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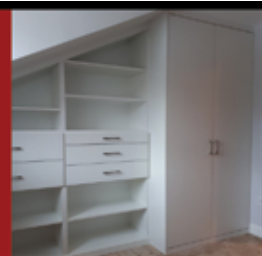
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EDITORIAL

Get to know me

I have very big boots to fill, but try and fill them I will. Let me introduce myself, my name is Sarah Kate Murphy, I'm Macroom born and bred but have recently moved home from Australia after 5 years. I brought with me, my three children. Two girls and a boy, who like to keep me on my toes. I am studying a degree in Community Development in Athlone IT.

Community is something I hold dear, a common sharing of place, identity and common values. And how we can all play our part to make the Lee Valley a valuable social hub. Our community is currently experiencing unprecedented times ahead with the Coronavirus, which has led to the cancellation of all St. Patrick's Day Parades in Macroom.

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Editor - Sarah Kate Murphy

St Patrick Day Parade 2020

Due to a directive from the Government, this year's St Patrick's Day Parade 2020 in Macroom has been officially cancelled. This was going to be a very special year as the 170 strong Woodland String Band was celebrating their 20th Anniversary with Macroom.

Given the ongoing serious Coronavirus situation, the Parade will now not go ahead on March 17th. Of course, both the Town and St Patrick's Day committee are extremely disappointed, but

it is (under the circumstances) the correct and right thing to do.

As always, we will endeavor to welcome the Woodland String Band on this their anniversary trip and hope they will enjoy the usual Macroom welcome.

We would also like to thank all those who both supported and participated in Macroom's St Patrick's Day down through the years and hopefully we'll be back in full swing for 2021



THE WOODLAND STRING BAND



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Flower of Macroom Contest

Last Saturday evening, Macroom's St Patrick's Festival kicked off with a wonderful night's entertainment in the Castle Hotel. It was the annual occasion of the Flower of Macroom contest, and the winner then having the distinction of being Grand Marshall for this year's parade.

There were five superb contestants in this year pageant and the quality of the participants was fantastic and great credit must go their enthusiasm and preparation for the event. Compare Kevin Moynihan did a wonderful job in interviewing the girls and there was loads of laughter, dance and song on the night. It was interrupted by a late entrant, 78-year-old Nonie Sweeney. However, she was disqualified for not informing the judges in advance that she was Mrs. and not Miss.

Unfortunately, there can be only one winner and Ms. Lily Healy representing the Foroige Club came out on top and will now have the honour of being the Grand Marshall for Macroom's St Patrick's Day Parade 2020. But to be fair, all the contestants were winners and Judges Annette Dilworth and Linda O'Donovan's commentary confirmed their observations to a very attentive audience. So, well done to the other four contestants, who were Lisa Manning representing Macroom E, Daria Byrdziak representing Coolcower Meats, Kate Moynihan representing Toons Bridge Dairy and finally Niamh Browne who was representing Matt Murphy Pharmacy.

As part of her winning entry Lily wrote this beautiful poem, which I'm sure a lot of the young ladies around Macroom can relate to. Let's hope Lily the guy of her dreams, whilst fulfilling all her flower duties.

A LOVELY STORY BY A LOVELY GIRL

I'll tell you a story of times gone by,
about a lovely girl and her search for a guy.
It's set in the town of our lovely Macroom,
Filled with beauty and flowers in bloom.

Now don't get excited and don't be misled,
My story is short but eloquently read.
I'll set you a scene, you will surely relate.
As we all know the trials of finding a mate.

The people have all gathered, ready with poise.
The music is playing, a familiar noise.
So, come with now down memory lane,
And I'll share my story and heartfelt pain.

O' Riadas, O' Riadas where did you go?
Where I'll find a man now...I'll never know!



L/R Levi Healy, Flower of Macroom 2020 Lily Healy, Jaki Healy.

I've trawled the Lee Valley with little to no hope,
All I found there was puppies for sale and some silly old dope.

O' Riadas, O' Riadas the jewel of the night,
But at 2am twas a terrible sight.
The good times the laughter the memories we shared,
With our buddy Con and 'genuine ID's' prepared.

O' Riadas, O' Riadas why did you die?!
The end of an era...and still no guy.
Well, since the doors have closed now,
'Spose I'll give Tinder a try!
Time marches on, there's no one to blame,
But we'll remember fat frogs and the Raccoon with no name.
We must look to the future with our heads to the skies,
And hope O' Riada's will re-open with a wealth of new guys!

My story must end now, but lads please don't cry,
There's hope for this lovely girl yet that she'll find a guy.
All is not lost, there will be no doom,
If you vote Lily Healy number 1.... The Flower of Macroom!

St Joseph's Primary School

Footprint Friday: St Joseph's had a fantastic day on February 14th for Footprint Friday. We are currently working on our 4th Green School Flag which is for Travel. The aim of the travel flag is to encourage pupils, teachers and parents to travel to school in a green way such as walking, carpooling or to park and stride. On the run up to the day, the Green School Committee held art competitions in school and taught all the classes their

Green Code Song. Our school was filled with fun, laughter and colour on Friday as all the children came dressed in their brightest colours to show the importance of being dressed brightly to be seen by cars passing by. We had lots of prizes for best dressed! We performed our song on the yard, and it was fantastic! Thanks to everyone who supported our day, despite the rain, it was still a great success!



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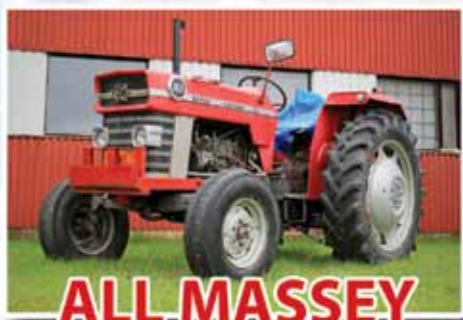
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Macroom Tidy Towns

Tidy Towns Update

Many people associate Tidy Towns activities with litter picking and planting flowers during the Spring and Summertime, but Tidy Towns work has now broadened out so much and is a year-round commitment. To gain marks in the national competition it is necessary to score highly under all eight judging categories. Last year's detailed report was copied, and hand delivered to 1,450 houses and businesses all around town in November to inform people of the judges' comments, both positive and negative and to raise awareness. The Macroom Tidy Towns Facebook page has been the main means of communication throughout the year. In the last four months of 2018 we were joined by extra volunteers from the ranks of the asylum seekers that came to the Riverside Park hotel. These helped out in litter picking, planting flower bulbs, in erecting the Christmas lights and in distributing the newsletters.

