, it turned out to be a nail-biting game as Bandon came back even stronger in the last few minutes. But the girls stayed calm and gave an amazing performance, which showed in the final score of 32-21.

Transition Year Business students: Congratulations to 12 students who took part in the Bank of Ireland Inaugural Money Smarts Challenge



St Mary's TY STUDENTS ENJOYING A PUBLIC SPEAKING WORKSHOP WITH FAIR CITY'S ALAN DEVINE

in Rochestown Park Hotel on the 3rd of December. This challenge is a high energy quiz consisting of eight rounds of all kinds of money-related questions and conundrums to be solved over a two-hour period. Well done girls and thanks to Ms O' Donoghue for organising this opportunity for the girls.

Junior Camogie: This team won their match against Presentation, Ballyphehane last week. Well Done g. Great work was done by Ms Dillon, and she gave great encouragement and advice on the day.

Siansa Gael Linn Group 'Aoibhneas': We are proud of this group who have just submitted their entry to the Siansa Gael Linn Competition.

Siansa is a highly regarded national competition that invites bands of up to 8 members, aged under 19, to compete for a trophy. They give a 10-12 minute performance of arranged traditional music and a compulsory song as Gaeilge. These girls have done an amazing job. They learned 5 pieces of music to form for their allotted 12-minute time performance. They gave up lunch times and evenings to practice over the past 10 weeks. Their dedication and diligence is hugely admired! Group members are: Cara Moloney - Singer/Piano, Clodagh McDonagh - Cello, Katie Cronin - Singer/ Guitar/ Fiddle/ Banjo, Caoimhe Buckley - Fiddle/ Piano, Anna O Mahoney - Concertina, Ellen Kelleher - Accordion, Roisin Buckley - Fiddle/ Banjo, Meabh Bradley - Harp/ Tin Whistle. We thank their Teacher Ms Quelly who worked very hard the girls in preparation for this highly regarded National Competition. Well Done and Good Luck.!

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On behalf of the Members and staff of the Macroom Municipal District, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and yours a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year

Marie O'Leary, Municipal District Officer
Macroom Municipal District



Macroom Library Annual School Quiz Winners , Kilmurry NS; Diarmuid O'Donoghue, Mathew Brennan, Cal Lehane, Liam Murray



Macroom Library Annual School Quiz Winners, Scoil Fhionnbarra, Paudie Ó'Súilleabháin, Katie Ní Chróinín, Aron Ó'Tuama, Aodhán Ó'Braoínain

MACROOM LIBRARY

Macroom Library School Quiz: We'd like to congratulate Kilmurry NS on winning the recent quiz, and well done to Scoil Fhionnbarra and Dromleigh N.S.s who finished 2nd and 3rd respectively. Our thanks is due to all schools who took part, to the parents and teachers who stayed on late after school, and to McEgan College for hosting the event. We look forward to seeing you all at next year's quiz.

Customer Survey: For the next few weeks, there will be an anonymous survey available in the library for customers to complete. The survey is on Library Events held in Macroom Library specifically, and with the information provided by you, we hope to organise better our events in the library – times, dates advertising and etc that suit the majority of people, how to reach more eyes, which type of events you like, frequency. If you've feel that we could improve in Macroom Library with regards to our events, now is the perfect chance to tell us! A copy of the survey is available on the desk.

Music Morning: will take place on Friday Dec 13th at 11 a.m. with guest Eileen Hackett leading. This is sure to be a very festive morning. Eileen invites audience members to bring along some of their own favourite Christmas songs so they too can be played. All are welcome.

STEAM Storytime: We will hold a special story-time on Sat. Dec. 14th midday when we will be joined by Eva McArdle – a laboratory manager from UCC – to read some stories for us. STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths. If you have any budding future scientists at home, or anyone with a love of all things tech and maths, this is a great occasion to bring them to the library.

Purlies Knitting Group; will meet on Thursday Dec. 19th at 11.30 a.m. We would like to thank the Purlies for the wonderful Christmas Display they have created for our windows. It's a display that celebrates the Twelve Days of Christmas, and we invite you to take a look at it the next time you're passing by.

Open and Closed Days: The library will be open up until Sat. Dec. 21st (inclusive). Closed on Dec. 24th – 27th, open on Sat. Dec. 28th and Tues. Dec. 31 st. Closed on Wed. Jan. 1st, and open again on Thurs. Jan. 2nd

Seasonal Greetings: Finally, we wish our customers a Very Happy Holiday Period, and wish you all the best in the New Year. Thank you for visiting so often in 2019, and we hope to see you even more in 2020.

Welcome: Everyone is welcome to become a member of the Library and



Macroom Library Annual School Quiz Winners, Dromleigh NS. Jerry O'Riordan, Jack Browne, Dylan Lynch, Eamon Cronin.

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'Pass The Bucket' for Cork Penny Dinners: Fifth Year Pupil Sheena Sheehan is a young person who is to be greatly admired for her fundraising activities. Sheena was recently awarded a West Cork Garda Youth Award for her local fundraising activities here in Macroom, most notably The Fairy Garden. She is currently fundraising for Cork Penny Dinners and will be passing the bucket in local businesses throughout Macroom. The idea of pass the bucket comes from the well known phrase "to pass the buck" i.e. to blame someone else or make them responsible for a problem that you should deal with yourself. She is asking local businesses to take the bucket for one day to collect funds. Sheena chose a local non-profit organisation that helps local Cork people. She wants to contribute towards their Christmas dinners. Cork Penny Dinners is one of Cork's oldest charities and currently serves up to 2,000 freshly prepared dinners per week. Her mum Anna Sheehan Sheena is supporting her with her latest fundraising venture. After her first week she has raised over one thousand euro!!! The bucket will be on display in local Macroom businesses until Christmas.

Rugby Report: On Tuesday Dec. 3rd Bishop McEgan College participated in the Munster Rugby Emerging Schools Blitz in Presentation Brothers Cork's pitches. Four games were played and we won the group. We defeated Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál, Blarney, Ballincollig Community School, drew with Presentation and lost only by a single point, due to conceding a last-minute try, to Christian Brothers. We played extremely well and were highly commended by the Munster Rugby coaches, who ran the blitz. This follows on from a hugely successful coaching programme developed by the Munster Rugby Development team which runs over the whole



McEgan Rugby

year in McEgan College. Some of our stalwarts on the day included top try scorer Arron Forde with Evan Kelleher, Olan Cronin and Conor Desmond putting in stellar performances. The panel was: Captain - Conor O'Donovan, Michael Wojcik, Olan Cronin, Darragh Buckley, Cian Noonan, Daire Desmond, Donnacha Spillane, Luke Madigan, Owen Duggan, Gavin Creedon, Tate McKeown, Graham Lynch, Evan Kelleher, Elijah Roberts, Arran Forde, Bobby Murphy and Oisín O'Connor.

Fundraising in McEgan: The pupils and staff of McEgan College have been involved in many different fundraising initiatives since the start of the academic year. Under the supervision of Ms Angland, over €2,800 was recently raised for the Breast Cancer Research Unit in CUH by the Transition Year Students. Enormous work was necessary to raise such an amount, which included a monster raffle, cake sales and a coffee morning. A flag day was held for Cope Foundation in September. The pupils collected €695. In October, the Leaving Cert. Applied class collected over €375 for the Mercy Hospital Foundation, which again was generously donated by the people of Macroom. In November, the Transition Year pupils held a cake sale that raised over €275 for the Cork Simon Community. On December 19th, McEgan will have its annual Christmas Jumper Day for charity and a Christmas Cake raffle. This is



Fifth Year Pupil at McEgan College Sheena Sheehan fundraising for Cork Penny Dinners

being organised by Mr Padraig O Driscoll and all monies raised will be donated to Fr John Keane who does tremendous work with the homeless in Cork. The pupils very much enjoy fundraising; it also teaches them important skills such as planning, team-work, organizational skills and dealing with the public. Most importantly it makes students aware of those less fortunate than themselves and the benefit from giving to others.

GLEN PARK GLISTENS UNDER CHRISTMAS-TREE LIGHTS

The switch-on ceremony of the Glen Park/Hospital Cross Christmas Tree lights was performed this year by Mrs Eileen O'Connell in the presence of Glen Park Residents Association Chairperson Tommy Counihan, Secretary Jim Cooney, and a fine gathering of residents, young and old, Macroom Hospital residents and staff and residents/business owners of the Hospital Cross area. This is the fourth year that the tree has been erected on the approach road to the hospital and once again it will brighten the neighbourhood over the festive season, bringing joy to the hearts of all who live or pass through the area. Glen

Park Residents' Chairperson Tommy Counihan thanked all those residents, neighbours and businesses whose generous contributions had made it possible to erect and illuminate the tree each year and also thanked Martin Coughlan and his volunteers from LVEB who helped put the tree and lights in place. Ann Couinihan had treats for the little ones present, Tommy led the countdown to the 5.30 pm switch-on and wished the residents and the hospital community 'A Very Happy Christmas' as the lights came on to enthusiastic applause and gasps of delight



Hospital residents and staff at the Glen Park Christmas Lights' Switch-on: Back, Pauline O'Riordan, Eileen O'Connell, Olive Crean, Christine Hourihane and Clíodhna Ní Laoire; Front Kathleen Carter, Eileen Leahy and Judy Kearne © C Kelleher

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Oakwood entrance before development. © C Kelleher

Work has started on the Cork County Council development in Oakwood where fifty new houses will be built. The first items to go were the entrance walls of the estate, a once lovely feature. The entrance road is to be moved three metres west to facilitate the safer access/exit of lorries, dumpers, diggers, machines etc. As line-of-sight on the Cork side was the aim, one wonders if a similar outcome could have been achieved with cutting back, perhaps, ten feet of a row of trees and moving back, towards the estate, the entrance wall, Cork side? Already there has been disruption of residents' access and parking, the roads have been muddy and there has been an increase of noise at the street junction and at the building site. And we are at the very early stage. But the greatest concern is the increased risk of injury to all, but especially the elderly and the young. Thankfully there has been no accident or injury to date.

The residents would have preferred a smaller number of units built and site access from a side rather than through the estate. Despite several meetings with local councillors and T.D.s, and council officials none of the concerns raised by the residents were addressed. Indeed

the number of units was increased. Council officials tried to negotiate a lateral entry to the site but failed in their attempts.

There is a housing crisis and people urgently need to be housed. However there is also a need to balance developments with the concerns of prior residents. Adding fifty houses to an estate of 76 houses – Oakwood has 58 residences and Oakwood Court 18 - is a lot, an increase of 65.7 %. Every person in need of accommodation should be housed as quickly, as well and as soon as possible.

The scandal of keeping people in Reception Centres for long periods is indefensible. According to one local observer, Oakwood was a difficult site twenty five years ago, and the 'new' building area is higher and rockier. Finally and coupled with the above is the issue of Macroom's unoccupied houses. In 2017 there were more than 200 in the town, many in the town centre. Compared to years ago the number of people and families living in the Square, Main Street, Railway View and Castle Street has dramatically fallen. Non-occupation of town-centre premises invites dereliction, decay, and anti-social behaviour.

If the money for the Oakwood scheme could have been spent on renewing and reviving the town centre what a wonderful difference it would have made. It is arguable that more accommodation could have been provided more cheaply and more quickly while providing work to many local small-builders and tradesmen, and simultaneously facilitating integration of new residents to smaller communities. This not a new idea – it is called urban renewal.

All the above points were repeatedly put to our public representatives and council officials but alas in vain.

The result is that residents of Oakwood will have to 'grin and bear' the discomfort of the next few years and wait for the effects of fifty new families coming to the estate. Despite overlooking the residents' concerns and suggestions, the hope is that all will be well, that the new residents will fit in well and that Oakwood will continue to be a lovely place in which to live.

Con Kelleher.



Oakwood entrance after development began. © C Kelleher

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Katelyn Kelleher, Liah Casey, Brian Dineen, Paraic O' Sullivan and Jack Moynihan, enjoying the Coachford AFC 40th Anniversary celebration dinner



Ed. Warren Cultural Officer presenting the Muskerry Cup to Dermot O'Callaghan Aghinagh Captain.



Lucy Murphy and Cliona O'Connell, who's pictures won 'I Love My Library', Library Calendar Competition for all of Cork County.



Well done to the members of Crookstown Karate Club on a fantastic display at the recent Kanazawa Cup Competition.



Mairéad Uí Chéilleachair, Mo & Evie Ní Luasa & Siobhán Uí Luasa ag baint taitneamh as an maidin caife i Scoil Mhuire le déanaí.



Rince, ceol, caint as Gaeilge agus craic ag grúpa damhsa Bhéal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh.



The super girls from Naomh Fionnbarra U18 team who won The Mid Cork recently.



Neassa O'Shea and Katie Kelleher making a presentation to Tom Moloney, who accepted on behalf of owners, Sunday Night Boys Syndicate and trainer, Pat Kiely, of Iveshead Gary, winner of the Castle Hotel Macroom/Cork GOBA Grade AO 525 at Curraheen Park. Included are GOBA officials, Pat Walsh, Michael Walsh and Maurice O'Connor. © Mike English



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Cork County Council Construction Contracts Signed for N22 Baile Bhuirne to Macroom

Cork County Council has signed contracts with two Irish firms, Jon Civil Engineering Ltd and John Cradock Ltd, for the construction of the long-awaited Baile Bhuirne to Macroom Road Development, signalling the expected commencement of works before the end of the year. Contracts were signed today in the presence of An Tánaiste Simon Coveney TD and Minister Michael Creed TD.

