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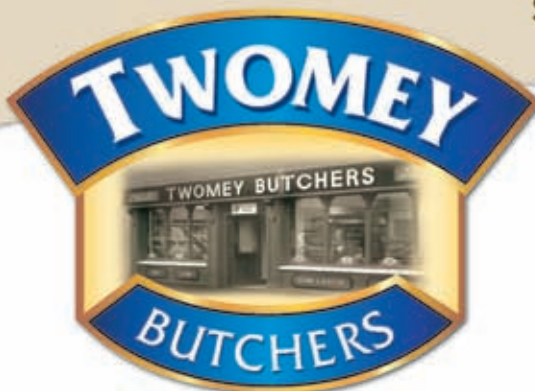
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EDITORIAL

Volunteerism

On Sat 29th February Macroom Lions Club and Macroom Credit Union will run a Clubs' and Societies' Day. This will take place in the Sports Complex from 12 – 4 p.m. and will have stalls from a multitude of clubs, societies and organizations displaying their activities and hopefully gaining new members.

While absolutely acknowledging that there are many problems locally and nationally there is also much that is good locally and nationally. The country's unemployment level is low and locally we have great news about the By-Pass, The Briery Gap, construction in De La Salle and the upgrading of Macroom Community Hospital.

The town and area is blessed with many active and vibrant clubs and societies that are active in sport, hobbies, special interests, charity work, mentoring and much else. All are dependent on interest, volunteers, financial support and the goodwill of the community. Again the area is very lucky to have high-calibre volunteers who are committed, able and kindly. Their work is facilitated by the consistently generous financial support of local businesses and individuals.

It will be great to see up close what the various clubs and societies do and thereby further appreciate their work and contribution. It is these contributions that add to the richness and diversity of life in Macroom in the twenty-first century.

The Lee Valley Outlook thanks The Lions Club and Macroom Credit Union for arranging this exposition but especially all the volunteers in clubs, societies and organizations who have done incredible and invaluable work. The town and area owes you an un-payable debt.

Please consider visiting the Clubs' and Societies' Day and we encourage you to 'come, see and (maybe) join' and make a contribution to our and your community. Often the giver benefits as much if not more than the recipient.

To the volunteers we say 'Three Cheers' and 'Long may your work continue'. Please see under Macroom Updates, the Lions Club notes for further details.

Con Kelleher

Macroom & District Lions Club

Meet The Clubs Day; See what you can do in your community

Do you really know what is available in your community? There is an abundance of community groups, clubs, organisations and societies doing great things right across the Macroom area. 'Meet The Clubs Day', organised by Macroom & District Lions Club, is a FREE family-friendly event taking place at the Leisure Complex, Macroom on Saturday 29th February from 12noon – 4pm. Meet The Clubs Day' is an opportunity for local clubs and organisations to be in the same place at the same time, giving the people of Macroom a rare chance to meet the clubs that they might like to be a part of. The event will feature a wide variety of clubs and other organisations that people might like to join, participate in or even volunteer with - whether it is for fun, fitness, recreation, or simply to be involved! Any clubs or groups interested in having a presence there can contact Macroom Lions Club to book their place. Tony Kelleher, President of Macroom & District Lions Club says, "Everyone is invited to come and discover the many wonderful activities happening in the Macroom area. On the day, there will be a great mix of clubs and organisations appealing to people of all ages, backgrounds and interests. So whether you're



interested in learning a new skill, joining a group of like-minded people, volunteering your time, or simply becoming more active in the community, then 'Meet The Clubs Day' is a must!

Macroom & District Lions Club, with the support of Macroom Credit Union, has organised this event in an effort to promote community engagement and involvement as well as to reduce isolation and loneliness for people in the community. Over 30 clubs and groups have already confirmed their attendance at the event, covering a broad range of activities, interests and skills. Clubs include the local GAA club, Macroom Tidy Towns, The Purlies, Macroom Mens' Shed, Macra na Feirme, Cuidiu Parenting Group, Lee Valley Toastmasters, Retired Active, Badminton Club, Fishing Club, Macroom Soccer Club and lots more.

Macroom & District Lions Club, through its members, assists various groups and individuals in and around the community. Lions do this through voluntary activities, fundraising and by holding various types of events in support of a great many local causes.

For more information about 'Meet The Clubs Day', or to book a stand for your club, please contact Macroom & District Lions Club on Facebook or email macroomlionsclub@gmail.com

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GUIDE PRICE: €240,000

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The property is offered in the following lots: LOT 1: Entire C.40 acre residential farm & out buildings. LOT 2: House on C.1 acre. LOT 3: C.29 acres, residence & outbuildings. LOT 4: C.28 acres agricultural land. LOT 5: C.11 acres agricultural land. BER RATING: G (111970877)

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Lot 1: C.74 acres agricultural land. Lot 2: Derelict house on C.0.61 acres. Lot 3: Entire holding. BER RATING: Pending

GUIDE PRICE: €460,000



Macroom Muay Thai Boxing

European Championships: We recently went to Birmingham for the Muay Thai European Championships.

On the 8-9 February when the WPMC European Championships took place. Three fighters along with their coach Andrzej Sliwa represented the Muay Thai Macroom club. They fought in 2 categories: Muay Thai and K1. Damian Kusz in the Muay Thai 80kg category won a Gold

medal by winning 3 fights and in K1 he won a silver medal. Jedrzej Rajca won a Gold medal in 70kg K1 category. In addition Marek Skibinski won a silver medal in K1. This was great preparation for the Muay Thai Club before the Irish Open K1 Championships in Dublin, 27th Feb. – Mar. 1st.

Macroom Muay Thai Boxers - European medal winners



MACROOM FC

'Meet the Clubs Day': Macroom FC is delighted to take part in the 'Meet the Clubs' day hosted by Macroom and District Lions club this coming Saturday Feb 29th. This event will take place at Macroom Leisure Centre from 12 noon until 4 p.m. Club officials will be on hand to give information and discuss various aspects of Macroom FC. Anyone interested in volunteering with the club is invited to come along and call to our stand. We are always looking to recruit volunteers for coaching at all levels as well as the many other important strands of the club.

MACROOM LIBRARY

EVENTS

Saturday 29th February – Library Open Day There will be the regular Story time and Children's Rhymes at 12pm. Also there will be Family Time between 2.30 – 4.00 PM where families can enjoy board games and have fun together. Please come and visit where you can view the magnificent Art Exhibition on show this month and our Healthy Ireland and Work Matter Displays.

Wednesday 4th March – Adult Book Club will meet at 11.30am to discuss "Montpelier Parade" by Karl Geary.

Thursday 5th March – Purlies Knitting Group will meet at 11.30 am. New members are always welcome.

Friday 6th March – Tots Time will meet at 11.00am. Again everyone is welcome. It is a morning of fun and song and also an opportunity for parents to meet up with other parents.

7th March - Children's Storytime and Rhymes at 12.00pm.

Saturday 7th March – Chair Yoga with Fabiola at 2pm – this is a Healthy Ireland event. Chair Yoga is a gentle form of yoga that can be done while sitting. Chair Yoga can improve your flexibility, concentration and strength, while boosting your mood, and reducing stress and joint pain. Booking is essential - 026/42483.

Tuesday 10th March – Creative Writing Group will meet at 5.30pm.

Wednesday 11th March – The South Cork Local Enterprise Office will return to the library to hold another Business Advice Clinic. The Business Advice Clinic involves a free one-hour appointment with a business expert, who is well placed to advise small business owners on how to access information, funding advice or supports that are available to you. Booking is essential and can be done online at localenterprise.ie/SouthCork.

Déardoin 12ú

Márta – Ciorcal Cainte - Seachtain na Gaeilge – 11.30 - 12.30.

Seisiún Le Seán Ó Muímhneacháin agus Sosamh Ó Críodáin – Amhráin, Lúibíní, Agallaimh Bheirte, Ceapóga agus morán eile. Fáilte roimh cách. Beidh cupán tae ar fáil.

Thursday 12th March – Ciorcal Cainte - Seachtain na Gaeilge Special Two great entertainers – Seán Ó Muímhneacháin and Seosamh Ó Críodáin – Morning of songs, agallaimh Bheirte etc. Everyone is welcome.

Everyone is welcome to become a member of the Library and membership is free for all. Please call in to us where you can relax and enjoy the daily/weekly newspapers and magazines along with a wide range of books and internet facilities.

'A Child Who Reads Will Be An Adult Who Thinks'

Macroom Garden and Flower Club

Macroom Flower & Garden Club: Macroom Flower & Garden Club will host a Gardening Talk Entitled "Spring in the Garden". Guest speaker from "Sweet Magnolia Garden Centre" at Coolcower House 026-41695

Thursday 12th March at 8.00p.m. Club Competitions Plants for Sale / Bulbs & Wild Flower seeds for Planting in the garden. New Members and Visitors most welcome Further details 087-9821708

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St Mary's Music group, through to the Walton's Schools' Music competition final.

St. Mary's Musings

Head-Shave Fund-raiser: As a Fundraiser for Macroom Community Hospital Aoife O Connell, Leaving Cert, is doing a Head Shave in school on the 11th of March. Aoife is also donating her lovely long hair to the Rapunzel Foundation. All support would be greatly appreciated. We are proud of Aoife for doing this amazingly generous and courageous deed for such worthy causes. Well Done Aoife, you are a true star.

Wellbeing: All this week we promoted student Wellbeing by organising a variety of workshops, talks and activities for the girls to help them with Wellbeing. On Monday 1st to 5th year students were invited to participate in a poster competition with the theme "Love Me, I'm Different. Tuesday morning all 3rd year students attended a Dance workshop with Aileen Johnson. 1st and 2nd years were involved in Wellbeing Workshops on Tuesday afternoon. We all attended a lovely Prayer Service yesterday and are hoping to have a 5km run/walk this evening (weather permitting). Tomorrow we are holding an Intercultural Afternoon from 2 – 4 pm where our International students will have an opportunity to showcase their different cultures. Talks during the week included – "Let's talk about Drugs" with Nicole Ryan, a presentation from Nature's Corner on Healthy Eating, Suicide Prevention Training from Paddy Harkin (HSE), Sexual Health Talk with Liam Doocey and "Teen Talk" with Healthy Ireland.

Green School: Our Green School Committee has been working very hard over the last 2 years to make our school as environmentally conscious and sustainable as possible. Their motto is "Be part of the solution not part of the pollution". So far they have arranged talks and workshops to educate our staff and students on how to be more environmentally aware, they have put recycling bins in every classroom and they have worked with Trish in the Canteen to remove all plastic containers and cutlery and they have also created a Litter Pick rota to help Macroom Tidy Towns. An inspector visited our School on Tuesday to talk to the Committee and to compliment them on all of the improvements that they have made so far. The Plan for the future is: make our school a SINGLE USE PLASTIC FREE ZONE. We congratulate committee members – Kirsten Bonner, Suzan Aslanoglu, Nora Twomey, Aimee Sheehan and Gemma Munro. A special word of thanks goes to Geography Teacher Ms Paula Gray whose passion for and dedication

to this committee is inspiring us all to take better care of our school and of our planet. "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it is the only thing that ever has" Margaret Mead.

Bake Sale: Andzelika Wyka and Maria Cronin held a Bake sale in the Parish Room in Macroom recently to raise funds for Lourdes. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who supported this fundraiser.

Music Group: We are so excited to announce that our music group have been selected as one of only six schools in the country to compete in the final of the Walton's Music for Schools Competition in the National Concert Hall in March. A music group consisting of members of the school choir and trad group under the direction of music teachers Aoife Donovan and Aoibheann Queally, created a five-minute performance on the theme "Where words fail, music speaks" and entered 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 of 38 students ranging from first to sixth year. They worked extremely hard during lunchtimes to bring the performance together and we wish them the very best of luck in the final.

Munster Runner: We massively congratulate First Year Lucia Duarte who ran in the Munster Schools' Cross Country Championship recently. Lucia did amazingly well and she is one of only 15 athletes to qualify for the All Ireland. Lucia will represent Munster in the All-Irelands in Dublin in March. Well Done Lucia, we are so delighted for you; this is an amazing achievement.



Green School committee members at the 'Bin It' Roadshow.



Lucia Duarte will represent Munster in the schools' cross-country All-Ireland in March

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McEGAN MUSINGS



McEgan Junior Rugby Team with Mr Devane (coach, left) and 5th Year Patrick Kavanagh (trainer)

Rugby Blitz: Our first and second year boys competed in a Cork County Rugby Blitz held in Presentation Brothers College grounds. The boys played three games, the first against a strong Cosshaven team where a hat-trick of tries by Aaron Forde and a well taken drop goal by Evan Kelleher secured a draw for our team. The next two games were hard-fought but unfortunately we lost both, losing out to Blarney and Bantry by



McEgan Rugby Team in Action

the narrowest of margins. Aaron Forde touched down again in the Blarney game after some good work by Michal Wojcik and our final try was scored by Conor Donovan, after some excellent work by Owen Duggan. We train every Friday when two Munster coaches develop the skills of our young stars.



De La Salle Fourth Years presenting a cheque to Macrooom St. Vincent de Paul from their Christmas Charity Appeal. TY co-ordinator, Mr. John Ryan, Darragh Neville, Phil Barry (St. Vincent de Paul) and Jack Fagan.



Fourth Years De La Salle presenting a cheque to Pat O'Connell, Macrooom Senior Citizens from their Christmas Charity Appeal. Pictured: Darragh Neville, Pat O'Connell and Jack Fagan.

De La Salle Doings

Eoin Healy, 3rd Year, has won an all-expenses paid trip to Brussels, Luxembourg and Strasbourg through Graduate.ie, an online citizenship and democracy programme. He will be accompanied by 23 other students and three teachers. He will spend a day at the European Parliament where he will take part in Euroscola, a youth parliament, with students from other E.U. states. This trip will take place in 2020 and has been kindly sponsored by Cork County Council. Eoin won the trip due to his participation in an online quiz organised by his teacher Mr. Liam Fleming. Such a fantastic prize; enjoy Eoin!

Football: There has been plenty of football action in the last term in De La Salle. We thank James McCarthy for the great work he is doing coaching at West Muskerry Academy in Macrooom Sports Centre in partnership with De La Salle and the local clubs. The U-14 team travelled to Páirc Uí Chaoimh to take part in a blitz and got a chance to play on the impressive 4G pitch there. The U-16.5s faced Skibbereen in the next round of the football championship. Football results and match report updates can be found on the school website.

Cheque Presentations: On February 14th, the fourth years presented cheques to Macrooom charities from their Christmas collection. We thank everyone for their continued generosity and support and 'well done' to the fourth years on great organisation and effort. The fourth years have been taking part in modules on first-aid, driver education, creative writing and reporting.