The Fairy Garden has been one of the highlights again in 2018 with various new additions all over the park and new shed, officially opened by Patrick Bergin. In the Autumn, there was an updated brochure produced and distributed all over town by the new volunteers from Riverside Park and copies of this are available in the Town Hall, Macroom.

Community involvement continues to grow with schools' activities relating to Green Flags and such being taken into account. Other groups like Foróige have also got involved. The Men's Shed have been a great support for Tidy Towns in many different ways.

The biodiversity area continues to take on added significance. In 2018 a swift Tower, 5 metres tall with 28 nesting sites was erected in the Mart property close to LIDL. This project was in conjunction with IRD, Duhallow. This has a bird caller installed which is solar powered and will be used to attract the swifts to use these nesting sites. There are swifts already frequenting this general area every Summer, while they return like the swallows to the warmer climates for the Winter months. Another developing area is the focus on maintaining the natural habitats, and each of the green areas in estates etc. are being encouraged to retain an area for biodiversity. This could be an area where heretofore grass was being cut, but there was no real need for this time and expense, when a natural environment could offer more in the line of biodiversity. The biodiversity garden in the Fairy garden will be enhance with the upgrading of signage and the addition of some semi-mature fruit trees being sponsored by McEgan College. Almost 200 trees and shrubs were planted along by the riverside at the rear entrance to the Fairy Garden. In this area also work has commenced on a sensory garden with support from a significant sponsor and works will be ongoing here in 2020.

The painting of houses and business premises was very noticeable last year on the main thoroughfare, and the Council must be commended for their support here. This makes



Picture show officers of the Tidy Towns with Donal O'Leary, who gave a most interesting and informative talk on food waste and composting recently in the Castle Hotel at a public meeting

a noticeable difference and the new murals add significantly to this.

One of the difficulties that the Tidy Towns faces is that so much of the desired works are outside their control and places that need upgrading are owned by business people and private individuals. Another difficulty is the continued reduction of council staff. This is gone below acceptable levels and there is a growing dependence on Tidy Towns volunteers to carry out essential work on the streets, thus limiting the potential for further enhancement of the town in other ways.

Another category that is judged is sustainability.... doing more with less. This focuses on reduction firstly (energy, water etc.), the reuse, and there are quite a number of 2nd hand shops now in Macroom, then maybe recycle as the 3rd option.

The Tidy Towns major project for 2020 is the completion of a storage shed and have base in town to operate out of. The site, at the corner of Coolehane Road and Masseytown Road has been cleared and levelled. Planning permission has been obtained and work has commenced on putting in the base. This will be the central meeting point and will store the tools and equipment and help free up some of the organisers on Saturday mornings etc. . It will help on wet days when work can be carried out indoors on painting equipment, repairs etc. It is adjacent to the Men's Shed and adjacent to the Fairy Garden and really is something to look forward to. Over the years Tidy Towns has had more access to council facilities and yards for storage etc. but



Macroom Tidy Towns, John Lyons and Paul Kingston. © Con Kelleher

with Irish Water now and changing council operations this facility was very limited. The future looks positive for Tidy Towns and the volunteer numbers were never as big, so it is a very positive start to 2020.

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McEgan Staff Member Colm O Carroll teaching Kicking Boxing to pupils during Well Being Week.



Past Pupil Danny Payne (Danny Zumba) with Transition Year Pupils

Road Safety Talk with An Garda Síochána: On Tuesday 3rd March, we welcomed Sergeant Eimear O'Connell, Garda Kieran McCrory and Garda James Masters to our Transition Year class to discuss road safety. The Gardaí discussed mobile phone use while driving and the penalties issued if caught (under the new Clancy's Law), driving under the influence of alcohol or illegal substances and how the law has changed for learner drivers. It was a very practical hands on discussion with breath test and illegal substances demonstration. We even had a student test the alcohol breath test.

Past Pupils on Teaching Placement at McEgan: McEgan College currently has two past pupils Ms Marguerite Cronin and Ms Aisling O Driscoll on teaching placement for ten weeks. Both teachers are studying at St Angela's College in Sligo. Ms Cronin is studying Home Economics and Business Teaching and Ms O Driscoll is studying Home Economics and Religious Education. Both student teachers are in their fifth and final year of College. They have been a huge asset to the school community and have been very involved in many school initiatives. Both teachers praised the staff of McEgan for being extremely helpful and giving them great guidance and support as they carry out their teaching duties.

Health and Well-being Week at McEgan: Health and Well-being week took place recently in McEgan College. There was a wide range of activities available throughout the week with the focus being on physical as well as mental health. It kicked off on Monday 2nd of March with TY and 5th yr. students completing day one of a four-week Resilience Programme

facilitated by Aware, an organisation that supports individuals and their families to overcome mental health difficulties. McEgan were one of four Cork schools lucky enough to access this invaluable programme this year. A 'Connect Cafe' was set up in the school for two mornings which allowed all year groups mingle with different students for a tea and chat. Students present were asked to work in teams to exercise their architectural skills to assemble a tower using spaghetti and marshmallows, the aim being to enhance teamwork skills. Year groups from 2nd to 6th had access to kickboxing classes with SNA Colm O Carroll throughout the week and the entire school community had great fun demonstrating their 'zumba' moves with past pupil Danny Payne on the Wednesday. Personnel from Cork Sexual Health Centre came and set up their information stand for a day and delivered age appropriate information on issues such as consent to all year groups throughout the day. A pop-up salad bar was available at lunchtime on Wednesday and a smoothie bar on Tuesday under the guidance of Ms Hazel Burke. First year students had weather on their side on Thursday when they went on a Biodiversity Walk facilitated by Karen Loxton of SECAD. Mindfulness walks were carried out at lunchtimes and many in class meditation activities took place during RE classes. A great week was had by all and once again money was raised for Pieta House, an initiative which is a key part of McEgan retaining their Amber Flag which signifies the work the school does throughout each academic year to support Positive Mental Health.



