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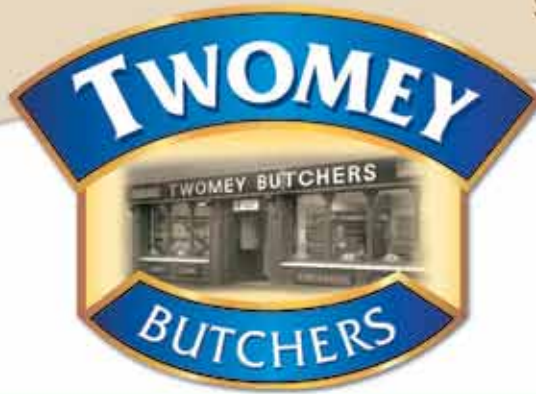
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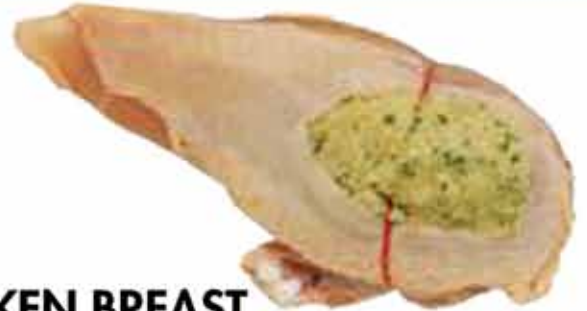
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THE GENERAL ELECTION

FEBRUARY 2020: YOUR CHOICE

'Health' is the easier to define and means an absence of sickness, a sense of well-being and an ability to both function day-to-day and within the wider community. 'Happiness' is a more difficult state to categorize. For people at different stages it means different things; the baby, child needs security, approval and love; the teenager wants that and more – peer approval looms large. Later successful college/training and relationships dominate and for young adults the The campaign for the General election is in full swing and, in sporting terms, it is all to play for. While the country has recovered substantially in the last ten years we still have many issues to address and solve. It could be summed up in the phrase 'Much is good but much more must be improved'.

When considering their vote people are influenced by their political leanings, emotions, experiences, observations and assessments. Global, European, national, local issues and family aspects are weighed and considered. Of all issues Climate Change and the future of the world take precedence.

As a local publication, The Lee Valley Outlook asks you to take into account local issues and to ask politicians and canvassers about progress or plans to address these topics. Some of the problems that come to mind are alcohol and drug abuse in the young and the not-so-young, urban renewal, the price of cattle, the lack of community policing and the Guard on the street and local GP and public nurse appointments. We would also like to see progress in the upgrading of Macroom Community Hospital, the

development of a Day- Care Centre for the Elderly, the realisation of the potential of our historic buildings and the Gearagh, and the upgrade of De La Salle's building among other items.

While the completion of the By-Pass should lead to a great improvement in the quality of life for Macroom and Lee Valley residents, it also affords a great opportunity for us as a community to reflect and decide what sort of a town and area we want. The idea of a Town Council should be considered and it could have the potential to harness ideas and co-operation and to give focus and direction to desired future developments. Other towns and local communities do it and 'why can't we?'

Democracy has many short comings but it is the best political system so far devised. It is essential that as many people as possible vote. Greta Thunberg has shown the power of youth's voice and the General Election facilitates the expression of their and everybody's opinions. After all, the world's future is more theirs, the young than ours, the older generation).

Finally, the LVO wishes all candidates well and thanks them, their canvassers and support teams for their bravery in standing and working so hard, often in cold and wet conditions, to ensure that democracy and civilised society prospers and that we have a choice.

Con Kelleher

MACROOM SENIOR CITIZENS

Presentations: Macroom Senior Citizens recently received a Certificate of Appreciation Award from Cork/Kerry Healthcare at a function held in Oriel House Hotel Ballincollig for their Meals-on-Wheels Service, operating for 51 years. Macroom Meals-on-Wheels was founded in 1968 and operates six days per week. Meals are also available at our centre in Lucey's Lane from 12.30pm. At the awards ceremony it was pointed out that the meals-on-wheels service is an excellent example of



Evelyn McSweeney, Mary Lehane, President of Macroom Senior Citizens Club and Pat O'Connell receiving donation from Macroom Bridge Club.



Members of Macroom Senior Citizens, Joan Dineen, Pat O'Connell and Evelyn McSweeney receiving Certificates of Appreciation from Cork/Kerry Healthcare for 51 years serving Meals on Wheels, Oriel House

partnership between Community Organisations and State Funding. The service is an invaluable community resource, keeping people socially connected, minding nutrition and supporting the aging at home. It was also stated that high dependence on volunteers leaves the service vulnerable and on this note Macroom Senior Citizens would like to thank the volunteers, past and present who have helped/help to run this service. Macroom Senior Citizens would also like to thank all the groups and organisations who fundraise for us in order to keep this service

going.

Other services available at our centre include:
 Tai Chi Classes – Starting Monday 3rd February @ 7.30pm; Thursday 6th February @ 3 p.m.
 Bridge – Every Thursday morning @ 10 a.m.
 Bingo – Every Thursday night @ 8.30 p.m.
 Line Dancing – Every Friday @ 2 p.m.
 We strongly encourage Senior Citizens/Active Retired to stay active by taking part in some of these events.

Macroom Men's Shed: John Murphy R.I.P

It was with sadness that we learned of the death of John Murphy of Caum, Macroom, which occurred about two weeks ago. John was Chairman of Macroom Men's Shed from the original meeting in 2016 until his untimely death. Our sympathy goes to his wife Breda and to his

son and daughters and his wider circle of relatives. A guard of honour of members of the Men's Shed accompanied his remains to his place of rest. May he rest in peace.

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VIEWING RECOMMENDED

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Killian Lynch Auctioneers are pleased to offer this spacious 3/4 bedroom detached house situated on landscaped front and rear gardens. This property which comprises of C.1,464 sq.ft living accommodation is in pristine condition throughout and comes with extras to include improved insulation, converted attic and landscaped gardens. Located within the village of Tarelton adjacent to primary school and shop, C.8 km south of Macroom and C.30 minutes from Cork city. BER RATING: B3 (112422530)

GUIDE PRICE: €224,000



UNDER OFFER

FORMER LAKE HOUSE HOTEL, INCHIGEELAGH, MACROOM, CO. CORK, P12 YE24

Substantial 10 bedroom hotel (not currently trading) situated within the heart of Inchigeelagh Village comprising of 5,500 sq.ft approx. in addition to a newly constructed 3 bedroom owners residence extension comprising a further 1,800 sq.ft. approx. to provide overall accommodation of some 7,300 sq.ft on a site of 0.5 acres. The former hotel and licensed premises benefits from 4 recently refurbished en-suite guest bedrooms. The remainder of this section of the property would require refurbishment and upgrading throughout. The owners residence / living quarters are situated to the rear of the hotel and are immaculately presented in pristine condition after being recently constructed, with tranquil views overlooking the landscaped gardens. Joint Agent: Cahalan Downing, 88 South Mall, Cork 021 4277717.

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NEW TO THE MARKET

MUINYGROOGEEN, BANTEER, CO. CORK P51CX50

Killian Lynch Auctioneers are pleased to offer this 4 bedroom bungalow extending to C.1,280 sq.ft living accommodation. The property which has been extended over recent years is in very good condition throughout but may require modernization. This is an ideal family home situated on C.2.2 acres, comprising of gardens & a large field to the side on C.2 acres. Located C.8km from Millstreet town and C.6km from Banteer. BER RATING: D2 (105881015)

GUIDE PRICE: €185,000



VIEWING RECOMMENDED

TOONSBRIDGE, KILBARRY, MACROOM, CO. CORK P12 EE61

Killian Lynch Auctioneers are pleased to present this very deceptive 3 bedroom bungalow and garage with granny flat / storage area. The property which comprises of C.1,400 sq.ft. living accommodation is in pristine condition throughout after being modernized and insulated to a very high standard in recent years. This is a very attractive property with south facing private rear gardens and is located centrally with local shop and pub within the village. BER RATING: E2 (103044392)

GUIDE PRICE: €205,000



NEW TO THE MARKET

CAHERDAHA, KILNAMARTYRA, MACROOM, CO. CORK P12F250

Killian Lynch Auctioneers are pleased to present to the market this 3 bedroom bungalow on C.0.4 acres in the heart of Kilnamartyra village. The property comprises of C.940 sq.ft. living accommodation which is very spacious and well laid out. This property is in need of modernization but has great potential and would make an ideal family home, an investment property of for a 1st time buyer. BER RATING: E

GUIDE PRICE: €90,000



NEW TO THE MARKET

GARRYHESTA, OVENS, CO. CORK P31NN52

Killian Lynch Auctioneers are pleased to offer this opportunity to acquire a property in such a sought after area, only 10 minutes drive from Ballincollig with Cork City being a C.20 minutes drive. There are fantastic views from the property of the surrounding countryside and the famous Killeera Abbey. The property which has been extended, comprises of c.1,110 sq.ft. living accommodation and is in need of renovation throughout. BER RATING: F

GUIDE PRICE: €245,000



NEW TO THE MARKET

3 CASTLEROCK, MEADOWLANDS, MACROOM, CO. CORK P12X593

Killian Lynch Auctioneers are pleased to present to the market this 3 bedroom terraced house within Macroom town. The property comprises of c.1,150 sq.ft. living accommodation with spacious open plan living & dining area. This property would suit a wide range of clients. The property is located within walking distance to all amenities, only C.30 minutes drive to Cork city, viewing is a must in this spacious property. BER RATING: C1

GUIDE PRICE: €185,000



COMMERCIAL UNIT TO RENT

MILLSTREET ROAD, MACROOM, CO. CORK P12W651

Killian Lynch Auctioneers are pleased to offer this C.4,000 sq.ft. ground floor commercial unit on the outskirts of Macroom town, with C.1,000 sq.ft. of office on the first floor. The property, which has road frontage onto the Millstreet road is in very good condition throughout and is suitable for a variety of enterprises and is on a C.0.3 acre site. Proposals invited

GUIDE PRICE: €200.00 per week

20 Years a growing

ST. PATRICK'S DAY



It's hard to believe, but March 2000 was a watershed moment for Macroom and its surrounds when a group of 40 Musicians from the U.S.A. arrived in our little town for the St. Patricks Day Parade. Little did we know then, (and 20 years on), this wonderful relationship has blossomed into one of the biggest events of the year in the Macroom Calendar. To celebrate this wonderful connection, leader Tom Loomis of the Woodland String Band, is bringing over a one hundred and seventy strong group for the week long festivities. The Band has been synonymous with Macroom's St, Patricks Day Parade and always put smiles on people's faces with their uplifting music and dance and Macroom is indeed very fortunate to have this group entertain us for the week.



To mark this occasion, The Lee Valley Enterprise Board has decided to do a special Concert in the Everyman Theatre in Cork, featuring our own very talented musicians, dancers and singers and The Woodland String Band. The performance will take place on **March the 15th at 7 p.m.**, Tickets are €20 which can be purchased directly at the **Everyman Box Office or at McSweeney's Sweet Shop in the Middle Square.** A Bus will be laid on for the Concert and Bus + Ticket will be selling at €25. As we envisage that this will be a very special night at the Everyman, we do hope that as many people from Macroom and its surrounds will attend.



Also, the **Flower of Macroom Competition is back.** It will take place in the Castle Hotel on Saturday night, **March the 7th.** Applications forms may be had from Jo Lovell, Lee Valley Enterprise Board, Bowl Road, Macroom

MACROOM FLOWER & GARDEN CLUB

Annual General Meeting: The club will hold its A.G.M. at Coolcower House on Thursday 6th of February at 7.00 p.m. It will be followed by a Cookery Demonstration at 8.00 p.m. Annual membership will be accepted on the night. New members are most welcome. For further information please contact 087-9821708. **Sapphire (45th)**

Anniversary: Macroom Flower & Garden Club celebrated its 45th Sapphire Anniversary at The

Castle Hotel December. Past President of AOIFA and Macroom native Mary O'Keeffe attended. Members were treated to a superb Dinner with the Ardilaun Suite beautifully decorated to mark the occasion. Life Vice-President Ann Leahy cut the cake and it was followed by a raffle and presentation of prizes. Chairperson Winifred Lynch thanked all in attendance for supporting Club activities throughout the year and reported on plans for a cheque presentation

to Macroom Community Hospital, proceeds from the Annual Charity Demonstration. The Club will resume in February with the A.G.M at Coolcower House. For new members wishing to join, details can be obtained from 087-9821708. The Club Officers and Committee wish you a Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you at upcoming Floral Demonstrations and Gardening Talks.

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ST. MARY S SOUNDINGS

Music Group: A music group consisting of members of the school choir and trad group have been very busy rehearsing recently. Under the direction of music teachers Aoife Donovan and Aoibheann Queally, the students have created a five minute performance addressing the theme, "Where words fail, music speaks" and will enter the Walton's Music for Schools Competition, a National Competition which attracts entries from all over the country. The performance includes singing, instrumental music, dance and drama and consists



MUSIC GROUP AFTER REHEARSALS FOR THE WALTONS MUSIC FOR SCHOOLS COMPETITION - THE THEME "Where words fail, music speaks"

of 38 students ranging from first to sixth year. They have been working extremely hard during lunchtimes to bring the performance together and we wish them the best of luck in the competition.

Wellbeing Day: Second Year students had their second Wellbeing Day of the year in the school this week.

Their morning began with exposure to relaxing activities. Gymnastics, taught by Katie McSweeney, and she was ably assisted by Rachel Barrett, a second year student. The girls also did creative work with Art teacher, Ms O Connor. A workshop was facilitated by Ms Butler on the management of Classroom Based Assignments for the Junior Cycle. This presentation included how to reference sources of information used in CBAs. Young people can be highly critical of themselves, so students got a workshop on ways to address the "Self Critic" within. 'Smoothies' were provided by the school at lunch time. In the afternoon, the year group got a presentation on 'Sleep', which included consequences of not sleeping and practical tips to help overcome not being able to sleep. This was followed by physical challenges, organised by Mr Cooke. The girls completed the day with a series of mental exercises, where student teams played each other in somewhat challenging exercises. The girls really enjoyed the day. Thanks

to all of the teachers who facilitated workshops and thanks also to Katie McSweeney.

Transition Year Students/Road Safety:

The TYs had two seminars on Road Safety this week. The girls travelled to Rochestown Park Hotel on Monday last to attend a superb Road Show organised by Cork County Council, the Gardaí and AXA. Students heard first-hand accounts of fatal road accidents from the Gardaí, Ambulance Crews, a Fire Brigade crew and an Accident and Emergency doctor, all working in the

Cork area. A very moving account from a father of a girl who lost her life in a traffic accident some years ago brought the audience to tears.

On Friday, TY students had a day-long seminar in the school on the same topic given by Bayside Services from Donegal. Students saw graphic video footage of several road traffic accidents. Pat McNealy also informed the girls about the Driver Theory Test and students had time to practice on theory questions.

Retreat for Second Years: Mr Declan Browne Occupational Psychologist facilitated the retreat on Friday the 24th of January. The retreat consisted of 3 core areas 1. Relationship with ourselves – focusing on our uniqueness and our value as human beings. 2. Relationships with others and team building and 3. Relationship with God - focusing on meditation & God's love for us. We thanks Declan very much: the girls really enjoyed the day.

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Macroom Library

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St. Brigid's Cross-making Workshop – join us on Friday Jan. 31st between 11.30 am and 12.30 pm for a free workshop on how to make St. Brigid's crosses. We'll be supplying the rushes, but if you would like to bring along your own, you are more than welcome.

Adult Book Club will take place on Wednesday Feb. 5th at 11.30am to discuss 'The Book of Speculation,' by Erika Swyler.

Purlies Knitting Group will meet on Thursday Feb. 6th at 11.30 am. New members are welcome.

Tots Time will be on Friday Feb. 7th at 11 am, and always take place on the first and third Friday of every month.

Juvenile Book Club will meet on Saturday Feb 8th at 3 pm to discuss 'National Velvet,' by Enid Bagnold.

Creative Writing Group will meet on Tues. Feb. 11th at 5.30 pm.

Bridge Club will take place on Wed. Feb. 12th at 10 a.m.

Ciorcal Cainte will be on Thursday Feb. 13th at 11.30 am.

Music Morning will take place on Friday Feb. 14th at 11 am, and just like December, it will be 'Audience Choice,' so please feel free to bring along CDs of your own favourite songs so they can be played that morning for

everyone to enjoy. There will be a limit of two songs per person, and we would ask for people to please label their CD cover with their own name and song choice so everything can proceed as smoothly as possible. **Story Time** – takes place every Saturday at midday.