With funding approved by Government last month and a total budget of €280m, the development is expected to take between three to four years to complete.

The 22 km of new road commencing at the Cork side of Macroom at Coolcower, will bypass the town of Macroom, the villages of Baile Mhic Íre and Baile Bhuirne, the infamous 'Ballyvourney Bends', and will finish west of Baile Bhuirne before the County Bounds with Kerry.

The development is expected to bring a significant economic boost to the area during the construction phase and in the longer term reduce journey time in the region, improve access to rural areas and greatly enhance quality of life for people living in and around Macroom.

Mayor of the County of Cork Cllr. Christopher O'Sullivan welcomed the signing, saying, "This development has been in the pipeline for a number of years and we are delighted to see it progress to this stage. It will be a significant improvement in road safety and journey times on the N22 and

will enhance connectivity between Cork and Kerry. The N22 By-Pass will free towns and villages of congestion allowing them to grow and rejuvenate promising significant benefits for the people of Macroom, Baile Mhic Íre, Baile Bhuirne and surrounding areas."

Chief Executive of Cork County Council Tim Lucey commented, "Signing the N22 Macroom By Pass contract marks a significant step for the Cork Kerry region. Advancing such a major piece of strategic infrastructure to this point is a complex process and this is an extremely important development for the entire region. The construction phase will mean an economic boost locally and substantial social and economic benefits for the future. Preparatory works by engineers including ground investigations and archaeological excavations have been carried out and the route is primed for construction. Now that the construction contracts are signed, the commencement of this long awaited and critically important infrastructural scheme and the largest single investment by government in this region to date will soon begin."

Chief Executive Officer of Transport Infrastructure Ireland Michael Nolan went on to say "Today's contract signing highlights the importance of delivering on needed national road infrastructure improvements for both the Cork and Kerry regions.

Aghinagh Activities



Aghinagh Team with Muskerry Cup and young supporters



Aghinagh Under 12's Mid South League Final Champions © Peter Scanlan

Aghinagh Parish Christmas Ceremonies. Christmas Eve Masses, at 7.00 p.m. in Rusheen and 9.00 p.m. in Bealnamorrive; Christmas Day Masses, at 9.30 a.m. in Bealnamorrive and 11.00 a.m. in Ballinagree. **Ballyvongane NS: would like to thanks everyone who supported, sponsored and**

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Clondrohid Updates

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 Parkinson's Fundraiser: The guest of honour was Connie O'Riordan, known locally as Con the Milkman who has Parkinson's Disease. It was organised by Seanie Murphy from The Pub and local musician Tim Joe O'Riordan. Connie had the crowd in stitches with his stories and recitations. There was also an auction of some items - local Artwork, Christmas trees, and the funniest, a date with Connie O Riordan. The night was very enjoyable and a great success with €1,000 was raised. Another event is planned for next year, around the same time PG.

Clondrohid Development Group: This group commenced 2019 with their Christmas/ New Year Party to the wonderful music of Tim Joe and Ann. A beautiful cold plate, prepared by Margaret and Peter, singing, dancing and a raffle were all part of the fare. The group will get into action in the spring, cleaning, tidying, flowers and shrub planting and much more with a view to entering the Tidy Towns. All help is appreciated. Local businesses are always very generous sponsors. Bag packing in Dunne's took place as a fundraiser in November. Monies raised help to light up the village with the Crib and Christmas Tree. The Tree is up and looking well and the Crib is prepared. We thank Connie, Linda and Danny for the lovely Christmas Tree and Dairygold staff for their help. As a mark of thank to all they hope to trim back the Curragh Road very shortly, famous for its song and for lovely walks. This group would like to wish everyone a very happy Christmas.

Active Retired: Commenced their year's activities with monthly coffee-mornings and exercises. They have singing and story-telling for 2 hours on Monday nights over the winter. Valentine Day's Afternoon Tea and a special Christmas Coffee-morning are great successes.

Scoraíocht for the Bealtine Festival had great talent, attracted a huge attendance and it was a great night. A large crowd boarded a bus for Jack's Mystery Tour in May; the destination transpired to be West Cork and the day was enjoyed by all. A 'scoraíocht beag' was held in Nov. in the Community Hall and everyone was up for a song or a story, with MC Teddy.

The Christmas Dinner will be held in the Mills Inn, Ballyvourney.

Clondrohid Nat. School: The old school closed their doors on Wednesday April 10 and pupils and teachers moved to their new state-of-the art building on Monday April 29. A small celebratory opening took place on May 1. The official opening took place on October 11 when Bishop Crean blessed the new school and Minister Michael Creed performed the official opening. Entertainment was provided by local school children and teachers and refreshments were served. The new school continues its involvement in all aspects of extra-curricular activities with quizzes, sports and art etc.

Carriganima Nat. School: The website won Scoilnet's Star School Website award.

Race Night; This was held as a fundraiser for their Childcare Centre. Previously a Trolley-dash fundraiser was held in Supervalu, Macroom in December. Much extra-curriculum activity was done with good results. Muinfluch Nat. School: The 5th class pupils took part in a Discover Primary Science programme and were also overall winners of the U.C.C. Science Quiz. Pupils celebrated Biodiversity Awareness Day. School pupils won nine trophies at Cork City Sports. They all dressed up as a 'native species' for climate change.

The Parents' Association fundraised in Dec. with a



Fundraiser for Parkinsons at The Pub, Carriganimma, Nov 2019
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Floral Demo.

Parish Pastoral Council: The 1st meeting took place on Feb 5th. Sub-committees were set up and the 1st Parish Newsletter was published on Dec 1. Adoration in Clondrohid Church takes place all day on Mondays from 10 to 6pm. From January there will only be 3 Masses instead of the present 5 at weekends. First Holy Communion was celebrated in the Parish in May and Confirmation in April. A lovely Remembrance Mass for all those who passed away especially in the last 12 months was celebrated in Nov. All graves in the cemetery and church yard were blessed, as well as those in the Famine Graveyard. The annual Famine Graveyard Mass took place in May with the attendance of the youthful Eugene O'Riordan, who had recently celebrated his 103rd birthday. Clondrohid Parish bade farewell to Fr. Wickham after 14 years and welcomed Fr. Joe. The Parish organised a farewell for Fr. Wickham in Community Hall. Presentations were made and a lovely night took place, with entertainment and refreshments. Everyone wishes Fr. Wickham well in his new parish of Newtownshandrum. Fr. Joe's induction ceremony took place in Nov. at Sunday Mass, and refreshments were served in the hall. It was a lovely occasion.

G.A.A. Activities: Clondrohid junior A football team played 3 championship matches during 2019 - beating Donoughmore and unlucky to lose by one point against Kilmichael and Aghinagh. The club took part in the inaugural Sam Maguire 7 a-side football competition in Dunmanway in an enjoyable and well organized event. The U- 16 team reached the championship final where it took 3 dramatic matches to decide the outcome but Clondrohid lost. The u-10s won the Shield Final after extra time in the Canovee Tournament

The summer Cul Camp was again successfully held in July.

Club player Sean Desmond won an All-Ireland Freshers' title with U.C.C. Former club players Dr. Aidan Kelleher & Barry Corkery brought the Cork All-Ireland minor and U-20 cups to the 3 parish schools.

A new club gymnasium was set up in two rooms of the old school house by the junior & minor players and is now available to club members.

The improvement works to the entrance roadway were completed during the year resulting in a much higher safety standard for all users.

The untimely passing of Mrs. Mary Kelleher, Mulnahorna is a great loss, especially to her family. Mary contributed greatly Clondrohid GAA Club's weekly lotto for over 24 years. Sympathy is extended to the Kelleher & Dineen families.

Club sponsors thanked at recent AGM included M&J Kelleher, Con Kelleher: Fionnabha metal recycling, Tim & Mary Lyons Engineering Healy's Spar & The Tavern.

The work of everyone involved in Clondrohid GAA Club during 2019 is much appreciated.

Clondrohid Community Hall Committee: It held its AGM in Jan and have been very busy since. They applied for grant aid to carry out much needed works



Fundraiser for Parkinsons at The Pub, Carriganimma, Nov 2019
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to the hall. Part of the roof has been replaced, and heating, lighting etc has been upgraded. Insulation has been carried out. The Hall Committee and the Parents' Association united to host a Clondrohid Community Fun Day in association with IRD in Sept. There was a 5km run, a fun ball run, an indoor and outdoor market, live music, art, etc. This was a first for Clondrohid and was a great success.

SSE Airtricity: came to the Community Hall in August with a wonderful solar powered cinema experience.

Cart Bus Carriganima: This free bus comes to Clondrohid every Tuesday at 9.50am on its way to Macroom and is back again for 1p.m., just about enough time for a bit of shopping and a cuppa with a friend. The annual Millstreet Vintage Tractor Run in aid of CART took place in Sept raising €1,200 approx. Cart has a church gate collection in Clondrohid this weekend Dec. 14/15. Please support this great facility. A collection for Cart will be held in Carriganima on Jan. 11 /12

Carriganima Pub Entertainment: T.R. Dallas made 2 appearances in the pub in 2019. The St. Patrick's Day parade had Fr. Wickham as Grand Marshall and Seanie as MC, both doing excellent jobs. The annual fun, run, walk in aid of Macroom and Millstreet Hospitals in Sept. was a great success and raised €2,400. A great pub night was had in Nov. in aid of the Parkinson's Disease Association, raising €1,000 approx. Well Done.

Laochra Óg Hurling and Camogie: The U-12 boys took part in an All-Ireland Blitz in Croke Park, Congrats to Roisin Murphy and Ava O'Connell who took part in the All Irl Camogie Blitz in Dublin. The Shane Murphy Memorial Poc Fada took place in Nov, and proceeds went to the Irish Guide Dogs.

Local Athlete: Congrats to Stephen Bradley of West Muskerry in his achievements in the Czech Republic. He also finished 2nd in the Shot, Discus AND Javelin in CIT.

Bowling, Pool tournaments are regular events in Clondrohid as are weekly bingo, card playing, dancing, arts and crafts, music, exercises etc.

Money Donations 2019: Operation Transformation gave €1,095 to Sonas, Suimhneas and ASD classes in Clondrohid Nat School. The GAA St. Stephen's Day married v singles match yielded €1,150 made for the Down Syndrome Association.

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.

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



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Con Cooney with his grandniece Hannah Lane at the switching on of the Coachford Christmas Lights.



The four surviving players of the first match that Coachford AFC played in 1969 at the Coachford AFC 50th Anniversary Gala Dinner at the Oriel House Hotel Ballincollig. L/R Tom Stack, John Long, Frank Twomey, Mattie Martin.

Christmas Lights: Local girl, Eileen O'Shaughnessy was the lucky person chosen to light up Coachford this year. Her name was drawn from the many entries and, with the help of Santa Claus, she pressed the button that lit up the whole village. Coachford looks absolutely gorgeous and Christmassy. The lights and the fantastic tree are a credit to all involved. The switching-on of the lights was a tremendous success with a huge crowd turning up to get in the festive spirit. Santa Claus arrived in style in the front seat of a top of the range Garda Vehicle and he was in fabulous form and met all the children; some grown-ups told him what they were hoping to

find under the tree this year as well. There were lovely gorgeous hot mince pies, sweets, treats, heavenly hot chocolate and marshmallows and warm mulled wine. The tree is one of the best the village has ever had and the whole village is alight with the Christmas spirit. Well Done to the organisers, the businesses and residents who allow the lights to be plugged in to their premises, the people who raised money, Cork County Council and Coachford Family Festival 2019 for their contributions, and to everyone who turned up to make it another great occasion for Coachford.



Eileen O'Shaughnessy turning on the Coachford Christmas Lights



Coachford Christmas Choir with Santa Claus and one of his elves, Liz Thompson

Cill na Martra Cuntaisí

Christmas Services; Monday 16th December 8 p.m. penitential service Cill na Martra church; Christmas Eve Tuesday 24th December Vigil Mass 7 p.m. Cill na Martra and Réidh na nDoirí 9 p.m. Christmas Day Wednesday 25th 9.30 a.m. Réidh na nDoirí and 11.30 a.m Cill na Martra. **Réidh na nDoirí;** Tá Coiste Mullach na Réidh Teo an bhuíoch do gach éinne a chabhraigh chun an margadh ar an 8ú a chur i láthair san Ionad Áise. We wish to thank all from far and near who supported our Community Centres event, those who sponsored raffle prizes, made cakes & sandwiches & those who prepared the venue outside and in. Ger Woulfe kindly played guitar while children from Scoil Reidh na nDoirí

sang Christmas songs. Many local producers displayed their goods and will again in Coláiste Ghobnatan on Sunday 15th of Dec. The crafters' class have a pop up shop in Ionad Áise every Monday while their needlework class runs from 10.30am to 12.30pm. There's a regular Yoga class with Jana on Tuesday nights, grúpa ceol le Comhaltas oíche Dé h-Aoine and a mindfulness and meditation class and a Children's Céilí dance class will begin after Christmas. For updates see facebook page; Ionad Aise Reidh na nDoiri. We urge you to shop local and support local business and jobs as much as you can. Ba mhaith linn Nollaig Shona agus Ath-Bhliain faoi Mhaise a ghú ar gach éinne.