Ms Marguerite Cronin and Ms Aisling O Driscoll displaying the healthy salads available to all at McEgan during Wellbeing Week



McEgan College, Adrian O'Connor and Catherine Kelleher.



Pupil and staff at McEgan College enjoying the healthy salads during Wellbeing Week.

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ST. MARY'S MUSINGS

Cork Penny Dinners: Student council donated €250 to Cork Penny Dinners recently. Our Students Council organised this fundraiser during our Christmas Day in the school last December. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all students and staff for their contribution towards this fundraiser on the day. Thanks to Ms. Queally and to our Student Council for all of their hard work.

'Hamlet' at the Everyman Theatre: Students attended 'Hamlet' at the Everyman Theatre on Tuesday the third of March. It was an excellent opportunity to revise and prepare for their Leaving Cert English exam. This was a very enjoyable and educational experience for all. Thank you to Ms. Murnane and Ms. de la Cour for organising this very worthwhile experience for the girls.

Shot Put: We would like to congratulate first year student Saorlaith Murphy came 3rd in Shot Putt Munster Schools Indoor Games in Nenagh on Tuesday the third of March. This was an excellent result at Munster level, well done Saorlaith.

"Savour The Flavour" Cooking Competition: Congratulations to Syve Lynch who participated in the Semi Final of "Savour The Flavour" Cooking Competition last week. She is through to the final in Ballymaloe Cookery School in May with her dish Baked Salmon on Crushed New Potatoes & Chorizo with a Beetroot Horseradish Puree, Toasted Almond Dressing served with Foraged Salad, presented in a Apple and Caramelized Onion Rough Puff Pastry. Well done Syve and we wish you the very best of luck in the Final.

Intercultural day: All students were given the opportunity to showcase their different culture

during our Intercultural Day which we hosted in school as part of our Wellbeing week. Students and Teachers were given the chance to go from class to class and listen to presentations about the different countries and sample some local culinary delights. Some countries on display on the day included Poland, Africa, Syria, Scotland, England, and America. We even got the chance to learn how to dance the traditional Syrian dance when we visited Syria in Room nine!

School Bank: Briege Corkery was in school all week running our School Bank with the help of 4th year students. Briege came to school on the 3rd of March, she gave a presentation to all 4th years on the benefits of saving and what is involved in running a school bank, all interested students applied and were interviewed. The seven girls chosen to run our School Bank were Caoimhe Foley, Caoimhe Buckley, Lily Casey, Alannah Cunningham, Marian Creedon, Saorlaith O' Leary and Aoife Desmond. The girls received training and had 3 days to advertise the opening of their bank. The best way to learn about banking is to work in a bank so this is an amazing opportunity for the girls involved. It is not just the School Bank team that benefits as all of the student body will have the opportunity to open an account and begin saving in a very convenient way.

5km Fundraiser for Lourdes: Congratulations to Lucia Duarte who won our 5km fundraiser for Lourdes, she completed the route in 22minutes! Congratulations also to Katelyn McCarthy who collected the most money for this charitable event, well done Katelyn.



St Marys 3RD YEARS ENJOYED A DANCE WORKSHOP WITH PAST PUPIL AIDEEN JOHNSON

Macroom Musical SHAME THE DEVIL

Landmark ambush to be brought to life in new musical. Shame the Devil to tell the story of The Dripsey Ambush and to be staged at Macroom Castle April 15- 1

An historic and intriguing ambush which saw a group of local men captured and sentenced to death and a local informant and one of her staff kidnapped, never to be found, will be brought to life in a musical which is to be staged as the centenary of the stand-out attack approaches.

'Shame the Devil' will be staged in the grounds of Macroom Castle in county Cork from April 15 to 19 and tells the story of The Dripsey Ambush. The landmark IRA ambush on January 28, 1921, in an area between the villages of Coachford and Dripsey led to an intriguing trial which saw the Irish men captured afforded legal representation for the very first time.

In its aftermath, local woman, Maria Lindsay, who had strong Loyalist convictions, and her driver were captured by local volunteers. To this day, their bodies have never been found. The musical includes many of the production team and cast which were also responsible for the sell-out 'Murder at Shandy Hall' and 'Sir Henry'. Both previous productions were based on stand-out historical events and characters in Cork and were so successful that both were also staged at Cork Opera House and received very favourable reviews. It is hoped that Shame the Devil might also follow suit.

Shame the Devil is written by Alan Kiely and Kevin Connolly. Kiely says the target of the Dripsey Ambush was the much-hated Auxiliaries based at Macroom Castle and that it's an added twist that the musical is based there on the eve of its centenary. Booking is now open on <https://www.shamethedevilmusical.com/> and tickets can also be reserved on 087 9978572. They cost €20 each.

As dress rehearsals continue, Alan Kiely said: "The cast is the biggest to date and we're thrilled so many of the original cast were willing to come back and work with us on our third production. Shame the Devil is based on an historic ambush and we've been very careful not to take sides. "We're building a theatre inside the venue in the grounds of Macroom Castle with tiered seating. The stage, the lighting, sound and everything will be top notch and the live band features a fully acoustic piano, violin cello, flute and whistles and more. We're pulling out all of the stops to make it our best production to date," he promised. The Dripsey Ambush unfolded as a party of men from the 6th Battalion Cork No. 1 Brigade lay in wait for a convoy of British troops that regularly travelled between Ballincollig Barracks and Macroom. News of the planned ambush was



Stephanie Shine who plays the role of Maria Lyndsay in Shame the Devil, a musical based on the Dripsey Ambush which runs in Macroom Castle Grounds from April 15 to 19

common local knowledge. Mary Lindsay lived locally and made her way to Ballincollig where troops from the 1st Battalion of the Manchester Regiment were based. Their commanding officer, Colonel Dowling, immediately decided to launch an attack against the IRA.