Membership of the library is completely free, and all you require to join is bring Photo I.D and Proof of Address. On becoming a member, you can borrow 12 items for 3 weeks, and your library card can be used in any public library in the country. We have adult fiction books, non-fiction, teenage, young adult, and lots of books for children, as well as audiobooks and DVDs. We also have books which are specially selected and categorised under national initiatives such as Healthy Ireland, Your Good Self (for mental health), and Work Matters (an initiative created to provide support for people starting their own business or getting back into work). Members can also gain access to our free online services, such as being able to borrow eBooks, eAudioBooks, and eMagazines. Other online services include the Irish Newspaper Archive, online courses, Mango languages, Britannica online, and more! We also hold numerous events in the library throughout the year so keep an eye out for something that might interest you here, in the Lee Valley Outlook, on social media or on posters around the town.

JANUARY 1972 - BLOODY SUNDAY AND MACROOM'S PROTEST MARCH: A MEMORY

Memories of Bloody Sunday, January 30, 1972 and the Macroom March:

It was during the evening of Sunday January 30, 1972 when news of the dreadful events in Derry filtered through via TV and radio, the only means of mass communication in those days. In Macroom we were totally dependent on Telefís Éireann and Radio Éireann for any news from distant places. A feeling of total shock, horror and disbelief spread throughout the whole country and Macroom, a small town in county Cork, many miles from The Troubles, was no exception. Mixed feelings of raging anger towards Britain and impotent helplessness at the inadequacy of our response were typical of our reaction.

I was a student at UCC at the time and used to commute to Cork during the week. On Monday (January 31), on arrival at UCC, there was a tumult of anger and rage among the student body. A protest march was hastily organised by student leaders and a large number of people, students and lecturers alike, poured into Cork city centre to vent their anger. The numbers were swelled by hundreds of Cork citizens who wished to vent their anger at the senseless savagery of the previous day.

For the most part the crowd was noisy but well-behaved. Two memories stand out. One, somebody climbed up on top of a phone box and addressed the crowd. The tone of his speech was that something urgent, and possibly violent, needed to be done to show the "Brits" that they would not be allowed get away with blatant murder. Second, the crowd made its way to the docks where a cargo ship with a Union Jack flag was boarded, the flag removed and, subsequently,

set alight much to the appreciation of the accompanying crowd. Thankfully no one was hurt or manhandled during this episode. Later the crowd dispersed peacefully but the overwhelming feelings of grief, anger, disbelief and the sense of helplessness remained. On the following Sunday (February 4) a protest march was arranged for Macroom. It was well attended by people from all backgrounds, young and old alike. Somebody had made a mock blackpainted coffin in memory of those who had died in the massacre and this was paraded at the front of the march. The parade culminated in the Square and several fiery speeches were made by local politicians. One even suggested that people should head to the North immediately in solidarity with our nationalist brothers and sisters. An effort was made to burn a symbolic Union Jack on the steps of the Town Hall. However no Union flag was available so the organisers improvised by tying together three handkerchiefs - coloured red, white and blue - to represent the Union Jack. This was doused in petrol and set alight. However due to the pouring rain the "flag" failed to ignite (a somewhat farcical end to a very dignified protest!). This episode brought home to people like us, who were quite far removed from the conflict in Northern Ireland, the grim awfulness of the violence, discrimination, injustice, sectarianism, gerrymandering which was the daily reality of the ordinary decent nationalist community of that benighted province.

Gus Kelleher, Main Street, Macroom & Fermoy.

LEE VALLEY TOASTMASTERS

Members and guests met on Tuesday 21 January in their usual venue, The Castle Hotel, Macroom. A Prepared speech, entitled Life Pen, was delivered by Ewelina Rondelez who enthralled us with a humorous and wide ranging approach to the concept of life style. Newest member Robert Lambert took to the lectern with his Ice Breaker, aptly entitled Communication.

Topics at this meeting were the responsibility of Mary Murphy. Lively contributions to this impromptu speaking section were many and varied. The question of compulsory retirement evoked much interest. Another topic- meeting a famous person - gave rise to names such as Brad Pitt, but we are not so sure about the veracity of that particular claim!

General Evaluator for the meeting was Mary Kelleher who described her role as one of 'constructive observation'. All aspects of the meeting are evaluated.

Toastmaster for this meeting was Tom O Connor, his first time in the role. Tom was awarded the equivalent of 'man-of-the-match' as best contributor to the meeting,

by the general evaluator who complimented Tom on his introductions, smooth running and overall genial tone as toastmaster at this, the 82nd meeting of Lee Valley Toastmasters.

Do come to our next meeting on 4th February and see what it's all about.

Mary Murphy.



Mary Kelleher congratulates Tom O Connor on input at recent meeting of Lee Valley Toastmasters




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Leaving Cert Pupils David Wilmot, Mary Clarke and Gabrielle Dollard who attended a Leaving Cert Physics Workshop in CIT

The Three Romeos and Jen Mini-Company:

There was great excitement today (23rd January 2020), with the official launch of The Three Romeos and Jen Company in Room 22. These new young businesspeople - Denis Buckley, Jack Curtin, Patrick O'Halloran-Crowley & Jennifer Goulding - have been busy for the past number of weeks exploring different ideas for their mini company. Today, they officially announced their business plan. The Three Romeos and Jen Company have decided to sell Roses for St. Valentine's Day. When interviewed about why they decided on selling roses their response was "Everyone loves flowers, and Everyone loves Someone". The young entrepreneurs are very enthusiastic and hope to sell over 150 Roses within the school community for Valentine's Day. They have already got their marketing in place with beautiful, colourful posters displayed around the school. The Three Romeos and Jen Company expect trade to be brisk so have recruited help from fellow students. Chloe Buckley and Aidan McCarthy from TY have been recruited to help with sales. When interviewed as to why they had recruited Chloe and Aidan, Jack Curtin said, "They know everyone in the school, and they are good at selling". Jessica McSweeney and Grainne Deasy from LCA have been asked to help with wrapping the Roses. Denis Buckley said that Jessica and Grainne were chosen because they were good at wrapping flowers as they had done it before.

It would seem that The Three Romeos and Jen Company have come up with an excellent business idea and model. We wish them every success with their venture. We also thank the students, SNAs, teachers and parents for their support. On Tuesday 21st of January, the Leaving Cert Physics class, attended a Laboratory Practical

Physics Workshop, The Science for Life Programme in Cork Institute of Technology. This programme is offered only to students of its linked



Ms Margaret Corkery (Deputy Principal McEgan College), Ms CAIT Clifford and Ms Patricia Lynam (Principal of McEgan College) who attended a celebration dinner in the Rochestown Park Hotel for Ms Clifford on her recent retirement, organised by the Teachers Union Of Ireland

schools of which McEgan is lucky to be a member. Students got the opportunity to carry out seven experiments on the leaving cert. course in one of the specialist laboratories available at CIT. They got the opportunity to use equipment not available in school laboratories, and which furthers their understanding of the experiments involved. Other Science initiatives available to students at McEgan through our linked schools programme include a Science Camp for First Years which takes place in May each year.

Second year students then have the opportunity annually to attend a joint camp - 'The Experience of a CIT & UCC Camp'. This is a two day camp that is held in June when students get to spend a day at each of the colleges. These opportunities give the students

a chance at an early stage to sow the seeds of thought for third level education. Outside of Science McEgan is provided with many other great opportunities through our linked schools. All 5th year students travelled to CIT on the 21st to carry out a study skills workshop in the college. Four workshops were held in total which consisted of: 1. Why Study, 2. Nutrition and Study, 3. Study Strategies, and 4. Assistive Technology. Every student returned to school armed with a pack of materials to get them kick started on their new study regime.

Paired Reading: This is a reading initiative which Bishop McEgan ran through our Junior Cycle School Programme (JCSP). Ten of our second-year students are working as part of a cross-age paired reading programme where they act as the tutors to primary school pupils in Clondrohid N.S. Paired reading is an ideal way of improving reading skills among young children. Paired Reading can also be used to build oral skills so that reluctant readers can work toward reading in front of a large group.



Youth members Christmas 2019



Joe Healy President of the IFA with pupils from Ballyvongane NS during his recent visit to the school.

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Fourth year students in De La Salle on receipt of their 'Junior Cycle Profile of Achievement'



De La Salle principal Mr. John Murphy presenting the Junior Cert Profile of Achievement to students Kevin Fitzgerald and Aimee Coakley

De La Salle Doings

U16 Hurling: On a fresh winter's morning on Monday January 19th, De La Salle's U-16 hurling team travelled to Ballygarvan to face the East Cork side, St. Colman's Community College. De La Salle began the game strongly and continued this momentum until the final whistle. They registered their first score in the 4th minute and this was complemented by skilful defensive play from young corner back Jack Sweeney and Jack Devine at full back. Macroom went on to score the next three points and in the 18th minute wing forward Brian Healy ran through the Fermoy defence and slotted the ball into the opposition's goal. At half time the score was 1-4 to 0-0 in favour of De La Salle.

Substitutions at halftime gave some younger players a taste of school hurling in a game where De La Salle were comfortably in control. Great attacking work from Daire McMahon, Brian Healy, Conor Kelleher and James Slattery resulted in well taken scores. Through no fault of our excellent defenders Luke Duggan, Charlie Burke and keeper Eoin

Healy, the patient opposition finally got two well deserved points on the scoreboard. De La Salle drove on and another goal by Brian Healy left the final score 2-8 to 0-2. De la Salle will be confident in the next round. Jack Sexton, (4th Year).

Transition Years: On Tuesday the 21st January the Transition Years went to the Road Safety Roadshow in Rochestown Park Hotel. The show was designed to raise awareness about car accidents among teenagers and the horrific consequences resulting from these accidents. Especially noted was the importance for young men to take particular care while driving as in 2019 75% of those killed on Irish roads were male. Professionals who encounter the horrors of road traffic collisions spoke candidly about the effects of these disasters and how, despite their professional roles, training and trying to detach from what they see and experience, it is almost impossible not to be affected. A transfixed cohort of students heard harrowing details from a Garda, a paramedic, a fireman and an Accident and Emergency Trauma Surgeon. At the end a man who lost his daughter in a car crash 15 years ago spoke bravely. What he said was very moving and hit home with the teenagers who listened in respectful silence. All the boys found this seminar eye-opening, moving and very hopefully effective.



KAL House presenting a cheque to Phill Barry of St. Vincent de Paul. The money was raised by a bake sale organised by the students.

GAA Updates: On January 7th DLS hosted a player development meeting. Local coaching officers, underage coaches and other representatives were invited to discuss putting in place a long term plan for player development. The meeting was very well attended and we would like to extend our thanks to all club officers who came. We thank James McCarthy, Cork G.D.A. officer, for attending and briefing the clubs on his activities in the area. James is doing a huge amount of work here in the school and the division. De La Salle and local clubs, facilitated by Mr. Liam Long, will share resources and benefit from collaboration. This hopefully will lead to a comprehensive programme being developed and maintained. This initiative should benefit the school and the clubs in the future. Macroom GAA Club has always been superb in facilitating training and matches and we would like to thank it for its continued support. We would like to thank all clubs in the area who do their utmost to provide facilities for our games, often at short notice.

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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.

MUSKERRY MACRA

All Singing, All Dancing Final is to be held in Muskerry!

Muskerry Macra will hold the final of the FBD 'Capers Competition' on February 1st 2020. The final will be held in the Éire Óg GAA Pavilion, Ovens, Co Cork at 8 pm. Capers is a variety show which incorporates singing, dancing, live music and comedy, with each show lasting no more than 20 minutes. The Capers competition in its current form has been running for over 20 years; previously it was known as 'Light Entertainment'. The 2019 winners are Clonakilty Macra from the Carbery region. No doubt there will be an extremely high standard on the night which will showcase much that Macra na Feirme has to offer.

Six teams from across the country will battle it out for the top spot. These

teams include Athboy, Meath, Bree, Wexford, Banteer, Avondhu, Cork, Callan, Kilkenny, Freemount, Avondhu, Cork and Whitechurch, Seandun, Cork. All of the teams have seen off stiff competition to qualify from their semi-finals held on January 11th. Muskerry chairperson Alan Twomey said "We are looking forward to welcoming all of the teams and their supporters to Ovens. It's going to be a fantastic event and I wish all of the teams the very best of luck". Tickets can be bought on the night, €13 for Macra na Feirme members and €15 for non-members. Doors open at 7 with the main event starting at 8 p.m. sharp. Keep an eye on our Facebook page (Muskerry Mac) and our Instagram page (muskerrymacra) for more information.

RÉIDH NA NDOIRÍ RAITIS

Classes/Activities: The following take place in Ionad Áise, Réidh na nDoirí. Monday, 10.30 am to 12.30pm Knitting, Crochet & Lacework Class. Monday, Children's hour Céilí dance & Set dance classes; beginners @ 7 pm & advanced @ 7.30 pm. Tuesday, @ 6.45pm, Yoga with Yana. Wed., 10 am to 12 noon, Parent & Toddler group. Wed., @ 7pm, Meditation & Yoga, with Linda. Friday, Comhaltas Ceoltoirí Music Classes with Billy, 7th of February @ 8pm. Children earn new tunes on a variety of instruments and practise playing together in groups with similar musical abilities. Sunday, @ 11am, Walks for the Wealth of your Health, begin on Feb. 2nd from Ionad Áise.

The very comfortable rooms and offices in Ionad Áise are available to let for meetings classes and appointments on an hourly, daily, weekly or longer term basis at reasonable rates. Contact 086-3091163 for bookings and see our facebook page; Ionad Aise, Reidh Na nDoiri.



MAIRE UÍ LAOGHAIRE AND SIOBHAN NÍ CHUANA, CILL NA MARTRA ATTENDING THE MUSKERRY GAA/AULD TRIANGLE GALA AWARDS EVENING AT ORIEL HOTEL. PICTURE: MIKE ENGLISH

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.

10 February: Macroom Union Workhouse 1843-1921, Dr Con Kelleher

9 March: Ballincollig & Carrigrohane Castles, Paul MacCotter

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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.

Set Dancing: Alan is back on track after the Christmas break. Set dancing and dancing in general resumes on Tuesday night Jan 21st at 8 p.m. in Community Hall. Everyone is welcome.

Line Dancing: Line Dancing has resumed on Thursday nights 7.30 to 8.30 p.m. in the Community Hall – great fun and great exercise.

Operation Transformation: New year, new beginnings, Operation Transformation is back. Come along to Clondrohid Running Track on Tuesday nights at 7.30 to 8.30pm. Weigh-in at 7 p.m. is optional. People with all levels of fitness are welcome; set your own goals and targets.

8 Week Boot Camp: Keeping fit is top of agenda at the moment in Clondrohid. Get toned, lose weight and feel better. Come along to Clondrohid running track on Monday nights from 7 to 8 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10 to 11a.m. New members are always welcome.

G.A.A. News: 'Last Man Standing': Congrats to Shane Creed for winning this competition, sponsored by Town Medical Practice, Mallow. Shane donated his winnings to the Charity match beneficiary. We also thank Bank of Ireland, Macroom, Shane Creed, and Clondrohid GAA for their generous donations. CCM Active Retired: The monthly coffee morning resumed on Wed. Jan 8th at 10 a.m. All members are welcome. Membership of €15 is now due.

CLONDROHID DEV GROUP: Once again a very enjoyable Christmas/New year party was held in the Community Hall last Sunday. Excellent music, delicious food, great dancing were all part of the days entertainment. We thank all who helped to make this a continuous success year after year. Gratitude us due Margaret and Peter for once again coming up with a fabulous cold plate, to Tim Joe and Ann for keeping the floor full of dancers all day long, to all those who sang, to Peter and the Hall Committee for use of hall. e are grateful to those who donated generously to the raffle, especially those who weren't present, to Enchanted Flowers for their arrangement and flowers for the tables, to Healy's Spar for their continuous support and



SECOND YEAR PUPIL (AISLING O LEARY) TAKING PART IN THE PAIRED READING INITIATIVE BETWEEN MCEGAN COLLEGE AND CLONDROHID NATIONAL SCHOOL.

sponsorship, to Fr. Joe for his presence and his lovely rendering of two songs. Finally we give a 'Tthumbs Up' to the Dev group committee for their dedication and to all who row in to give a helping on the day. It is nice to see grandchildren of committee members assisting : it makes ' The future look good'. The Development Group would also like to acknowledge the support they get financially and in other ways, and in appreciation of this they have cut the hedges/ditches down the Curragh road as far as the Grotto, a special road for walkers in our village; hopefully some more work may be carried out there.