School Return: The school is back from mid-term break and is facing a busy term. The 'pre' Leaving Cert and Junior Cert exams have commenced and will go on for the next ten days. The Italian exchange students and teachers will visit from the 24-31 March. Meanwhile the fourth year students and teachers head to France at the end of March to take part in the longstanding French Exchange.

School Construction: The work on the temporary accommodation for the school will commence this term! The €1.4 million project will provide four general classrooms, a science laboratory, two ASD classrooms, two special education teaching rooms, a sensory room, a toilet block and 25 additional parking spaces. A busy and very exciting term ahead!

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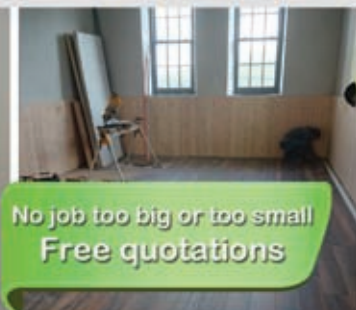


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YOUTHREACH MACROOM

“One fine day in early Spring”: “The business links between Youthreach Macroom and local employers continue to flourish with the support of Kevin Holland (Art Teacher) and his team of creative students who engage in local art displays around the town. Once again students were delighted to paint Vaughan’s Café window front as Peggy Vaughan has been a fantastic support of the Work Wise Skills program”.

Scéalta ó Scoil Mhuire tré shúile na hIdirbhliana

News from Scoil Mhuire through Transition Year eyes

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Seán Ó Riada Gold Medal - Mayo flute player takes home the gold:

Mayo flute player Jillian O'Malley won the prestigious Seán Ó Riada Gold Medal at the final for the competition held in the Rochestown Park Hotel in Cork on Friday 7 February, presented by Peadar Ó Riada live on RTÉ Raidió na Gaeltachta.

A native of Louisburgh, Co. Mayo, Jillian began playing whistle when she was just five, an instrument she has a lot of respect for, and one she feels is often overlooked. She has won many awards including Fleadh Cheoil All-Ireland titles on flute and whistle, playing slow airs. She is very involved with the annual Féile Chois Cuain traditional music festival in her hometown. As well as traditional music, she's also a beginner on saxophone! A freelance translator, Jillian is currently living in Carrick-on-Fergus, Co. Clare. She will take up a translation position in the EU in Brussels in April. Esteemed musicians and judges Michael Tubridy, Mary Bergin and Gary Hastings were united in their decision on the winner. "The music came very naturally to Jillian. It was clear that she was really enjoying playing for us, and the music had great lift and energy. We congratulate Jillian on her award."

Jillian was thrilled with her win. "Tonight has been a very special night. I had the opportunity to share the stage with some fantastic musicians, and to perform my music on a national platform, and it's an honour to take home the gold medal."

The prestigious Seán Ó Riada Gold Medal and €2,500 was presented to Jillian at the event.

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Note The Seán Ó Riada medal is created in solid silver. When the winner has been chosen, her/his name and the year are engraved on the medal before it is covered in gold.

Caitríona Ní Bhaoill, RTÉ Raidió na Gaeltachta.

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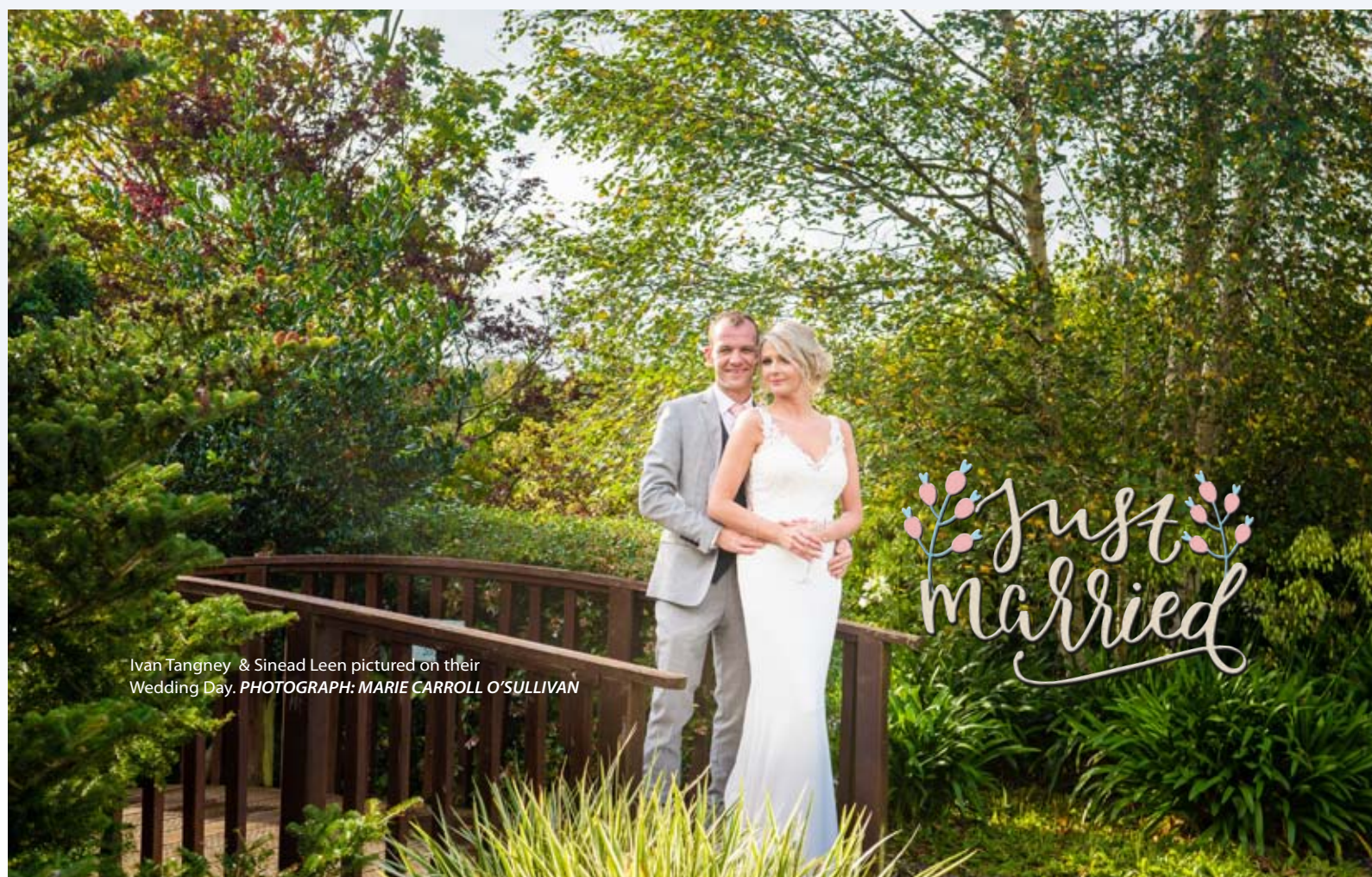
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Aghinagh Macra



Ballyvongane N.S. Pupils at the Vex Iq Regional Finals, CIT.



Ballyvongane N.S. pupils, parents and staff donated a freezer to Cork Penny Dinners.

Personality Competition: Aghinagh Macra chairperson, John Lynch, will be heading to Kilkenny in April to compete in this year's Mr. Personality Competition. In February, John, representing Aghinagh Macra, won the Muskerry round of Mr. P; he then went on to win the Cork County in Blarney Woolen Mills Hotel. He has been a very active member in Macra over the last few years and he was part of two winning the Macra All-Ireland football finals. Posts he has filled are sports and social officer, vice-secretary and vice-treasurer for Aghinagh Macra and young farmer development officer for the Muskerry region. The entire club is looking forward to the Mr. P competition in April and wish John all the best.

Aghinagh Macra na Feirme dancing the night away: Macra held a very successful dinner-dance on the 21st of February in the Castle Hotel, Macroom.

The theme was "Do it Again Debs" and the attendees did not disappoint when it came to style! All the gentlemen looked very dapper in their suits while the ladies were stunning in their colourful outfits. After a fantastic meal the dance floor was kept full all night by the music of The Fogues. Aghinagh Macra is extremely grateful to everyone for attending this event. Chairperson John Lynch said "It was fantastic to see the event so well supported by our own members and by members from the Muskerry region and beyond. We would especially like to thank the staff of The Castle Hotel for being so helpful and supportive".

Keep up to date with Aghinagh Macra by following Facebook (Aghinagh Mac) or Instagram (aghinaghmacra).



Rusheen N.S. Figure & Set Dancers qualifiers for the Muskerry Finals of Scór na bPáistí, in Ovens, 1st of March.



Rusheen N.S. Ballad Group qualified for the Muskerry Final of Scór.



Andrew Egan, Rusheen N.S. qualifier for the Muskerry Final, Scéalaíocht section.

Uibh Laoire Updates

GAA Underage Training: Uibh Laoire underage training resumes on Saturday 7th at 11am. All children of national school age welcome along with parents/ guardians.

Special Bingo: The fund-raising bingo session on Friday last in Inchigeela hall was a great success with a large crowd who enjoyed the night very much. The hall committee thank all who supported and those who donated the lovely raffle prizes. Normal bingo continues every Friday night at 8.30 p.m.

Croí na Laoi Meeting: At the recent meeting, plans were made for the coming year and members are eager to continue the work in developing the area and the weekly tidy towns activity. It is facilitating young people in following their Gaisce challenges and the group is always looking for more volunteers. One challenge now is developing a wild meadow-type garden in River Island with wild flowers, trees and bee-hives. The big litter-pick on all approach roads will take place on Good Friday as is traditional and lots of volunteers are welcome as usual.

Scór Success: Well done to Tracey Cronin, Uibh Laoire, in her win at the GAA Scór competition and Good Luck in the next stage.

Drama/Play: The Real McCoy! Don't miss the Ahakeera production of this hilarious drama, by Tommy Marren, in Inchigeela Hall on Fri. 6th March

at 8 p.m. The Ahakeera group has never failed to stage a brilliant show and all reports are great again for this comedy. The play itself has gained favourable reviews everywhere and is loved by young and old. There are hilarious situations, memorable one-liners and a plot that will have you glued to the action right through. Inchigeela National School will benefit from the funds raised, so please support as usual. Fri. Mar. 6th 8 p.m.

Ciorcal Cainte: Tar isteach go dtí Creedon's Hotel agus bí ag caint agus ag scealaíocht, and I bet you'll enjoy it: it's on at 7.30 p.m. on Thursdays.

Great Night! Uibh Laoire recently had a celebration night in Finbarr O Shea's establishment, Sober Lane Cork. Get the picture? A great night was had by all.

Poor TV reception: There has been a deterioration in television- picture quality recently in the west of the parish. The wind turbine company has been approached and say that engineers will visit those with poor reception. Should any other area be effected the company should be let know.

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Cliona O'Brien (Clondrohid), Hegarty Irish Dance Academy, 4th in Feile Naomh Fionnbarra: Teacher, Lisa Hegarty

Clondrohid- Carriganima Active Retired (CCAR): Upcoming events for this 'up and go' group are Monday Mar. 2nd at 8 pm - learn to make more use of your phone, one-to-one tuition available. Also learn to play a game of cards, be it 35 or a fun game like beggar-my-neighbour, and of course the 'cuppa'; Wed. Mar. 4th at 10 am, simple exercises with Pat. Walking, moving to music and chair exercises. No floor exercises. Mon. Mar. 9th at 8 - pm Sing-Song with Fintan and 'cuppa' and Wed. Mar. 11th at 10 am - coffee morning with chat. We Love to see all members, a special welcome to the new members.

Carriganima News: Some time ago, money was raised in Carriganima for the Parkinson's Association: this Sat. Feb. 29th, a representative from that Association will attend the Pub to accept their donation. Local musicians Tim Joe and Ann will provide the music and entertainment on the night. A great night is assured; come along and enjoy. This year Carriganima will celebrate St. Patrick's Day on Sunday Mar. 15th with their usual well supported parade. The parade will commence at 3pm. And this year there will be collection points for funds for the Air Ambulance in Rathcoole. A replica of the ambulance will be on display in front of the Priest's house. A representative from Air Ambulance will attend, as will the 1st person



Noreen Bradley, Muinefliuch N.S., with her family, receives a cheque at the National finals of the National Credit Union Art Competition. It is presented by Marty Whelan and the National Credit Union chairman.

to use the ambulance, a native of Kilcorney, and also a lady from Ballyvourney who used it recently. They will be relating their experiences. Music will be provided by Michelle Murphy (back by popular demand); not sure if Seanie is claiming to be related, no doubt all will be revealed!!!!

An t-Athair Peadar: 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 to book a seat on the bus contact Cait Ring on 0868736614. The commemoration on 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 6pm Mass on Saturday evening in Carriganima, Monsignor O'Donnell, Macroom, will unveil a commemorative plaque, and the concelebrated Mass will be bilingual. After Mass, there will be a launch of a special publication--'Ár Sceal Féin'. 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.

Macroom and District Lions Club: They are holding a **Meet the Clubs Day** on this Sat. Feb. 29th from 12noon to 4 pm in the Leisure Complex, Macroom. All are free. They would like the people of Macroom and the wider area to know what clubs are available in their area to participate or volunteer; for all ages. One can contact any member or e-mail macroomlionsclub@gmail.com for more info. Your support for this event is important. The Lions Club is well known for their financial support to clubs over the years. So please call to the Complex

on the 29th to see what Clubs are in the locality and to find out more about what's on offer from them.

Citizens' Information Outreach Coachford 2020: the South Munster Citizens Information Service will be available at Coachford Post Office on Friday 13th March, 9.30 a.m. - to 2 p.m. Staff from Macroom Citizens Information Centre will be available to provide information and advice on a range of topics. Its work also includes a representational advocacy service to people who feel that they have been denied their rights and entitlements. Anybody interested in the service can drop-in to Coachford Post Office on Friday. No appointment is necessary. The service is free, confidential and independent. Contact number for Macroom Citizens Information Centre is 0761 07 8430 and its e-mail is macroom.cic@citinfo.ie

Kilmurry Accounts



Kilmurry GAA Presentation to Noel O'Dowd



Kilmurry GAA Presentation to Michael John O'Mahony




Kilmurry GAA Presentation to Jim Murphy

Kilmurry HAA: Kilmurry Historical and Archaeological Association Ltd. AGM took place on Wednesday 6th February at Independence Museum Kilmurry. There was an atmosphere of pride and achievement within the room. Members recorded the various activities and lectures of the past year. The lecture series has continued to grow with increased audiences. The second annual Terence McSwiney Week-end took place in October 2019: the week-end was well attended and the Saturday lectures were of the highest standard. The AGM audience was bursting with accomplishment into which


has seen the debt of the organization reducing massively in last two years. RTE news filmed at Independence Museum Kilmurry for the launch of the Irish State Commemorations for 1920. Nationwide, another RTE programme, filmed in early January at the Museum. The programmes will be screened in 2020.