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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.

Big Win: It has been announced that The Courtyard on Sober Lane in Cork has won the award for "The Best pub in Ireland with outdoor space". Its owner, Finbarr O Shea, grew up in Inchigeela and we are proud of his successes in the catering business. In all, 1700 pubs and restaurants were adjudicated before the finalists were invited to Dublin and the winners were announced. Finbarr, his wife Dolly and his family always have a special warm welcome for people from his home parish and from mid-Cork. Their hard work and their lovely premises deserve the catering industry's accolade.

Croí na Laoi Meeting: The final meeting of the year was held on Tue 3rd. Matters discussed were: the planning for the recently acquired defibrillator, its location and instructions for its use; the Christmas tree in the Square Inchigeela and the switching on of the lights after Mass on 14th with some Christmas Carol singing. Future plans for the hall were debated as well. The annual fundraising walk on St Stephen's Day is planned for mid-day with some tea and music afterwards. The council, last week, responded to representations from Croi na Laoi with a new

tarmac surface on the street. The AGM will take place on January 21st and new members are welcome.

Table Quiz: Toonsbridge Dairy is the venue of a fundraising table quiz to help provide a defibrillator for the eastern side of our parish. This is an important electronic life-saving device that is used in cases of cardiac arrest and we are sure the event will be strongly supported. The fun event starts at 8pm on Fri 13th. Please support.

Garda Clinic: Gardaí will attend the parish office (at back of Inchigeela Church) at the following times: Monday Dec. 16th, 12 noon to 1 p.m. and the Mondays 23rd and 30th from 7 p.m. > 8 p.m.

Donation for Hospice: Over €2,000, the combined proceeds of a walk from Gougane by the family and friends of the late Tade O Leary



Breandán Ó Tuama a bhuaigh an chéad áit sa chomórtas grianghrafadóireacht Cumann Ceamara Locha Lua ag glacadh Corn Valerie O'Donoghue ó Seán Ó Donnchú.

of Currihy, and an event by his work colleagues in Firebird factory were donated recently to the Bantry Hospice project in memory of Tade, a very popular Béal Átha man.



Comhghárdeas le páistí ó Rang Múinteoir Julie a dhein boscaí bronntanas do HOPE le déanaí. Maith sibh!



Grúpa siúlóirí ó Bhéal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh a shiúil thar an cnoc ó Cill Garbháin go dtí An Gúgán ar son ceiliúradh Lá Naomh Fionnbarra.



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Kilmichael Calling

Dromleigh N.S. Festive Cheer on Fri. Dec. 13th at 7 p.m. Join us at Dromleigh N.S. for festive fun. Music and carol-singing as arranged by the Lee Valley Academy of Music will be performed.

Kilmichael Rovers: Annual Christmas Hamper Draw, 1st Prize Bumper Christmas hamper plus various other prizes on the night! The Draw takes place on Sunday 22nd December 2019 in Dromey's Bar at 6 p.m. Tickets can be purchased from all club members, local pubs and shops. Tickets are €2 each or 3 for €5.



Dromleigh N.S., Kilmichael Science Quiz teams. © An Scoil



Dromleigh N.S., Kilmichael team who were participants in the Regional Finals of Intel Mini Scientist. © An Scoil



Launch of Tractor & Car Run and 3K, & 7K walks and 5K run on Sunday, 29th December at St. Enda's NS, Kilnadur, Dunmanway - registration 11.30 am. Proceeds to Air Ambulance & St. Enda's NS, Kilnadur.

Leabharlann Bhaile Bhúirne

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. December is such a busy month! All the shopping and trying to find the right presents for family and friends. A handy and completely free stocking filler is a Library Card! Why not register your children and pop their new library card in their Christmas stocking – Santa would be delighted with the helping hand as he is so busy. In Leabharlann Bhaile Bhúirne I'm trying to fit in a few events before Christmas.

Buaiteoir: An Aoine 6 ú Nollaig: bhí áthas orm fáilte a chur roimh Múinteoir Áine agus a cuid daltaí ó Scoil Cuil Aodh Barr d'Inse go dtí Leabharlann Bhaile Bhúirne. Bhí Ruby Ní Charthaigh, as an rang, ceann de na buaiteoirí le déanaí i gComórtas Ealaíne Féilire Leabharlann Chontae Chorcaí. Bhí áthas orm a duais agus cóip frámaithe dá pictiúr a bhronnadh uirthi. Ba mhaith liom buíochas a ghabháil le Múinteoir Áine, leis na tuismitheoirí, na daltaí agus an bpríomhoide as an chuairt iontach.

Christmas Craft Workshop: Earlier this week there was an adult Christmas craft workshop where everyone was busy making hand-stitched Christmas cards. The members of the knitting & crafting group all joined in and Christmas nibbles, tea, coffee and chat were in good supply.

Book Club: We also had the last book club of 2019 and are looking forward to next year with more books and we'd love to welcome some new members too.

Family Time: Sat. 21st December marks Family Time at Your Library at Leabharlann Bhaile Bhúirne, 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



Winners of the 2020 Cork County Council Library Calendar, featuring 12 original artworks from talented children across the County. The competition was officially launched by the Mayor of the County of Cork, Cllr Christopher O'Sullivan, at the LHQ Gallery in County Library Headquarters on the Wednesday of Library Ireland Week

awareness of the benefits of reading as a fun activity for the whole family.

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KILMURRY – ‘CUNTAIS’/ACCOUNTS

Béalnabláth National School (1884-1968) and the Community it Served book launch

On Friday November 29th Kilmurry Independence Museum hosted a very successful book launch of the above.

The book deals principally with the National School while exploring the cultural, archaeological and historical backgrounds of the area. The book is very well laid out and includes articles on Béalnabláth in 1916, the Michael Collins Ambush, profiles of past pupils, local archaeological sites and sports clubs near Béalnabláth. There is also a large collection of photographs, including school groups taken between 1924 and 1968.

The keynote speaker of the night was Monsignor Kevin O’Callaghan, AP VG, a past pupil of the school. He described his schooldays with fondness and humour and spoke of the high level of education received at the school. He concluded by officially launching the book.

The book was compiled by past pupils Mary O’Sullivan, Connie Long and Tom Murray. It is available in shops in Kilmurry, Béalnabláth, Crookstown, Aherla, Coppeen, Ballincollig P.O. and in book shops in Bandon and Macroom.

Béalnabláth N.S. Book Launch. The book is a record of Béalnabláth National School (1884-1968) and the community it served. This book offers a unique insight into the lives of those who attended Béalnabláth.



Tom Murray, co-author, Mrs. Canty, a former teacher, Mary O’Sullivan co-author, Mgr. Kevin O’Callaghan, who launched the book, and Connie Long, co-author, at the launch of the book “Béalnabláth National School 1884 - 1968 & The Community it Served”.



Grace Crowley, with her mother Frances and Santa after she switched on the Christmas Lights in Kilmurry © Peter Scanlan



Members of the Killinardish / Carrigadrohid Tidy Towns Committee, including Chrissie O’Donoghue (Former Chairperson) who performed the switching on of the Christmas lights ©Peter Scanlan



Kilmurry GAA under 16 team winners of Under 16 A West Cork league defeating Clonakilty

History

Muskerry Historical Society; in Ballincollig Rugby Club

Programme of lectures and activities 2019-20: Normally on 2nd Mondays of the month at 8.00 p.m.

- 13 January: Mary Elmes, Ann Twomey
- 10 February: Macroom Union Workhouse 1843-1921, Dr Con Kelleher
- 9 March: Ballincollig & Carrigrohane Castles, Paul MacCotter
- 6 April: The Collins Squad & the War of Independence, Dominic Price
- May: Field trip to Kilmichael Ambush, Seán Murphy.

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Large attendance at the Switching on of the Lights in Macroom © John Dulea



Happy Youths singing at Macroom 2019 Xmas Lights' Switch- on.' Slán, © John Dulea



Senior Infants from St. Joseph's Primary School who visited the Post Office recently . © An Scoil



Pupils from Rusheen N.S. at their Learnit Lego STEM workshop © An Scoil



Residents from Glen Park and Macroom Community Hospital, with their helpers, at the Christmas Lights' Switch-on © C Kelleher



Canovee School West Muskerry running winners © An Scoil



Michael McCarthy, Fiona O'Driscoll, Tessie Buckley, Collette O'Leary, Paula O'Callaghan, Bernie Dineen, Margaret Buckley and Joe McCarthy, at the Unveiling of a Plaque that was originally erected in 1989 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Red Cross in Ireland. The Plaque was unveiled by Tessie Buckley (Third from left) who is also holding a photo that was taken on that occasion. © Peter Scanlan



Billy Fitzgerald of Coachford & Joan McCarthy of Bealnamorrive unveiling a plaque commemorating the battle of the Second Desmond Rebellion, between the MacCarthy's, Lords of Muskerry and Sir James FitzGerald of Desmond which took place on 4 August 1580 at Ath Ridire



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The Lynch's came to Macroom from Deranacoosh, Kilgarvin in the late 1800's. In the 1860's Cornelius Lynch left his brother Margaret Cronin of the shoe and drapery store on the main street. Margaret had an uncle with a bakery in the North Square children - John, Humphrey and Danny. John and Danny emigrated to the USA and left Humphrey to carry on the business. Ellen took over the business there were 13 bakeries in the town and he worked in his own and two others. Bread was sourced and collected the bread for resale.

William Lynch took over the running of the business in the late 1930's. In 1940 he married Catherine (Kit) Murphy from Limerick. The business started to prosper with Kit baking confectionery that she sold in the shop. William and Kit had six children. They moved and bought a premise in the South Square previously owned by McNamaras. Before leaving New Street he bought the premises in the square.

Fortunately the new premises had been a bakery although the oven had not been used for some years so they fired it up. Joanie Cronin, who came from Ballinagree in 1942, took over the running of the bakery shop and worked with the family.

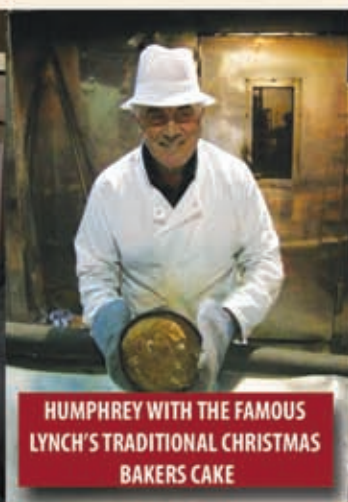
In 1970 William died suddenly and Humphrey his son took over the running of the bakery. In 1973 a site was procured for the bakery. In 1976 until 2004, when the bread baking section was moved to Ballymakeera under the Arán na hÉireann/Lynch's Bakery. In 1982 to complement the baking section and these are all operating at present. In 1979 Humphrey married Patricia. Humphrey, Patricia and family are all involved in the bakery using all the knowledge and experience of the 5 generations. Patricia is studying Commerce in UCC is also involved as she works part time at the weekends in the cafe and Bakery - Another generation.

We are now heading into the Christmas season when we make a lot of Fruit and Caraway Seed Bracks, known in olden times as 'Bread and Butter'. They were a favorite in tougher times as people couldn't afford more luxurious confectionery so these were a simpler treat. We are celebrating the Christmas celebration today because the tradition lives on.

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his brother Humphrey on the farm and taking his sister Johanna with him, he bought a bar on New Street Macroom where he met and married Catherine North Square (next to the B&I) who was retiring in 1869 so Margaret decided to carry on the business herself with her husband Cornelius. They had three children. In 1903 Humphrey married Ellen Twohig from Bawnmore. They had four children - Cornelius, Margaret, William and John. When Humphrey and John died the business was sold and was sold in their shop in New Street and delivered by horse van around the town. Some traders from the surrounding villages called to New Street and

came from Dublin, whom he met during one of her frequent visits to her Aunt Margaret O'Brien in New Street. Margaret had three children. Eleanor, Irene, Margaret (RIP) and Betsy who were born in New Street. William then decided to carry on the business. He bought his first van and started deliveries to the surrounding villages. Humphrey and Michael were born

and he carried it up again. Shortly after moving to the square William made a shop to the front of the premises and he carried on the family for 55 years.

acquired from the council and a new bakery was built on Millstreet Road, the bakery operated there from 1964. The bakery carried on the Lynch's Bakery brand, and the confectionery section returned to South Square. A coffee shop was opened in the premises in 1976 by the married Patricia Mahony from Tipperary & had three children Catherine, Mary and William. There have been several generations gone before them in developing the business. Catherine's daughter Sarah who is currently carrying on the business in her generation learning the family trade.

in olden times as the Bakers cake, using the very same recipe as they used back in the 1900's. The Bakers Cakes are still brought home along with the turkey and ham as part of the Christmas

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SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

County Champions: Nemo Rangers (Duhallow)

Munster Club Football:

Final: Nemo Rangers 0-15 Clonmel Commercials 0-6

PREMIER INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

County Champions: Éire Óg (St Michaels)

Munster Club Final:

Templenoe 0-14 St Brechans, Clare 0-5

INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

County Champions: Knocknagree (Gabriel Rangers)

SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

County Champions: Imokilly (Glen Rovers)

Munster Club Senior Hurling:

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

COUNTY PREMIER INTERMEDIATE HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

Champions: Fr O'Neill's (Kilworth)

Munster Club Intermediate:

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

COUNTY INTERMEDIATE HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

Champions: Blackrock (Cloughdruv)

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

County Football Champions: Kilshannig (St James, Ardfield)

Munster Club Junior Football:

Final: Na Gael, Tralee 3-13 Mullinahone 1-11

JUNIOR A HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

County Champions: Russell Rovers (Carraig na bFear)

Munster Club Junior H:

Final: Russell Rovers 2-13 St Marys Waterford 0-11

COUNTY JUNIOR B HURLING



Inniscarra who defeated Aghabullogue in the Junior B Hurling League Final.