Carriganima Open School Week: You are invited to visit Carriganima National School during the Open Week, from Mon. Feb 3rd to Fri. Feb.7th. Call into the school between 9.20am to 3.00pm to see the excellent facilities and opportunities on offer - no appointment is necessary. See how our school can meet your child needs, academically and socially. It is a perfect opportunity to look around the school and meet staff during a normal working day.

CCM Active Retired: On. Monday Feb 10 at 7.30pm this Group will hold their AGM. Your support for this new organisation is appreciated. Membership fee of €15 now due; if you haven't already done so, hand it into Maria at the Post Office.

Marriage Enrichment: This weekend offers married couples of all ages time away from hectic schedules. The next session will be at the International Hotel

Cork from Friday at 8 p.m. on April 3rd to Sunday April 5th at 4pm.

G.A.A. NEWS: Congrats to Sean Desmond who is involved with the Cork u 20's ; they defeated Kildare to win the John Kerins Tournament last Saturday on a scoreline of 2-14 to 1-11. Well done Sean and all your team mates. Please take note that REGISTRATION for members will take place in Community Hall in this Sat Feb 1st 10-12. The West Muskerry U-14 Football Squad recently played West Cork in Macroom and well done to James Lucey, Owen McCarthy, Cian Kelleher and Jamie Hourihan from Clondrohid. Our players did very well.

An t-Athair Peadar Tour : On Saturday March 21 there will be a guided tour to sites associated with an t Athair Peadar, his family and friends. If you would like seat on the bus contact Cait Ring on 086/8736614. The commemoration to an t-Athair Peadar takes place on the weekend of March 20. All are welcome. There will be a gathering of musicians including local musicians on Friday evening. Before the 6 p.m. Mass on Saturday, the Bishop of Cloyne will unveil a commemorative plaque and the concelebrated Mass will be bilingual. After Mass, a special publication--'Á Scéal Féin' will be launched. If you have any stories, articles or photos relevant to that period please pass them in to the Pub Carriganima, Clondrohid Post Office or Ring's Garage as soon as possible.

Muinefliuch N.S. Miscellany

Fish Talk: Michael McPartland, Inland Fisheries Ireland visited Muinefliuch N.S on Tuesday 14th January. The pupils learned about the journey of the salmon and we were introduced to the website somethingfishy.ie. This website has lots of interesting information about rivers and fish in Ireland. Michael McPartland hopes to return to Muinefliuch after Easter to visit a local river with senior pupils.

Art Prize Winners: Two of our 6th class pupils Noreen and May were winners in the 11-13 year section of the Credit Union Art competition. The theme was "The Walk of Life". Noreen's entry has also won at Chapter level and has progressed to the National finals to be held in Croke Park. Maya's entry came 3rd at Chapter level. Comhghairdeas libh.

Movie Stars: Two pupils from our school, Rosie and Jessie, featured in the movie 'Float like a Butterfly' which was televised on RTE in December 2019

Open Day/

Evening: On Thursday 6th February an Open Day/Evening will take place in Muinefliuch NS from 9:20 a.m to 4 p.m and 7-8 p.m. Prospective pupils and parents are welcome to come to meet the staff, view the school facilities and get a tour of the school.



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Last day for entries is Monday 10th February

Looking forward to seeing and hearing all the amazing talent



Béal Ath' n Ghaorthaidh Nuacht Scoil Mhuire



John O'Keefe, Chairman Cork County TUI (left) making a presentation to Seamus O'Concubhair, Colaiste Mhuire, Beal Atha'n Ghaortaigh, who has recently retired from his teaching post at the college. Included is Mairead Ni Mhuiri who read the citation. © Mike English



Daltaí Scoil Mhuire ag Halla na Cathrach i gCorcaigh le páirt a ghlacadh i DCMUN.



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tréaslaimid le Jessica Ní Chéilleachair agus Abbey Ní Shéaghda ach go háirithe a thuill ardmholadh ós na moltóirí dá dtogra ar úsáid plaisteach sa scoil a laghdú.

DCMUN/; Thug daltaí na hidirbhliana aghaidh ar Halla na Cathrach i gCorcaigh an tseachtain seo caite le páirt a ghlacadh i DCMUN – Davis College Model United Nations. Bhí na daltaí ag déanamh ionadaíochta ann ar son tíortha éagsúla na Náisiún Aontaithe. Tugadh ábhair plé dóibh agus deiseanna píosaí cainte agus argóna a dhéanamh ar son na dtíortha sin. Taithí iontach a bhí ann dos na daltaí i gcomhthéacs éagsúil ar fad ón ngnáthsheomra ranga agus táimid ana bhuíoch do lucht a eagraithe.

Aghinagh Activities

Aghinagh Macra: We recently held a MURDER MYSTERY EVENT on January 17th in the Laine Bar, Ballinagree. With evidence and clues scattered around the crime scene in the pub bar, and a skilled detective on hand to interrogate the suspects, the Murder Mystery was solved! The event was a great success. We congratulate the winners and those who won raffle prizes on the night. Thank you to all who supported the event.

Furthermore, YOU are invited to a **DINNER DANCE** on Friday the 21st of February in the Castle Hotel, Macroom, starting at 7:30 p.m. and hosted by AGHINAGH MACRA! Music is by 'The Fógues' and tickets are €35 each for what will be a great night. Contact Eibhlis on 087/1691470 or the Aghinagh Macra Facebook and Instagram pages!



Aghinagh Macra, MURDER MYSTERY in the Laine Bar



IVELEARY/UIBH LAOIRE INKLINGS

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

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Services: Over the past few weeks you may have noticed some advertisements on radio, TV, across social media and at the cinema encouraging you to Take A Closer Look at your local library. This is a national campaign to encourage people of all ages to visit their local library to see what it has to offer and to join up free of charge. Many people have never visited a library or have not visited in years – well you don't know what you are missing!! Those of you who are already members know how great it is but we are encouraging everyone to Take A Closer Look and explore all the amazing services on offer – completely free. Over the years the service available from Cork County Library has evolved and is embracing the digital age. The online services on offer are numerous. Online you can manage your account, access and download e-books, e-audio book, e-magazines, e-newspapers, e-learning courses, e-language courses. You can also access Cork County Library Local Studies Digital Collections, Britannica online, Oxford art and music online. You can access company, business & director information through Vision-net and scholarly articles from academic journals through JSTOR. Grave memorial records from 127 historic graveyards can also be viewed. All you have to do is join up free of charge and Take A Closer Look. For more information, contact your local branch or log on to www.corkcoco.ie/en/library-services.

Over the next few weeks and months I hope to run events in the library in association with some of the national initiatives supported by Cork County Library service, such as Healthy Ireland, Spring Into Storytime, and Your Good Self. I will also be supporting the CETB Lifelong Learning Festival. I will always try to give advance notice of events being held in Leabharlann Bhaile Bhúirne in the Lee Valley Outlook, through local event posters and on Facebook and Twitter.

The Tuesday morning **knitting & craft group** is going from strength to strength and is open to all at 11a.m. every Tuesday. Tuesday 4th February is **Library Book Club day**, at 10.30 am. February's book is the award winning, best-seller novel, *Where The Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens.

Beidh an ciorcal comhrá, **Labhair Linn sa Leabharlann**, ar súil ar 7ú agus 21ú Feabhra ag 10.30 r.n. Bígi linn le haghaidh cupán tae nó caife agus roinnt comhrá éadrom.

The **creative writing group** will hold its first gathering of 2020 on Thurs. day

13th February at 5pm.

The library groups are open to all and welcoming to new members. So please call into Leabharlann Bhaile Bhúirne and Take A Closer Look. Bookings & Enquiries Ph: 026 45767 during the above hours only.

Knitting & Craft Group: Every Tuesday 11a.m.

Book Club: 1st Tuesday every month at 10.30 a.m.

Ciorcal Comhrá: 1st & 3rd Friday of the month @ 10.30 a.m.

Creative Writing Group: See above.

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John O'Keeffe, Chairman Cork County TUI, making a presentation to Diarmuid O'Ceilleachair, who has recently retired from his teaching post at Colaiste Ghobnatan Baile Mhuirne. Included is Mairead Ni Liathain who delivered the citation at retirement function for retired TUI members at Rochestown Park Hotel. © Mike English



Joe Healy President of the IFA talking pupils from Ballyvongane NS about their Aistear farm.



Coachford National School visit to the Vex Robotics which was held in CIT

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Muskerry GAA Awards Dinner

Muskerry GAA honoured the 2020 Mid Cork Championship Junior Hurling Team of the Year, Mid Cork Championship Junior Football Team of the Year, and the Mid Cork Intermediate Football Team of the Year at the annual Muskerry GAA/Auld Triangle Awards Gala Dinner at the Oriel Court Hotel in Ballincollig. The teams had been selected by a panel of judges drawn from the Mid Cork Board executive, local match reporters and a referee's representative.

During 2019 the awards panel of judges had nominated eight monthly winners of the Auld Triangle Sports Star of the month and from this group of outstanding performers one was named as overall **Muskerry GAA/Auld Triangle Sport Star for 2019**. The eight individual monthly winners were: Jack Murphy (Éire Óg), Noel O'Leary (Cill na Martra), Eimear Scally (Éire Óg), Liam Twohig (Aghinagh), Paul Ring (Aghabullogue), Colm Casey (Inniscarra), Brian Verling (Cloughduv), Daniel Goulding (Éire Óg) and the judges chose Daniel Goulding as the Muskerry GAA/Auld Triangle Restaurant Sports Star Of the Year 2019. Daniel, an All

Ireland winner with Cork senior footballers in 2010, was captain of the Éire Óg team which won the Cork Premier Intermediate Football championship last year for the first time and made a massive contribution to the historic victory which leads to Éire Óg participating in the county senior football championship in 2020.

The Muskerry Junior Hurling Team of The Year, sponsored by O'Mahony Walsh Auctioneers, is: Conrad Crowley (Cloughduv): Donal O'Callaghan (Inniscarra), Donal Cronin (Cloughduv), Jordan Murray (Ballincollig): Seán Curzon (Cloughduv), Conor Brosnan (Ballinora), Alan O'Shea (Ballinora): Conor Cotter (Kilmichael), Aidan O'Mahony (Inniscarra): Ciarán Cauty (Cloughduv), Daire McCarthy (Éire Óg), Michael O'Shea (Éire Óg): Mark Cremin (Blarney), Eoin Lyons (Éire Óg), Dan O'Connell (Inniscarra).

The Muskerry Junior Football Team of The Year, sponsored by Quishs Super Valu Ballincollig, is: Joe Creedon (Iveleary): Patrick

Buckley (Canovee), Fionn Warren (Kilmurruy), Ciarán O'Riordan (Iveleary): Fenton Denny (Ballincollig), Seán O'Leary (Iveleary), James O'Mullane (Kilmurruy): Barry O'Leary (Iveleary), John O'Callaghan (Inniscarra): Eoghan O'Reilly (Ballincollig), Declan Ambrose (Aghinagh), Donal Corkery (Aghinagh): Mark Healy (Canovee), Brian Cronin (Iveleary), Liam Twohig (Aghinagh).

The Muskerry Intermediate Football Team of the Year, sponsored by EuroPumps Ireland is: Eoin Kelleher (Éire Óg): Graham Ó Mocháin (Cill na Martra), John Mullins (Éire Óg), Paul Ring (Aghabullogue): Nollaig Ó Laoire (Cill na Martra), John Cooper (Éire Óg), Diarmuid Dineen (Éire Óg): Mícheál Ó Deasúna (Cill na Martra), Ronan O'Toole (Éire Óg): Éoin O'Shea (Éire Óg), Jack Murphy (Éire Óg), Colm O'Callaghan (Éire Óg): Daniel Goulding (Éire Óg), Daniel Ó Duinnín (Cill na Martra), Mathew Bradley (Aghabullogue).

Muskerry GAA/Auld Triangle Sports Star of the Year: Daniel Goulding (Éire Óg).

Macrooom Motors Mid Cork U21 Football Championship 2020

The Macrooom Motors Mid Cork U21 football championships commence on the February 1st/2nd weekend and the intention is to have the three competitions, A, B and C, completed by mid March with only the winners of each proceeding on to the county championships.

A Championship – 4 teams - round robin

Round One:

A Éire Óg v Inniscarra B: Ballincollig v Aghabullogue

Round Two:

Winners of A v Losers of B: Winners of B v Losers of A

Round Three: complete the programme - top two teams to then contest the final.

B Championship – 8 teams

Round One:

A Blarney v Naomh Abán
B Cill na Martra v Canovee
C Aghinagh v Kilmurruy
D Ballinora v Grenagh

Round Two:

Losers of A v Losers of B: Losers of C v Losers of D

Quarter Finals: New draw between six teams

C Championship – 7 teams

Round One:

A Iveleary Kilmichael
B Éire Óg B v Macrooom
C Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh v Clondrohid
D Blarney B – a bye

Round Two:

Losers of A v Losers of B: Losers of C v Blarney B

Quarter Finals: New draw between winning

teams

U21 County Football Championship Draws

Only Divisional winners will proceed to the County stages in all competitions.

All County Quarter-finals are scheduled for the weekend of Saturday, March 28th.

The Draws for the County stages of the U21 A, B and C Football Competitions are:

U21 A Football

Quarter-finals

A Carbery v Muskerry
B Imokilly v Seandun
C Beara v Duhallow
D Avondu v Carrigdhoun
Semi-finals
A v B, C v D

U21 B Football

Quarter-finals

A Duhallow a bye
B Carrigdhoun v Seandun
C Carbery v Imokilly
D Muskerry v Avondu
Semi-finals
A v B, C v D

U21 C Football

Quarter-finals

A Duhallow a bye
B Carrigdhoun v Seandun
C Carbery v Imokilly
D Muskerry v Avondu
Semi-finals
A v B, C v D



Aileen Corkery with Mark Healy and Con Dunne, Canovee, at the Muskerry GAA/Auld Triangle Gala Awards Evening at Oriel Hotel. © Mike English



John Lynch, Katie O'Connell, Clodagh Casey and Sean Kelleher, Aghinagh, were at the Muskerry GAA/Auld Triangle Gala Awards Evening at Oriel Hotel. © Mike English



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Cork County Leagues 2020

The county leagues will commence in February and conclude in mid July.

February 1st/2nd Football

Div One: Ballincollig v O'Donovan Rossa; Cill na Martra v Mallow
 Div Two: Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh v Carrigaline: Éire Óg v Newmarket
 Div Three: Aghabullogue v Dohenys, Naomh Abán v Knocknagree, Nemo Rangers v Macroom
 Div Four: No Mid Cork team
 Div Five: Kilshannig v Grenagh

February 9th

Div One: Carbery Rangers v Cill na Martra, St Michaels v Ballincollig
 Div Two: Carrigaline v Éire Óg, Clyda Rvrs v Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh
 Div Three: Macroom v Naomh Abán, Rockchapel v Aghabullogue
 Div Five: Ballinora v Millstreet, Glanmire v Grenagh

February 16th – Hurling

Div Three: Blackrock v Blarney, Inniscarra v

Mayfield, Tracton v Ballincollig
 Div Four: Argideen v Cloughduv, Éire Óg v Aghabullogue
 Div Five: Ballinhassig v Grenagh, Dripsey v Glen Rovers

February 23rd

Div Three: Ballincollig v Kildorrery, Blarney v Youghal, Milford v Inniscarra
 Div Four: Aghabullogue v Argideen, Aghada v Éire Óg, Cloughduv v Middleton
 Div Five: Barryroe v Dripsey, Grenagh v Castlemartyr

Cork County Leagues 2020

The colleges and divisions are being played off in a separate section of the county SHC and SFC. Each section has two groups of three divisional teams, each team plays two group games on a round robin basis with subsequent play offs to produce two divisional teams. These two divisional teams will then play the two colleges teams (UCC and CIT) in semi finals and the winners play a final to produce one team in hurling and one team in football. Only one winner will emerge from each of the sections and this team will qualify for the knock out stages of the respective championships to compete against the club teams which have qualified.

The divisional/colleges section winners should be formidable opposition for any club team in either senior hurling or senior football.