'Kilmichael Ambush' Lecture: On March 6th The KHAA will host Anne Bradley's lecture at 8 p.m. in the Independence Museum. All are welcome and the charges will be the usual.

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Coachford Calling



Coachford U19s, Cork League Cup Champions



Coachford Captain, Adam Murphy with Cork U19 League trophy



Coachford AFC's Thady Delaney presents Lotto winner Tadhg Bradley with his €5,400 cheque.

Coachford U19s - Cork League Cup Champions: Coachford U19s defeated Cobh Wanderers 2-0 to capture the Cork Youth League Cup. The game, played in a windswept and wet Carrigaline astro turf pitch on Wednesday night was a terrific game of football. Battling the elements, both teams spared nothing in the first 20 minutes with wave after wave of attacking football from Cobh and Coachford. Once the game settled down, it was Coachford who appeared to be the better side although they were playing against a strong wind.

Probing attacks from Tom Griffin, Cialan O'Sullivan, Jack Murphy and Man of the Match, Luke Casey were creating havoc for the Cobh defence, while at the other end Coachford's wall of defenders made up of Padraic O'Sullivan, Jack Oldham, Mark Murphy and Emmet Aherne dealt comfortably and confidently with everything that was thrown at them and if anything did happen to get through, then Coachford's number 1, Tadhg Bradley was there to save, collect and calm things down.

Midfield had a huge bearing in this game and Captain Adam Murphy and Josh Martin were brilliant in the middle of the park. The amount of attacks by Cobh that these two boys and their wingers turned into raids into the heart of the Cobh defence all night can hardly be counted.

Half time came and it was the Coachford fans who were happier considering that it was scoreless and the boys had survived against an extremely strong wind.

The coaches Paddy Martin, Ronnie Ahern and Martin Geaney sent the boys out for the second half with the sole purpose of using the wind and attacking Cobh from all sides, and it worked. Just 3 minutes into the second half, following some great work near the corner flag by Luke and Cialan, Luke crossed a dangerous ball in to the Cobh box, using the wind to carry it across the goalmouth where Josh Martin popped up at the far post to tap it home and send the large contingent of Coachford supporters into rapture. The next 35 or so minutes saw Coachford going close on a number of occasions lead but the woodwork and swirling wind as well as the Cobh defence was happy to deny the Coachford lads. The second half also saw our back 4 having to work hard to keep the now chasing Cobh side from equalising. Mark O'Connell and Reece O'Sullivan were introduced to add some fresh legs and pace to Coachford for the last 10 minutes and it worked. Mark helped to shore up midfield and Reece injected some blistering pace down the wing and it was at the end of one of these runs that the ball was played into the path of the always busy Jack Murphy who fired it home with only 4 minutes left on the clock to seal the victory and to ensure that Coachford's first trophy of the 2019/20 season was won in February. Well Done boys, a great victory and a tremendous team performance.

Coachford AFC - Team of the month. The Cork AUL has awarded Coachford AFC Premier team their team of the month award for January. The team won their four games in January in league and cup competitions, culminating in their fantastic 3-0 win over Cashel United in the 4th round of the FAI Munster Junior Cup. In presenting the award to Coachford, Cork AUL representative, Henry Healy said "Coachford have been outstanding in league and cup games this year and they have started their 51st year with a vigour and enthusiasm that will be hard to play against. I wish them all the best for the rest of the season and I see no reason why we might not be returning here again before the season's end."

Community Council presentation to Stephanie Cotter: The Aghabullogue Coachford Rylane (ACR) Community Council made a presentation to Coachford athlete, Stephanie Cotter, to mark her recent achievements on track & field. ACR council chairperson Mairghread Ní Mhúrchu Buachalla outlined the West Muskerry and Adams State University athlete's roll of honour for 2019 which included her bronze individual medal and silver team medal at the 2019 U23 European Cross country championships in Lisbon and spoke of how proud the parish is of her and how important it is to honour special achievements like Stephanie's. "We are all made aware of the negative aspects of our community from time to time but it is so important that we celebrate the positive aspects that are happening all over our parish".

ACR & West Muskerry Athletics member, Jerh O Sullivan gave a brief rundown of Stephanie's achievements since she first starting running and there have been many!

Olympic Gold Medalist, Olive Loughnane also attended and it was great to see the two medal winners and high achievers discussing training regimes and the highs and lows of being top class athletes.

Stephanie thanked the Community Council for the award and said "being appreciated at home means an awful lot to me. It's always nice to come home and to be honoured, and having your achievements recognised by the community where I grew up make it all the more special."

Lotto Jackpot Winner: Congratulations to Tadhg Bradley whose numbers came up on the Coachford AFC weekly lottery. Tadhg won a massive €5,400 and he was absolutely thrilled with the win. "I've won a couple of lucky dips in the past but this win is fantastic. I'm not sure yet what I'm going to do with it but a car and insurance might be on the horizon".

Coachford Road Closure in March: Planned resurfacing for the 1Km of road from just east of O'Donovan Engineering to Cooney's service station is due to take place from March 9th to March 16th. The road will be closed during this time and traffic will be diverted along the Drohideen (road between Ambush Cross and Rooves Bridge). This resurfacing is very welcome but the disruption to businesses again along the road closure route could have been avoided if Cork County Council had completed the resurfacing on this stretch of road last year.

Coachford Community Text Alert: A Community Text Alert meeting was held in Coachford recently. Community Alert is a community safety programme for rural areas. It operates as a partnership between the community, An Garda Síochána and Muintir na Tíre. Its aim is to reduce opportunities for crimes to occur. A strong and active Community Alert system benefits everyone and the more people involved the safer our community will be. Any new members wishing to register for text alerts can sign up in Cooney's Filling Station. Membership for the year is only €10.

Coachford Players Celebrate: Coachford Players' drama group held its annual end-of-season celebration in Paddy Mac's Bar, Coachford. The theme of this year's event was 'Heroes' and 'Villains' and the group members dressed as one or the other. There seemed to be more Villains than Heroes but all had great craic on the night. The group celebrated a great year on the stage culminating in the fantastic production of 'Out of Order' in December. The drama group is now in the middle of rehearsals for their one act plays in May.



The poster features a green background with a pattern of shamrocks and a central circular logo. The text is arranged in a clear, hierarchical manner, with the event title in large, bold letters and the date and time in a smaller font. A photograph of a parade float is included on the right side.

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Saturday March 7th
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The bottom section of the poster features a photograph of a parade float with a large leprechaun hat on top. The float is decorated with many small figures and is moving down a city street.

Dromleigh N.S. Notes

Dromleigh N.S. Languages Connect Post-Primary Languages Initiative.

Dromleigh N.S. is proud to have been selected to participate in the Languages Connect Post-Primary Languages Initiative. This scheme enables chosen schools to purchase library books in a range of languages for use within the community. Dromleigh N.S. has a stock of early years' books, games and children's novels free to borrow in French, German, Latvian, Slovakian, Hungarian and Polish. This is a wonderful opportunity for native speakers or those just beginning to learn a language to access a range of educational materials. Contact the school at 026-46212, Dromleigh N.S.,

Rowing at The National Rowing Centre, Farran Wood Skipping: The boys and girls of 5th and 6th class really enjoyed their rowing course at The National Rowing Centre and are now looking forward to the Rowing Blitz which will be held in April. All pupils enjoyed a day's skipping workshop given by Mark McCabe of SKIPn ROPE.

Vet Visits: The school had a recent visit from past pupil Niamh Casey who is a Veterinary Surgeon. She gave a very informative talk about her life as a vet.

She was accompanied by her aunt Gobnait and rescue dog Bonny who was a big hit with everybody.

Scór: Congratulations to the children who put in such a great performance at the Muskerry semi-final of

Scór na bPáistí in Inchigeela. Pupils participated in instrumental music, singing, dancing and quiz.

Some of the participants are now looking forward to the Muskerry Final at Ovens.

Quiz: Two teams from Dromleigh N.S. took part in Macroom Credit Union Annual Quiz and as usual did the school proud.

Enrolment: The school is now accepting applications for enrolment for September 2020 and following years.

Enrolment forms from the school at 026 46212 or visit our website www.dromleighns.ie. You can also follow us on Facebook info@dromleighns.ie or follow us on Facebook if you wish to join the library scheme.

Leabharlann Bhaile Mhúirne

Over the next few weeks there are some interesting events due in Leabharlann Bhaile Bhúirne.

Time of Opening Hours: The first and most significant is that for the first time in a long number of years there is going to be a slight change in our opening hours. **From the week beginning 9th March the library will no longer open on Thursdays.** But don't worry, we're just changing the day for our late evening opening; instead of Thursdays we will now be open from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. every Wednesday. There is no change to the other opening days and times as you will see below.

Take A Closer Look: February 29th is National Library Open Day and you are invited to Take A Closer Look at your local library. Please call in, there will be board games and colouring available for children and you can see how library membership allows you to borrow from 12 million items; choose from box set options, eBooks, audiobooks, eMagazines and eNewspapers or free online learning and language classes.

Seachtain na Gaeilge: Ansin bainteach le Seachtain na Gaeilge, tabharfaidh Seán Ó Muimhneacháin agus Seosamh Ó Críodáin cuairt ar Leabharlann Bhaile Bhúirne ar Dé hAoine 6ú Márta ag 11.00 r.n. Beidh ceol, comhrá agus craic ann agus tá fáilte roimh chách. Beidh an ócáid seo saor in aisce.

Women's Health Talk: Also on 6th March at 2.30 p.m. and in association with Healthy Ireland at Your Library, Eileen O'Riordan, Community Information Nurse with The Marie Keating Foundation, will give a talk on Women's Health. This is a great opportunity for all the ladies to take some personal time to improve their health and well-being. I look forward to seeing you there.

Our regular groups, **i.e. Knitting & Craft, Book Club and Ciorcal Cainte**, continue to meet in the Library.

New members would be very welcome. All the events and library groups are open to everyone and are free of charge. There is no obligation to attend every meeting, you can come and join in anytime. If after

attending a group you find it's not for you there is no pressure to return although you would be most welcome.

Athrú amanna oscailte Leabharlann Bhaile Bhúirne - Tá ár gcuid amanna oscailte ag athrú. Uaireanta nua ag tosnú Dé Máirt 10ú Márta 2020. Ballyvourney Library – Our hours are changing. New hours commence on Tuesday 10th March.

Leabharlann Bhaile Bhúirne

National Library Open Day: 29th Feb. 10am to 1pm

Knitting & Craft Group: Every Tuesday at 11am,

Library Book Club: 3rd March 10.30 am

Labhair Linn sa Leabharlann 6th & 20th March at 10.30 a.m.

Seachtain na Gaeilge event with Seán Ó Muimhneacháin agus Seosamh Ó Críodáin 6ú Márta 11 r.n

Healthy Ireland at Your Library Women's Health Talk 6th March at 2.30 p.m.

Dé Máirt (Tuesday) : 10.00am - 1.00pm & 2.00 - 6.00pm (Dúnta / Closed 1.00 - 2.00pm)

Dé Céadaoin (Wednesday) : 2.00 - 7.00pm

Deardaoin (Thursday) : DÚNTA - CLOSED

Dé hAoine (Friday) : 10.00am - 1.00pm & 2.00 - 6.00pm (Dúnta / Closed 1.00 - 2.00pm)

Dé Sathairn (Saturday): 10.00am - 1.00pm

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Eolas : 026 45767 nó leabharlannbhailebhuirne@corkcoco.ie

Dripsey Doings

The Annual Dripsey Ambush Memorial Parade is on Sunday March 01 2020, starting in Dripsey Cross at 3 p.m. Next year 2021 is a very special year as it is the Centenary Anniversary of the Ambush in 1921. The Dripsey Ambush Memorial Committee is working hard to make this a very special occasion. With the help of Cork county Council and a recent very successful Table Quiz

at the Weigh Inn Dripsey, the committee continues to fund raise to refurbish the Monument and Site. We thank to all the volunteers and those who supported the Table Quiz last week, and especially Helen and Kevin Feeney at the Weigh Inn Pub.

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History

Hurling in Macroom in the Twentieth Century: Some Background and Details

*'It (the GAA) not only revived the Irishman's local pride in his county but his national pride in his country.'*¹

The Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA) was founded in 1884 in a welter of nationalistic fever and hope.² It is, and has been almost since its inception, not only Ireland's biggest sporting organization but also more than that.³ From the outset it set itself the task of reviving Ireland's heritage and nationhood. Gaelic football and hurling are easily its major games while it also regulates handball and rounders. Sister games are camogie and Ladies Gaelic football. By including hurling, both Irish and ancient, the GAA became more than a 'mere sporting body'.⁴ Rouse notes that if Gaelic football was 'invented' by Maurice Davin, hurling was more ancient.⁵ This section examines the history of hurling in Macroom in particular, and why hurling, the GAA's second most popular game, has played but a minor role in the history of the club. Many other clubs excel in both hurling and football.⁶ The 'claim' to its lone Mid-Cork junior hurling title in 1937 is dubious and is not listed in O'Brien's Macroom GAA Club History 1886-1987 Roll of Honour.⁷ As Junior B winners Macroom played and beat Aghabullogue, Junior A official victors, in a replay, in some sort of challenge.⁸

Many civilisations developed 'stick and ball' games and native North Americans played a predecessor of lacrosse. 'In Ireland written records suggest hurling... was played from 1200 BC, a key component in the male journey to adulthood that prepared them to be warriors'.⁹ It became part of Celtic mythology, a concept later exploited by Cusack, the visionary co-founder of the GAA. Kelly's *Sport in Ireland 1600-1840* devotes thirty-one pages to hurling, giving wonderful details. He mapped where hurling 1700-1800 was principally played – in Kilkenny, Tipperary (and south Galway).¹⁰ Hurling was a regional and not national. To complicate matters further there was winter/ground

hurling (camán, commons, shinty), played in Ulster and summer/catching (iomán or báire) hurling which was played in the Munster/Leinster.¹¹ Present day hurling derives from the latter. Seven Munster-Leinster matches took place between 1748-1773, and about 10,000, including Hartington, 'the lord lieutenant' (sic), attended a Dublin-Kildare match in 1755.¹² Kelly later references governmental banning, the antagonism of some clergy – more deferred to in the early eighteenth century – , increasing sectarianism and loss of patronage as some of the probable causes of the loss of hurling's popularity and status pre-Famine.¹³ To understand the 'geography' of hurling both Kelly and Whelan provide explanations.¹⁴ In 'hurling' maps Macroom barely squeezes into the areas contiguous to the core hurling areas in the eighteenth century. Whelan associates the area of the ash/fertile land with hurling and the rush/rougher land with football.¹⁵ The land west of Macroom is generally poor while to the east it is mostly fertile where hurling has thrived in parishes/clubs like Aghabullogue, Cloughduv and Éire Óg since the 1880s.¹⁶ Large flat fields facilitate hurling and were less common in western areas.¹⁷ An absence of seventeenth/eighteenth century local landlord patronage is another factor. The opposition of landlord, priest and magistrate and the impact of the Great Irish Famine almost wiped out hurling in the nineteenth century.¹⁸

¹ F.S.L. Lyons, *Ireland Since the Famine* (Suffolk 1971), p. 227

² Paul Rouse, *Sport & Ireland A History* (Oxford 2015), p. 162

³ T.F. O'Sullivan, *Story of the GAA* (1916), p. 1.