A column of British troops under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel Garret Evans left the barracks for Dripsey village. There they divided into groups and set out to surround the ambush party.

The IRA scouts saw the approaching troops and alerted their comrades. The officer in charge of the ambush ordered a withdrawal but firing soon broke out. Eight members of the IRA and two civilians were captured. They were brought to Ballincollig barracks.

Less than two weeks later, the trial of eight of the ten men captured at Dripsey opened. The two others were still being detained in the military hospital. Republicans who were captured and brought to trial traditionally refused to recognise or acknowledge British courts and claimed that they, as citizens of the Irish Republic, were only subject to laws that were passed by Dail Eireann.

However, on this occasion, the defendants would be liable to suffer the death penalty if found guilty. Brigade headquarters therefore decided to test the legality of the military courts and sanctioned the appointment of defence counsel for the men. The defendants were volunteers Thomas O'Brien, Patrick O'Mahoney, Timothy McCarthy, John Lyons, Jeremiah O'Callaghan and Daniel O'Callaghan as well as civilians, Eugene Langtry and Denis Sheehan.

The proceedings lasted two days. Volunteer Jeremiah O'Callaghan together with Eugene Langtry and Denis Sheehan, both of whom had no connection with the IRA, were found not guilty and released. The remaining six young volunteers were found guilty and faced the firing squad. Jim Barrett, the 6th battalion quarter master died in hospital. One-man Dennis Murphy lost a leg, such was the severity of his gunshot wounds. He received a late pardon and was sentenced to 25 years in prison, in lieu of being executed.

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Derry Casey from Phil Mac Ltd. presenting a set of jerseys to the school. Pictured: John Ryan, Sean O' Leary (first year), Derry Casey, Liam Long and Kieran Doody (fourth year).



U14.5 Hurling team pictured at their blitz in Pairc Ui Chaoimh.

De La Salle Doings

New GAA Jerseys: We would like to thank Derry Casey and Phil Mac Ltd who this year donated yet another set of GAA jerseys to the school. They will get great use! We would like to thank them for their continued support, it is very much appreciated.

French Exchange: There was disappointment this week in De La Salle as the upcoming exchanges with France and Italy have been cancelled due to the government restrictions put in place with regards to Covid-19. There has been a massive amount of work put into organising the trips by the schools, in particular teachers Ms. Keneally and Mr. Sugrue and it is a great disappointment to the students and their parents.

GAA: Our u16 footballers took to the field against a strong St. Francis College Rochestown in the Cork Colleges u16 A quarterfinal. The game was played in Annahala pitch and credit must go to Kilmichael GAA club for opening their pitch for the game despite the inclement weather conditions in recent weeks and considering this the pitch was in excellent condition. Our boys fought hard in the first half and were competing well until the Rochestown corner forward poached a goal from a long range free. The Rochestown players grew in confidence and despite a great

effort from the De La Salle boys, they couldn't break down the opposition defence. Two more goals after half time really gave Rochestown a comfortable lead and left De La Salle with an insurmountable challenge. This group of boys have worked very hard throughout the year, unfortunately this result does not reflect their potential. They will need to bounce back quickly as they are down to play their first Munster Colleges game against Skibbreen Community School. The team on the day was as follows; Stiofain McSweeney, Darragh Fitzgibbon, Charlie Kelleher, Jack Sweeney, Robert Lucey, Jack Devine, Joe O'Mullane, Conor Kelleher, Rory Duggan, Alexander Asling, Sam Pickering, Liam Holland, Noah O' Leary, Alan Desmond, Mark Hunt. Subs: Daniel Creedon, Dylan O'Riordan, Fionn Kelleher, Alan McMahon.

Transition year Macroom clean up: Our transition year students will be out and about on the next four Fridays with the help of the Macroom Tidy Towns committee. The groups will focus on different areas of the town each week. Keep an eye out for our busy volunteers in their high-vis vests and gloves if you're passing by.

Macroom Library

Events that are happening in the Library over the next two weeks;

Friday 13th March – Music Morning 11: 00 am – will be hosted by Gill Vahey. Everybody is welcome where you can relax and enjoy wonderful music and a cup of tea.

Saturday 14th March – Children's Story Time 12: 00 (noon)

Thursday 18th March – The Knitting Group (Purlies) 11:30 am. New members are always welcome.

Friday 19th March – Tots Time – 11: 00 am All are welcome. A morning of song and fun & also a wonderful opportunity to meet up with other parents in the area.

Saturday 21st March – Juvenile Book Club 3:00 pm to discuss The Alchemist.

Wednesday 25th March – Bridge 10: 00 am

Thursday 26th March – Ciorcal Cainte Group – 11:30 am

Friday 27th March – The Business of Craft and Design Talk 11:00 am

Are you interested in starting your own craft business? Cork Craft and Design will talk about how to approach shops and suppliers. Hear from a craft maker – their story on how they started their business. To book a place please contact Macroom Library @ 026 42483

For the **month of March**, our wonderful **ART Exhibition** is by Ryszard Matecki who is an author, graphic designer and an illustrator of books for



A Collaboration Exhibit made by the Children from Macroom under the guidance of Rosanna Lenci Designer/Artist featuring Tir Na Nóg, The Salmon of Knowledge and The Children of Lir

children and adults.

He enjoys working with watercolour and ink as well as storytelling. His vibrantly coloured works exude characteristic warmth, joy & humour. They depict the kind of world we might remember from our childhood imaginations or wish to be transported into, even for a short while. Please visit the library and see his very colourful & vibrant images on display.

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INFORMATION EVENING on the 26th March 2020 in Scoil Mhuire for parents and students in 3rd Year at 7.00 p.m.
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Cahereen Nursing Home/Care Centre presents Tops to Macroom Juvenile GAA Club

Cahereen Nursing Home has presented a set of sports tops to Macroom U-13s. The U-13 team was Macroom's most successful underage 2019 team and won a league and cup double. The players are good and interested, are well managed and coached, and if they keep working hard, they should do well. Macroom GAA caters for about 200 boys aged between six and sixteen and needs many volunteers, money and support. Cahereen has greatly helped in this regard and its support is appreciated.