CHAMPIONSHIP - INTERDIVISIONAL

Champions: Aghabullogue (Ballyhea)

Aghabullogue 0-9 Bride Rovers 1-11
Carrigaline 0-24 St Finbarrs 3-18
Valley Rovers 3-12 Charleville 0-16

Semi Finals:

Ballinhassig 3-14 Bride Rovers 2-26
St Finbarrs 2-22 Valley Rovers 1-16

Final: St Finbarrs v Ballinhassig

COUNTY JUNIOR B FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP - INTER DIVISIONAL

Champions: St Michaels (Goleen)

CORK PREMIER 1 U21 HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

Round 3

(i) Douglas 2-15 Duhallow 0-10

(ii) Glen Rvrs 2-11 Blackrock 6-12

Quarter Finals

1. Killeagh-St Itas 1-13 Blackrock 5-13

2. Douglas 0-7 Sarsfields 1-21

3. Blarney 2-16 Shandrum 2-20

4. Middleton 2-25 Ballincollig 1-10

Semi Final:

Blackrock v Sarsfields

Middleton 3-14 Shandrum 0-12

Final:

Middleton v Winners of Blackrock v Sarsfields

U21 A HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

Semi Finals

Éire Óg v Newcestown - Tuesday January 1st

Fermoy 2-11 Nemo Rangers 2-8

Final:

Fermoy v Éire Óg or Newcestown

U 21 B HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

Semi finals

Kilavullen 3-15 Whitechurch 1-10

Ballinora 0-8 Castlemartyr 6-17

Final:

Kilavullen v Castlemartyr - Tuesday January 1st

PREMIER 2 U21 HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

Quarter Finals:

Mallow 1-13 Ballinhassig 1-22

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

Semi Finals:

Ballincollig 0-12 Éire Óg 1-8

Kilshannig v St Finbarrs/St Michaels

Final:

Ballincollig v St Fin/St Michaels

U21 B FOOTBALL

A. Courneys 0-2 Aghabullogue 3-18

B. Castlemartyr 1-9 Buttevant 1-18

C. Na Piarasigh 0-11 Newcestown 1-14

D. Duarigle Gaels

Semi Finals:

Aghabullogue 3-11 Buttevant 2-11

Newcestown 2-11 Duarigle Gaels 0-13

Final:

Newcestown v Aghabullogue December 15th at Páirc Ui Rinn

Aghabullogue 3-11 Buttevant 2-11

This county semi final at Páirc Uí Rinn on the first Sunday of December was a thriller. After an early exchange of points, Buttevant went into a 1-3 to 0-1 lead by the 8th minute. A goal from Pádraig O'Sullivan in the 11th minute brought Aghabullogue right back into contention and three points in a row had them in front. David Thompson then scored a second goal for Aghabullogue, this one from the penalty spot in the 19th minute, to make it 2-4 to 1-3 in favour of Aghabullogue. Buttevant now got back on top and outscoring Aghabullogue by 1-4 to 0-1 they had regained the lead by half

time, at which stage the North Cork men led by 2-7 to 2-5.

The second half continued to provide the thrills as fortunes once again swayed. Buttevant increased their lead on the resumption but then were not to score again for 24 minutes! Four points for Aghabullogue had the sides level at 2-9 each by the 49th minute and they had added two more before Keelan O'Sullivan had a third goal in the 57th minute to put the Mid Cork champions five points clear. Back came Buttevant and two points brought the gap back to a single goal and as the game went into time added the pressure on the Aghabullogue defence was massive but the defenders held and a goal still separated the teams at the final whistle.

Aghabullogue scorers: D Thompson 1-7 (1-0 pen, 0-5f), P O'Sullivan and K O'Sullivan 1-0



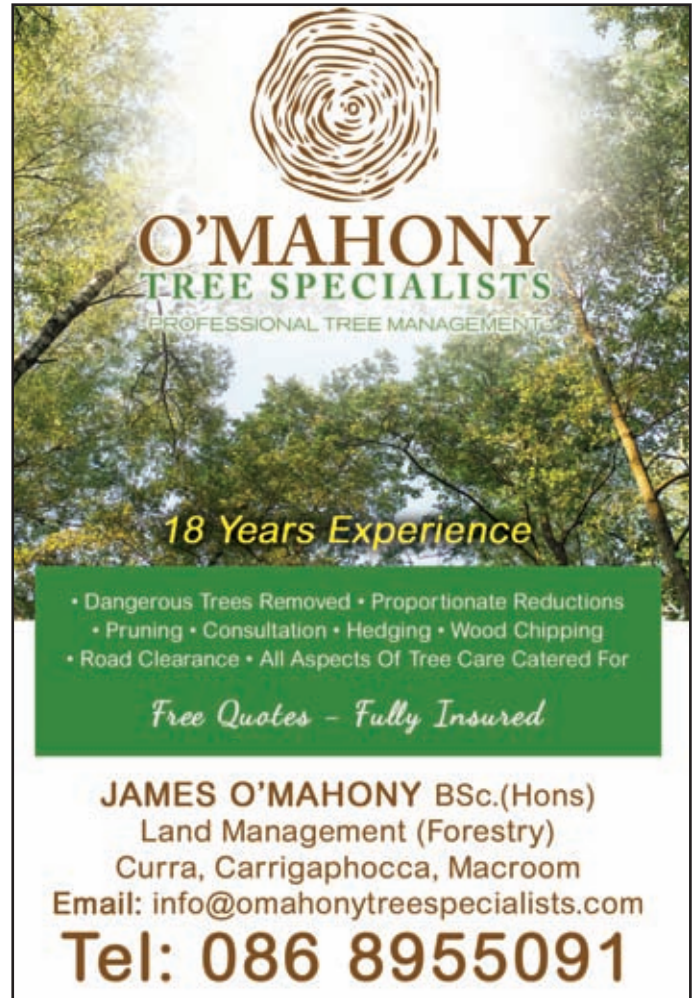
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each, N BarryMurphy 0-2, S O'Connell 0-1(f) and T Bradley 0-1 each.

Aghabullogue: Donal Lane: Killian BarryMurphy, Conor Smith, Tom Long: Paul Dilworth, Paul Ring, Jack Murphy: Shane Tarrant, Seán O'Connell: Aodhán Healy, Neil BarryMurphy, Pádraig O'Sullivan: Jack Oldham, David Thompson, Tadhg Bradley. Subs: Keelan O'Sullivan, Conor Dineen (both used) and Josh Grimes, Paul Dineen, Adam Murphy, Shane Moynihan, Sean Lane, Darragh Reidy, Mathew Bradley, Luke Casey.

U21 C FOOTBALL

County Champions: Aghinagh (Robert Emmetts)

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Mid Cork U21 C Football Championship

Final: Aghinagh v Iveleary - not yet played

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Mid Cork Junior B Hurling League Final

Inniscarra 0 - 10 Aghabullogue 0 - 9

Inniscarra defeated divisional and county champions Aghabullogue in the Mid Cork league final played at the Dripsey grounds. Weather conditions were tough on the players with very heavy rain at times and it was cold, but the playing surface was good for the time of year and the teams produced a very exciting contest with the deciding point for Inniscarra coming in the final minute. Inniscarra by

winning the B league thus completed a league double, having recently won the A league title also.

There was an early exchange of points, Aghabullogue went two points clear but Inniscarra had four points in a row and led by 0-5 to 0-4 at the break. Twice Inniscarra increased their lead to two points, but Aghabullogue matched them and the teams were level at 0-7 each at the three quarter stage. They were still level, at 0-9 each, ten minutes from time and just when a draw seemed likely, Liam O'Brien hit the winning point for Inniscarra.

Scorers: Inniscarra; Shane Linehan 0-8 (0-6f), Liam O'Brien 0-2.

Aghabullogue: Pa Finnegan 0-7 (frees), Tim O'Leary and Denis Desmond 0-1 each.

MUSKERRY GAA-AULD TRIANGLE SPORTS STAR AWARDS 2019

The Muskerry Junior Hurling Team of The Year will be sponsored by O'Mahony Walsh Auctioneers and the Muskerry Junior Football Team of The Year by Quish's Super Valu Ballincollig. This year the Muskerry Intermediate Football Team of The Year will be honoured (Intermediate hurlers in 2018) and EuroPumps Ireland are the sponsors of this team.

Nominations have been received and the panel of judges drawn from the Mid Cork Board officers and local press will finalise the respective panels from which the teams will be named.

Keep SATURDAY 25TH JANUARY 2020 clear for a Gala night of celebration at Oriel Court Hotel, Ballincollig. The three teams will be announced and also the supreme Muskerry Sports Star of the Year will be announced.

MUSKERRY GAA ANNUAL MEETING

Muskerry GAA held its Annual General Meeting at Inchigeela, hosted by Iveleary GAA and very well attended by the clubs in the division. Iveleary GAA chairman, Barry Oldham, welcomed the delegates and wished them well in their deliberations and Muskerry Cathaoirleach, Pat Malone presided. All the outgoing board officers were re-elected unopposed and most will be serving their last year in their present positions at least, as they will be reaching the end of their terms in 2020. The Cathaoirleach touched on topics of concern in his address to the meeting, finances are in a healthy condition and there was discussion on U21 football and Junior football gradings, matters which will be dealt with again in the New Year with some novel proposals to be considered such as organising a top tier and second tier Junior A football championship next year.

Rúnaí John Feeney presented his fourth annual report to the delegates. The report stated: The ninety fourth Annual Convention will be held on Monday 2nd of December, it is being hosted by Cumann Uibh Laoire, and it is hoped that each club will be fully represented and take an active part in the proceedings. It is my pleasure to present my fourth report on the activities of the Association within Múscraí for the present year. 2019 was a fantastic year for



Muskerry Board Officers at AGM held at Iveleary GAA in Inchigeela
John Feeney Sec, Pat Malone Chairman, William Buckley Vice Chairman, Mark Sheehan Vice Chairman Co. Board . Standing; Barry Oldham Chairman Iveleary GAA, Kevin Murphy PRO, Dave Lee Treasurer, Eddy Warren Cultural Officer, John Crean Development Officer and John Crean Co. Development Officer.

Muskerry teams on the field of play with county title wins for Éire Óg (Premier Intermediate Football), Aghabullogue (Junior B Hurling) and Aghinagh (U21 C football). Ballincollig are finalists in U21 A Football, Aghabullogue are finalists in U21 B Football, Cloughduv were the beaten finalists in Intermediate Hurling and congratulations to all on their magnificent achievements.

Muskerry referees more than matched the achievements of their playing counterparts taking charge of County Finals at Senior Hurling (Nathan Wall), Senior Football (John Ryan), and Junior B Hurling (Brendan BarryMurphy). Again congratulations to all on their appointments. This year was the fifth year that the awards for the Muskerry Junior Football and Hurling Teams of the Year were announced in Oriel House Hotel in Ballincollig. These teams were kindly sponsored by Quish's Supervalu and O'Mahony Walsh. This year we added a new team - Intermediate Hurling - kindly sponsored by Barry Holland of Europumps. This award brought a new cohort of players to the function and added greatly to the occasion. The evening was sponsored by the Oriel House Hotel, and the overall winner of the Auld Triangle Sports Star of the year was Aoife Murray, Cloughduv


for her wonderful achievement of captaining the Cork Senior Camogie team to All Ireland success. The individual award winners were chosen from Football, Hurling, Camogie and Ladies Football. Nominations for each month were brought forward by a number of media reporters and committee members, who closely monitor the games. Each monthly award winner, along with family and friends, was invited to attend the presentation function at the Auld Triangle in Macroom.

In all, the Board ran 15 Competitions in 2019, and 325 games were played in both Football and Hurling.


Our Junior A Football Championship is still the number one attraction. This year, Aghinagh and Uibh Laoire reached the final, where they competed for ultimate honours in the superb venue in Macroom. In a disappointing final, victory went to Iveleary, to the delight of their huge following.

In Junior A Hurling, club second teams dominated the competition with Cloughduv retaining their title after defeating Éire Óg in the final in Macroom. This was a major achievement as Cloughduv had only won the Junior County the previous year with their first team.