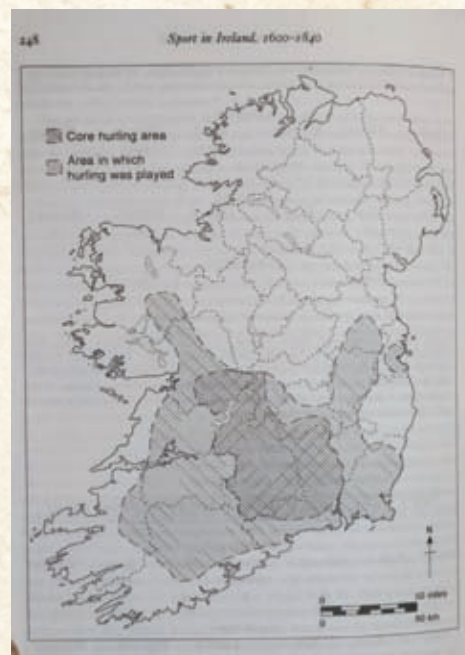
⁴ Paul Rouse, *Sport & Ireland A History* (Oxford 2015), p. 170.

⁵ Ibid. p. 170.

⁶ Locally Aghabullogue, Ballincollig, Éire Óg, Aghabullogue, Cloughduv/Canovee, Newcestown and Millstreet operate hurling and Gaelic football successfully in tandem.

Millstreet is to the west and the other clubs are to the east

⁷ Barry O'Brien, *Macroom*



Map of Hurling areas 1700-1800 (James Kelly's *Sport in Ireland 1600-1840*)

GAA Club History 1886-1987 (Midleton 1987), pp. 13-14.

⁸ Muskerry GAA Board, *A Celebration of Gaelic Games in Muskerry*, (Cork, 2013), Appendix 4, ix.

⁹ Mike Cronin, *Sport A Very Short Introduction* (Oxford 2014), p. 6, and T.S.C. Dagg, *Hockey in Ireland* (Tralee, 1944), pp. 13-49 where he gives a very good description of the origins of hurling, hurley and hockey and their overlap.

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¹¹ Kevin Whelan, 'The geography of hurling' in *History Ireland*, vol. 1, no. 1 (spring 1993), p., 27.

¹² Kelly, *Sport in Ireland*, pp. 252, 255.

¹³ Ibid. 266, 267

¹⁴ Ibid. pp. 246-257, and Whelan, 'The geography of hurling', pp. 27-31.

¹⁵ Whelan, 'The geography of hurling', p. 31.

¹⁶ Deirdre Galvin, Macroom Teagasc Office, January 2019.

¹⁷ Proinsias Breatnach, 'The geography of hurling'



Macroom U-14s/School Shield team, 1967.



Macroom Junior B Hurlers 1965.



Cumann Beachadóirí Mhúscraí

Múscraí Beekeepers Club

A series of 4 beekeeping classes will commence on Thursday 12th March 2020 at 7:30pm in the Ionad Lae, Ballymakeera.

The fee for current members will bee €30, and €20 for beginners in their first year in the club.

Tá sraith do 4 rang bheachadóireachta ag tosnú ar an Déardaoin an 12ú Márta 2020 ar a 7:30in san Ionad Lae i mBaile Mhic Íre.

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12.03.20 Registration & Introduction to Beekeeping - Garrett Dempsey

19.03.20 Traditional Beekeeping and the native black bee - Peadar Ó Riada

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02.04.20 Bee Health and Disease Management – Dr. Pádraig Whelan

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If you feel you might be interested come and join us you don't even need to own a bees to become a beekeeper! We have have a training Apiary in Ballymakeera. Everyone welcome – new and current members.

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letter, *History Ireland*, vol. 1 no. 2 (summer 1993), p. 8.
¹⁸ Whelan, 'The geography of hurling', p. 28.

The Great Irish Famine 1845-52 caused about one million extra deaths and forced about another million to emigrate. ¹⁹ Ireland's population shrank from 8.2 to 5.8 million 1841 - 1861. De Búrca noted the enormous social dislocation and how 'the game (hurling) was severely disrupted'. ²⁰

Macroon GAA Club was founded in May 1885, within six months of the GAA's birth. ²¹ Its first match was a hurling contest. The *Cork Examiner* (CE) 19 July 1886 recorded that Macroon played Cork Nationals 'a few weeks ago'. ²² The game was not completed due to serious injuries to Macroon players. ²³ The game seemingly deflated Macroon hurling interest to the extent that hurling's next mention was a Macroon-Green Nationals (Cork) match in 1901, in Denis Leahy's field. Daniel Corkery, later an Irish Republican Army leader and Fianna Fáil TD, played that day. ²⁴ Macroon won four senior county football titles from 1909 to 1913. ²⁵ Periodically junior and underage teams played hurling. ^{26 & 27} Rangers beat Macroon in a minor match in April 1918. ²⁸ A Macroon battalion team lost to Midleton in September 1923 four months after the Civil War ended but this was a Free State army side and many of the players' surnames are unfamiliar to Macroon. ²⁹ The *Evening Echo* noted that 'Hurling (minor) is going on apace in Macroon town'. ³⁰ Crookstown hosted a Macroon-Ballincollig tie the following March (1928).

Macroon football's second 'golden era' lasted from 1926 to 1935 when it won four senior county championships. Despite this hurling also featured and Macroon won its only Mid-Cork junior title in 1937 under the influence of Brother Benignus Cuddihy. Before that there were some good performances. In 1931 Macroon juniors beat Cloughduv 6-2 to nil. Later the hurlers unluckily lost to Éire Óg in championship with Denis 'Mutt' O'Brien and Matty Callaghan playing well. A School Shield team lost a county semi-final to Ballincollig in 1932. ³¹ 1937 was Macroon hurlers' year of glory. Br. Benignus trained the 1937 team. Although the newspapers reports are ambiguous, the hurlers initially competed in the Junior B championship and accounted for Éire Óg (5-3 to 4-3), Inniscarra and Blarney (5-6 to 3-1) in the final. ³² In a replayed junior final (presumably A) Macroon overcame Aghabullogue by 5-6 to 3-1 and the *Southern Star's* Macroon Notes recorded that the team had 'brought a series of splendid triumphs to a glorious climax'. ³³ The team lost heavily in championship to Aghabullogue

the following year and to Shournagh Valley in 1939. ³⁴

Macroon juniors were beaten in 1940 and failed to field against Ballincollig in 1941. ³⁵ Rare bright spots in the 1940s were a 4-1 to 0-0 defeat of Cloughduv in a challenge match in 1945 and the 1946 selection of Ted Cronin (Mid Square) and St. Colman's, Fermoy, for Cork minor hurlers against Clare, a rare Macropian achievement. ^{36 & 37} After a game against Canovee (1948), a press report noted an 'interest that prevailed' about hurling. But that was not borne out as there was little club hurling activity in the following decade. ³⁸ Hurling is next referenced in O'Brien's book in 1965 when Macroon beat Aghabullogue but lost to Cloughduv in the Junior B championship. ³⁹ Blarney easily accounted - 5-1 to 1-3 - for Macroon in the same grade the following year. ⁴⁰ In 1967 Macroon U-14s, St. Colman's - one of two Macroon teams - won a hurling competition for teams from 'weaker' areas. Those teams never played again. Thereafter it was local schools, De La Salle and McEgan, who kept the hurling flag flying with the former winning a 'Special Competition' in 1975 and the latter reached some county Vocational Schools' underage finals. ⁴¹ Most players were drawn from traditional hurling clubs like Aghabullogue, Cloughduv and Éire Óg rather than the town. Danny O'Donoghue won an All-Ireland Vocational medal with Cork in 1970 and played hurling in Croke Park, a rare if not a unique achievement for a Macropian. ⁴²

¹⁹ Helen Litton, *The Irish Famine: An Illustrated History* (Dublin, 1994), pp. 7-8: Censuses of Ireland 1841, 1861.

²⁰ Marcus De Búrca, *The GAA: A History* (2nd edn) (Dublin, 1999), p. 3.

²¹ *Cork Examiner*, 22 May 1885.

²² *Ibid.* 19 July 1886.

²³ O'Brien, *Macroon GAA Club History*, p. 15.

²⁴ *Southern Star*, 3 August 1901.

²⁵ O'Brien, *Macroon GAA Club History*, p. 13.

²⁶ *Southern Star*, 2 August 1913.

²⁷ *Cork Examiner*, 21 October 1925.

²⁸ *Ibid.* 22 April 1918.

²⁹ *Ibid.* 21 September 1923.

³⁰ *Evening Echo*, 20 March 1926.

³¹ *Cork Examiner*, 7 November 1932.

³² *Southern Star*, 7 August 1937 and 18 September 1937 and *Evening Echo*, 4 October 1937.

³³ *Southern Star*, 27 November 1937.

³⁴ *Southern Star*, 21 June 1941.

³⁵ O'Brien, *Macroon GAA Club History*, p. 270.

³⁶ O'Brien, *Macroon GAA Club History*, p. 270.
³⁷ Saint Colman's College, Fermoy was Cloyne diocese's junior seminary, a boarding school and had many pupils from Macroon. Dr Croke, one of

the first patrons of the GAA was a president. Hurling was the predominant game in St. Colman's. Thomas McDonagh, 1916 Rising Proclamation signatory taught in the school.

³⁸ O'Brien, *Macroon GAA Club History*, p. 277.

³⁹ *Ibid.* pp. 470-471.

⁴⁰ *Ibid.* p. 481.

Macroon re-entered a Junior B team in 1990 but were beaten by Clondrohid. ⁴³ Players such as John O'Mahony and Declan Kelly from 'hurling' areas provided the spark to form a team. In 1992 Macroon won a special Junior B competition. ⁴⁴ The following year Macroon won its first hurling championship since 1937, a Junior B title. McEgan College won a schools title in '93. ⁴⁵ Macroon competed at Junior A in 1993 but struggled; Ballinora easily beat them in championship. After a torrid year Macroon re-graded to Junior B in 1995 and continued at that level until 2000. Gerry Gray, Denis Keating and Gerry Hall, from hurling heartlands, strengthened the team.

Conclusion:

Due to strong nationalist sentiment, Macroon GAA club was formed within six months of the GAA's founding. Macroon was not a traditional hurling area probably due to geography, dictating that football dominated. Serious injuries in the first match dampened enthusiasm and early football success - a first county senior appearance in 1889 and eight senior football titles won from 1909 to 1935 - reinforced a concentration on football. Town new-comers such as Br. Benignus Cuddihy and John O'Mahony periodically re-invigorated hurling. Macroon boys attending St. Colman's had little effect on the popularity of hurling in Macroon. ³⁴ The two Macroon boys' secondary schools were GAA schools, but football again dominated. Periodic GAA initiatives to revive hurling in 'weaker' areas had a limited impact. Cork's inter-county success was positive. Neither newspaper, radio or television coverage increased the playing of hurling in the town. This explains why hurling played a secondary role in Macroon in the twentieth century.

Addendum:

Some other notable hurlers associated with Macroon. Seán Ó Síochain, Cill na Martra, played hurling and football for Macroon, and football for Cork and Dublin. He later became Secretary-General of the GAA. As well as being a household name for his ballad singing due to his radio performances he also sang with the Dublin Grand Opera Society.

The recently deceased Eddie Downey, Mashanaglash was an accomplished hurler, and played with



Trinity College Hurley team, 1880.



Michael Cusack, co-founder of the GAA in a rugby team in 1888.

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A sketch of Hurling 1805. (The GAA A People's History).

Aghabullogue and Muskerry. The late Mick Goold won a Harty Cup (Munster A Colleges') medal with St. Colman's, Fermoy in 1948 with Canon Bertie Troy, Fr Abernathy, both deceased, and Monsignor O'Donnell as team-mates. J.J. Hinchion (deceased) was a fine hurler and played with Aghabullogue. Frankie Twomey, Coachford and Macroom excelled at hurling and soccer and Noel, his son, was a good hurler as well being a top-class footballer.

Macroom had a Junior B team in 1965 and Hugo Casey, captain of the 1962 senior county-winning side was a member. Other footballers who played were Mickie Dunne, Jimmy Deasy, Dónal Lucey and Cathal (Charlie) Buckley, Well House. Charlie later became Chairman of the Munster Branch of the IRFU (rugby). Jim Morris was also a team member.

Seán Noonan, a delightful hurler, Aghabullogue, played football with Macroom and went on to win many Junior A Mid-Cork hurling titles with his home club. He was a loyal and faithful servant over many years. When playing with Macroom, he played championship football against Muskerry.

John Allen, Aghabullogue, played minor football for Macroom and Cork, minor hurling for Cork, and U-21

and senior hurling for St Finbarr's and Cork. He won senior All-Ireland medals with Cork in 1977 and 1978. Later he managed Cork to a second consecutive All-Ireland in 2004. After he managed Limerick, wrote for The Irish Times and was a hurling commentator on TG4.

Brendan Kenneally, long-time doyen of Macroom GAA Club, won a Fitzgibbon (inter-varsity hurling) medal with UCC. He played and won two senior hurling county medals

with St Finbarr's, and also contested a final with Muskerry. Having moved to Macroom he played with Aghabullogue and was a major figure in the club's success and progress.

41 *Evening Echo*, 15 April 1975, 18 June 1975.

48 Check.

49 *Southern Star*, 14 September 1991.

43 *Ibid.* 26 September 1992.

44 *Ibid.* 26 September 1992.

45 *Cork Examiner*, 1 June 1993.

Liam Quinlan also shared in many of those Aghabullogue victories and he too has many Muskerry Junior medals. In his time, Éire Óg was the main opposition and Mick Malone its star. Liam and Mick had many tough battles and Liam's success or otherwise had a big bearing on the result.

Aghabullogue won many minor Mid-Cork titles in the late 1960s and early 1970 seventies, and three in 1968, 1969 and 1970. Because of the St. Colman's College, Fermoy link Macroom was well represented on those teams with players like Dominic Cashman, John P. Murphy, New Street, Ted Coakley, Gus and

Con Kelleher. Together with Liam Quinlan and Danny O'Donoghue, they were part of successful teams. As mentioned above, Danny has an All-Ireland Vocational Schools' medal.