Part of the Macroom fabric of care for the infirm and elderly for many years, Cahereen is a 27-bedded care centre situated in Codrum and has beautiful rear views over the Lee Valley. The building is bungalow-style, and this facilitates easy access and care, and allows the residents to enjoy the fresh air and al fresco dining during the finer weather. Deservedly Cahereen has a great reputation for its nursing care, and this was built on the skills, commitment, diligence and humanity of past matrons such as Monica Arangorinm, Siobhan Calnan and current matrons and staff.

While Cahereen and Macroom GAA cater for people at opposite ends of

the age spectrum, the principles of care are surprisingly similar. The Home's core values include promoting independence, respect for the dignity of all, enhancing life experience, and integrating in the community. The juvenile club shares these attitudes.

On Wednesday 5 March 2020 U-13 members visited Cahereen to thank Matron Melba Vilson and assistant matron Margaret O'Callaghan for the very generous donation. After mingling with residents and staff, the boys were treated with goodies and Tony O'Sullivan graciously thanked Melba for the tops and reception. Melba was delighted that Cahereen could support another community activity and invited the boys to return.

Whether by foresight or fortune, Mort, Noreen, and Colin Kelleher were playing music and it was clear that the residents, staff and the visitors all enjoyed the session.

Macroom Juvenile GAA club warmly thanks Cahereen Nursing Home/Care Centre.



Matron Melba Vilson, addressing the visiting Macroom U-14 visitors. © Con Kelleher



Matron Melba, Nurse Margaret, Patient Margaret, Administrator Rachel, Coach Tony and the Macroom U-13s/-U14s
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Lisa Manning representing Macroom E, Daria Byrdziak representing Coolcower Meats, Kate Moynihan representing Toons Bridge Dairy, Niamh Browne who was representing Matt Murphy Pharmacy and the winner Ms Lily Healy who was representing the Foroige Club



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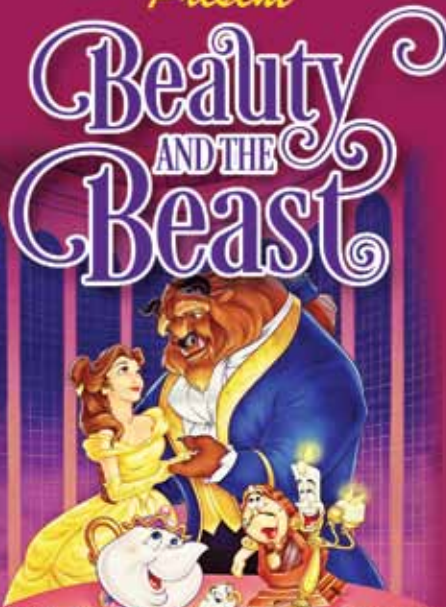
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We would like to sincerely thank all the dippers and everybody who helped out and supported our annual 'Dip na Nollag' on Christmas Day. We raised €2034! This money will go towards the maintenance of the pool. We are very grateful.

Summer 2020: We are delighted to announce that the pool will re-open on Friday the 22nd of May this year. We look forward to seeing you all! Swimming and lifesaving classes will take place this summer during the weeks of: 6th -10th July 3rd (bank hol) - 7th August. (Assessment and registration will take place in the days leading up to the classes). Follow us on Facebook: Linn Snámha Chúil Aodha for more info and updates or email linnsnamhchuilaotha@gmail.com



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News from Scoil Mhuire through Transition Year eyes

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Trip to Cork: The TY girls attended iWish in the City Hall showcasing job opportunities in Stem for women, while the boys enjoyed a morning on the river Lee. They were kayaking and rock climbing with Dave from Outdoor Discovery. Lastly, they all enjoyed a group tour of UCC campus and buildings.

Banc Scoile: Thug na daltaí faoi seirbhís bainc a thabhairt do dhaltai na scoile faoi threoir Brieghe Corkery agus Iníon Ní Uidhir. Is taithí iontach é dóibh lena scileanna bainistíochta agus airgeadais.

School Bank: The students took on giving a banking service to the students of the school under the guidance of Brieghe Corkery and their Business teacher, Iníon Ní Uidhir. It is a great opportunity to develop their management and money skills.

Scileanna Saoil: Faigheann na daltaí i Scoil Mhuire an-thaithí agus cleachtadh ar scileanna saoil le Bean Uí Argáin. Múineann sí dóibh conas léine a iarnáil, carbhat a cheangailt agus béilte blasta a chur le chéile.

Life Skills: The TY students in Scoil Mhuire get a great experience and practice at life skills with Bean Uí Argáin. She has been teaching them how to iron a shirt, tie a tie and also recreate tasty meals.

Taithí Oibre: Scaoilfear amach na daltaí an tseachtain seo chugainn le haghaidh a dara blaiseadh don saol oibre. Is mó an buntáiste é dóibh

taighde agus taithí a fháil ar gairmeacha éagsúla.

Work Experience: The students will have their second work experience next week where they will get a taste on the working life. It is a great experience for them to research and trial different career paths.

Cartlann Áite: Le comhcheangal idir Coláiste Ghobnatan, tá'n IB ag tabhairt faoi togra multi-media lena mbaineann fuaimrian, ceardaíocht agus rince le cur le chéile píosa ealaíona. Cuirfear iad ar taispeántas san Ionad Cultúrtha i gceann cúpla mí.

With a link between Coláiste Ghobnatan, the TY's are undertaking a multi-media project with sounds, craft and dance incorporated to creating a piece of art. They will be presented in the Ionad Cultúrtha in Ballyvourney in a few months.

Idirbhliain 20/21: Tóg an deis agus breathnaigh ar na himeachtaí ar fad a bhíonn an Idirbhliain i nGaeltacht Mhúscraí ag tabhairt faoi, anseo ar www.scoilmuirebg.ie

Take the opportunity and have a look at the range of activities that the Transition Year in the Muskerry Gaeltacht get up to, here on the school's website at www.scoilmuirebg.ie

Tá ár gclár oiriúnach do dhaltai gur suim leo an Ghaeilge agus an cultúr Gaelach maraon le neart deiseanna a fháil i gcodanna acadúla agus eis-curaclam.