SHC (round robin)

Group 1: Carbery, Duhallow, Avondhu

Group 2: Muskerry, Carrighoun, Seandun

SFC (Round robin)

Group 1: Avondhu, Beara, Imokilly

Group 2: Muskerry, Carbery, Seandun

Fixtures are listed below. Where a Division is involved in both Hurling and Football on the same evening, a double-header will be arranged.

Date	Comp	Round	Fixture
Wed, May 20th	SHC	RR 1	Carbery v Duhallow
Wed, May 20th	SFC	RR 1	Carbery v Muskerry
Wed, May 20th	SHC	RR 1	Carrighoun v Seandun
Wed, May 20th	SFC	RR 1	Avondhu v Beara
Wed, May 27th	SHC	RR 2	Carbery v Avondhu
Wed, May 27th	SFC	RR 2	Carbery v Seandun
Wed, May 27th	SHC	RR 2	Carrighoun v Muskerry
Wed, May 27th	SFC	RR 2	Beara v Imokilly
Wed, June 3rd	SHC	RR 3	Avondhu v Duhallow
Wed, June 3rd	SFC	RR 3	Avondhu v Imokilly
Wed, June 3rd	SHC	RR 3	Muskerry v Seandun
Wed, June 3rd	SFC	RR 3	Muskerry v Seandun
Wed, June 10th	SHC	RR SF	Winner Group 1 v Runner Up Group 2
Wed, June 10th	SHC	RR SF	Winner Group 2 v Runner Up Group 1
Wed, June 10th	SFC	RR SF	Winner Group 1 v Runner Up Group 2
Wed, June 10th	SFC	RR SF	Winner Group 2 v Runner Up Group 1
Wed, June 17th	SHC	RR Final	Inter Divisional Round Robin Final
Wed, June 17th	SFC	RR Final	Inter Divisional Round Robin Final
Wed, Sept 2nd	PSHC	SF	Inter-divisional / Colleges semi-finals
Wed, Sept 2nd	PHFC	SF	Inter-divisional / Colleges semi-finals
Sun, Sept 6th	PSHC	Final	Inter-divisional / Colleges Final
Sun, Sept 6th	PHFC	Final	Inter-divisional / Colleges Final

The Draws for the County Junior B Hurling and Junior C Football Competitions have been made.

The draw for the Junior B Football Competition has been delayed, pending a grading decision.

Junior B Hurling

Round 1

A Lough Rovers v Rathpeacon

B Freemount v Randal Óg

C Araglen v Gabriel Rangers

D Bantry Blues v Belgooly

E O'Donovan Rossa a bye

Round 2

(i) Loser B v Loser C

(ii) Loser D v E

Round 3

Loser (ii) v Loser A

Quarter-finalists (7)

Winner A, Winner B, Winner C, Winner D, Winner

(i), Winner (ii) Winner Round 3

Only a team which has won in Round 1 can receive a bye in the Quarter-finals.

Junior C Football

Round 1

A Ballinure v Freemount

B Ballyphehane v Rochestown

C Gleann Na Laoi v Lough Rovers

D Glenlara v Araglen

E Lismire v Rathpeacon

Round 2

(i) Loser B v Loser C

(ii) Loser D v Loser E

Round 3

Loser (ii) v Loser A

Quarter-finalists (8)

Winner A, Winner B, Winner C, Winner D, Winner

E, Winner (i), Winner (ii) Winner Round 3

U21 Hurling Championship Draws

The draws for the P1 & P2 U21 Hurling Competitions are as follows:

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Premier 1 (12)

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A Bride Rovers v Douglas or Na Piarasaigh
 B Midleton v Duhallow or Blarney
 C St. Finbarr's v Sarsfields or Blackrock
 D Glen Rovers v Ballincollig or Shandrum
 Semi-finals: A v B, C v D

Premier 2 (16)

Round 1

A Tracton v Charleville
 B Aghabullogue v Inniscarra
 C Fermoy v Bishopstown
 D Mallow v Kilbrittain
 E Erins Own v Valley Rovers
 F Newcestown v Éire Óg

G Carrigaline v Ballygarvan

H Ballinhassig v Courcey Rovers

Quarter-finals

(1) A v B, (2) C v D, (3) E v F, (4) G v H

Semi-finals: 1 v 2, 3 v 4

Allianz National Football Leagues 2020

Cork 0-20 Offaly 0-13

Cork's footballers began life in lowly Division 3 of the football league on a positive note under lights at the magnificent stadium that is Páirc Uí Chaoimh. Cork did not have a good first half but got on top in the second and as the game progressed looked increasingly like winners. The win was needed and was duly delivered but there is room for improvement and some of the new young players give a promise of delivering this.

Paul Ring (Aghabullogue) at corner back was troubled in the first half but was excellent in the second, often coming forward: Ciarán Sheehan (Éire Óg) was always a threat on this his return to the national league after his years away in Australia: second half substitutes Tadhg Ó Corcora (Cill na Martra) and Colm O'Callaghan (Éire Óg) each made valuable contributions when introduced.

Michael Hurley (Castlehaven) came on at half time and made a big impact, scoring five points by the finish. In all the substitutes scored 0-9 for the team and Cork needed their scoring power and drive after being severely tested in the opening half, Offaly leading deservedly by 0-7 to 0-3 by the 20th minute but later lost a forward to the sin bin which allowed Cork to get back in contention and lead by 0-9 to 0-8 at the break. Cork had struggled, many attacks breaking down as men ran into a solid wall of defenders and the supporters were getting annoyed.

The introduction of Michael Hurley, John O'Rourke, Tadhg Ó Corcora and Colm O'Callaghan added power and penetration to the Cork attack and Cork were much improved in the final quarter. Hopefully they can continue in a positive mode for the upcoming games and keep improving as they get a better idea of their likely championship line out.

Scorers for Cork: Michael Hurley 0-5 (0-1f), Cathal O'Mahony (0-2f), Ciaran Sheehan (0-1f) 0-3 each, Sean White, John O'Rourke 0-2 each, Brian Hartnett, Ruairí Deane, Colm O'Callaghan, Kevin Crowley, Tadhg Corkery 0-1 each.

Cork: Micheál Martin (Nemo Rangers): Seán Powder (Douglas), Sam Ryan (St Finbarrs), Paul Ring (Aghabullogue): Kevin Crowley (Millstreet), Liam O'Donovan (Clonakilty), Mattie Taylor (Mallow): Ian Maguire (St Finbarrs), Thomas Clancy (Clonakilty): Ruairí Deane (Bantry), Seán White (Clonakilty), Brian Hartnett (Douglas): Damien Gore (Kilmacabea), Ciarán Sheehan (Éire Óg), Cathal O'Mahony (Mitchelstown). Subs: Michael Hurley (Castlehaven) for Gore (half-time), John O'Rourke (Carbery Rangers) for Clancy (49), Colm O'Callaghan (Éire Óg) for

Inter County GAA

O'Mahony (55), Tadhg Ó Corcora (Cill na Martra) for O'Donovan (58), Peter Murphy (Bandon) for Sheehan (67).

Selectors: Ronan McCarthy (Douglas) – Coach, Seán Hayes (Nemo Rangers), Gary O'Halloran (Ballinora).

Allianz National Hurling League

Waterford 1-24 Cork 3-17

Three minutes gone and Cork hurlers had scored two goals in their Allianz National League game at Walsh Park but Waterford settled and got back into contention and led by a point at the break, 1-13 to 2-8. The second half was very even with Waterford retaining a slight edge before getting on top to lead by five points near the end. Cork finished with a burst which yielded a goal from Shane Kingston (his second) and a Damian Cahalane point but Waterford held out for a one point win and so Cork have a disappointing opening to their league campaign. They now face Tipperary in Cork and cannot afford another defeat by Munster opponents, having already lost to Limerick in the recent Co-op Munster league tournament final.

Cork got off to the perfect start, with two goals in just over a minute, the first from Conor Lehane, the second from Kingston. Waterford started to get the upper hand, to make it 2-1 to 0-4 after nine minutes. Darragh Fitzgibbon scored for the Rebels, but Patrick Curran had a goal to bring Waterford right back into contention and they led after 16 minutes, 1-7 to 2-2 and still by two points at the break, 1-13 to 2-8. Waterford hit the first two points of the second-half, with Horgan replying for Cork from a free, but the home side kept the scoreboard ticking over and with 48 minutes gone they led

by 1-17 to 2-11.

Cork responded with two points from Mark Coleman and another Horgan free. Three points in-a-row for Waterford put them back in front, with Fitzgibbon on target for the Rebels. Three more points had Waterford in control, but a late goal from Kingston gave Cork a glimmer of a hope, as he made it 3-16 to 1-24. Cahalane got his third point of the game, but two late wides from Cork saw their chances of a draw disappear.

Cork: Shane Kingston 2-2, Pat Horgan 0-6 (f), Conor Lehane 1-0, Damien Cahalane 0-3, Seamus Harnedy, Darragh Fitzgibbon, Mark Coleman 0-2 each.

CORK: Anthony Nash; Niall O'Leary, Robert Downey, Seán O'Donoghue (Inniscarra); Chris O'Leary, Tim O'Mahony, Damien Cahalane; Bill Cooper, Mark Coleman (Blarney); Seamus Harnedy, Darragh Fitzgibbon, Aidan Walsh; Conor Lehane, Shane Kingston, Patrick Horgan. Subs: Luke Meade for A Walsh (49m), Seán O'Leary Hayes for N O'Leary (52m), Seán Twomey for C Lehane (60m), Robbie O'Flynn for S Harnedy (67m),

Selectors: Kieran Kingston (Tracton) – Manager, Diarmuid O'Sullivan (Cloyne), Ger Cunningham (St Finbarrs)

Next rounds for Cork

Hurling: Cork v Tipperary in Páirc Uí Chaoimh on Saturday, February 1st at 7pm.

Football: Sun Feb 2nd Leitrim v Cork in Carrick on Shannon, Leitrim at 2pm

Sun Feb 9th Cork v Down in Páirc Uí Chaoimh at 2pm



Brian Collins, Racing Manager Curraheen Park, making a presentation to Saoirse Barrett, Donoughmore, following Zoomey Duke's win in the ON2/ON3 525 final. Included are Carl Humphreys, Andy Kelleher, Stephen, Michael and Valerie Barrett. © Mike English

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John Kerins Cup - U20 Football Development League

Cork 2 – 14 Kildare 1 – 11

Cork showed that they are in fine shape to defend their U20 All-Ireland title after they defeated Kildare in the John Kerins Cup final at Callan.

Two of the heroes of last year's team Blake Murphy and Mark Cronin tormented the Lilywhites.

The early stages were tightly contested but Cronin (3), Conor Russell, and Brian Hayes put Cork 0-7 to 0-4 ahead.

Kildare came back in the game in the last minutes of the half and the impressive Shane O'Sullivan scored twice in a row before Cronin set up Murphy to goal — 1-7 to 0-6.

Cork took charge on the restart and scored five points in a row.

Murphy raced away to score his second goal midway through the second half though O'Sullivan did raise a late green flag as a consolation.

Scorers for Cork: B Murphy 2-2 (0-1 f), M Cronin 0-6 (0-1 f), B Hayes 0-2, D O'Connell 0-1, F Herlihy 0-1, K Twomey 0-1, C Russell 0-1 (mark). Subs: ; D Hayes for Twomey, h/t; G O'Sullivan for Herlihy, 40; C Nyhan for Lawton, 52.

Cork: Josh O'Keeffe (Newmarket): Colm O'Shea (Kilshannig), Daniel O'Mahony (Knocknagree), Diarmaid Phelan (Aghada): Ciarán O' Sullivan (Urhan), Seán Desmond (Clondrohid), Brian Lynch (Douglas): Brian Hayes (St. Finbarr's), Jack Lawton (Argideen Rangers): Daniel O'Connell (Kanturk), Mark Cronin (Nemo Rangers), Fionn Herlihy (Doheny's): Kieran Twomey (Kilshannig), Blake Murphy (St. Vincent's) (Capt), Conor Russell (Douglas). Subs used: Eoghan Lehane (Canovee) 26,

Cork GAA Master Plan for February 2020

Sat, Feb 1st @7pm	NHL	2	Cork v Tipperary in Páirc Uí Chaoimh
Sat, Feb 1st	U21 F	1	Divisional U21 Football Championship
Sun, Feb 2nd @2pm	NFL	2	Cork v Leitrim in Carrick-on-Shannon
Sun, Feb 2nd @2pm	Club League	1	County Football Leagues
Sat, Feb 8th	U21 F	2	Divisional U21 Football Championship
Sun Feb 9th @2pm	NFL	3	Cork v Down in Páirc Uí Chaoimh
Sun, Feb 9th @11.30am	Club League	2	County Football Leagues
Sat, Feb 15th	U21 F	3	Divisional U21 Football Championship
Sun, Feb 16th @2pm	NHL	3	Cork v Westmeath in Mullingar
Sun, Feb 16th @2pm	Club League	1	County Hurling Leagues
Sat, Feb 22nd @7pm	NFL	4	Cork v Tipperary in Thurles
Sun, Feb 23rd @2pm	NHL	4	Cork v Limerick in Páirc Uí Chaoimh
Sun, Feb 23rd @11.30am	Club League	2	County Hurling Leagues
Wed, Feb 26th @7pm	U20 F	SF	Cork v Clare / Waterford in Milltown / Fraher Field

Aodhán Ó Luasa (Naomh Abán) h/t, Darragh Hayes (Carbery Rangers) h/t, Gerry O Sullivan (Boherbue) 40, Ciarán Nyhan (Ballinascarthy) 52. Also: Dylan Foley (Eire Óg), Conor Smith (Aghabullogue), Darragh Cashman (Millstreet), Dylan Connolly (Glanworth), Elliot Connolly (O' Donovan Rossa), Bill Curtin (Kilshannig), Conor Crowley (Glanmire), Mark Lenihan (Buttevant),

Ian Jennings (Kilmacabea), Darragh Holland (Argideen Rangers).

20 Football

Selectors: Keith Ricken (St Vincent's) – Manager, Colm O'Neill (Ballyclough), Maurice Moore (Carbery Rangers), Barry Corkery (Eire Óg), Micheál Ó Cróinín (Naomh Abán)



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Macroom GAA



Macroom Ladies Football Junior, U21 and Minor teams have now commenced training for the 2020 year. Training is on Friday nights at 8pm and Sunday mornings at 11am in Tom Creedon Park. New players are always welcome to join us.



At the recent launch of Macroom GAA's online lotto were from Left to Right - Macroom GAA President Pat O'Connell, Macroom Lotto Organiser Patrick Goold, Chairman of Macroom GAA Club Joe Carroll, Secretary of Macroom G.A.A. Club John Ryan and Treasurer of Macroom GAA Club Una Horgan

Macroom GAA says Thank You and Well Done!

Macroom GAA Club held a very pleasant function in the Auld Triangle recently where Chairman Joe Carroll welcomed everybody and thanked all those who gave of their time to the Club during 2019. He said that the Club had a busy year both on and off the field and only for the help received from all those looking after teams from under 6 to Premier Intermediate football and all those who attended at match days in the Castle Grounds, the club would not be able to function. He said the Club would like to recognise the success of the Cork Minor Football Team and its Manager, Macroom Clubman Bobby O'Dwyer for their achievement in winning the All Ireland Minor Football Championship. The game was outstanding game. He made presentation to Bobby on behalf of the Club and wished Bobby the best of luck as Cork Manager in 2020

Macroom Ladies Football Club's congratulated Erica O'Shea and Aoife Twomey on winning All-Ireland Minor medals with Cork in 2019 and said it was great to see two players from a small club like Macroom involved in the Cork Ladies Minor Team. He also congratulated Joe Carroll who was a Selector with this team and said it was great to see both Joe Carroll and Noel Twomey involved with the training of Macroom Ladies Teams in 2020. Club President Pat O'Connell made a presentation to Erica O'Shea, Aoife Twomey and Joe Carroll and said it was great to see these two girls winning All-Ireland medals and he wished Joe Carroll who is the new Manager of the Cork Ladies Minor Football team the best of luck in 2020

Lotto on Line: Pat O'Connell also mentioned that in 2020 the club will be using a new online system for both club membership and the purchase of yearly and weekly Lotto tickets; this system is now 'live' and can be accessed by clicking the following link: https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?ll_id=2128#Anchor

Health Initiative: He also stated that the GAA, in partnership with RTE's Operation Transformation, is seeking to bring together people in our community to enjoy healthy walks in the safe, bright environments of their local GAA club. Our health club officer Danny

O'Keeffe has now registered Macroom GAA Club to take part in this initiative. It started on Wednesday, January 15th in the Castle Grounds and will continue until 19th February at 7.30 p.m. each night. As registration is required each night, it is advisable to arrive early.