Darren Kelly, playing with Cloughduv, was a Cork minor hurler. He now plays with Iveleary and trains Laochra Óg under-age teams. One of his protégés, Brian Healy, Clonfadda, plays for Macroom and Laochra Óg and has been on successful Cork U-16 teams.

The talent is there – it just needs an outlet.

Appendices

1. The first Macroom GAA representative team: J Murphy (Capt.), Linehan, O'Neill, James Murphy, M Gleeson, Doherty, Pat Looney, D McCarthy, Creedon, John M Murphy, D Kelleher, J Duggan, J O'Shea, Kelly, Joseph Murphy and Lynch. (O'Brien, *Macroom GAA Club*, p. 15).

2. Macroom 1937: ? Mid-Cork Junior Champions: Con Cronin, Paddy McSweeney, Josie Downey, Frank Healy, Denis T. O'Callaghan, Tommy Browne, Jack Warren, John Ahern, Cal O'Callaghan, Joseph Corcoran, J. Deasy, J. Clancy, T. Murphy, Denis O'Callaghan, J O'Mahony and Tony Barrett. (O'Brien, *Macroom GAA Club* p. 210).

3. John Allen and selectors 2004 (Internet).



Con Kelleher

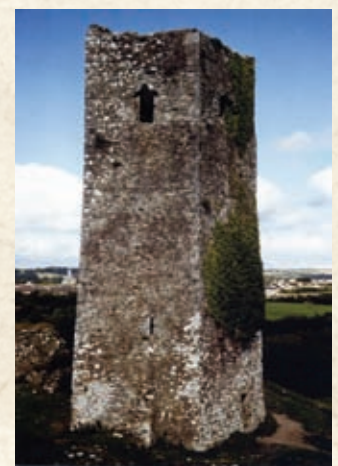
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Berrings NS players, supporters celebrate their win in the Allianz Indoor Hurling League final, (Mike English).



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Macroom GAA Club



Macroom Premier Intermediate Footballers who drew with Glanworth in League Division 3 played in the Castle Grounds.

County Division Three Football League

Macroom 2-07 – Glanworth 0-13.

Premier Intermediates: Macroom played their second league of the season on Saturday night last in the Castle Grounds under lights. The pitch was in good condition despite all the rain over the past couple of weeks. Macroom started brightly and Pa Lucey scored two points in the first ten minutes. Dylan Twomey who had a fine game added another point to leave Macroom ahead by 0-3. Glanworth converted two frees and Macroom responded with points from Tony Dinneen and Sean Kiely. Glanworth had now got a grip on the game and when a goal seemed certain Brendan O'Connell made a great save. Glanworth kept pressing and scored two more points to leave the sides level with half time approaching. But a great move which started in the Macroom backline saw Tony Dineen finishing the ball to the net leaving the half-time score Macroom 1-05, Glanworth 0-05. Macroom started the second in fine fashion but some poor shooting cost them dearly before Dylan Twomey netted, after a great move, in the sixth minute to leave them five points ahead. Macroom lost their composure for the remainder of the second half and Glanworth

scored seven points to Macroom's two – both scored by Dylan Twomey, and they levelled the game. Macroom:- Brendan O'Connell, John Murphy, Blake O'Gorman, Jack Kelleher, Mark Corrigan, Tony Dinneen (1-01), Killian O'Donovan, Celeb Dinneen, David Horgan, Eolan O'Leary, Don Creedon, Sean Kiely(1) Conor O'Sullivan, Pa Lucey (2), Dylan Twomey (1-03). Subs Used: Jack O'Riordan and David Cotter.

Juveniles: The weather has been a poor friend this week and led to the cancellation of Macroom U-16s' match against Dromtariffe on Monday night and the minors' game against Clondrohid on Friday. However playing and training activity did resume and teams and panels did well.

Games: U-16s: They played their first match in TCP v. Dromtariffe, deferred from Mon. Macroom had fifteen players for the challenge game. Macroom did well initially but spurned some chances. In a sporting game there were many positives and much on which to work. Macroom won 6-9 to 3-8. Team: Jonah Dervin; Rowan Mullane, Ben Herlihy, Liam McSweeney; Oisín O'Sullivan, Robert Lucey, Dylan Wenger; Liam Holland, Brian Healy; Dylan Molyneux, Mark Hunt, James Slattery; Conor Coleman, Ronan Morey and Rian Coughlan.

U-14s: Macroom U-14s played their first



Macroom Juvenile Tráth na gCeist team who qualified for the Muskerry Finals. L. > R.: David Munro, Charlie McGee, Odhran Creed and Michael Dunne.

challenge game on Sat. 22nd against Douglas in TCP. There was a good turn-out of 27 players, with everyone getting a good run. Some excellent football was played by the Macroom lads both in defence and attack, and they kicked some excellent points. It was a great work out for the first outing of the year.

U-12s: They had thirty training on Sat. morning.

This week and beyond:

Tues. 26th: Foundation Training in Pavilion, 6-10p.m. Night 1.

Sat. 29th: Div. 1 L. U-14s, Inniscarra v. Macroom at 4 p.m. in Ballyanley. Sun. 1st Mar; P2, U-13s, Clonakilty v. Macroom, at 3 p.m. in Clonakilty.

Sun. 1st Mar: Muskerry Scór Finals; Macroom is in Tráth na gCeist/Quiz final, Ovens at 7 p.m.

Mon. 2nd March: U-16 Blitz (non-exam): against Blarney, Canovee and Duarigle; starts at 7 p.m., under lights. Tues. 3rd March: Foundation Training in Pavilion, 6-10 p.m., Night 2. Fri. 13th March: Juvenile Quiz, Castle Hotel, at 8; teams of 4 are €40s. MC is Concubhair Murray. Proceeds will benefit boys' and girls' sections. There will be team and spot prizes galore.

Macroom Golf Club

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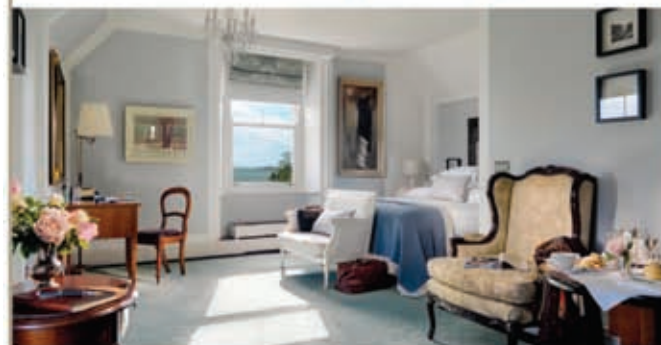
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Macroom FC

Inclement Weather: In recent weeks local football throughout Cork and beyond has pretty much stalled, thanks to the arrival of Storms Ciara and Dennis along with generally above average rainfall amounts. The terrible weather conditions have rendered pitches unplayable and will result in a large backlog of fixtures at all age groups. As time moves on and the continuous rain hopefully ceases, many games will need to be played on midweek dates as well as the normal weekends. So when April and May arrive with longer evenings, it can be expected that much more action will take place. If the answer does not lie with calendar-year football, surely a helpful solution would be a 'winter break' of some sort. This could be accommodated by starting

the season slightly earlier and finishing it slightly later. Currently what managers and club secretaries find most frustrating are the almost weekly cancellations during the winter time. This involves a lot of work in contacting opposition teams, referees, players and league delegates. It is regularly the case during bad weather that multiple fixtures on the same weekend need to be postponed. At least if a break for a couple of weeks was pencilled-in, everyone could plan their season accordingly. The result would be that more games would be taking place under more favourable weather and pitch conditions, which would certainly lead to improved standards and ensure a better experience for players, coaches and spectators. The main summer

months could still be taken off allowing for family holidays, other activities etc. **U11 Blitz:** The U-11 schoolgirls managed to get out and play at the Mayfield all weather surface last weekend. A large CWSSL blitz took place featuring almost 20 teams from around Cork. It was a very worthwhile morning of excellent football enjoyed by the large attendance of players and coaches. **Race Night:** Macroom FC will hold a fundraising Race Night on Easter Sunday April 12th, 9pm at Murray's Bar, Macroom. Horses costing €10 will shortly be on sale from club members and local outlets. All support is greatly appreciated and as always a superb night is guaranteed.



Julian Boylan, Sales Manager Kearys presenting a new van to the Cork minor hurling managers, Kevin O'Donovan, CEO/Secretary Cork County Board. Included are Jim O'Keeffe, Kevin Hourihan, Kearys/ Leaseplan, Pat Horgan, Development Officer Cork GAA, Aidan O'Connell, GAA High Performance Manager, Denis Murphy, driver, Cork minor hurling management, Dónal Óg Cusack, Tom Kenny and Seán Óg Ó h'Ailpín. (Mike English).



Cilla na Martra U21s defeated by Canovee in Mid Cork.



Macroom U-11 summer league winners' medal presentation



The boys team, Scoil Naomh Muire Farran in the Sciath na Scol, with teacher Colette.



Paddy O'Mahony led Berrings NS to victory in the Allianz Sciath na Scol Indoor Hurling League final at Na Piarasigh, (Mike English).



Chairman Dave Collins, presenting the Allianz Sciath na Scol Indoor Hurling League trophy to Paddy O'Mahony, captain Berrings NS., (Mike English)

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Mid Cork Championship Draws 2020

Junior A Football Championship

Round One:

A Ballincollig v Blarney
B Éire Óg v Grenagh
C Canovee v Aghinagh
D Clondrohid v Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh
E Cill na Martra v Kilmurry
F Inniscarra v Iveleary
G Kilmichael v Donoughmore

Round Two (Losers round): to be drawn after first round completed.

Junior B Football Championship

Round One:

A Dripsey v Gleann na Laoi
B Iveleary v Aghabullogue
C Macroom v Inniscarra
D Kilmurry v Aghinagh
E Ballincollig v Naomh Abán
F Ballinora v Canovee

Quarter Final:

1 Winner A v Winner F
2 Winner E v Winner D

Semi Final: Winner C v Winner 1: Winner B v Winner 2

Junior C Football Championship

Round One:

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

Quarter Final:

1 Clondrohid v Dripsey
2 Winner A v Blarney
3 Winner B v Éire Óg
4 Ballincollig v Naomh Abán

Semi Finals: 1 v 2, 3 v 4

Junior A Hurling Championship

Round One:

A Kilmichael v Blarney
B Éire Óg v Ballinora
C Donoughmore v Cloughduv
D Aghabullogue v Iveleary
E Inniscarra v Ballincollig

Round Two (Losers round): New draw after round one completed

Junior B Hurling Championship

Round One

A Donoughmore v Ballincollig

Round Two

1 Winner A v Inniscarra
2 Laochra Óg v Grenagh
3 Gleann na Laoi v Ballinora
4 Blarney v Éire Óg

Semi Finals: 1 v 2, 3 v 4

Macroom Motors Mid Cork U21 Football Championship 2020

The Macroom Motors Mid Cork U21 football championships are progressing despite the recent dreadful weather and the intention still is to have the three competitions, A, B and C, completed by mid March. Only the winners of each proceed on to their respective county championship.

A Championship – 4 teams - round robin

Round One:

A Éire Óg 1-10 Inniscarra 1-8: Ballincollig 0-10 Aghabullogue 0-9

Round Two:

Éire Óg 1-11 Aghabullogue 0-10: Ballincollig 2-12 Inniscarra 0-4

Round Three:

Ballincollig v Éire Óg, Aghabullogue v Inniscarra - not played

Final: Éire Óg v Ballincollig on Saturday March 7th

Éire Óg 1-11 Aghabullogue 0-10

Reigning champions Éire Óg are back into another final of the Macroom Motors Mid Cork U21 A football championship and their opponents will again be Ballincollig who had the satisfaction later last year of dumping their neighbours out of the county championship at the semi final stage. This year, the Mid Cork championship final is being played on a 'winner takes all basis', only the champions going on out into the county and the final promises to be a close affair. Because of this defeat, following on from an earlier loss to Ballincollig, Aghabullogue are out of contention, as are Inniscarra with two losses, and the final round in the round robin divisional competition is now of no consequence and so unnecessary. Aghabullogue will possibly consider themselves the unlucky team of the championship. They lost by the minimum to Ballincollig and even though short David Thompson and the injured

Paul Dilworth here, looked to have Éire Óg in trouble early in the second half when they came from a point behind at the interval to take a two point lead ten minutes into the second half. The pivotal moment in the game came at the three quarter stage when Aghabullogue lost the outstanding Conor Smith to an undisputed black card after pulling down Éire Óg's fellow Cork U20 teammate, the flying Jack Murphy, and just before Smith re-entered the fray ten minutes later, the pendulum in this always finely balance affair had swung in Éire Óg's favour when the only goal of the game from Joe Cooper gave them a major edge as the finishing line came in sight.

Conditions for this game under lights at Cloughduv were good and the teams served up a fine contest, not surprising considering that there were quality county players on both sides. Aghabullogue struck first with a point from Eoghan Maher but Éire Óg soon got into their stride and after Dylan Foley kicked an equaliser, they followed with points from Joe Cooper and Rian O'Flynn, the latter after a fine double save from Aghabullogue goalkeeper Daniel Lane. Éire Óg lost Colm O'Callaghan to a black card, Luke Casey, a fine leader of the Aghabullogue attack, struck a beautifully judged free kick into the wind over the Éire Óg bar in the 17th minute and Keelan O'Sullivan quickly pointed to level the scores at 0-3 each. Jack Murphy and Luke Casey exchanged points from frees as the winners were back at full strength and in the 24th minute Joe Cooper and Luke Casey each had fine scores from play to maintain equality, 0-5 each the score. Jack Murphy edged Éire Óg in front again in the 26th minute, Aghabullogue then kicked two bad wides before Dylan Foley doubled the Éire Óg advantage but on the call of half time Luke Casey pointed a free for Aghabullogue to leave his side only a point in arrears, 0-7 to 0-6 after a

very entertaining first half.

Aghabullogue moved Conor Smith to midfield for the second half and he, along with Paul Ring driving on from centre back, sent Aghabullogue on a blistering offensive. Smith pointed in the 33rd minute to bring his side level, Keelan O'Sullivan instantly put them in front and in the 37th minute Luke Casey kicked a magnificent point to open up a two point gap. Five minutes elapsed before Éire Óg got a point back from the boot of Matt Brady and then followed Smith dismissal, a major setback for Aghabullogue. Éire Óg drew level in the 52nd minute at 0-9 each through Hugh Murphy and three minutes later came the decisive goal. A kick out from the Aghabullogue goal was intercepted by Rian O'Flynn out on the right wing and he promptly fired over a centre to the unmarked Joe Cooper who drilled the ball to the net from close range. Smith returned to the fray, Luke Casey pointed a free to cut the deficit to two points but Jack Murphy restored the goal difference and his fellow Cork All Ireland U20 medal winner Colm O'Callaghan made victory secure with a point in time added.