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In U21 A Football, Éire Óg and Ballincollig contested the final before Éire Óg came out on top in a closely contested final. Both finalists went out in the County competition where they met again almost 8 months later in the county semi final with Ballincollig winning that match with the last kick of the game.

In U21 A Hurling, with Blarney and Ballincollig playing in the Premier 1 grade, Inniscarra, Cloughdub and Aghabullogue in Premier 2 there was only 1 team in the Muskerry A competition, Éire Óg. To date they have not played their County Semi Final.

Gate receipts and attendances were slightly down on last year. However the finances of the board are kept in a strong position due to the support of a dozen or so loyal sponsors. The board are very thankful for their continued support and this is vital to the continued well being of the board's finances.

Scór is still struggling, with fewer clubs competing, which is a pity. It appears that this side of the GAA activity is now being neglected by clubs and performers. With the introduction of new rule changes, it should be easier to get more people involved. There are plenty musicians, singers, dancers and other knowledgeable people within the various clubs.

MUSKERRY TEAMS

We entered both hurling and football teams in the County Senior Championships. The new competition structure meant that there was no second chance for divisional teams. The hurlers beat Duhallow in the first round before losing to UCC in a very tight game in round 2. The performances of the Hurlers showed the preparation and spirit that had been built up prior to the competition. The Footballers had a

good win in round 1 against Avondhu before being unlucky to lose to UCC in round 2.

Huge efforts were put in by both selection committees. The hurling team was looked after by the following – Ger O'Donovan (Ballincollig) Diarmuid Kirwan (Eire Og) Ray Murphy (Blarney) Denis Murphy (Aghabullogue) Peadar McDonnell (Cloughdub) Brendan O'Driscoll (Coach).

In charge of the football team were Ger McCarthy (Ballingearry), Leo Lowney (Éire Óg), Pat O'Leary (Kilmurry), Gearóid O'hEalaithe (Cill na Martra), Tim O'Sullivan (Macroom), Danny Buckley (Aghabullogue), Willie Buckley (Dripsey).

Football: Muskerry 1-15 Avondhu 1-08, Muskerry 1-11 UCC 2-18

Hurling: Muskerry 5-17 Duhallow 1-15, Muskerry 0-16 UCC 2-17

Junior A Hurling:

Nine teams competed in this championship, with some good matches being played. Club second teams dominated the competition with Cloughdub retaining their title after defeating Éire Óg in the final in Macroom. This was a major achievement as Cloughdub had only won the Junior County the previous year with their first team. Both teams went out of the county competition in the first round – both playing East Cork opponents who went on to meet in the County Final.

Junior B Hurling:

Ten teams were entered in this Grade, with Aghabullogue's second team beating Éire Óg's third team in the final. Aghabullogue had a nice blend of youth and experience and went on to win the County beating Ballyhea in the final.

U21A Hurling:

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U21 B Hurling:

Four teams entered in this competition with Ballinora playing St Malachys in the final.

Mid Cork Championships

Ballinora proved too good on the day in a very close final. To date they have not played in the county competition. (Since defeated by Castlemartyr)

Junior A Football:

Our Junior A Football Championship is still the number one attraction with 15 teams entering the draw. This year, Aghinagh and Uibh Laoire reached the final, where they competed for ultimate honours in the superb venue in Macroom. In a disappointing final victory went to Iveleary, to the delight of their huge following. Under the new system both teams proceeded to the 16-team county championship. Aghinagh restored pride, losing narrowly in the first round to Boherbue but Iveleary suffered heartbreak again - losing the semi final to Kilshannig who went on to win the county.

Junior B Football:

Ten teams were in the draw for this one, with Kilmurry and Inniscarra reaching the final, played in Macroom. Inniscarra went on to win the final but were beaten in the first round of the county.

Junior C Football:

Seven teams entered this competition, with Gleann na Laoi and Dripsey making it to the

final. After a fine sporting final Gleann na Laoi took the honours comfortably in the end.

U21 A Football:

In U21 A Football, Éire Óg and Ballincollig contested the final before Éire Óg came out on top in a closely contested final. Both finalists went out into the county competition where they met again almost 8 months later in the county semi final with Ballincollig winning the match with the last kick of the game.

U21 B Football:

Seven teams entered this competition and each team was guaranteed two matches. After some very close games Aghabullogue and Canovee got to the final with Aghabullogue coming out on top. In the county section they defeated Buttevant in the recent county semi final.

U21 C Football:

Five teams took part in this competition and each team were guaranteed two matches. Aghinagh and Iveleary reached the final which was postponed due to a serious injury crisis in Iveleary. Aghinagh went on to compete in the county section where they created history, beating Robert Emmet's in the County Final.

Cumann Réiteoirí Mhúscraí – Muskerry Referees' Association

Risteard Aynsley – Runaí reported: 2019 is now ending, and once again Cumann Reiteoirí Mhúscraí referees have officiated at a significant number of games, not just in our own division but throughout the county.

The Cumann held its Annual General Meeting at the start of 2019. At this meeting our officers of many years – Pádraig Ó Laoire, Daithí O Muirnaín and Sean O'Riain, stepped down from their positions. The meeting placed on record their thanks for the service given by the officers during their time in their positions. Their service was greatly appreciated by all. The meeting elected the following as their new Board Officers:

Colm Ó Mocháin – Cathaoirleach, Risteard Aynsley – Runaí, Eoghan Ó Buachalla – Leas-

Cathaoirleach, Diarmuid Ó Ciardhubháin – Leas-Runaí

Our annual in-service course was held in Coachford in early February and was a very helpful refresher before the season began in earnest. We held regular meetings throughout the year to discuss the implementation of rules and other ongoing issues. Once again, a huge thanks to Aghabullogue GAA for the use of their facilities to hold our meetings and a special thanks to Sheila and Mary for providing the refreshments during the year.

We held our annual Pitch & Putt outing in Kilmichael in March. Special thanks go to the Kenny family from Grenagh and the Downey family from Inniscarra for sponsoring prizes. In addition thanks to the staff of Kilmichael Pitch

and Putt for hosting our event.

As usual the appointments for the Muskerry Finals were evenly distributed and we compliment the Muskerry Board for their fairness in this regard. Our thanks to Aubert Twomey for carrying out his role as Muskerry Referees Administrator and to Paud Kelleher for carrying out his role as referee's assessor.

The Cumann Reiteoirí Mhúscraí Hall of Fame recipient was Paud Ó Céilleachair of Beal Atha and Baile an Chollaig CLG. Paud was a respected referee within his beloved Muskerry/Cork and refereed in Limerick for a period. After hanging up his whistle Paud became involved in the admin side of the GAA, as he took up positions on the Muscraí Board and Scor, most recently as Referees Assessor.

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His award was presented at our annual function held in the Auld Triangle and once again, many thanks to the Muskerry Board for their financial support of this event and for contributing to the purchase of new gear for the referees. The Board have always been hugely supportive of the

Cumann and any request we make is always looked upon favourably.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to remind Muskerry clubs that abuse of referees will not be tolerated.

Referees are being strongly encouraged to report all instances of abuse. Mentors and players will not always agree with refereeing decisions, but referees play a vital role within the organisation. No referees = No games. The number of people taking up refereeing continues to be alarmingly low and this needs to be improved. On that point I would ask clubs to seek out any members from within their own ranks who are interested in becoming referees. Then advise myself or Colm of names and contact details so we can register them for the next refereeing course.

Referees who refereed Championship Finals for Coiste Chontae Chorcai in 2019

Nathan Wall – Senior Hurling Final

John Ryan – Senior Football Final

Brendan Barry Murphy – Junior B Hurling

Club Development Works (report of John Crean, Development Officer)

The following is the report of work undertaken by the clubs in Muskerry in 2019

As in previous years the clubs did lots of development in 2019. Listed below is some of the good work that has been completed to date.

Cill Na Martra development update: 'Fencing off and development of training area underway on land recently purchased which will also combine as underage pitch.'

Inniscarra GAA: for 2019 continued with the development plan. We had the opportunity of leasing some property adjacent to our main club pitch and took this opportunity. We are in the process of developing this much need extra pitch for the 2020 season. A five year plan is in place and we are well on track to making the much need improvements in the club."

Macroom Development Report: Castle Grounds - In April the Castle Grounds was vertidraind and again in October. In May we bought a new mover which has helped with the cutting of the grass and improved the quality of the pitch.

Tom Creedon Park - In early January the construction of the third pitch in Tom Creedon Park was completed with drainage installed and slits put in with 60 tonnes of sand put out on it and seed sowed into it. We installed a lighting pole in pitch 3 with 4 new led lights. We installed

a lighting pole in pitch 3 with 4 new led lights. In September 2019 we replaced all 24 lights in pitch 2 with new LED's. We were allocated an Amenity grant €3,500 from the Macroom-Blarney Municipal District.

Clondrohid Development Report: Clondrohid GAA Club widened the entrance to the grounds, knocked the trees that aligned the laneway, laying a footpath and erecting fencing for a

cost of circa €58,000.

Eire Og 2019 Development: Éire Óg GAA Club has officially opened there new stand and playing facilities. Over recent years we embarked on an ambitious plan to provide facilities for the growing number of members at our club. The final piece of the jigsaw was the opening of our stand in June by Tracey Kennedy. Thank you to all those who contributed to the various fundraising activities over the years. This would not have been possible without your help. Also this year we carried out remedial works on our car park adjacent to the

western pitches and replaced the lights on our Astro and training pitches with LED lighting spending €40k on the two projects.

Aghabullogue 2019 Development: 2019 saw the Official opening of our New Astro All Weather Pitch in Coachford. Measuring approx 80x40 it has enhanced the existing facilities at our GAA grounds in Coachford in a massive way. It is the culmination of 4 Years planning, Funding and completion in late 2018. It is part one of a 3 phase development for the club over the next number of years. The facility was agreed as part of a wider consultation process in the parish and it is a tribute to the people who had the foresight and vision for such a project and indeed to a strong and determined group who have seen the project come to fruition. A big thank you to Martin Corkery and Daniel Crowley who oversaw the development on our behalf, and to the club officers and committee who did the

hard yards as regards the fundraising. Also to our many fine patrons within the parish who supported this venture financially and to Munster Council, Cork County Council and Sports Capital funding to complete the facility that cost in excess of 350k. We give a big 'thank you' to Kelly Contractors Ballydesmond who completed the project in a timely manner.

We are grateful to Tracey Kennedy, Cathaoirleach Cork County Board for performing the official opening at a special ceremony early in 2019. We also thank Fr Peader Murphy for blessing the facility and to Board members from both Cork County Board and Bord

Mhuscraí who attended. A thank you to Michael Creed, Minister for Agriculture for speaking and to all our local representatives, whose endeavours to help with this project we really appreciate. We also appreciate the support of Pearse Murphy, Treasurer Munster GAA Council for his assistance.

This is a fine facility and is in constant use throughout the year. It is available for use by all clubs. During the year, we also repaired goal areas in both pitches and continue to enhance our playing areas for all patrons.

Venues: My thanks to all clubs who hosted our games during the year. Without your help, our championships could not run as smoothly as they do. Despite the huge amount of games that are now played, most clubs are always willing to accommodate this board. However a small minority of clubs never seem to be available to host games. This is hardly fair on the rest of the clubs as the concept of neutral grounds for championship matches is based on clubs agreeing to host. Also, my thanks to those

people who collect money at the gates, as this is not an easy or popular task.

Media: My thanks to all our local media who do so much work to promote our games locally, especially, Brendan Kenneally, Lee Valley Outlook, who also provides match reports for website, Aubert Twomey, Southern Star and County, Kevin Murphy and John O'Shea, Echo, and Michael Scanlon of C103, all of whom provide great coverage of Divisional activities. County Board Delegates: My thanks to Paddy O'Mahony and John Crean for representing Muskerry at the County Board for the past twelve months.

Congratulations:

Congratulations to all players from the Muskerry division who represented Cork at any grade during the year. Cork won two All Irelands, at U20 Football with Muskerry represented by Players Paul Ring (Aghabullogue), Colm O'Callaghan and Jack Murphy (Eire Og) and Selector Micheal O'Cronin (Naomh Aban). Cork Cork also won the All Ireland Minor (U17) Football with Muskerry players Neil Lordan (Ballinora) and Hugh Murphy (Eire Og) led by Manager Bobby O'Dwyer (Macroom)

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Match Sponsorship: The post-match receptions for the Junior A Finals, which are usually held in the Auld Triangle on the Monday evening following the matches, are sponsored by the Auld Triangle and have been a very enjoyable occasion for players and mentors of the participating teams. 'Man of the Match' Awards are also presented at these functions. Our thanks go to the Sponsors for these presentations – MJK Oils for the Hurling, and Ross Oil for the Football. Our thanks also go to Eileen O'Flynn for her generous sponsorship of these receptions. This year a combined reception was held as the Hurling final was played mid week with the Football the following weekend and proved to be a great success.