AGM: On Friday 10th January in the GAA Pavilion, the Castle Grounds a good crowd was present for the Annual General Meeting. A successful year was reflected upon with numbers growing and all teams enjoying a year packed with games and fun. The club won silverware with the Under 12s winning a league and championship double and it made for a fantastic to the year

Juvenile Section: James Duggan (Chairman for 3years) and Catherine Cahill (Treasurer for 4years) were thanked for the trojan work for the club.

Premier Intermediate Football: The Rochestown Park Hotel Division 3 Football League will commence in February with Macroom playing Nemo Rangers on Monday February 3rd in Nemo at 7.45pm. Macroom will play Naomh Abán on Sunday February 9th in the Castle Grounds 11.30am. The panel has been training since early January with strength and conditioning coach Kevin Mulcahy and they have played practice games against Castlehaven and O'Donovan Rossa in winning one and drawing one. The panel of players was: Brendan O'Connell, Gerard Angland, Blake O'Gorman, Jack Kelleher, John Murphy, Tony Dinneen, Mark Corrigan, Alan Quinn, Caleb Dinneen, Michael Cronin, David Horgan, Don Creedon, Conor O'Sullivan, Ethan O'Gorman, Olan O'Leary, Dylan Twomey, Tom Creedon, Declan Kiely, Sean McMahon, Jack O'Riordan,

Killian O'Donovan, Jack Cronin, Kevin Condon, Kuba Byrdzik and Nicko Wyezymfki. Under 21 Football: Macroom and Bandon meet in the quarter final of the Glenville Under 21 Football tournament which was played under lights in the Castle Grounds. This was a good game between two evenly matched sides. Macroom led at 0-05 to 0-03. The second half was controlled by Bandon who outscored Macroom by 10 points to 4 points leaving the full time score Bandon 0-13, Macroom 0-09. Macroom - Dylan Corcoran, James Galvin, Kuba Byrdzik, Kevin Condon, Shane Meany, Killian Donovan, Jack O'Riordan, Niko Wyezymfki, Sean McMahon, Bradley O'Shea, Olan O'Leary, Ben O'Connell, Conor McGurkin, Kieran Doody, Dylan Twomey, Eoin Cahill and David Hunt. **Juvenile Registration** will take place in the Pavilion on Friday 7th and Thursday 13th of February from 6.30-7.30 on both nights. **Juvenile Section Quiz Night:** Our very popular annual quiz, hosted by expert MC Concubhar Murray, will be held in March - date to be fixed - in the Castle Hotel. This is always a great night and should not be missed. The club has a great future with many fine people working with super kids. We all look forward to an exciting 2020. Máchromtha Abu!



Joe Carroll Chairman Macroom GAA Club making a presentation to Bobby O'Dwyer Manager of Cork Minor Football Team who won the All Ireland title in 2019



Baby Kitty's Journey

Baby Kitty's journey started on the 9th of November 2018 and we as a family are very fortunate that baby Kitty received her liver transplant on the 1st of August 2019.

We David, Berni, Ben, Cillian and Kitty O'Leary would like to express our gratitude of thanks to everyone who has been on this journey with us.

To Kitty's Donor and his family for gifting us with the most precious of gifts to our little girl and to us as a family.

To N.E.O.C for providing the swift transport to London.

To the exceptional Surgeons, Doctors, Nurses and Transplant Coordinators in the Rays of Sunshine ward and the Thomas Cook Children's Critical Care Centre in King's College Hospital London who perform miracles each day.

To Finbarr and Margaret Kelleher, London for the kindness and hospitality shown to us always. To Tim O'Riordan for all of the care and support shown to us on all our visits to London.

To all in Our Lady's Children's Hospital Crumlin, the dedicated liver team, to the Ladybird ward and Seahorse children's day unit in C.U.H for the guidance, understanding and exceptional care that

was and still is being provided to Kitty. To the Doctors, Nurses and staff of Muskerry Family Practice and to Seamus and all of his staff in Haven Pharmacy for the kindness and understanding shown to our family.

To Fr. Donal for being a wonderful friend to us as a family, for your house calls, phone calls, messages and masses we are very fortunate to have your friendship.

To Fr. John for celebrating the healing mass in our local church for baby Kitty, to have our family, friends, neighbours and well-wishers come together for our little girl is a memory we will cherish forever.

To all of the priests in Macroom parish who kept Kitty in their prayers.

To Fr. Michael O Connell M.S.C for celebrating a thanksgiving mass for Kitty while in recovery after her transplant.

To Nora Casey for the astonishing work she undertook in Bealnamorrive church, for organising the various masses, night vigil and rosaries. To each and every one who played a part in the mass we are extremely lucky to live in a community filled with kind, compassionate and loving people.

To our employers for being supportive and understanding to us on Kitty's journey.

To the members of Bealnamorrive and Ballinagree bowling clubs for arranging a

tournament to coincide with the tea party we thank you sincerely.

To our wonderful friends of the fundraiser committee for putting on a fabulous day in Ballinagree, to the various teams you put together to make Baby Kitty's tea party an astounding success we applaud you.

To the people of Aghinagh and surrounding parishes we as a family are grateful to each and every one who donated to the fundraiser in any way we are overwhelmed by the kindness shown to us.

To each and every one who prayed, sent Mass cards, gifts, phone calls and text messages we are in awe and wonder of each of you.

To our family, dear friends and neighbours for the kindness, compassion and love each one has shown to us, we are privileged to have you in our lives.

To those who looked after our boys Ben and Cillian, and showered them with love and care we will be forever grateful.

A Mass of thanksgiving for everyone who has been on baby Kitty's journey with us will be held in Bealnamorrive church on Friday 14th February at 7.30PM

Love From David, Berni, Ben, Cillian and baby Kitty xxx



Muskerry GAA Gala Sports Awards Evening



The Junior Hurling Team of the Year who were honoured at the Muskerry GAA/Auld Triangle Gala Awards Evening at the Oriel Hotel. Included are Frank Walsh, O'Mahony Walsh Auctioneers and Insurance Brokers, sponsors and Pat Malone, Chairman Muskerry Division. © Mike English



The Junior Football Team of the Year 2019 who were honoured at the Muskerry GAA/Auld Triangle Gala Awards Evening at Oriel Hotel. Included are Cormac Quish, Quish's SuperValu, Ballincollig, sponsors and Pat Malone, Chairman Muskerry GAA. © Mike English

Supreme Sports Star: Daniel Goulding, Eire Og, was voted the Muskerry GAA/Auld Triangle Supreme Sports Award winner at the Division's Gala Awards night at the Oriel Hotel. The award was presented to Daniel by Eileen O'Flynn of the Auld Triangle who has given outstanding sponsorship to Muskerry GAA for many years.

The Éire Óg man was the October award winner following his exploits with the club's Premier Intermediate football team. An All Ireland winner with Cork in 2010, he is still giving impressive displays at club level. He helped Eire Og win the Mid Cork and Cork County Junior Championships in 2008, then the Cork Intermediate crown in 2014 and in 2019 they

captured the Premier Intermediate Championship title which propels them into senior grade in 2020. Daniel has certainly played a big part in the club's successes to date, having a predatory instinct in front of goal. He is a prime role model for all to follow and it looks like he has a few very good years of football in him yet.

The other nominees for the award were Jack Murphy, Eire Og, Noel O'Leary, Cill na Martra, Eimear Scally, Eire Og Ladies GFC, Liam Twohig, Aghinagh, Paul Ring, Aghabullogue, Colm Casey, Inniscarra, and Brian Verling, Cloughdubh.

Teams of the Year: There was great interest in the selections for team players of the year in Junior Hurling and Football and Intermediate Football. Applause welcomed each announcement as Anne O'Riordan and Enda Linehan called the winners to the stage,

as follows: Quish's SuperValu Junior - Football Team of the Year: Joe Creedon, Ciaran O'Riordan, Sean O'Leary, Barry O'Leary, Brian Cronin (Uibh Laoire), Declan Ambrose, Donal Corkery, Liam Twohig (Aghinagh), Patrick Buckley, Mark Healy (Canovee), Fionn Warren, James O'Mullane (Kilmurry), Fintan Denny, Eoghan O'Reilly, (Ballincollig), and John O'Callaghan (Inniscarra).

O'Mahony Walsh Auctioneers and Insurance Brokers Junior Hurling Team of

the Year: Conrad Crowley, Donal Cronin, Sean Curzon, Ciaran Cauty, (Cloughdubh), Donal O'Callaghan, Aidan O'Mahony, Dan O'Connell (Inniscarra), Jordan Murray (Ballincollig), Conor Brosnan, Alan O'Shea (Ballinora), Conor Cotter (Kilmichael), Daire McCarthy, Michael O'Shea, Eoin Lyons (Eire Og), Mark Cremin (Blarney). Europumps Intermediate Football Team of the Year: Eoin Kelleher, John Mullins, John Cooper, Diarmuid Dineen, Ronan O'Toole, Eoin O'Shea, Jack Murphy, Colm O'Callaghan, Daniel Goulding (Eire Og), Graham Vaughan, Noel O'Leary, Micheal O'Deisuin, Danno Dineen (Cill na Martra), Paul Ring, Matthew Bradley (Aghabullogue).

Thanks: Pat Malone, Chairman Muskerry Division, thanked the sponsors who made the event possible, the Awards Committee, led by William Buckley, Management and Staff at Oriel Hotel, players and their supporters who turned out in large numbers.



Stylish Donoughmore Ladies, Miriam Buckley, Jacinta Holland, Susan O'Hanlon, Susan O'Connell and Freda Barrett at the Muskerry GAA/Auld Triangle Gala Awards Evening at Oriel Hotel. © Mike English



Sheila and Jerome Twohig, Aghinagh, attending the Muskerry GAA/Auld Triangle Gala Awards Evening at Oriel Hotel. © Mike English



The Intermediate Football Team of the Year who were honoured at the Muskerry GAA/Auld Triangle Gala Awards Evening at Oriel Hotel. Included are Barry Holland, Europumps, sponsors and Pat Malone, Chairman Muskerry Division. © Mike English



Daniel Goulding, Eire Og, receiving the Overall Muskerry GAA/Auld Triangle Sports Star of the Year 2019 from Eileen O'Flynn, Auld Triangle, Macroom. Included are Pat Malone, Chairman Muskerry and Eire Og, Marc Sheehan, Vice Chairman Cork County Board, Ellen Fogarty, Oriel Hotel and Willie Buckley, Chairman Awards Committee. © Mike English



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Macroom FC



Macroom U13 who were defeated by Corduff (Dublin) in the SFAI National Cup at Murrayfield last weekend.



Macroom AFC Schoolgirls Awards night recently held in Murrays Bar, U15 Player of the Year Emma Cahill receives her award.

U13 National Cup, last 32. Macroom 1 Corduff FC 4.

The U13 schoolboys welcomed Blanchardstown, Dublin, side Corduff FC to Murrayfield on Sat. afternoon last, losing 4-1. It was a perfect day for football and a combination of super work from our grounds committee and dry weather made for a fantastic surface. A large crowd attended and witnessed a strong start from the home side. The first chance came after Regan Wong was fouled. Centre half Cian O'Sullivan's effort was well saved by Lynch, the Corduff goalie. Macroom continued to press with Blessed Ndhhlazulwana and Billy Coleman doing well. On 18 minutes Macroom went ahead. Coleman's corner was punched half clear by the keeper but headed back in by the perfectly placed Cian O'Sullivan--cue great scenes from all involved. Corduff came into the game approaching half time and full back Gavin Leahy did brilliantly to clear off the line. On the stroke of half time the visitors were level when a speculative ball forward ended up in the Macroom net, making it 1-1. Macroom found the going tough in the second half as the Dublin outfit further asserted themselves. They took the lead with a shot across Kuba Ciaston in the Macroom goal. Ciaston got

a strong hand to the ball but it just carried over the line. The home side plugged away with good efforts on goal from Ray Griffin and Regan Wong but Corduff were now in the ascendancy, with Petherson and McCormack pulling the strings. A third goal soon followed and late on it was four, although this was somewhat unfair on a hardworking, honest and game Macroom. Both sides were deservedly applauded off the field and there was much welcomed food/teas/coffees for all in the clubhouse. We thanks the U13 parents and club friends for arranging this and Murray's Bar function room hosted both teams with outstanding catering from Castle View Chinese Restaurant. Despite defeat it was a really positive experience for the players and will only help them going forward. Outside of the football it was hugely important for Macroom FC to welcome our visitors from Dublin and shine a good light on our club and town. We think this goal was fully achieved, with very favourable feedback from both locals and the Corduff FC contingent. We wish Best of Luck to Corduff in the last 16. Macroom U13: Kuba Ciaston, Shane McCarthy, Gavin Leahy, Cian O' Sullivan, Ray Griffin, Blessed Ndhhlazulwana, Billy Coleman (c), Regan Wong, Manase Manjoiha, Cian O'

Donovan, Steven O' Sullivan, Nathan Daly, Ryan Siju, Chi Okafor, Euan Molyneaux, Maks.Hadjuk. Management of Peter Coleman and Gearoid Griffin with assistance from John Neville. **Munster Junior Cup 4th round Regional B 1 Macroom A 1;** Regional won 5-4 on penalties aet. Macroom A were trying to figure out how they did not win this game comfortably at a bitterly cold Dooradoyle last Sunday. By far the better team, the visitors led early on but despite loads of chances, were unable to add to their lead and the home side levelled late on. Macroom began on the front foot and Andrew Hegarty was clean through on goal in the first minute, his effort going narrowly wide. Then, influential midfielder Tomàs Collins had a good shot saved. Darren Kelly then shot wide in the 15th minute but the visitors were ahead soon after. Hegarty raced clear down the left wing and his low cut back was finished from close range by Mark Corrigan. Hegarty continued to cause havoc on the left flank and another cross was saved from Szymon Sanetra. Left back Don Creedon then pushed forward and an excellent cross was flicked towards goal by Sanetra-to his disbelief the ball came back off the upright and into the hands of a relieved Hartigan in the



Macroom captain Andrew Hegarty pictured with officials and Regional Utd captain prior to Munster Junior Cup game.



Macroom A squad and management who played v Regional Utd at Dooradoyle, Limerick.

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Regional goal.

Into the second half and the home side finally forced a good save from Caleb Dineen. John James Healy and Tomás Collins, both injured, were replaced by Keith Holden and Dylan Twomey (perhaps the all weather surface was a factor). Hegarty then forced another good save following good work from Corrigan. Danny Kelleher came on for another injury, this time Steven Crowley had to retire. Twomey flashed a great ball across the box and he was then unlucky with a back post header from a Kelly free. Youth player Patrick Barry replaced Sanetra and settled very well into the game. Hegarty forced yet another save from Twomey's fine through ball and Holden then had a snap shot just wide. The Macroom back four with Darryl Holden in

particular were pretty comfortable and solid all afternoon. Perhaps it was the unhelpful low winter sun coming into play, when a long delivery from the home keeper was allowed to bounce. Regional forward Cross raced clear and slotted beyond the advancing Dinneen on 86 minutes. Into extra time and both sides were now visibly tired from the strain the large astro pitch. sub Barry O' Donnell almost won it at the death, his effort saved from point blank range. The arrival of penalties was no surprise although. Regional Utd got the break in the shootout, emerging 5-4 winners. This was hard to take for Macroom who were far superior throughout. We thank the large numbers who travelled to support the team - it was fantastic to see. It was also great to meet up with Limerick-based

Macrompians, who also came to offer their support.

Attention now turns to the Premier league (currently 2nd) and the AOH Cup 3rd round (home to Los Zarcos, Sat Feb 1st, Murrayfield 2pm).

Macroom: Caleb Dineen, James O' Connor, Darryl Holden, Steven Crowley, Don Creedon, Tomás Collins, John James Healy, Darren Kelly, Mark Corrigan, Andrew Hegarty, Szymon Sanetra. Subs: Keith Holden, Patrick Barry, Barry O' Donnell, Dylan Twomey, Daniel Buckley, Danny Kelleher, George Lowrie. Management of William O' Riordan, Shane O' Sullivan and Andrew Boyle.