Referee John Ryan and his experienced team of officials made a major contribution to a fine game and the two sets of players produced an outstanding sporting championship contest.

Scorers: Éire Óg: Joe Cooper 1-2, Jack Murphy 0-3 (0-2f), Dylan Foley 0-2, Rian O'Flynn, Matt Brady, Hugh Murphy, Colm O'Callaghan 0-1 each. Aghabullogue: Luke Casey 0-6 (0-4f), Keelan O'Sullivan 0-2, Eoghan Maher and Conor Smith 0-1 each.

Éire Óg: Adam O'Riordan: Shane Quigley, Seán O'Flynn, Conor McGoldrick: David Twomey, Colm O'Callaghan, Diarmuid Dineen: Jack Murphy, Matt Brady: Dylan Foley, Hugh Murphy, Rian O'Flynn: Jerome Kelleher, Joe Cooper, Mark Kelleher. Sub: Tommy Murphy 56. Aghabullogue: Daniel Lane: Killian Barry



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Referee: Mr John Ryan, Macroom

B Championship – 8 teams

Round One:

A Blarney 2-3 Naomh Abán 2-16
B Cill na Martra 2-11 Canovee 2-14
C Aghinagh 1-8 Kilmurry 4-16
D Ballinora 3-10 Grenagh 2-8

Round Two:

Blarney 1-6 Cill na Martra 1-13:
Grenagh 2-15 Aghinagh 3-12 draw

Quarter Finals: New draw between six winning teams – Naomh Abán, Canovee, Kilmurry, Ballinora, Cill na Martra and winners of Aghinagh v Grenagh.

A Ballinora

B Cill na Martra v Naomh Abán

C Kilmurry

D Aghinagh/Grenagh v Canovee

Semi Finals: A v B: C v D

Cill na Martra 1 – 13 Blarney 1 – 6

Cill na Martra, defeated by Kilmurry in the opening round, travelled to Blarney to take on the home side in the second round and reignited their championship challenge with a good win over the home side. Blarney had the opening score, a point, which was matched by an equaliser from Colm MacLochlainn for the visitors and in the 15th minute Cill na Martra hit the front with a goal from Trevor Ó hÉaluithe. Ciarán Ó Duinnín and Cian Ó Foirréidh had further points for the Gaeltacht side before a second Blarney point and Cristóir Ó Meachair added another, 1-4 to 0-2 after 25 minutes. Blarney had a third point, but in the minutes before half time Trevor Ó hÉaluithe had three points in a row for Cill na Martra, who led by 1-7 to 0-3 at the break.

On the restart, Trevor Ó hÉaluithe kicked another point but Blarney responded with

two points in a row, 1-8 to 0-5 the score after 39 minutes. Further points from Dean MacCarthaigh and Ciarán Ó Duinnín left Cill na Martra in a strong position at the three quarter stage but then Blarney struck for a very well taken goal to cut the gap to six points between the teams, 1-11 to 1-5 after 52 minutes. Trevor Ó hÉaluithe kicked another point, his sixth, Dean MacCarthaigh scored another and Cill na Martra deservedly took the honours and their place in the quarter final draw.

Scorers: Cill na Martra: Trevor Ó hÉaluithe 1-6 (0-1f), Dean MacCarthaigh 0-2, Ciarán Ó Duinnín 0-2, Colm MacLochlainn, Cian Ó Foirréidh, Cristóir Ó Meachair 0-1 each.

Cill na Martra: Timmy Ó Conaill: Aaron Ó hUidhir, Eoin Ó Céilleachair, Micheál Ó Cáthasaigh: Daithí Ó Céilleachair, Jack Ó hÉaluithe, Antóin Ó Loinsigh: Colm MacLochlainn, Cristóir Ó Meachair: Trevor Ó hÉaluithe, Cian Ó Foirréidh, Eoin Ó Conaill: Ciarán Ó Duinnín, Dean MacCarthaigh, Pádraig de Búrca. Sub: Antóin Ó Buachalla.

C Championship – 7 teams

Round One:

Iveleary 1-15 Kilmichael 1-6
Macroom 6-14 Éire Óg B 2-7
Clondrohid 0-15 Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh 2-5
Donoughmore 0-12 Blarney B 1-8

Round Two:

Kilmichael 4-8 Éire Óg B 3-7
Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh 4-11 Blarney B 1-6

Quarter Finals: New draw between 6 winning teams – Iveleary, Macroom, Clondrohid, Donoughmore, Kilmichael and Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh.

A Iveleary

B Macroom v Kilmichael

C Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh v Donoughmore

D Clondrohid

Semi Finals: A v B: C v D

Kilmichael 4 – 8 Éire Óg B 3 – 7

Kilmichael and Éire Óg played out a very close contest at Annahala in the second round of the C championship and as a result of their four

point win, Kilmichael go into the quarter final draw while Éire Óg exit the competition but with their pride intact.

Éire Óg had the benefit of a strong wind in the first half but it was Josh deLacey's point which opened the scoring for the home side who were on top early on. They were rocked by an Éire Óg goal from Graham Moynihan in the 5th minute but hit back with a point from Chris O'Connell. Éire Óg then got a rather fortuitous second goal, James O'Shea's shot falling over the line in the 9th minute, but Kilmichael nerves were soon steadied by a well taken goal from Brendan Kelleher, set up by Josh deLacey. Points were exchanged between Kelleher and Moynihan and then between Chris O'Connell and James O'Shea, before a late goal from Josh deLacey gave Kilmichael a 3-3 to 2-2 interval lead which looked healthy considering that they would have the benefit of the strong wind in the second half.

Within minutes of the restart Kilmichael had added points from Brendan Kelleher and Ronan Murphy to lead by 3-5 to 2-2 and may have thought that that was that. However Éire Óg were up for the battle and four points without reply had Kilmichael getting anxious again. Kilmichael then got a fourth goal, this one from Daniel Cotter but Éire Óg hit back with a goal to leave the gap at two points once again. Points from Chris O'Connell and Ronan Murphy eased the situation and four points separated the sides at the end.

Kilmichael (13 a side): Pádraig Ó Leary: Ger Murphy, Kieran Murphy: Andrew Kelleher, Eoghan Murphy, Aidan Murray: Seán Buttimer, Chris O'Connell: Alan McCarthy, Josh deLacey, Ronan Murphy: Brendan Kelleher, Daniel Cotter. Subs: Adam O'Leary, John Downey.

Éire Óg: Ben McCarthy: Paddy Twomey, Conor Walls: Dave Brennan, Cillian Sheehan, Cormac Allison: Brian Elliot, Joe Kelleher: John Corkery, James O'Shea, Joe Lynch: Keelan McCarthy, Graham Moynihan. Subs: Rian O'Shea, Barry O'Connell, Brian Ahern.

Referee: Mr Dave McCarthy, Kilmurry.

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 Éire Óg or Ballincollig
B Imokilly v Seandun
C Beara v Duhallow
D Avondhu 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 Avondhu

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 Avondhu

Semi-finals

A v B, C v D



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Cork County Leagues 2020

The county leagues have commenced and will conclude in mid July. Bad weather has had a severe impact on the schedule to date.

Football

Div One:

Ballincollig 2-15 O'Donovan Rossa 2-10
Cill na Martra 2-7 Mallow 1-11
Carbery Rangers 2-9 Cill na Martra 3-14

Div Two:

Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh 0-12 Carrigaline 2-10
Éire Óg 2-7 Newmarket 1-7

Div Three:

Aghabullogue 1-6 Dohenys 0-10
Naomh Abán 0-8 Knocknagree 0-13,
Nemo Rangers 0-11 Macroom 0-10
Macroom 2-7 Glanworth 0-13

Div Five:

Kilshannig 2-9 Grenagh 1-8

Hurling

Div Three:

Tracton 1-9 Ballincollig 1-11
Ballincollig 0-15 Kildorrery 0-13
Milford 0-12 Inniscarra 1-18

Div Four:

Argideen 2-10 Cloughdub 0-15
Aghada 1-13 Éire Óg 0-10

Cork County Championship Dates

March 28th: A, B and C U 21 Football County Championship 1st rounds.

April 4th: Senior Football: Ballincollig v St Finbarrs @ P Uí Rinn

April 5th: PIFC Macroom v Kanturk @ Cullen

April 11th: Senior A FC: Éire Óg v Bantry Blues @ Ballingearry

April 11th: Intermediate A FC: Aghabullogue v Kildorrery @ Mallow

April 19th: Inniscarra v Blarney @ Coachford

April 25th: Ballincollig v Watergrasshill @ P Uí

Rinn

April 26th: Intermediate A HC: Éire Óg v Sarsfields @ Ballincollig

April 26th: Intermediate A HC: Cloughdub v Aghabullogue @ Ballincollig

May 2nd: Lower Inter HC: Grenagh v Dripsey @ Blarney

May 3rd: Premier IFC: Naomh Abán v Cill na Marta @ Macroom

May 9th: Senior A FC: Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh v St Michaels @ Ovens

May 9th: Intermediate A FC: Ballinora v Glenville at Blarney

May 20th: Senior FC: Muskerry v Carbery @ P Uí Rinn

May 23rd: Tom Creedon Cup – Round 1

May 27th: SHC: Muskerry v Carrigdhoun @ Newcestown

Inter County GAA

Allianz National Hurling League

Westmeath 1-14 Cork 3-12

Two second-half Patrick Horgan penalties and a most fortuitous Bill Cooper goal got Cork out of jail at a mucky Mullingar.

The visitors looked in right trouble when Westmeath's Allan Devine found the net from a 65 on 39 minutes to immediately cancel out the first of Horgan's penalty strikes and, in the process, cut the gap to two at the beginning of a second-half for which the home side had the elements behind them.

Both sides were subsequently reduced to 14 as Damien Cahalane was shown a straight red card for his late involvement in a shemozzle on 43 minutes. The gap was still at two on 55 minutes when a Cooper delivery popped out of the hand of Westmeath 'keeper Aaron McHugh and into the net.

Devine and Aonghus Clarke sniped a pair of points to make it a three-point game, 2-10 to 1-10, but once again Westmeath's charge was stymied by a Horgan penalty expertly put away eight minutes from time.

Westmeath owned much of the possession from there to the finish, but the six-point cushion Cork had established proved sufficient to see them home and deliver their second win of the league.

That Cork, despite having a gale behind them, didn't score from play from the 10th minute onward in the entire opening period said plenty about their first-half endeavours. Indeed, between the 10th minute and final whistle, Cooper's goal was their sole score from play.

Scorers for Cork: P Horgan 2-8 (2-0 pen, 0-8 f); B Cooper 1-0; C Leane 0-2; T O'Mahony 0-1 sc, L Meade 0-1.

Cork: P Collins; S O'Leary Hayes, E Cadogan, C Spillane; T O'Mahony, B Cooper, D Cahalane; C O'Leary, L Meade; C Leane, P Horgan, A Walsh; D Dalton, S Harnedy, J O'Connor. Subs: S Twomey for Leane (12 mins, inj); R Downey for Twomey (49); N O'Leary for Walsh (52); B

Turnbull for J O'Connor (60)

Cork 2-21 Limerick 0-29

Cork lost to Limerick at Páirc Uí Chaoimh before a big attendance and could not complain about the result. Cork were poor in the first half and were six points in arrears, 0-11 to 0-17, at the break. They subsequently reined in Limerick thanks to two cracking goals, one each from Shane Kingston and Aidan Walsh, and with Patrick Horgan magnificent from frees, went into a three point lead but conceded five points to the Shannonsiders in the closing stages when one have expected the home side to have driven on to victory.

Cork must beat Galway in their final game to qualify for the league play-off stages.

Cork will meet Limerick in the Munster Hurling Championship at Páirc Uí Chaoimh on Sunday May 10th and are then away to Waterford at the end of that month and will need to improve in toughness, mental and physical, their skill levels to survive the intensity of those tests. They have Clare at home and Tipperary away in June to complete their Munster championship programme.

Patrick Horgan's 66th-minute point – his 17th of the game – made it 2-21(27) to 0-26 for the Rebels but they wouldn't score again and points from Kyle Hayes, Diarmaid Byrnes and a 13th from Aaron Gillane gave them the victory, their third in three outings this year.

A point from Cian Lynch inside 25 seconds had Limerick off to a fine start, they led by 0-11 to 0-6 before they registered a wide and Cork never led at any stage in the opening half.

Cork were back to within four points when Bill Cooper's pass allowed Shane Kingston to cut through the Limerick cover and fire home in the 45th minute. Cork went ahead for the first time in the 53rd minute, Aidan Walsh fetching a Horgan long range free and firing to the net. Gillane's 10th and 11th points brought Limerick to a point, Horgan's 15th pushed Cork ahead again, but Hayes and sub Tom Morrissey levelled it, 2-19 to 0-25, with nine minutes left.

Horgan put Cork ahead again and did the same when Gillane got his 12th, but the Treaty men drove on from there.

Scorers for Cork: Patrick Horgan 0-17 (0-15f, 0-1 '65'), Shane Kingston 1-1, Aidan Walsh 1-0, Declan Dalton 0-2(0-1sideline), Bill Cooper 0-1. Cork: Patrick Collins; Eoin Cadogan, Colm Spillane, Seán O'Leary Hayes; Mark Coleman (Blarney), Robert Downey, Tim O'Mahony; Bill Cooper, Darragh Fitzgibbon; Robbie O'Flynn, Séamus Harnedy, Luke Meade; Declan Dalton, Patrick Horgan, Shane Kingston.

Subs: Aidan Walsh for Meade (half-time), Conor Leane for Dalton (57), Christopher Joyce for O'Mahony (66), Conor Cahalane for O'Flynn (70).

Allianz National Football Leagues 2020

Tipperary 0-21 Cork 3-13

Cork footballers made it four wins from four outings in Allianz League Division Three, but only after a ferocious battle with Tipperary in Thurles under lights.

The visitors started very slowly but had the game in hand approaching injury-time only to sit back again and ultimately struggle to preserve a one-point lead that keeps them in pole position in the push for promotion.

Tipp had five points and no wides on the board within ten minutes. Cork just had five wides.

Cork finally found their feet with half-backs Mattie Taylor and Cian Kiely coming through to claim their first two points and they reduced the deficit to just a point after 22 minutes when Ruairi Deane fired low to the net for their first goal. A Cathail O'Mahony free shortly after brought the sides level at 0-7 to 1-4. Tipp responded with another unanswered five-point push, before Cork pulled two scores back just before the interval. In the circumstances, a three-point deficit 0-12 to 1-6, wasn't all that bad for the Rebels.

It got better again after the break as Tipp were reeled in. Two goals from Luke Connolly, the first a penalty after Mattie Taylor was dragged

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down by Quigley and the second a lovely low finish from play to the bottom corner, propelled Cork through a second half that they came to boss as it went on. Tipp were four points in arrears entering the last ten minutes but Cork looked ragged in that last period. They didn't score for the last 15 minutes of play and points from three frees took Tipp to within the slimmest of margins before the clock brought it all to an end.