Auld Triangle & Muskerry Sports Star Awards Monthly Winners for 2019

This venture, undertaken by the board, would not be possible only for the generous sponsorship of Eileen O'Flynn of the Auld Triangle, Macroom. I would like to thank the hard working committee for the time and effort they put into organising these monthly events. This committee is chaired by William Buckley, Dripsey, The other members of the committee are Anne O'Riordan, Cloughduv, (Secretary) Eileen O'Flynn, Auld Triangle, John Ryan, Referee, Dave Lee, Ballingearry, Brendan Kenneally, Macroom, Aubert Twomey, Ballincollig, Enda Lenihan Inniscarra John

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O'Shea, Reporter, Kevin Murphy, Ballincollig and John Feeney, Dripsey. We are very grateful, also, to the four media people for the coverage we get every month. Also, we would like to thank Mike English for all his photographic work. We now look forward to the selection of the overall winner, and the selection of the Junior teams of the year in both hurling and football. The new team award this year will be a Muskerry Intermediate Football team which should be very interesting given the standard of the Muskerry teams

Tributes

Regretfully a number of members from

various clubs within the division passed to their eternal reward since our last AGM: Our sincere condolences to the families of all those concerned. We remember in our prayers all the deceased members from various clubs who passed to their eternal reward during the past year. Ar dheis láimh Dé go raibh siad.

A Novena of masses will be offered for all deceased members of the Association in Muskerry.

Conclusion:

I would like to thank my fellow officers for all their help, also the Board delegates and the County Board Office, who have been very

helpful and courteous to me during the year. 2020 is just around the corner and I would like to take this opportunity to wish all the clubs the best of luck for the year ahead. I look forward to seeing you all in the new year, on the 25th of January, at the Oriel House Hotel for the Sports Star Awards, and the selection of the Junior Hurling and Football teams of the year 2019.

- Seán O'Finneadha, Rúnaí

Macroom FC

Unite the Union Grassroots Competition: In recent weeks there have been some notable successes for Macroom FC off the field. The club entered a submission to the Unite the Union Grassroots Clubs Competition. This initiative was set up to coincide with the Unite the Union Champions Cup, a fixture between the league winners in the Republic of Ireland (Dundalk) and Northern Ireland (Linfield). The competition is sponsored by the Unite Trade Union. Grassroots clubs across Ireland were asked to make a submission stating what they have done for social inclusion, through integration of immigrant youths and families. Gearoid Griffin put together a fantastic submission detailing the work of Macroom FC in welcoming and helping to integrate the residents of Macroom Direct Provision Centre. Over 30 children are now playing football regularly with Macroom FC. Furthermore, 7 parents from the centre took part in the most recent FAI Safeguarding course held by Macroom FC and all received certificates on completion of the course. The submission highlighted how the club has members from many different nationalities, and this adds an excellent dynamic. We also welcome players from throughout the Mid Cork region and this has been very beneficial for children coming to secondary school in Macroom for the first time. Their prior involvement with Macroom FC means they will already have made friends and can help with the transition to a new school. All of the above ties in nicely with the motto of the Unite the Union tournament: diversity, equality and community. All entries were judged by the Show Racism the Red Card group and the overall winner was Baldoyle Utd from Dublin. Three further clubs including Macroom FC were named as joint runners-up. This was a magnificent result for Macroom FC and fully endorses the great work being done for the local community. Star Rovers (Limerick) and Courtown Hibs (Wexford) were the other runners-up. The club received a cheque of €250 along with some excellent positive feedback. Everybody was delighted with the considerable acknowledgement, at national level, of the tremendous work being done.

FAI Club Mark: The FAI Club Mark is an

award based on best practice in the governance, management and administration of a football club. Well organised clubs with strong structures are best placed to promote football and develop players. Grassroots clubs are the main foundation of all football activity in Ireland. The Club Mark award is designed to support clubs in identifying and promoting best practice across all aspects of a club. Some of these practices include club constitution, volunteer recruitment policy, child welfare and first aid certificates among many others. Over recent months Rhys Hopkins has led a busy group, gathering, preparing and submitting the required information to the FAI. Resulting from these efforts, Macroom FC was last week informed that our application has been approved. We will now be one of only 28 clubs across Ireland, to reach the Club Mark standard. This award will further strengthen Macroom FC, as the high standard achieved will be maintained throughout the club going forward. An official awards ceremony will be conducted in early 2020. This is another fantastic achievement for Macroom FC.

On the field Round-Up: Macroom A has qualified for the open draw of the Munster Junior Cup. A 3-0



Des McGarvey c/o Fudge scooped the big Macroom FC €7,800 lotto jackpot on Nov 25th. JJ Murphy, Macroom FC treasurer and club committee members made the presentation to Des and his family at Murray's Bar last week.



Macroom A recently received a new set of jerseys sponsored by Murrays Bar. Denis Murray made the presentation to Andrew Hegarty and the Macroom A squad. Many thanks for the generous sponsorship from all at the club.

home win over Glenthorn B ensured a smooth qualification. Goals came from Andrew Hegarty (2) and Szymon Sanetra. The U13 Macroom Town girls were away to Passage and had a fine 2-1 win. The U13 Premier girls completed their season as runners up in the league. This is a brilliant result as they lost only 2 games all year. Well done to all. The U13 A boys had a great 5-0 win against visitors Bandon at Murrayfield. Our 3 U12 boys teams had three big away wins. Cian Kelleher struck a hat trick in a 3-1 win over Mallow Utd. Then Macroom B had a superb 5-2 victory over Kinsale with goals from Richie McCarthy (2), Jack Fitzgerald, Rory McCarthy and Jakub Zulawnik.



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U15 girls had an enjoyable trip west when they played Killarney Celtic in a friendly and won 2-1. The U11 girls were in Little Island and played a number of games v. hosts Leeside. All did well as the learning continues. The U9 boys had a wonderful time with a blitz featuring Wilton Utd. and Lakewood at Ovens. Saorlaith Murphy

(U13) and Molly Murphy (U15) played games for Cork v. Waterford League. Without doubt there is unbelievable work going on at Macroom FC. Well done to all - without your volunteering our club would not exist.

Macroom Golf Club

Singles, 29th Nov. - 1 Dec.: 1st Vincent Twomey (11) - 35pts, 2nd John R. Blennerhassett (14) - 34pts. 3rd Dec. Seniors Champagne Scramble: 1st Michael O'Mahony, James Deane and Michael Brosnan 41pts. 6-8 Dec. Singles, 1st Michael Dwyer (22) 35pts, 2nd Stephen Quinn (15) 34pts

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Presentation of Sliothars: On Saturday 30th November Laochra Óg had a surprise presentation of 72 sliothars in the Abbey Hotel, Ballyvourney from Tomás Mullins, Green Fields DST, (Bringing Digital Solutions To The World Of Sports www.greenfieldsdst.com). Tomás has connections with Múineach Beag, Cúil Aodha as his grandfather was Tim Mullins, Múineach Beag. He was joined by his cousin Seán Kelleher, Ballymakeera and some friends from Tipperary. Tomás, we appreciate your support. It was great meeting you and your friends.

50/50 Lotto: A Club Development Draw took place in The Bell Inn, Clondrohid. Angie drew the winning ticket; Mags and Michael, Farran won €315; and the seller's prize goes to The

Auld Triangle, Macroom. We thank Angie for hosting the draw and we are especially grateful to everyone who supported the draw. The next draw will take place on 16th December.

Presentation of a cheque for €2,380 to the Irish Guide Dogs Association: On Tuesday 3rd December, Laochra Óg Hurling and Camogie Club took place. It was the proceeds from our recent Shane Murphy Memorial Cup Poc Fada. We met Ann Cahill, Tim O'Mahony and other members of the Guide Dogs Association including along with their ambassador dog Jodie and assistant dog Pippa. After introductions and refreshments we were taken on a tour of the facilities and we were educated on training guide and assistant dogs. We visited

the puppies, the play areas for the dogs and some of the bigger dogs in their individual units. It is a fantastically well-run facility and the only one in Ireland. They are pleased to host school tours in the facility, but remember to arrange a suitable time. Anyone interested in raising puppies or becoming involved as a volunteer, please contact them at www.guidedogs.ie. Volunteers are always needed. We had a lovely evening and enjoyed meeting the dogs who were very friendly and sociable. Thanks for having us. The Murphy family and the Irish Guide Dogs association were delighted with the funds raised by the Poc Fada.

Again we thank everyone for taking part and helping to raise these much need funds.



The Donoughmore Ladies Football team who won the All-Ireland Junior Club Championship recently.



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Noel Murphy, Macroom's Professional Boxer

Noel Murphy (25), Massytown, Macroom and New York, is a professional boxer. He is one of the few if not the only professional athlete to come from the town or parish. In 2014 he moved to New York and joined the paid ranks. Athletes and players such as Ciarán Ó Liónáird, Olive Loughane, Colman Corrigan Fintan Goold, Noel O'Leary, Brieger Corkery and Rena Buckley devoted enormous chunks of their lives to their disciplines but were amateurs. James Cronin, Ballincollig, the rugby prop forward has Annahala connections and is a professional with Munster and Ireland. Noel has a very important title eliminator on the 14th of December and this will take place in the world-renowned Madison Square Garden, New York. His preparations are going well and a win will shoot him up the rankings and open many doors. Recently I spoke to this modest and grounded young man about his life and career. Because of the necessity to renew his visa he had to return home; that hitch is now resolved.

Noel currently lives with his parents Linda (Kirby) and Anthony, and younger brother Eric in Massytown. As normal he attended St. Joseph's N.S., St. Colman's Boys' National School and De La Salle (DLS) College in town. His uncles were very good soccer players. While always interested in sport – his mother first brought him to football when he was five – he says he was not particularly good: in fact he said 'hopeless' but this, of course, is over-stated but reflects his modesty. He enjoyed his time in school and has particularly happy memories of his years in DLS. When young he played football, hurling – briefly – and soccer and tried judo before finding boxing. His group at under-age included David Horgan, Patrick Horgan, Michael Cronin, Pa Lucey, Darren Kelly and John Murphy and, under the guidance of Francis Horgan their team reached a county U-16 football final, losing to a very good Douglas team. The same lads, more or less, played soccer and their team was also good and played a cup final in Turner's Cross. Noel was a tough corner and full back in football and soccer respectively.

Dylan Dinneen is Noel's first cousin, a class-mate and a very good friend. Around 2010 Dylan was going to boxing training and asked Noel to come. From the beginning Noel loved the sport and he was a 'natural'. By that he means that he was entirely comfortable boxing, loved the contest, was able to move and could give and take punches. Quick movement, avoiding punches and a natural boxing 'brain' are among his best assets. At Macroom Boxing Club he met great people and he was lucky to come under the guidance of John Desmond, John Casey, Don O'Leary and Tom Power. His 'apprenticeship' began with training, progressing to sparring and when ready he had his first bout, a non-



Noel Murphy professional boxer from Macroom who will fight in Madison Square Garden, New York on December 14th in a title eliminator © Jimmy O'Driscoll / Denis Dinneen

judged contest. He clearly remembers the fight, he did well and loved the atmosphere.

As time passed Noel's love and appetite for boxing increased. Training and bouts became harder. Nothing came easily to him, and he took his first title in 2011 when he won the Irish U-17 welterweight (under 70 Kilograms) championship. He followed this by winning the Irish intermediate welterweight championship in 2012. A boxing trip to New York changed all. While competing there he was spotted by Kevin Crowley, a Corkman resident in New York, a building contractor with an avid interest in boxing. Discussions took place but nothing transpired. Kevin was looking for an Irish fighter. Noel's parents insisted that he sit his Leaving certificate which he duly did and qualified to do a Recreation and Leisure course in the Cork Institute of Technology. Meantime he continued to box and to dream. Having passed his first year college examinations he received a phone-call from Kevin mid-summer and hot-footed to the Big Apple.

Like a benevolent father Kevin Crowley was extra-ordinarily helpful and arranged lodgings, a trainer, gym, and work. Noel's daily routine consisted of work on the building sites and training, with a big increase in intensity. Before fights work was dropped. The change from small-town Macroom to huge New York was hard and lonely. His accommodation was reasonable at the beginning, and later improved when he shared an apartment with three girls. His trainer Lucas was a decent man as were all his gym mates. Many were from Puerto Rico, Latin America and Mexico; they were great lads but they had difficulty understanding Noel's Macroom English and Noel's Spanish was modest. Noel came under the guidance of promoter Lou De Bella and he arranged Noel's first professional bout. Still only 21, Noel won it 'easily enough'. As more fights came the quality of his opponents increased. As he went he gathered support, mostly Irish, and sponsorship, essential elements in the boxing business. Noel's run of 12/0 fights - that is he won twelve



Linda and Anthony with their sons Eric and Noel © Murphy Family Photo Collection.

and lost none – included a contest in the small but famed Times Square Boxing Arena. This run led to a match with Michel Lestierre who had a record of 18/0. Unfortunately Noel lost on a split decision and his opponent subsequently fought but lost a world title bout. Disappointed but not dismayed Noel regrouped and worked harder.

Although professional boxing is tough Noel is delighted with his choice of career. He has lived and experienced New York life, travelled to many parts of the U.S., has met great people and has earned decent money. He continues to live the dream while enjoying himself. And the big dream is to win a world title. In his experience the sport is straight and he is thankful that boxing is run so well in NY. Boxing there probably has the strictest protocols in the world with regard to safety regulations, sampling and especially oversight of medical fitness that includes full 'medicals', eye-sight testing and brain scans. Ireland's control of professional boxing is also of a very high standard. Gambling is illegal in New York.