Macroom GC, Results

25th/26th Jan. '20 Club Singles – 1st Declan Bowen (11) 33pts, 2nd John Blennerhassett (14) 32pts: 26th Jan '20 Captains & Presidents Drive-In – 1st Kevin Sheehan (3), William Buttimer (12), Dan O'Connor (19) and Pat Lovett (28) 28.9. Jan.1 - 3 Person Inv. Team, 1st Liam Nash (18), Florrie

McCarthy (12) and Michael Kelleher (18) - 55pts. 27-29 Dec. Inv. Singles 1st Vincent Twomey (11) 35pts, 2nd Gary Morris (5) 33pts: Fixtures – 31st Jan. – 2nd Feb Club Singles & Winter League.

Laochra Óg Review of 2019

November 2018: Games were still progressing. The U9 hurlers competed in a hurling blitz in St. Finbarr's GAA Club. They won all their matches and this completed their training/games for 2018. The U15 camogie team competed in the semi-final of the Muskerry league and came up short on the day. This completed their training/games season. The U16 hurlers unfortunately lost a county semi-final against St. Mark's in a very entertaining game. Training began for U10 to U13 camogie players in Macroom Sports Complex. The end of year Poc Fada took place for U13 to U15 camogie players in Coláiste Gobnatan. Once again a very successful Shane Murphy Memorial Poc Fada took place with the proceeds of €2,100 going to Mary Mount Hospice this year. The U14 and U16 hurlers were honoured at a Blarney and Macroom Municipal District Civic Reception held in the Castle Hotel for their success in winning Rebel Óg West Cork League and Championships in 2018. Their team coach Darren Kelly and selectors Michael Healy, Kevin Healy, Michael Burke and Pat Healy were also honoured.

December 2018: The U14/U15 camogie teams finished their year with a trip to Mahon Point for ice skating and shopping. The U12 hurlers and camogie players enjoyed a trip to the cinema and McDonalds. The U16 hurlers began their winter training at the Movement Macroom. Presentation of cheque for €2,200 from The Shane Murphy Memorial Poc Fada took place at Marymount Hospice. A Club Table Quiz took place in J.C. Murphy's Macroom and was a great success. We thanks Eileen, Bernie and Fiona for organising it. The U14 / U16 hurlers and camogie players held a festive fundraiser in Coláiste Gobnatan where an exhibition of hurling and camogie was held. A total of €350 was raised for Clondrohid National School's

Sonás and Suaimhneas Unit within the school.

January 2019: Our annual Church Gate Collections yielded a great response from the public. Thanks to everyone who contributed.

February 2019: The U12 camogie players and the U13/U14 hurlers started training in Macroom Sports Complex. The U15 camogie players began with a friendly game against Ballinora. Twelve Trainers completed their Child Protection Courses. Coaching Workshop took place in Macroom Sports Complex. Training - six weeks - for new players was arranged in Coolea and Clondrohid. Thanks to all who helped out. Another coaches' training course was organised in conjunction with Muskerry Camogie and was a great success and had some great feedback. A Medals Presentation took place in The Mills, Ballyvourney for U14/U16 hurlers after a day of paint-balling in Tralee.

March 2019: Laochra Óg took part in The Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade with their float and some members taking part.

April 2019: All juvenile teams were back at training and matches were taking place regularly. The U12 hurlers took part in an All-Ireland Blitz in Croke Park followed by a tour of the stadium. A very successful two-day Easter Camp took place in Ballyvourney for U12s, run by John, Liam and coached by John Darby. Kevin O'Donovan, fundraising for Cork Deaf Ireland and Parkinson's Association visited Coláiste Gobnatan as part of his run a mile in every GAA club project. Brian Healy was nominated for this year's Sports Person of the Year. Five juvenile camogie players and Liam Slattery took part in a Referees' Course.

May 2019: We received community funding from Bank of Ireland. The Junior B hurlers got together and played their first match of the season.

June 2019: A Ground Hurling/Camogie Blitz

was held in Teerbeg with children from schools in Muinefliuch, Renaniree, Carriganimma and St. Joseph's Girls' School, Macroom taking part. Over 40 children took part. This blitz marked the end of season coaching session with Liam Slattery. An U10 Camogie Blitz took place in Coláiste Gobnatan with over 80 girls taking part from Ballinora, Cloughduv, Aghabullogue and Ballincollig. Laochra Óg hosted its first John West Féile na nGael a it was very successful. A huge number of boys and girls and their families were catered for. The U14 hurlers took part and they hosted a team from Kilmessan, Co. Meath. None of this would have been possible without the use of Coláiste Gobnatan facilities and Naomh Abán facilities. Our annual bag packing fundraiser took place in Dunne's, Macroom. It was very successful and well supported.

July 2019: Another historic day for Laochra Óg camogie players occurred when they got to play at half time at Cork v Dublin Intermediate Championship game. The girls played Courcy Rovers and did a guard of honour for the teams as they came out on to the pitch.

August 2019: We held our first club run summer camp this year with over 160 enthusiastic young players taking part. Martin Fogarty, National Hurling Development Manager and John Darby, camp co-ordinator, ensured there was three days of action packed fun at the camp. An army of club volunteers had everything in place. Eight of the fifteen trainers involved were from Laochra Óg - a great achievement. The U8 camogie team hosted a blitz in Coláiste Gobnatan. Teams from Inniscarra, Ballinora and Éire Óg attended. The U16 hurlers reached the B final of The West Region against Newcestown. Unfortunately they were beaten by a very strong side. Well done to the lads on coming up a grade and reaching the final.

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The Junior B team played Grenagh in their first championship game and came out on top.

September 2019: Our two Cork Camogie players, Roisín Murphy and Ava O'Connell took part in the All Ireland Camogie Blitz in Dublin. Roisín was captain of the winning "Reds" team and Ava was a member of the "Stripes" team who also won. The U12 camogie team played in a County Final against Banteer in Castle Road. The girls were unlucky on the day and Banteer came out on top. Well done to them on reaching the final. It was a great achievement. The U13 camogie team won the U13 B Muskerry Final against Blarney in Coachford. The U12 hurlers won the shield final against Bantry Blues in Ballyvourney. The U14 hurlers played in a divisional championship final against St. James GAA Club. It was tight game but unfortunately St. James Club won.

October 2019: Congratulations to Lauren O'Brien on her selection for the Cork U14 Camogie Team. The U10 girls finished off their season with a Poc Fada competition in Teerbeg. The U14/U16 camogie players finished their season with a Poc Fada competition in Coláiste Gobnatan. The U15 camogie team played

Rockbán in the U15 Muskerry B Final. Rockbán won.

November 2019: The launch for the 2019 Shane Murphy Memorial Poc Fada took place in Macroom Credit Union. This year's chosen charity is the Irish Guide Dogs Association. Thanks to Tony Hughes and The Board of Macroom Credit Union for their continuing support. The U12 camogie team visited the Aqua Dome Tralee.

December 2019: Our shield winning U12 hurlers were presented with medals by Aidan and Gobnait at Mid Cork Pallets and Packaging, the team sponsor's. It was a fitting end to a great season for this bunch of lads to be able to return to the sponsors with the shield. All our sponsors are community based and deserve huge thanks for continuing to support our club as we go from strength to strength. 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. Thank you Tomás for your support. It was great to meet you and your friends. Our very young Laochra Óg Minor team played Cill Mochomog in the West Minor Hurling Final at Kealkill. Cill Mochomog won by four points. Like ourselves Cill Mochomog is promoting hurling in West Cork. 50/50 Lotto - we have ongoing support for our fortnightly draw throughout 2019 with a winner at every draw. Thanks to everyone who supports the draw and congratulations to all the winners during the year.

Finally we would like to thank all our sponsors who are all community based, our members, volunteers, players, coaches, supporters, parents and guardians and everyone who has helped with the various activities taking place throughout the year.

Happy 2020 to everyone from all at Laochra Óg and we look forward to a new season in 2020.

Siobhán O'Shea, P. R.O.



Macroom girls Aoife Twomey and Erika O Shea winning the all Ireland provincial schools competition with Munster



Dave McCarthy, Kilmurry and Eileen Buckley, Mai Fitz's Restaurant, at the Muskerry GAA/Auld Triangle Gala Awards Evening at Oriel Hotel. © Mike English



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Macroom GAA History Maker - Jimmy O'Donoghue (1943 -).



Tenth County Title
Macroom Team:
 Back row (L to R): James Kelleher, Tim O'Callaghan, Eric Ryan, Nicholas Dromey, Jimmy O'Donoghue, Joe O'Brien, Paddy O'Connor, Gus O'Callaghan, M. Ahern (Army), J. Kiley (Goalie), John O'Callaghan, Michael Dunne, John Quinn (Selector).
 Front row: Neil Fitzgerald, Richard Graham, Eoin Lynch, Jimmy O'Callaghan, Tim O'Leary, Hugh Casey (Capt.), John Murphy, Dan Murray, Pat O'Sullivan, Mick Goold, Michael Dunphy, Henry Ward (Goalie).

Macroom County Senior Football Champions 1962. Jimmy is fifth from the left in the back row.



Cork Minors, All-Ireland winners in 1961; Jimmy is fifth from the right in the front row.

Jimmy was the elder son of Jeremiah (Muddy) O'Donoghue and Josie (née McCarthy), the first of three children. He was born on 4 June 1943 and he first lived in Sleaveen Road. His sister Eileen was next in the family and Danny was the youngest - born in 1953. Jeremiah was employed for many years in O'Brien's Mill, Macroom. Jimmy thinks his O'Donoghue forebears may have come from Glenflesk, Co Kerry; his mother was from Ballyvourney. Neither of his parents played sport.

Like most Macroom town boys Jimmy attended the Convent of Mercy and St. Colman's Boys' National School; he left school at fourteen. He was taught by, among others, Brothers Leander and Ferdinand. His classmates included Tim Golden, Murty Kelleher, Michael Twomey, Joe Downey and Colman McSweeney. Jimmy was always a good footballer and won School Shield, juvenile and minor Mid-Cork medals with Macroom. Jimmy's first job was as a Post Office messenger boy; later he became a postman and 'doubled' as a cleaner there.

He continued to develop as a footballer. Although modest of stature Jimmy was a tough classy footballer who read the game well and was almost always in the right place at the right time. Inter-firm GAA competitions were very strong in Cork in the late 1950-60 period and as The Post Office did not have a local team Jimmy played with the ESB. He did well and one of their mentors, a Bantry man, brought Jimmy to the notice of the Cork minor selectors. Jimmy made the team and that 1961 side became the first Cork minor team to win an All-Ireland minor football title, a team that included six from Coláiste Críost Rí. Thereby Jimmy became the first Macroom man to win an All-Ireland minor medal. When the All-Ireland cup came to Macroom Jimmy was ferried from school to school by Jerry Lucey, Railway View and the Palace Cinema, and the young footballers idolised the sporting hero - I know, as I was one - standing on the shed displaying the gleaming All-Ireland silver cup. Jimmy doesn't remember much about the final but how easily Cork beat Mayo - the final score 3-7 to 0-5. Other team members included Flor Hayes, Clonakilty, Frank Cogan, and Dónal Barrett, Nemo, Denis

Philpott, St. Finbarr's and Tommy Burke, Millstreet.

Subsequently Jimmy played for Cork U-21s in 1963 and was a substitute when Cork beat Kerry in Clonakilty in 1964 in a Munster final. In the following years Jimmy played with Cork juniors - one game was against Cavan in an All-Ireland semi-final in Breffni Park, Cavan and he also played some senior challenges with Cork against Down and Wexford. Perhaps Jimmy's finest year as a footballer was 1962. That year Macroom beat Muskerry in the senior county final, the last time Macroom won that competition. Jimmy was wing-back and played well in the final. He recalls the raucous reception when the team paraded the Cup to the square. That team was laced with exceptional footballers. Mickie Dunphy was excellent in goal, and brothers Jimmy and Timmy O'Callaghan and Dan Murray formed an incredible full-back line. Mick Goold and 'Gunner' were superb in the half line while Eric Ryan and Pat O'Sullivan were fine footballers at midfield. The brilliant Niall Fitzgerald was centre forward and Hugo Casey captained the team with force and guile from full-forward. Joe O'Brien and Eoin Lynch were speedy and effective wingers and John 'Farmer' Murphy and Richie Graham were sharp and tough corner forwards. All were good footballers and well able to take care of themselves. Because it was a local derby, it was a tough game Muskerry had many good footballers including the late Dinny O'Mahony and Dáithí McSweeney who had won a county medal with Macroom in 1958. Nine of that Macroom team played senior inter-county matches with Cork.

A second senior county medal came Jimmy's way when Muskerry won their only county in 1970. Jimmy had by then transferred to Canovee and made the Muskerry panel. In one game in that campaign, Jimmy marked 'Gunner' O'Leary who was playing club football with Douglas and the two Macroom men were direct opponents when Muskerry met Seandun in an early round.

Jimmy had serious health issues, exacerbated by his wife Rosie's illness and early death. When he was left to care for six children, Jimmy and his family suffered. However he overcame his problems and found happiness again. He was greatly aided when introduced to Pitch and Putt and quickly became a scratch player. He played in Macroom when the Macroom Pitch and Putt club was active and is now a member of Kilmichael club. He continues to win prizes regularly. Only six of Macroom's victorious 1962 team are still alive: Mickie Dunphy, Dan Murray, Tim 'Gunner' O'Leary, Richie Graham, Eoin Lynch and Jimmy. Only Richie and Jimmy live in Macroom. James Kelleher, Mickie Dunne and Tony Dromey of the panel also live locally. Jimmy holds a unique place in the history of Macroom football; he is the only Macroom player to win an All-Ireland minor medal and senior county medal when playing with the club. Well done Jimmy.

I spoke to Jimmy several times in 2019 and finally on 21 January 2020. He was reluctant to tell his story and I'm glad he did, and his co-operation is very much appreciated.

Con Kelleher.



Jimmy and Br. Leander with the All-Ireland minor cup in St. Colman's BNS in 1961.

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History

Macroom Judo Club History 1975-2000, Part 1

This article was facilitated especially by several interviews with Ted Leahy, Coachford, and by Liam Fitzgerald, Farnanes and Donal O'Callaghan, Lissarda.

Introduction

Judo is a modern sport that arose from the ashes of the Japanese Samurai tradition. After a struggle it spread through Japan, then to other countries including the United States of America and Great Britain. Irish emigrants to Britain of the 1950s sampled judo and some brought it back to Ireland. Because of its closer ties with Britain, Belfast was Ireland's earliest centre for judo and Belfast judoists were very helpful when Dublin clubs were establishing themselves. The advent of television and coverage of World Cups and the Olympics opened Irish people's sporting horizons; often they liked what they saw and wanted to try for themselves. In Ireland Judo was such a sport. This article outlines how a Japanese sport came to Macroom in 1975 and continues to flourish.

Macroom Judo Club was founded in 1975. The idea came from Donal O'Callaghan (D O'C), his cousin Dónal O'Leary (D O'L), Kilnamartyra and Liam Fitzgerald. The club was part of Macroom Youth Club. 1 Donal O'Callaghan had practiced judo in Dublin and Limerick and Dónal O'Leary, a brown belt, and Liam Fitzgerald were Cork City Judo Club members. During his travels Donal O'Callaghan had met fantastic exponents when in Dublin, Limerick and Cork. In Dublin Pat Hickey, recently President of the Irish Olympic Council, was one of his trainers. Later John Curtin, a Kerryman, was a member of the Samurai Judo Club in Cork and became a fifth Dan Black Belt. He was an extraordinary man and bonded well with the Macroom members. As well as his interest in judo he was fascinated by Asian countries and culture, and particularly Japan. Donal O'Callaghan imbibed this influence and has been to Japan many times. Added to this background was the influence of Donal's father, Denis, a shoemaker in Main Street, wise and widely-read who had a keen interest in geography and foreign places

Liam Fitzgerald's influences were different. After sitting his Leaving Certificate in 1969 Liam went to work in the Aer Lingus office in Patrick Street, Cork and stayed in the city. 'Chesty' as a child he was not able to run easily and did not feel strong or robust. He saw an advertisement for judo classes and enrolled. He also shared a flat with Donal O'Callaghan in York Street for a while, and it was dingy. The rent was £3-10s-0d each a week, they had no central heating and a fellow renting on the same floor had first preference for using the cooker in the evening. 2 Judo was strange to Cork and Liam recalled being interviewed by Donna O'Sullivan (RTE) for *Cork About*, a

local radio show. Liam enjoyed his judo and helped bring it to Macroom. The two Donals and he gathered a group of fellow enthusiasts such as Margaret Cullinane, Peter Leahy,

Sean Buckley, Jerry O'Connor and Norma Deasy and others, discussed their proposal with Macroom Youth Club committee and organised a meeting. The foundation meeting took place in March 1975 and the first AGM was on 19th September. Donal O'Callaghan was the first chairman and Margaret the first secretary. The club continues.3

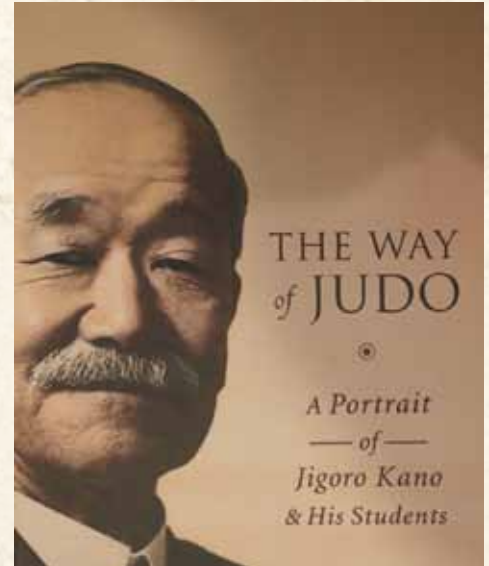
The 1970s saw Macroom becoming more open to new ideas and new sports. Donagh O'Malley's 'free' second level education initiative in 1967 enabled easier access to secondary education.4 Increased travel and media exposure, especially television, broadened peoples' horizons. 5 Television coverage of the Olympic Games ignited an interest in 'unusual' sports such as gymnastics, volleyball, weight-lifting, diving etc. Irish audiences found these 'new' sports exotic and exciting and some wanted to try them. The Macroom Mountain Dew Festival, Ireland's first open-air rock festival, was initially held in 1976; Macroom Youth Club/judo club members such as Donal and John O'Callaghan and Paudie Murphy were centrally involved. 6 New ideas, new projects and new sports were on Macroom's agenda.