Scorers for Cork: L Connolly (2-2, 1-0 pen, 0-1

free, 0-1 mark); R Deane (1-0); C O'Mahony (0-5, 0-2 frees); J O'Rourke (0-2); S Powter, M Taylor, C Sheehan and C Kiely (all 0-1);

Cork: M Martin; S Powter, J Loughrey, Paul Ring (Aghabullogue); T Clancy, M Taylor, Cian Kiely (Ballincollig); I Maguire, K O'Hanlon; J O'Rourke, S White, B Hartnett; R Deane, L Connolly, C O'Mahony.

Subs: Ciarán Sheehan (Éire Óg) for White (45); L O'Donovan for Kiely (50); Colm O'Callaghan (Éire Óg) for O'Mahony (57); P Walsh for Powter

(61); E O'Driscoll for O'Hanlon (66).

Next Up for Cork;

Football: Cork v Derry at P Uí Chaoimh, Sunday March 1st, 2pm

Hurling: Galway v Cork in Pearse Stadium, Galway, Sunday March 1st, 2pm.



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Your daughter is eligible for the Post-Primary School Transport Scheme if she is attending her nearest school and lives 4.8 kilometres or more from the school. The Department and Bus Éireann determine the appropriate nearest school with regard to ethos and language. Parents must arrange to bring their child to the nearest pick-up point on the bus route. Generally, bus routes are organised so that no pupil has more than 3.2 kilometres to travel to a pick-up point.

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

Since your child is enrolling in post-primary school for the first time, you should either apply for school transport online or download the form from Bus Éireann's website, buseireann.ie. Applications are now being accepted for the 2020-2021 school year. You should apply by Friday, 24 April 2020.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre below.

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Information is also available online at citizensinformation.ie and from the Citizens Information Phone Service, 0761 07 4000. Macroom Helpline: 0761078430

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Eyes on the future for Roisin Stapleton, Eimear Rochford and Mairead Stapleton at the Eire Og Camogie Club's medal presentation function at Lee Valley Golf Club. Picture: Mike English



Michael O'Flynn making a presentation to Isobel Sheehan, Eire Og, in recognition of her selection on the Cork Minor Camogie team. Included is Ken Murphy, Chairman Eire Og. Picture: Mike English



Eire Og's Ciara O'Brien, Laoise Murphy, Shauna Sheehan (captain), Grainne O'Mahony and Edel Sheehan helped Cork win the All Ireland Under 14 Camogie Championship in 2019. Picture: Mike English



Aghinagh who lost to Kilmurry in the U21 B FB Championship



Residents from Riverside, Baking in Youthreach Macroom from Albania, Zimbabwe, Nigeria and Tanzania. In the photo: Judith Phiri, Raemond Kocij, Gena Kocij, Rosemary Kapufi, Barivule Akinde Sandri Malo, Aislinn Griffin (Youthreach)



Coachford AFC player, Luke Casey being presented with the Man of the Match award for his outstanding performance in the Cork U19 league final.



The Coachford AFC U19 starting eleven for the Cork U19 league final. Back row L to R; Emmet Aherne, Mark Murphy, Tadgh Bradley, Josh Martin, Padraic O'Sullivan. Front row L to R; Jack Murphy, Luke Casey, Adam Murphy, Cialan O'Sullivan, Jack Oldham and Tom Griffin



Feile Naomh Fionnbarra Caoilinn de Barra (Cill na Martra) and her teacher Lisa Hegarty (Hegarty Irish Dance Academy) 4th place champion

MA in Local History (School of History, UCC); Applications are now open.

Applications are now being accepted for admittance to the MA in Local History degree programme, beginning in September 2020. Applicants must have an honours degree in History or a cognate subject, or its equivalent. Candidates with relevant experience in local history study (e.g. membership of a local history society and/or a heritage group, publications, etc.) are also invited to apply. Such candidates are subject to the approval of the College of Arts, Celtic Studies and Social Sciences.

The part-time MA Degree in Local History is offered by coursework and assessment and runs for two years (part-time) from the date of first registration for the programme. Coursework consists of a taught component of weekly evening lectures (Wednesday 6.30 - 8.30 pm) in Year 1. Evaluation is by a 5,000 word essay and continuous assessment, to be completed by the end of the second semester, Year 1 (c. May 2021). A dissertation of 25,000-30,000 words on an approved topic to be submitted by the end of year 2. Lectures are specially tailored to provide a practical guide to the writing of Irish local history, indicating the main sources, their location and how best they might be exploited. Lectures will cover the introduction to sources and archives, approaches to Local History, reading the landscape, maps, census and parish records, Valuation Office records, Estate Records, sources for urban history, oral history and folklore, historiography, landscape and material history, gender and history, labour

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For further information please contact Dr. Donal Ó Drisceoil, 021-4903048 (e-mail d.odriscoll@ucc.ie) or Ms Maeve Barry, 021-4902124 (e-mail maeve.barry@ucc.ie).

Lord Mayor's Itinerary

Moonraker Rally Launch/Seoladh don Railí Moonraker: Sat. 22nd Feb. 8.00 p.m., 2020, Abbey Hotel, Ostán Ghobnatan, Baile Bhuirne, Co. Chorcaí: Cllr. Michael Looney to deputise/ag gníomhú thar ceann an Méara.

Mayor's Diary for Monday, 24th of February, 2020 - Sunday, 1st of March, 2020: Monday, 24th February 11.00am: Full Council Meeting Council Chamber, Cork. Deputy Mayor to attend. 4.45 pm Rebel Óg February Awards, Clayton Silversprings Hotel, Cork, Cllr Michael Looney to deputise.

Tuesday, 25th February: 10.00 am: Coachford National School, Reading

programme, Class Visit County Hall, Cork, Deputy Mayor to attend.

Thursday, 27nd February 9.30 am, Student Enterprise Programme 2019/20 - West Cork Finals Clonakilty, Deputy to attend.

Friday, 28rd February: 12.15 pm, Cork City Sports Committee, Athletic Person of the Year Awards, The River Lee Hotel, Cork, Mayor to attend. 7.00p.m.

Cork ARC Annual Spring Ball, Clayton Silversprings Hotel, Cork. Mayor to attend.

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A Chara,

Please take note that a meeting of Macroom Municipal District will be held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Macroom **on Friday 28th February, 2020 at 2.30 pm** for the transaction of the following business:

- Deimhniú Miontuairiscí**
Confirmation of Minutes
To consider the confirmation and signing of the Ordinary Meeting
- Mar Chuideamh ar na moltaí sa tuarasáil**
Consideration of Reports and Recommendations
 - MDO Report
 - Pride of Place 2020
- Díol Talún**
Disposal of Property
 - Disposal of land as contained in Folio CK9533 (Property no. 2) at Coolecleavane, Kilmichael, Macroom, Co Cork.
- Correspondence**
- Vóta Comhghairdeas**
Votes of Congratulations
- Vóta Combhróin**
Votes of Condolences
- Aon Ghnó Eile**
Any other business

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Book Launch Con Lynch's Book Launch

Con will launch 'Along the Right Path' on Sun. 23rd Feb. in Rylane National School, Co. Cork. The Deputy Mayor will attend.



The children of Dromleigh N.S., with instructor Mark McCabe during a recent skipping workshop



Pupils from Inchigeela NS who took part in Ficheall chess tournament in Ballinora recently.



5th and 6th Class pupils in Rusheen N.S. having completed a Bank of Ireland "Biz World" Workshop with Briege Corkery

COLLEGE EDUCATION OPEN DAY



Friday, 6th March sees the spring education open day taking place in Clonakilty Agricultural College.

Clonakilty Agricultural College, based in Darrara just outside the town of Clonakilty, provides agricultural education and training in through its own full-time and part-time QQI programmes and also in conjunction with three higher education institutions in the region, CIT, IT Tralee and UCC.

People coming to see the college and what's on offer will be brought through the different programmes that lead to qualifications from Level 6 up to Level 8.

For students starting 1st year next September, they will follow on with the changes to the programme that were implemented this year and have helped with the learning experience. Students will go on a 4-week placement in October, and return to that farm again in March. During their time in the college between September and May they'll get the foundation training in areas of livestock husbandry,



grassland management, farm business and more specific training in areas such as pesticide application. There is a large emphasis on farm safety, soils and the environment and sustainability.

In 2nd year (Level 6) which starts the following September the course specialises in either Drystock (Cattle and Sheep) or the longer-established Dairy Herd Management course. Both courses have longer periods of on-farm training incorporating the calving/lambing periods on farms but also the breeding season on cattle and dairy farms.

Graduates of Clonakilty's Level 6 programmes have many routes of progression after the two years with us. The Level 6 in its own right is required for applying for jobs with the Department of Agriculture. By 2021 there will be an apprenticeship route in place with a Level 7 degree qualification. This will be an important extension to the current programmes as there is

an ever-increasing demand from farmers in the region to have enthusiastic, forward-thinking young people looking to manage the farms of the next decade. In this respect it is one area of the rural economy where it is a sellers' market.

The higher education routes still exist and continue to expand with graduates of Darrara able to gain "advanced entry" to degree courses in agriculture in all of the Institutes of Technology in Munster; including Cork, Tralee and Waterford.

For people who have a non-agricultural qualification there is the option of gaining a Teagasc Green Cert (the Specific Purpose Certificate in Farming) through a part-time route.

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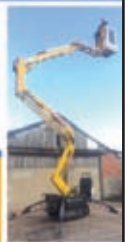
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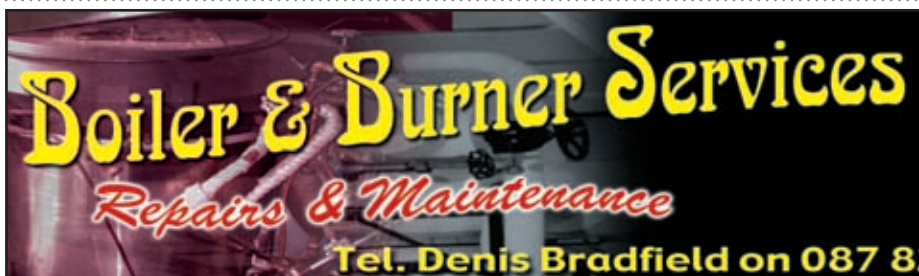
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Eire Og's Under 12 A Camogie County Championship winning panel and mentors at the club's medal presentation function at Lee Valley Golf Club. Included is team captain, Molly McCarthy, centre front. Picture: Mike English



Macroom who beat Eire Og in the U21 C FB Championship



Kilmichael who beat Eire Og in the U21 C FB Championship

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

Book Launch Con Lynch's Book Launch: Con will launch 'Along the Right Path' on Sun. 23rd Feb. in Rylane National School, Co. Cork.

LeeValleyToastmasters: 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.

Inchigeela Hall Big Bingo Night: Friday nights at 8.30 in aid of Macroom Community Hospital.

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.

KHAA presents 'Kilmichael Ambush: A Talk' by Anne Bradley on Friday March 6th at 8pm in the Heritage Room, Kilmurphy Museum. Members are free, non-members €5. We will have a Field Trip to the Ambush site in May.

Dromey's Bar, Dromcarra: Hair Dying event to fundraise Ann Cronin volunteering in Africa on March 7th at 9pm.

LOTTO RESULTS

Aghinagh GAA: 16th February, 2020. The jackpot was €1,450.00. Numbers drawn were 7, 12 and 42. There was no jackpot winner. Consolation prizes were won by : €50m - Brendan Twomey, Rylane and €20 each to Anne O'Sullivan Rusheen, Donnacha Twohig, Ballinagree, Donal Burns, Clonavrick and Peadar McSweeney, C/O MCP. 9th February, 2020. The jackpot was €1,300. Numbers drawn were 15, 25 and 33. There was no jackpot winner. Consolation prizes: €50.00 to Hugh & Marie Twomey, Rusheen, €20 each to Ger Healy, Kilnamartyra. Gus Murphy, Carrigadrohid, Pat &

Seamus, C/O The Láine Bar and Tia C/O Maria, C/O Anvil Bar. 2nd February, 2020. The jackpot was €1,150. Numbers drawn were 15, 24 and 36. There was no jackpot winner. Consolation prizes: €50.00 to Shiela Walsh, Clondrohid. €20 each to Tia & Maria, Anvil Bar, C/O Marie, Damian & Sally Burns, Clonavrick, Mary O'Sullivan, Ballinagree and Pat Casey, Shanakiel.

Coachford AFC: Lotto 24/2/2020. Jackpot: €1,600. Numbers Drawn: 7 - 9 - 29. No Winner. €40 was won by Louise O'Riordan and €20 by Conn Dolan, Dan Shine, Dan Twomey (Yearly Ticket) and Kate Shine.

Lotto Results 17/2/2020. Jackpot: €1,400. Numbers Drawn: 21 - 23 - 25. There was No Winner. €40 was won by Marley Bradley and €20 each by Molly O'Connell, Ciarán & Joe O'Riordan, Aidan Buckley and Tim O'Leary (OnlineTicket). Lotto Results 10/2/2020. Jackpot: €1,200. Numbers Drawn: 2 - 4 - 11. No Winner. €40 was won by Margaret O'Shea and €20 each by Molly O'Connell, Cian Herlihy (Online Ticket) and Mags. & Yvonne Hayes.

Macroom FC: Lotto Results: 24/02/20. Jackpot: €2,200. Numbers drawn: 9, 18, 34. No Winner. 80 euro won by Dylan Dinneen c/o Lar's and €20 euro each by Mary and Rachel c/o Hound, Peggy O' Callaghan c/o Paulie, Frank Cronin c/o Noel and Don Lane, Online.

17/02/20. Jackpot: €2,000. Numbers drawn: 2, 17, 31. No Winner. €80 euro was won by Rachel Pyper c/o Hound and €20 each by M + J c/o Janet, Noreen McSweeney c/o Evelyn, John Corkery c/o Swanky, and Connie Foley.

Macroom GAA Lotto: 11/2/2020 - Jackpot €3750 - No's 11-14-33. No Winner. €70 was won by Eileen Kenny, Town Hall, €20 each by Gerard Angland, New Street, Mary Corcoran, C/O Shelia Buttimer, Michael Murphy, Cork Street, Claire Dinneen, Main Street, and Tony O'Sullivan, Coachford, Co. Cork. Next Week's Jackpot €4000. Please note your can now play Macroom GAA Lotto on line. 18/2/2020 - Jackpot €4000 - No's 6-20-34. No Winner. €70 was won by Theresa Buckley, Annville, Macroom and €20 by Kay Kelleher, South Square, Mary & Rachel, C/O Greyhound Bar, Norleen Healy, Sunnyside, Macroom, Joe Moloney, Main Street, and Angela Cahill, Coolcower, Macroom. Next Week's Jackpot is €4250. Please note that you can now play Macroom GAA Lotto on line - www.