While it is a truism in sport that the next fixture is very important, in Noel's case that maxim is correct. His next fight is in Madison Square Garden and his opponent is ranked well above him. To add salt to the fight, Noel knows his opponent and has sparred with him. If and, hopefully, when Noel wins his career will be transformed and it will put him up the rankings. His preparations have been excellent; he has trained exceptionally hard and intelligently, has had much sparring in Cork and Galway, and has been a model in dietary terms. Training well gives him confidence and great self-belief.

Talking to Noel was a pleasure and his enthusiasm, attitude, work-ethic and vision were a joy to hear. His heart and head are in the right place and with the support of his family and friends he is quietly confident of doing well. The Muskerry man Noel Murphy could well be about to light up 'The Garden' and give an extra boost to our Christmas cheer.

We say 'Well Done' Noel on what you have achieved and 'Best Wishes' on December 14th. There is more on Noel in De La Salle's News. **Con Kelleher.**

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Lee Valley Enterprise Board Welcomes Signing of Bypass Contract

Pat O'Connell Chairman of the Lee Valley Enterprise Board welcomed the signing of the contract for the long awaited bypass of Macroom and the development of the N22, Macroom to Ballyvourney. He said that after many years of meetings and delegations to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport, Dublin, it was great to hear that work on the project will begin early in 2020. The Lee Valley Enterprise Board has formed a sub-committee under the chairmanship of Henry Murphy to deal with issues that will arise when Macroom is bypassed. Already information has been gathered from other recently bypassed towns. When Macroom is bypassed

it will be free of heavy good vehicles and traffic congestion. It is expected that all businesses will come together to ensure Macroom will both be an attractive town to shop in as well as an attractive tourist destination, focusing on Macroom as a gateway to the Cork and Kerry region. The Board has already engaged with officials of Macroom Municipal Council to further these ideas and meetings will take place in 2020. Once completed, the bypass will allow Macroom to flourish, supported through an engaged local business community and guided by the experience of the Lee Valley Enterprise Board.



Amy and Emma Lucey having presented a cheque to CUH Cancer Services for €3000. The girls and their family would like to thank everyone who donated and supported them.



Helen Mc Carthy and Peggy O Connell of Vaughan's Cafe take time out from their busy schedule to show us a sample of their delicious Christmas Cakes and Mince Pies.

Fire Friends, Buddy Bears

Over 50 cuddly teddy bears are joining Cork County Council's Fire Service before Christmas and will be assigned a very important job. These bears will become part of the fire crew in each fire station in Cork and will ride on every frontline fire truck in Cork County. The 'Buddy Bears' will form an integral part of the Fire Service team and are there to help children that are involved in or witness to traumatic emergency situations. The job of all the Bears is primarily to reduce the suffering of children at incidents and to help children cope with the stresses that they feel from their involvement in a traumatic event.

When children are involved in emergency situations, it can be a very traumatic experience for them. In order to soften the impact that a stressful emergency situation may have on our children, we have implemented this "Buddy Bear" initiative. This idea originated in Kilkenny Fire Service who have their Bears on the run on frontline fire trucks for many years and have told us that they are doing a great job.

It is hoped the Bears will help redirect the focus of the child away from the emergency situation as much as possible, to a comforting friend during the incident i.e. "Buddy Bear".

Hopefully emergency situations in which we need to utilise these bears will be few and far between, but we are pleased to be prepared to make a difference in the lives of our children during these difficult events with the help of our "Buddy Bear" friends.

Co-ordinating this initiative on behalf of Cork County Fire Service, Assistant Fire Officer Aaron Fahy has served in Cork County Council's Fire



Service for many years and brings great experience to this project. He is currently training the 50 Bears for this important job. Mr Fahy said: 'For the Bears to spring into action, a child may not necessarily need to be injured; it may be that the child is a witness to an incident that causes distress. It is often hard to predict how drivers, passengers and pedestrians will cope with being involved in road traffic collision or other emergency situation, and children may be particularly affected at these incidents. We want to do all that we can to alleviate the distress caused to children involved or witness to collisions on our roads or other traumatic even

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To ensure the maximum effectiveness of the Bears, they will be used only in circumstances where required. The teddy bears may not be given out at every incident but they will be deployed where the fire and rescue personnel considers it to be appropriate. Our "Buddy Bears" are currently in training and will be ready to join their crews in the fire stations before Christmas. Our "Buddy Bears" would like to tell all the boys and girls in Cork: 'We are training very hard at the moment in the fire station and learning how we can help all the boys and girls we meet. We love hugs and kisses and will be there to look after you if you need us and hope you can also look after us'.

The Mayor of the County Cork, Cllr Christopher O'Sullivan, was on hand to welcome the new 'Buddy Bears' to the Fire Service team at a launch event in Millstreet Fire Station today.

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- to be expert in the life sciences sector;
- to provide an exceptional colleague and customer experience; and
- to build long-term relationships with all stakeholders by establishing superior, engaged, high performing teams to create and sustain competitive advantage.

The decision to focus on the life sciences industry based on the expertise of the Directors was not without risk, but the sector has grown exponentially over the last 20 years in both scale and complexity.

Reflecting on Fastnet’s growth and development over the last two decades, Managing Partner, Niamh O’Driscoll commented “We are acutely aware that a critical success factor for Fastnet has been our niche focus, our unrelenting commitment to providing an exceptional level of service and our ‘high-touch’ partnership approach. I am forever grateful for the team of committed, loyal and highly competent colleagues who have been instrumental in building the Fastnet brand over the past 20 years.

Co-founder Pat O’Driscoll added “When Fastnet kicked off in 1999, in a crowded recruitment industry, Niamh and I knew that a differentiated

strategy would be an essential component of our success. Since that time, we have never compromised on our core value of providing the highest possible service to both clients and candidates. This strategic choice has been validated in many ways but, in particular, by the volume of repeat business we enjoy year after year. We are left in no doubt that our partnership model delivers real value to our customers. In thanking all stakeholders, particularly our customers and employees, I look forward with optimism as we continue to support our clients in building high performing organisations”



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Cuan Mhuire Farnanes would like to thank Macroom Motors for their generous contribution and support towards the purchasing of a vehicle for our centre.

Hegarty Irish Dance Academy

Hegarty Irish Dance Academy is run by Lisa & Maureen Hegarty and has been in operation since the year 2000. The school is registered, regulated and associated with An Coimisiun le Rinci Gaelacha. Hegarty Irish Dance Academy classes are held in Cork & Kerry.

The main focus of the dancing school is to encourage cultural development in our students, in a fun, yet structured environment. The school has an equal emphasis on both competitive and non competitive classes. 'Over 50% of our students rarely compete, they do grade exams and participate in non-competitive excursions with the Irish Dance Academy', Without listing out a ream of achievements, from a competitive side, Hegarty Irish Dance Academy has dancers competing at all levels from local, national right up to World Championship level. It really is up to each individual family as to how much or how little they want to get involved competitively. If you want to aim towards National or World Championship level, we can help you to work towards that goal.

One of our most recent achievements is 2 of our students qualifying for the World Irish Dancing Championships in Dublin 2020. Scott Hegarty/ O Meara (Killarney) and Maeve Kelleher (Canovee)

From a non-competitive side, we have organised various trips over the years, mostly to concerts & celtic festivals abroad. Our most recent trips have been to Cornwall and the Isle of Mann. 'Our greatest memories from when we were younger was at festivals and we wanted to ensure that the students in our school would be able to experience that, in the same way



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that we did!!', commented Lisa "Every child matters and never give up on your dream no matter how big or how small the dream is". This is the ethos in our dance academy. Our dancers range in age from 3 to 23!! We love the camaraderie in the class between the younger and the older dancers and our retired dancers often come back for a class here and there.

You can follow Hegarty Irish Dance Academy on Facebook or Instagram and keep up to date with everything that is happening throughout the season.

Current classes available in the Cork area are in Cill Na Martra, Canovee & Crookstown. Contact Lisa Hegarty on 087-6403828

ONCE, TWICE, THREE TIMES A WINNER: REEN'S RATHMORE IS PEUGEOT DEALER OF THE YEAR 2019

Reen's Rathmore, Main PEUGEOT Dealer for County Kerry, has taken the PEUGEOT Dealer of the Year title for the third consecutive year. The presentation was made to Dealer Principals, John and Tim Reen, together with their wives Nora and Cecilia Reen, at a black-tie event to mark Gowan Distributors', PEUGEOT Importer in Ireland, 50 years in business. Held at the prestigious Intercontinental Hotel Dublin on Saturday 30th November, the celebrations were attended by 222 staff, shareholders, the Smith-Maughan family and board members, representatives from the PSA Group from Paris and the PEUGEOT Dealer Network of Ireland.

Des Cannon, Managing Director at Gowan Distributors Limited, Peugeot Importer in Ireland, said: "On the occasion of our 50th anniversary, it has given me great pleasure to see Reen's Rathmore crowned PEUGEOT Dealer of the Year 2019. Gowan Distributors has thrived for half a century, thanks to the loyalty, tenacity and passion of our Dealer partners and I thank Reen's Rathmore for their unwavering support and the crucial part they have played to build a strong PEUGEOT profile in County Kerry for over thirty two years."

Colin Sheridan, Sales and Marketing Director at Gowan Distributors said: "It came as no surprise to see Reen's Rathmore come out top, when we collated performance indicators from across the business, to arrive at the winner of this year's Dealer

of the Year title. With PEUGEOT holding a steady 9% of the total new car and van market in Kerry in 2019, the Reen family have demonstrated continued drive and energy, to bring the Peugeot brand to new heights in the Kingdom of Kerry. I congratulate them on another incredible performance in 2019." Tim Reen, Dealer Principal, when presented with the coveted award said: "We are simply speechless. I thank Gowan Distributors wholeheartedly for their support and encouragement, I congratulate them on their wonderful history thus far in Ireland and I wish them continued success in business for the next 50 years and beyond. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank each and every customer who came through our door this year without whom we would not be celebrating this award. I thank my entire team at Reen's Rathmore, who



Pictured from left to right are: Colin Sheridan, Sales & Marketing Director, Gowan Distributors; Tim Reen, Dealer Principal; Cecilia Reen; Nora Reen; John Reen, Dealer Principal; Sean Weir, National Fleet Manager, Gowan Distributors

work so hard to put our customers first every time." The family-run business in Rathmore was first established by brothers John, Vincent and Donie Reen. Appointed Main PEUGEOT Dealers in 1987, the Reen family has been increasingly recognised in their locality for their outstanding customer service. No stranger to awards, Reen's Rathmore was PEUGEOT Dealer of the Year in 2006, 2015, 2017 and 2018, before clinching the title again for 2019 for the third consecutive year in a row.

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A Word of Victory

Welcome back dear reader we've been studying the power of agreement recently. Christmas is a time of happiness and joy, but for many it is a time to dread. As Christmas draws near, for many families it is like all hell is breaking loose against them because of strife and bitterness, problems with addictions and the threat of violence rearing up during this 'happy' season. Issues of loneliness and grief are magnified in a lot of people's lives, as surrounding them everywhere there is this false picture of everyone celebrating with family and friends and being wildly joyful dragging them for whom this is not a true representation of life down into the depths of despair. Friend, if you are in dread of Christmas coming for whatever reason, know this – you are not alone no matter how bad the circumstances. Circumstances are subject to change, and it's time for you to stop battling things on your own and reach out for help. 'Whoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be delivered' (Romans 10:9-13). There are many wonderful organisations that will help you in the natural, but there is no greater help than your Heavenly Father who loves you passionately (Psalm 121). As you get to know God through the Bible and pray in agreement with His Word by speaking it over your life and family in faith, watch and see miracles of deliverance in those areas that no man can help with, for Jesus always confirms His Word. God is faithful and He loves you so much and longs for you to know Him. He is for you, and not against you, and He promises never to leave you or forsake you (Romans 8:31-39; Hebrews 13:5-8). 'I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. They looked to Him and were radiant...their faces were not ashamed. This poor man cried out... the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles. The angel of the Lord encamps all around those who fear Him, and delivers them. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who trusts in Him!' (Psalm 34:4-8). The Lord Jesus was born as one of us and grew up and defeated Satan and the power of sin and death at the Cross, so that you and I could be forgiven, restored and set free! "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men." (Luke 2:14)

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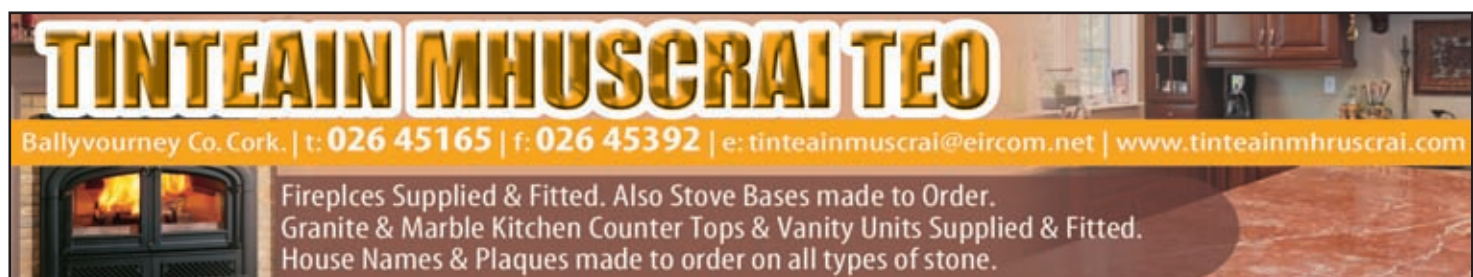
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Snippets may include details of upcoming Lee Valley functions, fundraisers, sports events etc. We may include commercial events that are also being advertised simultaneously in the magazine.