The History of Judo (means gentle way).

Jigoro Kano (1860-1938) is the founder of judo (1882). 7 Judo is a form of martial arts that had its origin in Japan. From the twelfth to the nineteenth century Japan was ruled by the samurai, a caste of professional soldiers. They developed jujitsu - different styles emerged - to fight enemies at close quarters. Samurai control of Japan ended with the Meiji Restoration of 1868 and



Jigoro Kano, founder of Judo.



Jigoro Kano, a biography.

western influences increased. Jujitsu and martial arts went into decline and became unfashionable. Kano effectively rescued jujitsu and his story is interesting. Kano was clever but small and was bullied at school. His remedy was to find, after much searching, a master of jujitsu and he learned his martial arts skills. At twenty one he founded his own school, taking the best of what he had learned and he added mental strength and thoughtfulness - do means 'way, road or path' - to jujitsu technique and thus judo (ju do) was born. According to Kano 't(T)he spirit of judo which has as its ideal, world peace, concurs with international peace, . . . 8 For him judo was 'competitive exercise'. Central to his judo philosophy were maximum efficiency, minimum effort and mutual welfare and benefit. 9 He believed that these ideals would lead to self-improvement and a better society. Kano was educated and outward-looking and was aware of the Ancient Greece tradition of sport and the ancient Olympics. The founding ideals



Macroom Judo Club early committee 1975.



Coachford National School visit to the Vex Robotics which was held in CIT



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Presentation of Cheque for 500 euros to Macroom Hospital, by Lee Valley Panto Group



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Some of the teenage group that took part in the Lee Valley Cabaret



The girls team from Scoil Naomh Muire Farran who won the S.T.E.M. award in the recent Vex Robotics Competition held in the C.I.T.



Knitting class in Scoil Naomh Muire Farran.



DJ Jerry Mulcahy, celebrating his 100th disco with friends at his disco in the Castle Hotel, Macroom



of the Olympic movement chimed with his, and in 1909 he became the first Japanese member of the International Olympic Committee. Kano travelled to Europe and the US to spread judo. Barton-Wright first brought Japanese martial arts to Britain in 1899 and Koizumo opened Europe's and Britain's first dojo, the Bodokwai, in 1918.¹⁰ The European Judo Union was formed in 1948 and a year later the International Judo Federation was founded, and although not alive to witness it, Kano's dream was realised when men's judo was first accepted as an Olympic sport at the 1964 Tokyo Olympics. In 2019 184 countries were affiliated to the International Judo Federation, including Ireland.¹¹

Judo in Ireland

According to the Irish Judo Association's website 'the story of Irish judo began in 1952'. Liam Brennan, Tommy O'Hara and Frank Collinge had returned from England, having done some judo there.¹² They decided to continue judo and set up a dojo, a judo area, in an attic at the rear of 12 Infirmary Road, Dublin. Christy Fagan was twelve and tried to join; he was told to return when he was fourteen and had a long pants. They used a twelve by fifteen foot square carpet - the modern judo mat is eight metres square with a three metre safety area, and it needs a space of 121 square metres. The attic room was twenty metres square. Eventually a bigger building was secured. Judo was already established in Northern Ireland and The British Judo Association was very helpful through coaching and grading. In 1963 the Judo Association of Ireland was founded and became the Irish Judo Association. Jerry Nevin, Belfast, was the first black belt in Ireland and helped greatly in grading in Dublin. (Only brown and black belts can grade at lower levels).¹³ Judo often does not get the recognition it perhaps merits either nationally or locally. Rouse's *Sport and Ireland A History* is a very comprehensive sports book and covers many sports, their founding, evolution and developments, and their background histories. Unfortunately judo is not mentioned.¹⁴ Despite many attempts, including contacting the national office, very little information is available on the subsequent progress of Judo in Ireland and a history, academic or otherwise, is badly needed.

Judo in Macroom

Three judo belt-holders, Dónal O'Leary, Donal O'Callaghan and Liam Fitzgerald were the three original instigators and they organised a meeting for March 1975. Donal O'Callaghan became the first chairman, Margartet Cullinane secretary and Dónal O'Leary coach. Initial committee members were Liam Fitzgerald, Gerry Connors (sic), Sean Buckley and Peter Leahy. The first Annual General Meeting was on 19 September 1975 and the following were elected: Dónal O'Callaghan, chairman, Margaret Cullinane, secretary, and Dónal O'Leary as coach.¹⁵ Selected for the committee were Norma Deasy, Liam Fitzgerald, Sean Buckley, Mary Moloney, Gerard O'Callaghan and Donal O'Leary. Later Peter Leahy and Gerry Connors (sic) were co-opted. The chairman said a judo mat was ordered and classes were to begin

immediately.¹⁶ Membership was equally open to men and women, adults and children and from all areas. Membership, classes, getting a proper mat and fundraising were the club's chief activities in the first year. The mat was priced at £500. The strategy to collect money was 1) to put the case to the Youth Club committee and 2) to "educate" the people of Macroom'.¹⁷ The Youth Club parent committee gave £250 but the balance had to be fundraised. Money was collected through town-business sponsorship, a Silver Circle draw and a bowling tournament organised by Masseytown Bowling Club. The first grading took place in November; of eight women Margaret Buckley and Margaret Cullinane were awarded orange belts. Of twenty four men only Maurice Cullen and Gerard O'Callaghan were granted orange belts.¹⁸ The club continued to grow and training proceeded; nine committee meetings were held from October to 1 January 1976, with membership, classes and the mat dominating the agenda. From the beginning everyone was welcome. Members were mostly young and came from all walks of life.

In contrast to the GAA there was no inter-club rivalry - there was no other local club. The sport was personal and individual, the aim was to achieve personal progress and development but in a club ambience. Contact with other clubs was always friendly and supportive, and great friendships with outside club members developed. Much difficulty was endured in obtaining the mat and it consumed a lot of time and energy. The mat's quality, binding and 'securing' were the main problems. Moving it caused damage and repairs cost money. Meetings, classes continued and Macroom staged the Cork County championships in February 1976. Good judogis (judo outfits) became available at a reasonable cost.

World Record

In August 1976 six club members set a judo world endurance record of ninety hours; the six were Donal O'Callaghan, Noel Lehane, Sean Buckley, Gerard O'Callaghan, Johnny Sheehy and Peter Leahy. The feat drew widespread admiration and publicity. Donal O'Callaghan outlined some practical difficulties encountered. When they began training for the attempt the world record stood at forty-six (46) hours. Shortly before the actual attempt word came through that an English club had pushed the record to more than ninety hours. The attempt was to take place in the Castle Ballroom and over a weekend. Dances had been scheduled



Margaret Buckley, Dónal O'Leary and Margaret Cullinane.

for Friday and Sunday nights. However both obstacles were overcome and a world record was created.¹⁹ Surprisingly little is written in the minute books about the event apart from the need to add a P.R.O. to the club.²¹ A big influx of members ensued. See Photo.*

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Con Kelleher, Jan. 2020



Macroom Judo Club Members 2019 with coaches Ted Leahy and Gavin Murphy

Former TG4 journalist Grett O'Connor is running a series of Oral Irish Masterclasses designed for Leaving Cert students who are studying higher level Irish.

'The oral Irish exams begin at the end of March and I want to give students the benefit of what I've learned from helping other people to get very high grades over the last two years,' she said.

'I find that the students had plenty of Irish, they know all the words, they know the grammar, but they can't get it out,' she said. 'They just aren't sure if they are pronouncing things properly. Also, they tend to say things in a way that sounds learned off. I help them to build up their confidence and competence - knowing you're saying the words properly makes a huge difference to their confidence.'

One of her 2019 students got 99.1% in her oral Irish exam. The examiner asked her which Gaelscoil she had

attended, but she had done all her education through English! Another student of Grett's who achieved a H1 grade in LC 2019 was asked by the examiner if his family spoke Irish at home, even though his parents don't have a word of Irish.

Grett says that's the level of competence she's aiming for with all her students.

Her master classes will run on Saturdays March 7th, 14th and 21st at St Colman's BNS, Macroom. Places are limited so early booking is advisable. A place in one of the classes costs €80 but the early bird rate of €70 is available until February 24th. Book by texting or phoning 086 3933961 or by emailing mycuplafocal@gmail.com.



Grett O'Connor

Becky Kealy standing in the Cork North West constituency for Aontú, Ireland's newest political party

Becky Kealy (28) from Kanturk is a new candidate in the general election, standing in the Cork North West constituency for Aontú, Ireland's newest political party. A Town Hall meeting was held in the Castle Hotel Macroom on Friday 24 January which was well attended by people from across the constituency.

The meeting discussed local and national issues, and noted a growing dissatisfaction with the current government. Becky is receiving a warm welcome at the doors and knows there is a definite appetite for change among voters.

Aontú's three pillars are life, unity and economic justice, and have 26 candidates running in the general election. www.aontu.ie



Sinead O'Callaghan and Jim Cunningham proprietors of Carrig Inn, ran a Christmas raffle and donated the proceeds €1315.00 to Carrigadrohid/Killinardrish tidy towns. The raffle took place on December 19th in Carrig Inn and all winners have been notified. Sinead and Jim would sincerely like to thank their sponsors Leeside Nurseries, Browne Brothers, Angles Amusements, Crissham Hair Studio, Coolcover Meats, Paddy Murphy Haulage, Michael Twomey Butchers, Mary Anne's Bar, and Carrig Inn. The tidy towns committee are thrilled with the donation and plan to put it to great use.



Eddie O Callaghan, Tadgh Manley and Helen Feeney with proceeds for Marymount from the Christmas Dripsy Dip and also the hamper which was kindly donated by Tadgh.

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Cait Clifford (left) who has retired from her teaching post at McEgan College, Macroom, receiving a presentation from John O'Keefe, Chairman Cork County TUI. Included is Trish Lynam, who delivered the citation. © Mike English



John O'Keefe, Chairman Cork County TUI, making a presentation to Rita Perrott who has recently retired from her teaching post at Coachford College., at retirement function for TUI members at Rochestown Park Hotel. © Mike English



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Dromleigh N.S.: Bingo Night on Thursday Jan. 30th at 7 p.m. in school - P12DY26. Phone No. 026-46212.

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Ballinagree: Mr Pat Murphy hosts the Mayor's Ball at the Laine Bar on Fri. 31st of Jan. at 9 p.m. Music is by Seamus Healy. This year's theme is 'Country & Western'. It promises to be a great night. All are welcome.

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 are welcome as guests.

Inchigeela Calendar 2020: It is now on sale for €8 in local shops. **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.

Kilmurry Historical and Archaeological Association Ltd: Kilmurry Historical and Archeological Association (KHAA) AGM at 8pm in Heritage Room Independence Museum Kilmurry on February 5th 2020. Membership renewal will be available for 2020.

KHAA lecture by Ruadh Duggan on the CERN and the large hadron collider on Wednesday 12th Feb at 8pm at Independence Museum Kilmurry.

Save the date 09th May 2020 Darkness into light at Independence Museum Kilmurry

LOTTO RESULTS

Aghinagh GAA: 26th January, 2020: The jackpot was €1,000.00. Numbers drawn were 6, 16 and 17. There was no jackpot winner. Consolation prizes: €50 to Paudie O'Sullivan, Ballinagree. €20 each to Diarmuid Crowley, Ballyverane, Martin O'Mahony, MCP, John O'Mahony, Clondrohid and Tim Lyons, Dromree. 5th January, 2020: The jackpot was €6,250.00. Numbers drawn were 4, 10 and 39. There was no jackpot winner. Consolation prizes: €50 was won by Sadie Coakley, Ballinagree. €20 each went to Noreen Spillane, Ballinagree, Norma O'Donnell, C/O Láine, John & Maura Twohig, Ballinagree P.O. and Brian Buckley, Clondrohid.

Coachford AFC: Coachford AFC Lotto Results 27/1/2020. Jackpot: €5,400. Numbers Drawn: 6 - 14 - 21. Winner: Tadhg Bradley. €40 was won by Johnny T. Roche and €20 each by Mick & Hannah McCarthy, Paddy Riordan, The Daly Twins and The Caseys. 6/1/2020. Jackpot: €4,800. The numbers drawn were: 5 - 13 - 21 and there was no winner. €40 was won by Frances Daly and €20 each by Olivia Moynihan, Jenny & Pedro, Aoife Crowley and Ted Kelleher. 30/12/2019. Jackpot: €4,600. Numbers Drawn: 7 - 26 - 36. No Winner. €40 was won by Ted Kelleher and €20 each by Mairéad Delaney, Nell Martin, Maud Cotter Jnr. & Dee Murphy and Ann Murphy.

Clondrohid G.A.A Jan 15. €70 was won by Katie Hallissey Lisacreasig and €20 by Denis Noonan c/o Murray's, Doggie and Connie c/o The Laine, Marion Flanagan Carrigaphooka and Kate Lyons Scrahanard. Congrats to Nora Hogan Dripsey, last week's winner of the Bingo jackpot of €250. Jan 22 The Jackpot was €5,600. €70 was won by Jer Buckley c/o Ball Inn and €20 each by Anne Lehane Dunmanway, Karen Brennan c/o Bingo, Denis Moloney c/o JC's and Johnny O'Mahony, Clondrohid.

Kilmichael G.A.A: 27 Jan 2020; Jackpot €8,200; Numbers 9-10-24-32; €50 Ricky McSweeney, Cooldorrihy; €25 each Colm Burgoyne, Carrigboy; Mary Ann Healy, Clondrohid; Peter & Mhaty Kelleher, Toames. 20th Jan. 2020; Jackpot €8,050; No jackpot winner; Numbers 1-11-22-24; €50 Frank Lynch, Terelton; €25 each Margaret Coakley, Inchigeela, ODCH and Nora O'Dwyer, Shanacashel.

Macroom GAA Lotto: 21/01/2020 - Jackpot €3,000; there was no winner. €70 was won by Brigid Relihan, Dan Corkery Place, Macroom and €20 each by Stephen O'Leary, Cork Street, Pat O'Sullivan, 14 The Glenties, Denis Keating, Aghbullogue, and Shelia Crowley, Gurteenroe. 14/01/2020 - Jackpot €2,800 and there was No Winner - €70 was won by Teresa Kingston, Masey town, Macroom and €20 each by Celia Lynch, New Street, Margaret Spillane, C/O Super Value Macroom, Breda Cotter, Main Street, Macroom, Margaret Kelly, Barrett Place, Brid O'Driscoll, Sullane Weirs and Denis Buckley, 8 An Gleann. Please note that you can now play Macroom GAA Lotto on line. Log on to www.macroomgaa.ie

Rylane Community Park Association/RCPA: Monday 20/1/2020 - Jackpot €2,700. Numbers drawn: 9 - 32 - 35. No Winner. €20 each was won by: Claire & Daniel Healy (Rylane), Maureen Long (Rylane), Joan & John Crowley (Rylane). Seller's Prize €20: Sheila Scannell. Monday Jan 13th 2020. The Jackpot was €2,600. There was no winner. Numbers drawn: 20 - 26 - 29. No Winner. €20 was won by Eileen Kelleher (Rylane), Teddy O'Sullivan (Rylane) and Shelly Dennehy (Rylane). Seller's Prize €20: Sheila Scannell.