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RCPA: 17/2/2020 - Jackpot €3,100. Numbers drawn: 5 - 16 - 30. The Jackpot Winner was Norma Walsh (Rylane). Seller of winning ticket (€100) was Norma Walsh. Lucky Dip winners €20: Patrick & Fidelma Ahern (Rylane), Barry McSweeney (Rylane), Connie & Joan Sheehan (Rylane). Seller's Prize €20: Sheila O'Sullivan. 10/2/2020: Jackpot was €3,000. Numbers drawn were 1 - 8 - 34 and there was no Winner. €20 each was won by: Joe Barrett (Rylane), Siobhán O'Brien (Rylane) and Anne O'Sullivan (Rylane). Seller's €20 Prize was won by Crowley's.

Canovee GAA: Lotto results: 25/2/2020: Numbers drawn were 7, 12, 21 and 27; there was no winner of the €3,150 Jackpot. €50 was won by John Collins Kilmichael, and €25 by Liam & Nora Lyons and by Patrick Lyons. 9/2/2020. The numbers drawn were 1, 16, 19 and 21. There was one lucky winner - Lounge 6 Carrigadrohid; the 2nd winners in two weeks. Well Done lads. €50 was won by Anne Shine, and €25 by Michael & Pat Lynch, Angela Crowley Coolata and Mary Boyle.

Clondrohid GAA Lotto results: for Feb. 19th ; The Jackpot was €6,400. €70 was won by Breda McCarthy c/o Bingo and €20 each was won by Denis O'Riordan c/o Dannone, Tony Enneguess, Coachford, Walsh Family Carriganima and Darren Dineen, The Tce. Congrats to Kath. O'Riordan Sleaven who won the €300 Bingo Jackpot last week. Feb 12th ; €70 was won by Norma O'Donnel c/o Laine, and €20 by Johnny Lehane, Dunmanway, Julie A Relihan, Glounanarigg, Walter Murphy Kilgobnait and Kathleen Healy, Ballymakeera. Congrats to Odhran Horgan, Inchigeela, the winner of the €250 Bingo Jackpot.

Kilmichael GAA Lotto results: 24th February: Jackpot €8,800: Numbers: 6-21-22-32: No Jackpot winner; €50 was won by JDJDJDBO and €25 each by John Crowley, Deshure, Margaret Coakley, Inchigeela, Paddy Canty, Kilnadur. 17th February: Numbers: 7-17-22-28; Jackpot €8,650: No Jackpot winner. €50 was won by Darragh & Eve Murphy, Clashbridane and €25 each by Margaret McCarthy, Knockane, John O'Leary, Cooldorrihy and Mary Hallahan.



Canovee GAA Lotto chairman presenting Ger Ahern Forrest with his cheque from his recent lotto win, of 14,450 Euro



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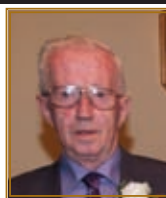
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**Whose anniversary occurs on
2nd March**

*"Nilim imithe uaibh
ach imithe romhaibh"*



Always remembered by his
children and grandchildren.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

MARY
SCANNELL

**Coolea and 10, Bruach an tSuláin,
Ballymakeera, Macroom, Co. Cork**
**Who passed away on the
25th February 2019**

As we lovingly remember our Mom
Mary on her first anniversary, her son
Andy and daughters Siobhán and
Margie and extended family wish to
sincerely thank our relatives, very kind
neighbours, wonderful friends, everyone
who attended the rosary, funeral mass
and burial. To those who travelled long
distances to pay their respects, those who
sent mass cards and those who rang us
and sent letters of sympathy.

Our gratitude to Bernie Buckley Matron,
nurses, carers and staff of Macroom
Community Hospital who cared for Mary,
Fr. Dónal O'Brien P.P., Fr. John Keane, Cór
Cúil Aodha and Casey Funeral Directors for
their professionalism and assistance.

The Holy Sacrafice of the Mass has
been offered for your intentions. As it is
impossible to thank everyone individually
please accept this acknowledgement as a
token of our appreciation.



Always remembered by her
children and grandchildren.

27TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

TIM
LEHANE

Gortacrohig, Aghabullogue
Who died on 26th Feb 1993

*Each time we look at your picture,
You seem to smile and say,
Don't be sad but courage take,
And love each other for my sake.*



Always remembered by his
loving wife, family, brother
and sisters.

7TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

MICHAEL ROBBIE
KELLEHER

New York & Macroom
Who died on 7th March 2013

*A silent thought
A quiet prayer
For a special person
in God's care*



Remembered with love by your loving
family at home & abroad.
Miss you Michael so much
Mam

5TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

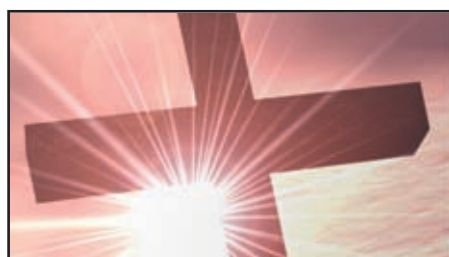
JOAN
KELLY

Gneeves Kilmichael, Macroom
Who died on 24th February 2015.

*Will those who think of Joan today,
a little prayer to Jesus say,
Sacred Heart of Jesus pray for her.*



Always remembered by your loving
family.



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5TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving Memory of

**ELIZABETH
(LIZA)
KELLEHER**

Aharas, Ballingearry, Co. Cork
who died on 26th February 2015

*Will those who think of Elizabeth today,
a little prayer to Jesus say.
Sacred Heart of Jesus pray for her .*



*Sadly missed by your loving
husband Diarmuid and her family.*

6TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**HANCY
HUBBARD**

Inchalea, Aghinagh
Who died on 5th March 2014

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



Always remembered by her loving
husband Ned and family

1ST ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**CATHERINE
WHITE**

Ballyverane, Macroom
Died 26th February 2019

***The Simple Life**
O' the simple life how good it is
To wake in the morning, get out of bed
With no pain or ached
To walk, talk, eat and sleep
To touch, feel, taste and smell
To see the beauty and hear the sounds
That brings good cheer of love and laughter
To fill our hearts with happiness and peace
Here ever after
To cherish what we have and give thanks
to the Lord for each given day,
To be alive and healthy
To have but the simple life*



Always Remembered by her sisters
Mary, Elizabeth & Sheila

9TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**LAURA
MOYNIHAN**

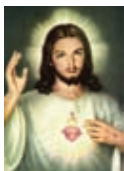
Who died on 19th Feb 2011

*No heart so soft and gentle,
No heart so tender, true
No sorrow life could bring us,
Could equal losing you.*



Thinking about you and
miss you every day
Love John, Sean, Kevin, David, Maria,
Michelle and Darraagh.
XXX

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.

M.C

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.

EK

25TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of my late father

**JIMMY
MCDONNELL**

Carrigaphooka, Macroom
who died on the 5th March 1995

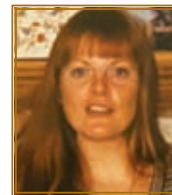
*Also, a little prayer to remember
my recently deceased Mother, Judy,
and the anniversaries of Billy, his twin
brother, and sister, Mary Cooney
as they occur around this time.*

*Jimmy was a father so very rare,
content in his home and always there,
on earth he toiled, in Heaven he rests,
God bless you Dad, you were one of the
best.*



Always remembered by son John Mc,
nephew John Cooney and niece, Marie.

21ST ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

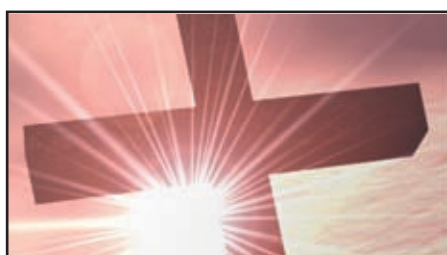
**MARY WALSH
O'SULLIVAN**

Late of Newport, Rhode Island &
Toames, Macroom
who died on March 1st 1999

*Forget me not as time goes by,
for you can find me in the sky.
Forget me not for we're apart,
for you can carry me within your heart.
Forget me not although I'm gone,
for my memory will always live on.
Instead remember me
in every special way.
Keep me close to your heart
we'll meet again one day.*



Always loved, never forgotten,
Your loving sister Noreen, brothers Jimmy,
Pat and Stephen and their families.



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FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

**DANIEL (DAN)
O'REGAN**

**Codrum, Macroom, Co. Cork
Who died on the 1st March 2019**

As we lovingly remember our Dad on his 1st Anniversary, we his sons Michael, Donal, Brendan and daughters Christine, Breda and Gonnait along with our families wish to express our appreciation and gratitude to all who sympathised with us on our sad loss. Sincere thanks to all who attended his wake at our home, rosary, removal to the Church, Funeral Mass and burial. Thank you to those who travelled long distances and to the many people who sent Mass Cards and floral tributes.

Thank you to Fr John Keane and the priests of the parish for celebrating the funeral Mass and for sharing great memories of Dad. Thanks to Mary McSweeney for the beautiful music and Michael Bradley for the singing at the Mass. Thanks also to Teddy, Sacristan. Thank you to Macroom Town Council and Macroom GAA for providing Guards of Honour after the funeral Mass.

A special word of thanks to Dr Shane Hurley and Dr Con Kelleher and staff of Muskerry Family Practice together with Dad's home helps who were always so kind and caring. Sincere thanks to the doctors, nurses and staff of Cork University Hospital for their kindness and wonderful care shown to Dad.

We also extend our gratitude to FitzGerald's Funeral Directors for their professional service and guidance and also to the grave diggers. Thanks also the Auld Triangle for looking after us on the day of the funeral.

We also remember with thanks Dad's card playing friends who brought much happiness to his life.

Finally, to our wonderful neighbours and friends, words cannot express how grateful we truly are for their kindness and support.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our deepest gratitude.

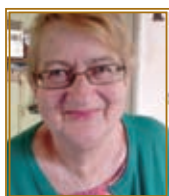
The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions.



"Though your smile is gone forever and your hand we cannot touch, we shall never lose sweet memories of you we loved so much"

Dad's 1st Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 29th February 2020 at 7.30pm in St. Colman's Church, Macroom.

4TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**KATHERINE
O'SULLIVAN**

**Glen Park, Macroom
27th February 2016**

*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*



Always missed by
Peter, Bev and Drew

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.

KB

12TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**CHRISTIE
(SCOTCH)
HEALY**

**Dear husband, father, grandfather
5 Belmont Pl, Crookstown
who died on February 21st 2008
(aged 60)**

*Quietly today your memory is kept
No need for words
We will never forget.
When thoughts go back
As they often do
We will treasure the memories we have
of you.*



Forever in our thoughts and prayers
his wife Noreen, daughters Christine
and Caroline, son-in-law Derek and
grandchildren.

4TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**EILEEN
O'LEARY**

St Colmans Park, Macroom, Co. Cork

*God saw you getting tired
and a cure was not to be,
so he put his arms around you,
and whispered "Come with me".*



Always remembered by her loving
husband Teddy, her son John, daughter
Collette and their families

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Members of the ACR Community Council at the presentation to athlete, Stephanie Cotter. L to R; Peter Dineen, Nigel Dennehy, Stephanie Cotter, Mairghread Ní Mhúrchu Buachalla, Jerh O'Sullivan and Martha McCaffery



Carrigrohilly Community College & St. Brogan's College Declared Winners of the Inaugural Méihuā Cup Chinese Learning Competition



Canovee National school Scor na paisti qualifiers, at Inchigeelagh scor, Teacher Lisa Hegarty of Hegarty Irish Dance Academy



Where Finbarr taught, let Scoil Mhuire learn



Eire Og, Feile na nGael All Ireland Camogie Champions, attending the club's medal presentation function at Lee Valley Golf Club. Included is Siobhan Hutchinson, Cork Senior player.
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LEE VALLEY DIARY

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

Rusheen N.S. /Bingo night in Rusheen: The Parents' Association will hold a Bingo Fundraiser on Thursday 27th, Feb. at 8 p.m. sharp in Aghinagh GAA Hall, P12 YH96. Everyone is welcome, including children from 3rd Class upwards. A prize fund of €900 including a jackpot of €150 is available and there will be A Great Raffle. See You There.

Dromleigh NS: Parents' Association host a Family Table Quiz in the school on Feb 28th @ 7.30pm. Teams of 4 are €20. There are prizes for 1st & 2nd place. Great raffle prizes as well. All welcome!

Kilmurry HAA: presents Master-Brewer Dag Mueller and he will speak, demonstrate and share brewing tips. The event takes place on Feb. 29th @ 7.30 p.m., Heritage Room, Independence Museum, Kilmurry. A Special Guest will attend. Tickets are €25, €20 for non-members/members and available from Mike, Sheila's shop, or by phoning 086/0593260.

Dripsey Parade: The Annual Parade takes place on Sunday March 01, 2020 starting from Dripsey Cross at 3.00 p.m..

Baile Mhuirne - Bridge in the Abbey Hotel on Wednesday 4th. March @ 10.15 a.m

Rusheen N.S. Enrollment: Enrolment of new pupils will take place in the school on Wednesday 4th of March from 2.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. Come along with your child. Enrolment pack are available on the night or by contacting the school at (026) 42733 or by e-mailing office@rusheenns.ie Induction morning for all new enrolled Junior Infants will be held on

Monday, June 15th from 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon.

Kilmurry HAA: Kilmichael Ambush: A talk by Anne Bradley, Friday March 6th at 8pm in Heritage Room Kilmurry Museum. Field Trip to Kilmichael Ambush site in May. Members free non members €5 .

Muskerry Historical Society Lecture - Ballincollig & Carrigrohane Castles March 9th: Dr. Paul McCotter, U.C.C., will tell the fascinating history of the castles in Ballincollig and Carrigrohane at a lecture organised by Muskerry Local History Society. The lecture will include the story of the families and events associated with both castles. The lecture will be held on Monday, 9 March at 8.00 pm in Ballincollig Rugby Club.

Wright Medical (Macroom) Visit: St. Joseph's 6th class on Mon. 9th March and St. Colman's 6th class on Tues. 10th March visit the factory and it will showcase the engineering profession for Engineers' week.

Macroom Flower & Garden Club on Thursday 12th March: It will host a Gardening Talk "Spring in the Garden". A guest speaker from "Sweet Magnolia Garden Centre" will address the meeting in Coolcower House (026-41695) on Thursday 12th March at 8.00 p.m. Plants will be on sale. New Members and Visitors are most welcome. For further details, contact 087-9821708.

Coppeen St. Patrick's Day Parade: Tues. 17th March: A Vintage Run begins @ 12 noon, the parade at 3 p.m. with over 20 floats. Irish music & song, sideshows, children's races etc, promise a great day for all the family.

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