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CLONDROHID PARISH ACTIVE RETIRED. (CCMA) The annual JACK'S MYSTERY TOUR organised by IRD Duhallow will take place on Tues May 26 costing €70 which covers all costs on the day.. All those interested in travelling, please contact Mary on 0872036947 as soon as possible as numbers for busses need to be sorted.

The Active Retired organised a very successful Scoraiocht last May in conjunction with the Bealtaine Festival, and they plan to organise the same this year on Friday night May 15 in Community Hall Clondrohid. Please mark in your diary and spread the news. A great night assured. Refreshments will be served.

Cliona O'Brien Clondrohid who was 1st place champion



Carriganima News

An tAthair Peadar Ó Laoghaire Carriganima Community Development invited everybody to the centenary celebrations for An tAthair Peadar Ó Laoghaire. An tAthair Peadar, who was born in the townland of Liscarrigane, spent his formative years here. He was a renowned Gaelic scholar and a champion of the spoken Irish of the people. He wrote several works, and his novel Séadhna was the first novel in modern Irish. An tAthair Peadar wrote in 'everyday Irish' – in the language of the people with whom he grew up and to whom he ministered, rather than the more formal tones historically associated with academic literature. As a cleric, An tAthair Peadar was also an advocate for the so-called 'ordinary people'; he supported the poor – especially tenant farmers, and was an advocate for land reform. At times, this commitment to social justice provoked reprimands from the authorities, but he remained steadfast in these principles. He died in March 1920, and it is only fitting that we, his own people, mark this important centenary.

The commemoration will commence on Friday, March 20 with an opening ceremony and a gathering of musicians in 'The Pub' – beginning at 8.30pm. Representatives of Carriganima Community Development will speak. Tim Joe O'Riordan will be the anchor musician, but all others are very welcome to join in.

On Saturday, March 21, there will be a guided bus tour to sites associated with An tAthair Peadar and his ancestors, including Carrignacurra Castle,

Carraig na Madraí and Liscarrigane (the family homestead). The bus will leave the village at 12 noon and return at approximately 4pm. Soup and sandwiches will be available for purchase in The Pub afterwards. All those on the tour must stay together and comply with the Country Code. Carriganima Community Development is very grateful to the affected landowners for their permission to allow people to access sites as part of this tour. Prior booking is essential via Eventbrite (Tour An tAthair Peadar) or by phoning Cáit Ring on 086-8736614. This guided tour is compliments of Carriganima Community Development.

At 6pm, Rt. Rev. Msgr. James O'Donnell will lead a concelebrated bilingual Mass, before which he will bless a commemorative plaque, which is due to be installed in the Church. After Mass, there will be a social gathering in The Pub, and refreshments will be served. Murt Kelliher will lead musicians, and again, others are welcome to join in.

The community has, under the stewardship of James O'Leary, compiled a book 'Ár Scéal Féin' – brimming with genealogy, stories, tales, heritage, history and folklore from the wider locality over the past one hundred years. This will be formally launched after Mass. Copies will be on sale, on the night, and patrons will have to be quick to get their copy of this momentous publication.

All are welcome / Fáilte roimh chách.



Shauna Kenneally from the Hegarty School of dancing, who placed 1st in solo Muscraí scor last weekend



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Citizens Information Outreach Coachford 2020: South Munster Citizens Information Service will be available at Coachford Post Office on Friday 13th March from 9.30 am to 2pm

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
Email: macroom.cic@citinfo.ie

Kilmichael Calling

Kilmichael Parish Churches Nearly 500 Years Old: Cooldorrihy, Toames and Johnstown churches in Kilmichael Parish are celebrating a total of 490 years this year, 2020.

Toames church is 190 years old and Johnstown and Cooldorrihy are both 150 years each. To mark this occasion, Bishop Fintan Gavin is visiting the parish on the weekend of 23rd/24th May.

If you have any old photos that you would like to share with us, we would be very grateful if you could email them to us at news@kilmichael.org



Kilmichael Pitch and Putt, Dan, Seán, Maureen, Ann and P.J.
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Leabharlann Bhaile Mhúirne

Recently the library landline phone was out of order. I wasn't quite sure how long it was out of order before someone drew it to my attention. I realised that not very many people use landlines anymore. Most of the queries and notices I receive are through e-mail, messenger, WhatsApp etc. Now there are many online services available through the library too. Many of the people who visit Leabharlann Baile Mhúirne tell me they have e-readers or tablets and can access all the online services. But then comes the "but nothing can beat an actual book in your hand that you can turn the pages yourself".

When I tell people I work in a library there is one question I get asked a lot – do people still use the library, do they still read actual books? Well the answer is a resounding Yes!! There is nothing quite like the feel and weight of a good book in your hand. To casually cast your eye along the varied book spines as they stand in unison on the shelf, pick one, contemplate the cover and check the genre, perhaps chose a second one and make some comparisons. Make a final choice and head to the desk knowing that on your next visit to the library you can enjoy this quiet satisfaction again. So if you want a book or an e-book your local library is still the place to go.

National Library Open Day which was held on February 29th was a great opportunity to check out the services at your local library. Simply Múscraí, a local low waste eco group held their meeting at Leabharlann Bhaile Mhúirne and made washing detergent while swapping ideas on low waste and eco

friendly alternatives to regularly used items. As well as the usual Saturday patrons some people visited to enquire about the online services and the younger visitors enjoyed colouring and board games.

Tá Lá Fhéile Pádraig ag teacht go luath. Ná déan dearmad do chúpla focal Gaeilge a chleachtadh do Sheachtain na Gaeilge agus b'fhéidir cúpla focal a choinneáil i rith na bliana? Tá fáilte romhat teacht chuig ár gCiorcal Comhrá. Buailimid le chéile gach 1ú agus 3ú hAoine den mhí i Leabharlann Bhaile Mhúirne ag 10.30am.