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.

Macroom Senior Citizens/Sullane Haven's 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.

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.

West Muskerry A.C. Tractor Run: on Sunday 22nd December in Carrigadrohid; starts at 12 noon.

Kilnadur N.S. Tractor & Car Run, 3K & 7K walks and 5K run on Sunday, 29th December at St. Enda's NS, Kilnadur; registration @ 11.30 am. Proceeds will go to Air Ambulance & St. Enda's N.S.

Macroom Ploughing Association: The annual match will be held on Sun. Jan. 5 on farm of Nelius Cronin Crookstown. A great day assured. All classes accommodated. Results in Coolcower House night. All are welcome

IRA attack on RIC Barracks' January 1920'; A talk by Dr John Borgonovo, UCC School of History, The Heritage Room Kilmurphy Independence Museum on January 9th 2020 @ 8 p.m. Kilmurphy 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.

Coffee Morning: The Coláiste Ghobnatan Parent Committee and Transition Years are organising a coffee morning to raise funds for the school to purchase iPads. It will take place in the school this coming Sunday the 15th from 12 noon. Maidin Caifé i gColáiste Ghobnatan Dé Domhnaigh 15ú Nollaig 12 nóin.

LOTTO RESULTS

Coachford AFC: 9/12/2019. Jackpot: €4,000. Numbers Drawn: 13 - 33 - 35. No Winner. €40 Peter O'Riordan. €20 c/o Ashling, Aidan Barry Murphy, Peg O'Riordan, Frank Bergin. 2/12/2019. Jackpot: €3,800. Numbers Drawn: 12 - 15 - 28. No Winner. €40 Jillian O'Shea and €20 Josie Leahy (Online Ticket), John Buckley, Mary O'Riordan, Annie Rooney.

Clondrohid G.A.A.: Nov. 20: Jackpot of €4,000; €70 Catherine Cotter, Kilvoultra, €20 Denise, Chris de Jageur, Carrigaphooka, Aidan Harty, Mid-Cork Pallets, Kevin Kelleher Muinliuch and Anthony Murphy Masseytown. Congrats to Evelyn McSweeney and Dave Reidy winners of the Bingo Jackpot of €250 last week.

Kilmichael G.A.A.: 2/12/2019: Jackpot €7,000; Numbers: 4-6-10-30; No Jackpot winner. €50 JJJCD, c/o Five Roads, Terelton, €25 each to Peggy O'Leary, Cooldorrihy; Evalee Schneeberger, Teernassig; Noel O'Riordan, c/o Dromeys. 9/12/2019: Jackpot €7,150; Numbers: 3-6-17-23; No Jackpot winner. €50 Farah

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Kilmurphy 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: 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: 26/11/'19: Jackpot €1,600 - No Winner. €70. Mary Burke, Sullane Weirs, Macroom. €20 Jackie O'Sullivan, 14 The Glenties, Macroom, €20 Tim Joe Lyons, Main Street, Macroom, €20 Tadgh O'Laoire, Ardilaun, Macroom, €20 Jane Murray, Railway View, Macroom and €20 Paul Kingston, New Street, Macroom. 3/12/'19: Jackpot €1,800 - No Winner. €70 Barry O'Brien, 22 St. Colman's Park, Macroom, €20 John Kenny, Railway View, Macroom, €20 Joan O'Riordan, C/O Evelyn Mc Sweeney, €20. Mary Ellen Ryan, C/O Michael Murphy, €20 Grace Murray, Railway View, Macroom and €20 Tim O'Sullivan, Glenties, Macroom.

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. 25 Kathleen O'Riordan, Sleaven; John Cronin, Shanacrane & Con O'Keeffe.

Rylane Community Park Association/CPA. Mon. 2/12/2019. Lotto results: 2/12/2019 Jackpot €2,000. Numbers drawn: 10 - 37 - 39. No Winner. €20: David Savage (Rylane); Tim McSweeney (Rylane); Kevin Kelleher (Rylane). Seller's Prize €20: Mary Casey Buckley.



Kilbarry NS pupils with their shoeboxes for the 2019 Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal. © An Scoil



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Pilgrimage to Lourdes in Sept, with Fr. John Keane


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.

M.M

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.

MM

ST. JUDE NOVENA



May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be Adored, Glorified, Loved and revered throughout the whole world, now and forever.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, please pray for us. Saint Jude, worker of miracles, please pray for us.

Saint Jude, helper of the hopeless, please pray for us.


Say this prayer nine times daily and by the end of the 8th day your prayers will be answered.

Say it for nine days, publication must be promised.

It has never been known to fail.

HOD

POWERFUL NOVENA



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

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

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

7TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

MEGAN MALONE

Ballyduff, Barefield, Ennis, Co. Clare. Formerly of Candroma, Kilnamartyra, Macroom, Co. Cork. 27/5/07-18/12/12

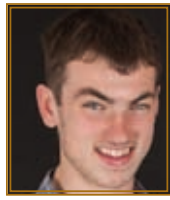
"Missing you Megan every minute of everyday always. Time keeps passing but the pain of losing you lingers on, our sweet, brave princess!"



Love from Dad, Mom, Chloe, Dylan, Tristan, Robyn, Nanny Connell & Granda, Nanna Kay & Granda Mike.

Ar dheis De go raibh a hAnam!

7TH ANNIVERSARY



Remembering with love our precious son and brother

SHANE MURPHY

Clondrohid, Macroom Whose Anniversary occurred on December 10th.

*Sad are the hearts that loved you
Silent are the tears that fall
Living life without you Shane is the hardest part of all.*



Loved and sadly missed always your loving family

6TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

JOHN HOARE

Cools, Kilnamartyra, Cork Who died on the 14th December 2013

Missing someone isn't about how long its been since you've seen them or the amount of time since you last talked. It's about that very moment When you find yourself doing something and wishing they were right by your side.



Fondly remembered and sadly missed, By family and friends Our Lady and Saint Gobnait pray for John, his wife Maura and their son Seamus.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

MARY HINCHION MCCULLAGH

Who died on the 18th December 2018

As we lovingly remember our mother Mary on her First Anniversary, we the family wish to thank most sincerely everyone who sympathized with us on our sad loss.

To those who cared for her during her illness and looked after her well being. To all those who attended the funeral and sent mass cards

To everyone who participated in the mass and a special thanks to Father John Keane who was by her side as she departed from this life.

Thanks to Fitzgeralds Funeral Directors for their professional service and guidance. A sincere thanks to all her neighbours and friends who walked with her on her life journey and shared many a smile and a chat along the way.

Beautiful memories silently kept of one that we loved and will never forget

1st Anniversary Mass @ 10am on Saturday 21st December in St. Colman's Church Macroom



Always remembered by your loving family; husband Ed, daughters Anna, Marie, Kay, Aoife, Nita, Rose and son Noel, sons in law, daughter in law, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Codladh sámh

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T.M T.M

3RD ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

ROBERT MORTON

Ballyvourney, who passed away on 11th December 2016

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



Loved and remembered everyday by Susan and Samantha.

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MEMORIALS & REMEMBRANCE

6TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of


OLLIE CALNAN
Tareilton, Macroom
Who died 10th Dec 2013

*Remember Joy
Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I follow the plan God laid for me
I saw his face, I heard his call
I took his hand and left it all
I could not stay another day
To love, to laugh, to work or play
Tasks left undone must stay that way
And if my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joy
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Ah yes these things too I shall miss.
My life's been full, I've savoured much
Good times, good friends, a loved ones touch
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief
Don't shorten it with undue grief
Be not burdened with tears of sorrow
Enjoy the sunshine of the morrow.*

†

Lovingly remembered by your loving family
Siobhan, Donard & Mark xxx

6TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**EUGENE
Mc CARTHY**
Lower Bellmount, Crookstown
Who died on the
13th December 2013

*Remembering Blondie on his sixth anniversary.
No matter how life changes,
No matter what we do,
A special place within our hearts,
Will always remain for you.*

†

Lovingly remembered by
Nora and family.

3RD ANNIVERSARY



Remembering

**MARTIN
MC MANUS**
Masseytown and late of Sligo and
Ballina Co Mayo
Who passed away 14th Dec 2016

*As we deeply miss and lovingly
remember Martin on the
3rd Anniversary of his passing.
You are part of our lives,
we will never forget.*

†

Sadly missed by Helen and family

11TH ANNIVERSARY



I-gcuimhne


**TREASA NÍ
MHUÍNEACHÁIN**
Gortnascairte, Cuil-aodha

*Cuimhní grámhar ar Treasa a fuair bás ar an 10ú de Mhí na Nollag 2008. Ar dheis lámh Dé agus fé choimirce Ghobnatan go raibh sí.
Ag breacadh an lae smaoinimid ort, Agus ag titim gach oíche guimíd ar do shon, Agus ar feadh ár saoil is cuma cén aít, Istit inár gcroithe atá tú go brách.*

†

(Mam, Dad, Maireád, Seamus, Aindreas, Nóra, Pádraig, Dónal, Máire, Gobnait, Lisa, Rose, Kate, Andy)

6TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of


OLLIE CALNAN
Tareilton, Macroom
Who died 10th Dec 2013

*On his soul sweet Jesus Have mercy
A silent thought, a quiet prayer for a special person in Gods care*

†

His loving mother in law
Peggy

7TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

SEAMUS SCRIVEN
Dunderierke, Kilnamartyra
who died 15th Dec 2012

*We sat beside your bedside,
Our hearts were crushed and sore,
We did our duty to the end,
Til we could do no more,
In tears we watched you sinking,
We watched you fade away,
And though our hearts were breaking,
We knew you could not stay,
You left behind some aching hearts,
That loved you most sincere,
We never shall and never will,
Forget you Seamus dear.*

†

Never forgotten by your Auntie Tessie,
Denis and Cousins Jimmy, John,
Noreen, Michael, Noel, Mary, Declan
and Families.

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Pictured at the official launch of Cork County Council's Think Cork County campaign is Cllr. Christopher O'Sullivan, Mayor of the County of Cork with Tim Lucey, Chief Executive, Cork County Council and Patrica Liddy, Dir. of Services, Corporate Services, Cork Co. Co. Also included is labrador "Henry".



Muintir Uí Shúilleabháin, Na Curraithe, ag an seoladh leabhar Casadh na Spride le déanaí i mBeal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh



Students in Youthreach continue their Community Art evident in the Creative Window display in Macroom Credit Union. Tony Hughes the Manager of Macroom Credit made contact with Youthreach to see if it was possible for students to create a festive window display for Macroom Credit Union. With the support of their Art Teacher, Kevin Holland Youthreach students were delighted to facilitate Tony who continues to be very supportive of Youthreach Students.



Newly enrolled Ardilaun Brownies



Cllr. Michael Looney, Chair of Macroom Municipal turned on the lights on Friday 29th November. Also in the picture is Pat O'Connell Chairman of the Lee Valley Enterprise Board © John Dulea



Anne Marie Shortt and Bill Collins, CEO Repak ELT presenting Edward McCarthy, (third from right), Ovens, Co. Cork, with his prize of set of tyres to value of EU 500 which he won in a competition, sponsored by REPAK ELT and The Road Safety Authority (RSA) at the National Ploughing



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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., Macroom Panto. Company.

Christmas Table Quiz Fundraiser Toonsbridge Defibrillator Fund: At Toonsbridge Dairy, Fri. 13th Dec. 2019: €10 per person - Everyone is Welcome.

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

St Enda's N.S. Kilnadur, 'Launch of Tractor & Car Run and 3K, & 7K walks and 5K run on Sunday, 29th December'; registration at school @ 11.30 a.m. Proceeds will go to Air Ambulance & St. Enda's N.S., Kilnadur.

Kilmurry H.A.A. 'IRA attack on RIC Barracks January 1920' by Dr John Borgonovo, UCC School of History, The Heritage Room, Kilmurry Independence Museum on January 9th 2020 @ 8 p.m.

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. at 11.30 a.m. Tá fáilte roimh gach éinne.

Juvenile Book Club: Sat. at 3.00p.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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Tuesday 24th	9.30 - 12.30	Monday 30th	9.30 - 4.00
Wednesday 25th	CLOSED	Tuesday 31st	9.30 - 12.30
Thursday 26th	CLOSED	Wednesday 1st	CLOSED
Friday 27th	CLOSED	Thursday 2nd	CLOSED
Saturday 28th	CLOSED	Friday 3rd	Open as normal
Sunday 29th	CLOSED		



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