Macroom FC: 20/01/20. Jackpot: 1,200 euro. Numbers drawn: 15, 29, 34. No Winner. 80 euro: Anna Twomey c/o Noel. 20 euro each: Michael Buckley c/o Lar's, Julia McSweeney c/o Lar's, Seanie Burns c/o JCs, JJ Murphy Online. 27/01/20. Jackpot: 1,400 euro. Numbers drawn: 7, 27, 28. No Winner. 80 euro: Dick Dineen c/o Evelyn. 20 euro each: Dylan Dinneen c/o Lar's, Joan Cunningham c/o Darrin, Bobo c/o Noel, Pat Kelleher c/o Joan.



Frank Conroy who has retired from his teaching post with Cork Youth Reach, photographed with Ballincollig, Macroom and Bantry staff members at TUI function for retired members at Rochestown Park Hotel. © Mike English



McCarthy Grandchildren with their Grandfather, Dan McCarthy, receiving Aghinagh G.A.A. Lotto Cheque of €6,700 from Club President, Dan O'Connor, and Chairman, Tadhg Twohig

8TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

EILEEN MCCARTHY
(NEE MURPHY)

**Firmount, Killarney Road,
Macroom Co. Cork.**
Who died on 1st February 2012

*It broke our hearts to lose you,
But you did not go alone,
For part of us went with you,
The day God called you home.*

*Sweet Jesus take this message,
To our mother up above,
Tell her how we miss her,
And give her all our love.*



Sadly missed by Orla, Owen, Tom,
relatives and friends.

7TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**KIERAN
MC CARTHY**

Crookstown, Co. Cork
Who passed away on
26th January

*Two tired eyes are sleeping
Two willing hands are still
The one who worked so hard for us
Is resting at God's will.*



Always remembered
by his loving family

**FIRST ANNIVERSARY
AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**



In loving memory of

**JIM
(JIMMY/JAMES)
CORCORAN**

**Clodagh, Crookstown
and late of Terelton**
Who Died on the
5th of February 2019

On the first anniversary of Jim's passing,
his wife Phil and family wish to express
sincere gratitude to the many friends and
neighbours who sympathized with them
on their sad loss. To all who called to their
home, co-ordinated traffic, attended the
funeral and sent mass cards.

To Canon Bernard Donovan for
celebrating a lovely mass and to everyone
who participated in it. A special thank you
to Cyril and all at Casey's undertakers for
their kindness and professionalism at this
difficult time.

Thanks to the staff of Araglen House and
CareChoice nursing homes for their care
and kindness.

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

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



Jim's first Anniversary mass will be
celebrated at St. Mary's church, Kilmurry,
on Sunday the 9th of February 10am.

**FIRST ANNIVERSARY
AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**



In loving memory of

**SHEILA
SHEEHAN**

Lower Scart, Aherla
who died on 1st February 2019

The family of the late Sheila Sheehan
would like to thank most sincerely all
those who sympathised with us in our
sad loss.

Thanks to those who attended the rosary,
removal, funeral mass and burial. To all
those who sent mass cards, enrolments
and floral tributes. To Fr. O'Donovan and
Fr. Ray Riordan and the Prison Officers
choir for officiating at the mass.

A special thanks to Dr. Gerard Murphy and
the staff of Marymount Home Care team
for their kind care and attention. Thanks
to Gabriel & O'Donovan funeral directors
for their professionalism.

We deeply appreciated the kindness
and support of our relatives, neighbours
and her good friends especially Ann and
Caroline.

As it would be impossible to thank
everybody individually, we hope that this
acknowledgment would be accepted as a
token of our grateful thanks.



1st Anniversary Mass Sunday the 2nd
of February @ 11.30 a.m. St. Josephs
Church, Cloughduv.

AN Ú CUIHNEACHÁN



In loving memory of

DAN LUCEY

**Bun Coille, Sliabh Riach,
Baile Mhúirne.**
D'éag 04.02.2016

*Do stiúrais le comhairle is treoir
Do dhícheall dúinn do dheinis gach lá,
Le mórtas is buíochas
Go docht in ár gcroíthe atáir.*



Le grá, Máire is do chlann

*Fóir air a Thiarna
Trócaire a Chríost
Istigh id' chréachtaibh folaing é
Cúmhaigh é is díon*

ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**JULIA
O'MAHONY**

The Village, Clondrohid
whose anniversary occurs on the
26th January

*Your name is often spoken,
Our thoughts are with you still,
You haven't been forgotten,
By us you never will.*



Always remembered and sadly missed
by your loving family

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8TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

KITTY BUCKLEY

**Carrigagulla, Ballinagree, Macroom
Who died on 30th January 2012**

*All I take with me as I leave
is your love and the millions of
memories of all we shared.*

*Fear not or grieve not my departure
you whom I have loved so much
for my roots and yours are forever
entwined.*

*Death leaves a heartache no one can heal,
but leaves a memory no one can steal.*



Remembered today and
everyday by your loving family

4TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**MAUREEN HORGAN
(NEE KISSANE)**

**Lyrenageeha, Ballingearry, Macroom,
Co Cork**

**Who died on 3rd February 2016,
aged 58**

*God looked around his garden
and found an empty place
He then looked down upon the Earth
and saw your tired face
He put his arms around you
and lifted you to rest
With the help of his angels they flew
you to your heavenly place*



Remembered with love by all her family
and friends
Are dheis De go Raibh a nam dilis

**FIRST ANNIVERSARY
AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**



In loving memory of

**MARGARET
(PEG) O'SHEA**

Dripsey, Co Cork.

who died on the 11th February 2019

As we lovingly remember Peg on the first anniversary of her passing. Her loving family wish to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all who sympathised with us on our sad loss.

A sincere thank you to all who called to her home and attended the rosary, removal, funeral mass and cremation in such large numbers.

To all who sent mass cards, sympathy cards, enrolments and phoned, we are truly grateful.

We especially thank her homehelp, Gobaí Byrne's, Julie McCarthy the compassion, the friendship and kindness that you showed to Peg during her illness.

Her fantastic career and devoted niece Mary Dineen who went over and above to care for Peg.

To her loving neighbour Eily Cotter for being a special friend to Peg.

A special thanks to Peg's G.P. Dr. Sarah Kingston Coachford.

To the palative care team of Marymount Hospice, the care, the kindness and compassion ye showed to Peg in her last few days showed no boundaries, we will forever be so grateful.

We are indebted to Fr Peadar Murphy for your kindness and support to us for making Peg's Rosary, removal and funeral mass so personal.

A very sincere word of thanks to Casey's Funeral Home Coachford for their professionalism Respect and Kindness at this difficult time.

A heartfelt thanks to her beloved baby sister Joan Dineen the care, the friendship, the compassion, the bond that you both shared was something extraordinary.

It is impossible to name each person individually or to acknowledge each act of kindness such was the level of support at this very difficult time but all are remembered and we acknowledge them with kindness and gratitude. The holy sacrifice of the mass will be offered for all of your intentions



Peg's First Anniversary mass takes place at St. John's Church Aghabulloge Saturday 8th of February at 8pm.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**MARGARET
(PEG) O'SHEA**

O'Mahony's Terrace

Dripsey

*A golden heart stopped beating,
Hard working hands at rest,
It broke our hearts to see you go,
God only takes the best.*

*They say that memories are golden.
Well maybe that is true,
But we never wanted memories,
We only wanted you.*

*Your life was love and labour
Your love for your family true,
You did your best for all of us,
We will always remember you.*

*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*

*Our lips cannot speak how we loved you,
Our hearts cannot tell what to say,
But god only knows how we miss you,
In our home that is lonely today..*



Forever in our hearts,
Your devoted nephew John Dineen and
Mary O'Neill

NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART



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

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

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

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

Never known to fail.

Must promise publication of prayer.

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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.

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FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

DAN LYNCH

**Togher Ballymakeera
Died on 22nd January 2019**

On the first anniversary of Dan's death his brothers Denis and Con wish to thank all those who attended the removal, funeral mass and burial.

For those who send mass cards and floral tributes, we thank you most sincerely.

We would like to thank Father O'Brien for officiating at the ceremonies, Cor Cuil Aodha and Gerard Lynch for his help.

Thanks to Dr. John Burke, Public Health nurse Ellen O'Leary, to his home helps, the Kidney Family and staff of St. Joseph's Nursing Home Kenmare for their care and kindness to Dan in his last years.

Thanks to Cyril Casey and his team for the professional handling of the arrangements. To the grave diggers and The Abbey Hotel.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this Acknowledgement as a token of our appreciation.

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



Anniversary mass will be held on February 2nd at 10am in Coolea Church.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

DONARD LUCEY

**Coppeen and Chicago
Who died on 22nd January 2019**

As we lovingly remember a husband, father, son and brother on this his first anniversary.

We the family wish to thank most sincerely everyone who sympathised with us on our sad loss.

To everyone who attended the funeral mass, who sent Mass cards and to all those who participated in the mass.

Our sincere gratitude to Fr Tom Hayes for his meaningful funeral mass and also thanks to Fr Pat O Donovan.

Thank you to Cyril Casey for your guidance.

Please accept this acknowledgment as an expression of our sincere gratitude



You never said your leaving
You never said goodbye
You were gone before we knew it
And only god knows why
So rest in peace dear Donard

Your loving family

4TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

MARY O'LEARY

**The Glebe, Clondrohid,
Macroom, Co. Cork
who died on the 31st January 2016**

*A prayer from the family who loved you,
a memory fond and true,
in our hearts you will live forever,
because we thought the world of you.*



Fondly remembered by your loving family, relatives and friends

2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

DENIS HARTNETT

**Carrigeigh, Inchigeela, Macroom
who died on 4th February, 2018**

*We thought of you with love today,
But that is nothing new.
We thought about you yesterday,
And the days before that too.
We think of you in silence,
We often speak your name.
All we have are memories,
And your picture in a frame.
Memories are our keepsake,
With which we will never part.
God has you in his keeping,
And we have you in our hearts*



Sadly missed by his wife Anne, family and grandchildren

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A Word of Victory

Welcome back dear reader is there some area of your life that needs healing? It could be a physical healing from sickness, emotional healing in your mind and heart, financial healing, or healing in a broken relationship. In Mark chapter 3 Jesus healed a man with a withered hand. This man was in church when Jesus saw him and told him to stretch out his hand and, as the man obeyed Jesus in an act of faith, his deformed hand was made whole. What a miracle - because with any kind of disability at that time working and earning a living would have been near impossible for him. Now his whole life had changed in an instant because he had encountered the Living God in the Person of His Son Jesus. Romans chapter 4:17-21 tells how Abraham believed God is able to do all that He has promised, because He is the God Who "gives life to the dead things and calls those things that are not as though they are". What this means for you friend is, things may look withered and hopeless right now and maybe your dreams have died - the very life sucked out of you because of your circumstances. But God is reaching out to you and calling you unto Himself to just believe, and receive healing from Him (Mark 5:36; John 11:40). This is why Jesus laid down His life - so that you could be made whole through Him - in your spirit (restored back to God in righteousness), in your soul (healed in your mind, heart and emotions), and in your body (receive healing from every physical ailment). Read Isaiah chapter 53 to see what Jesus endured for the forgiveness of our sins, our healing and Salvation. Supernatural miracles, signs and wonders follow the preaching of the full Gospel of Jesus as laid out in God's Word, because God is the Supernatural God (Mark 16:15-20). He raised Jesus from the dead for our acquittal from sin, and by the stripes that Jesus took for each and every one of us on His body we are healed (Romans 4:25; 1st Peter 2:24). You say - how do I get to that place of receiving my miracle of restoration? Call upon the Name of the Lord Jesus today, repent for your sins, and ask Him to come into your life, simply believe Him - and you will see the goodness of God in the land of the living, Amen! (Psalm 27:13; Mark 9:23)

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NOVENA TO ST. CLAIRE



Ask St. Claire for 3 favours, one business, two impossible and say nine Hail Mary's for nine days with lighted candle. Pray whether you believe or not. Publish on ninth day. Powerful Novena. May the sacred heart of Jesus be praised, adored, glorified and loved today and every day throughout the whole world forever Amen. Say six times daily for nine days. Your request will be granted no matter how difficult it may seem. Favour publication must be promised.

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NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART




Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked many favours. This time I ask you this special one, (mention favour). Take it dear heart of Jesus and place it within your heart where your father sees it. Then in his merciful eyes it will become your favour, not mine. Amen.

Say this prayer three times for three days and your favour will be granted. Never known to fail. Must promise publication of prayer.

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PRAYER



Dear Heart of Jesus,
Our Lady,
St. Joseph
and
St. Jude,
please grant my request.

H.C.

NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART




Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked many favours. This time I ask you this special one, (mention favour). Take it dear heart of Jesus and place it within your heart where your father sees it. Then in his merciful eyes it will become your favour, not mine. Amen.

Say this prayer three times for three days and your favour will be granted. Never known to fail. Must promise publication of prayer.

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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.

S.F.S


NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART



Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked many favours. This time I ask you this special one, (mention favour). Take it dear heart of Jesus and place it within your heart where your father sees it. Then in his merciful eyes it will become your favour, not mine. Amen.

Say this prayer three times for three days and your favour will be granted. Never known to fail. Must promise publication of prayer.

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Lee Valley Speakers: Meet in Castle Hotel, Macroom, on 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 8p.m

Father Ryan Hall Activities – Senior Citizens & Active Retired: Tai Chi Classes – Starting Monday 3rd February @ 7.30 p.m. and Thursday 6th February @ 3 p.m. Bridge – Every Thursday morning @ 10 a.m. Bingo – Every Thursday night @ 8.30 p.m. and Line Dancing – Every Friday @ 2 p.m.

Dromleigh N.S.: Bingo Night Thursday Jan 30th at 7pm in P12DY26. 026-46212.

Ballinagree: Pat Murphy hosts the Mayor's Ball @ Laine Bar, Fri. 31st of Jan. at 9 p.m. Music - Seamus Healy. This year's theme is 'Country & Western'. It promises to be a great night. All are welcome.

Bridge in Baile Mhúirne: Will take place in the Abbey Hotel on Wednesday 5th Feb. @ 10.15 a.m.

Dromleigh N.S. and Bright Beginnings Preschool (P12DY26): Open Day on Thur. Feb. 6th @ 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. All are welcome to view facilities and speak to staff. Contact 026-46212, info@dromleighns.ie or follow on facebook

Macroom Flower & Garden Club: The A.G.M. will take place at Coolcower House on Thurs. 6th Feb, 7.00 p.m. and followed by Cookery Demonstration at 8.00 p.m. Annual Membership accepted on the night. New Members are most welcome. For further information please phone 087-9821708.

Muskerry Local History Society: 'Macroom Union Workhouse 1943-1921', Con Kelleher, Ballincollig Rugby Club, 8 p.m., February 10th 2020.

Kilmurry HAA: presents Master-Brewer Dag Mueller and he will speak, demonstrate and share brewing tips. It takes place on Feb.

29th @ 7.30 p.m. in the Heritage Room, Independence Museum, Kilmurry. A Special Guest will attend. Tickets are €25, €20 for non-members/members and available from Mike, Shiela's shop, or by phoning 086/0593260.

Kilmurry Historical and Archaeological Association Ltd: Kilmurry Historical and Archeological Association (KHAA) AGM at 8pm in Heritage Room Independence Museum Kilmurry on February 5th 2020. Membership renewal will be available for 2020. KHAA lecture by Ruadh Duggan on the CERN and the large hadron collider on Wednesday 12th Feb at 8pm at Independence Museum Kilmurry. Save the date 09th May 2020 Darkness into light at Independence Museum Kilmurry

Macroom Library

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 at 11 a.m.

Ciorcal Cainte will meet Thurs. at 11.30 a.m. Tá fáilte roimh gach éinne.

Juvenile Book Club: Sat. at 3.00 p.m.

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A Chara,
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Aindrias

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Moynihan




Please continue your preference for Michael Moynihan