The following is a reminder of our amended opening hours:

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Muinefluich N.S Miscellany



The pupils at Muinefluich National School have been extremely busy with all kinds of book-related activities, for World Book Day

Muinefluich NS Bookclub: With the recent passing of World Book Day, pupils at Muinefluich National School have been extremely busy with all kinds of book-related activities, from literacy scavenger hunts and peer-reading sessions, to designing their own bookmarks and even a visit from the author of a new book series for children a few weeks ago! Members of the Muinefluich Book club have also been keeping busy, collectively reading a total of over 130 books since establishing last September, all of which have been graciously supplied by Ballyvourney Library.

A Review by Meabh: Meabh in 5th class shares her thoughts on one of the latest reads: *Murder Most Unladylike*, by Robin Stevens. *Murder most unladylike* is a book about two young 3rd former girls called Hazel Wong and Daisy Wells. Daisy is a small, independent girl from England. She has long blonde curls of hair. She is very good at hockey and EVERYONE thinks she is a perfect! Hazel is a short, kind and nervous girl. She's got long dark brown tufts of hair. She is not very good at hockey and since moving to the bordering school, all the way from Hong Kong, has struggled to make friends. However, these two completely different girls soon become BFFs and establish the school's first ever Detective Society, which is what the book is all about.

Ready to face the world of crime with their new Detective Club, the girls get



Pupils from 6th class in Muinefluich NS who came 2nd in the ballad section and 3rd in the recitation section of the Muscraí final of the Scór na bpaistí competition recently

to work looking for little 'crimes' to solve in between their busy life at the English border school; little do these they know that their first case, would be a MURDER!

When Hazel finds the body of their science teacher in their school gym, the case slowly starts to begin. Hazel leaves the scene to find Daisy, and when they return, the body is GONE! With the body nowhere to be found, not only do these girls have to solve a murder, but they also must prove one happened in the first place!

The book is all about their investigation and how the two girls come to solve, not one, or two, but three murders related to the school.

I'd recommend this book to anyone between the ages of 9-13 years old. Daisy reminds me of a girl called Laura Sibby from a book called *Pig City* by Louis Sachar, another fantastic book we've recently read at Bookclub. Warning, this book might be frightening for younger children since it mentions emotive topics like suicide, bullying, and the obvious murders. Otherwise this book is amazing and all I have left to say is, Robin Stevens, congrats on a fantastic book!

Iveleary/Uibh Laoire Inklings

Comic Relief: A wonderful night was had in the Hall Inchigeela on Friday night last. Ahakeera players entertained the large and appreciative audience with their presentation of a hilarious 2 hours of non-stop, side splitting fun in Tommy Marren's "The Real McCoy". Lots of witty one liners and funny situations gave the audience plenty to laugh at. The Ahakeera drama group have never failed to come up with a great show and last Friday's production was no exception. Let's not forget the hours and hours of rehearsals and set creation that preceded what we saw on stage. Well done all.

Garda Clinic

The Garda will attend in Inchigeela as follows:

Mon 16 March 11am to noon

Mon 23 March 6pm to 7pm

Mon 30 March No Clinic

Litter: It is very disappointing to see litter being thrown about but it is all the more so when it is deposited in a beauty spot like our boat slip on the lake shore. Littering is of no credit to the person who litters. It's just bad news. On the other hand it's great to see young people interested in keeping the landscape clean and beautiful. This is the third year that a young person

has volunteered to work with Inchigeela Tidy Towns as part of their Gaisce Programme in school and the group are delighted to facilitate such activity. So well done Marian and good luck with your Gaisce work.

Presentation: There will be a second collection at this weekend's masses as part of the contribution for a presentation to Bishop John Buckley who was born in our parish and who retired last year as bishop of Cork and Ross. It is planned to make the presentation on April 2nd when Bishop John will attend at Confirmation Day.

Ciorcal Comhrá: The chat continues each Thursday at 7.30pm in Creedons' hotel. Its informal, you don't need lots of Gaelige and its a bit of craic.

Fitness: Fitness classes continue in the hall in Ballyneary every Mon and Wed from 7 to 8pm and Spinning (cycling) classes each Tue 7 to 8pm

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Rusheen N.S. Figure and Set Dancers with their trophies from the Scór na bPáistí Muskerry Final



Rusheen N.S. Ballad Group who came 3rd in the Scór na bPáistí Muskerry Final



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Macroom GAA Club

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



Eire Og Mid Cork U21A Champions 2020

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 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, 6-10 p.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 Ladies GAA Club

Macroom U14 ladies played 1st league match of the Year in difficult conditions in Togher last Sunday evening.

Macroom started brightly with a goal from Eily Walsh inside the 1st 5 minutes, Macroom scored again through Caoimhe O' Brien after 15 minutes after some great work from Lily Desmond. St. Finbarr's then got a couple of crucial scores, but Macroom rallied before half time with Caoimhe O' Brien scoring her second goal and led 3-1 to 2-2 at half time. The 1st ten minutes saw St. Finbarr's on top & Macroom weren't helped by an injury to Caoimhe O' Brien that led her to be substituted. Macroom then conceded 2 quick fire penalties but Cork U 14 goalkeeper Molly Murphy make 2 outstanding saves and kept Macroom in the match. Macroom rallied after this & were leading with 10 minutes to go by 1 pt, however, Macroom conceded a third penalty & St. Finbarr's score from it and held on. A great battling performance from Macroom considering they were missing Ruth Sexton & the injured Caoimhe O'Brien for most of the



Macroom Ladies Football, Concubhair, Caoimhe, Noelle and Martin.

2nd half.

Team: Molly Murphy, Lilly Murphy, Ruth Creed, Aisling Quinn, Clodagh McDonagh - Captain, Aimee Twomey, Maya O' Mahony, Ellen Kelleher, Lilly Desmond, Lucy Duggan, Olivia Wozniak, Rachel Bradley, Eily Walsh, Caoimhe

O'Brien, Sadhbh Donovan
Scorers: Caoimhe O' Brien, Eily Walsh, Lucy Duggan, Eugenie Kelleher
Subs used: Erin Kelleher, Kate Buckley, Eugenie Kelleher, Aoife O'Leary, Eily Buckley

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Macroom FC

U16 Schoolboys Div 3,

Ballinhassig 0 Macroom 3: A heavy pitch and strong winds made for difficult conditions but Macroom came away from Gortnaglough with a valuable 3 points. The opening exchanges were keenly contested with little between the sides. Macroom however hit the front midway through the first half when the alert Dylan Wenger was on target. Ballinhassig came into the game and built some pressure. However, the visiting defence was well drilled with Rory Duggan and Ben Herlihy part of a solid back four. Cameron Murphy in goal was again very reliable and his distribution was also top class. As half time approached, the home side poorly defended a Macroom attack and Molyneux was on hand to double his and Macroom's tally.

Into the second period and Macroom were now facing the strong wind. The home side continued to press but the visitors were dangerous on the break, Liam Holland getting through an amount of work in midfield. The third goal arrived late on. Ben Lyons threaded through a fine pass and Eoin Healy made no mistake to seal the victory. This was an excellent result on a cold, damp and windy morning and coaches PJ Herlihy and John Wenger were delighted with the effort. Thanks also to all parents who travelled to support the team.

Schoolgirls Games: The 13 schoolgirls, sponsored by Life Pharmacy, Railway View made the long trip to Kilworth and had a fantastic 5:0 win.

At U17 level a difficult task was presented with a trip to play Carrigaline who are a top side. Carrigaline won this tie 5-0 but the scoreline doesn't really tell the tale. Macroom played some great stuff and the result flattered the home team somewhat. Regardless of this, it

was a good experience to go up against one of the best U17 sides in the county. The U17 team are sponsored by Matt Murphy's Pharmacy.

U12 Schoolboys Div 3, Youghal Utd 1 Macroom 2:

Another long trip for a Macroom team resulted in a tremendous win at Ardrath Park. Needless to say, high winds made things difficult but both sides contributed a fine game.

Macroom hit the front early on when Tristyn McBride benefitted from an excellent Samuel Leavy cross to finish emphatically.

It was 2-0 on the stroke of half time. Leavy this time was on the end of a Kyle Cronin ball and his well-timed header found the net.

Macroom were forced to defend for long parts of the second half and the home side halved the deficit late on. It was a lucky enough goal for Youghal as a speculative shot was deflected into the Macroom net. A frantic finish ensued with Youghal desperate for the equaliser. Macroom held on though and now go top of the table.

Well done to all players, to Stephen Buckley and coaches and to all who travelled to support.

Meet the Clubs Day: Macroom FC were delighted to attend the recent 'Meet the Clubs' day which showcased local clubs and



Macroom FC with players with Ava and Luke. © Con Kelleher

organisations in the Mid-Cork Area. The event was held at Macroom Leisure Centre and was hosted by Macroom and District Lions club. It was great to see much interest in Macroom FC and indeed it must be said the Macroom area is lucky to have a wide range of clubs/societies offering a huge choice of different activities.

Race Night: Plans are going well for the Macroom FC fundraising Race Night, Easter Sunday Apr 12th, Murray's Bar, 9pm. Horses (cost 10 euro) are currently on sale around the town and from club members so please avoid disappointment and get your horses now. A great night is assured in what is an important club fundraiser, so please come along and support Macroom FC.

Macroom Handball/Racquetball Club

The club recently participated in the 'meet the clubs' event and there was quite a bit of interest expressed. Handball and racquetball are both indoor sports, same rules, and are played as singles or doubles.

The games are suited to all ages, both men and women, adults and juveniles. The club is inviting anybody that is interested to come along and see what it's all about and avail of some coaching for new members and have set aside times for this.

This will be at the court in Macroom Leisure Centre on two dates:

21/3/2020, Saturday from 11.00 am till 1.00 pm

23/3/2020, Monday from 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm



Macroom Handball and Racquetball Club. © Con Kelleher

Macroom Golf Club

3/3/20 Seniors Scramble - 1st Liam Nash (14) Tony Bullen (17) John Smyth (23) 50pts

06-08/3/20 14-Hole Club Singles & W/L - 1st Keith Stafford (9) 33pts, 2nd Shane Murphy (12) 33pts

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Macroom Motors Mid Cork U21 Football Championship 2020

The Macroom Motors Mid Cork U21 football championships are reaching the final stages with the A grade already decided. The aim of completing all three competitions, A, B and C, by mid-March is likely to be achieved. Only the winners of each championship proceeds 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 and Aghabullogue v Inniscarra- not played

Final:

Éire Óg 1 – 11 Ballincollig 1 - 4

Éire Óg retained their Mid Cork U21 A football championship crown with an impressive win over Ballincollig at a wet and windy Kilmichael venue in a repeat of last year's final.

Éire Óg were the fancied team with eleven of last year's side available and they have a physical advantage over most other teams in the grade. They have several outstanding young footballers like Colm O'Callaghan and Jack Murphy, and overall Éire Óg are a fine side which can do well in the county championship. Éire Óg scored first when Jack Murphy pointed a free, but Ballincollig then hit them for a goal, Liam O'Connell's pass fisted to the net by Darragh Dorgan. Éire Óg dominated the exchanges for the remainder of the half, scored seven points to two for Ballincollig and led at the break by 0-8 to 1-2.

Ballincollig had a point from Evan Cooke on the resumption but then lost a man for ten minutes to a black card. Ballincollig were now completely under pressure but Éire Óg failed to score until a powerful effort from Joe Cooper found the net in the forty-first minute. There was no way back for Ballincollig after this and their only reply was a point in the closing minutes from Fentan Denny.

Scorers: Éire Óg: Dylan Foley 0-4 (0-2 f), Joe Cooper 1-1, Jack Murphy 0-2 (0-1 f, 0-1 45), David Kirwan, Mark Kelleher, Rian O'Flynn, Hugh Murphy 0-1 each. Ballincollig: Darragh Dorgan 1-0, Stephen Wills 0-2 (f), Evan Cooke, Fentan Denny 0-1 each.

Eire Og: Adam O'Riordan: Jerome Kelleher, Sean O'Flynn, Colm McGoldrick: Diarmuid Dineen, Colm O'Callaghan, David Twomey: Jack Murphy, Matt Brady: Hugh Murphy, Dylan Foley, Rian O'Flynn: David Kirwan, Joe Cooper, Mark Kelleher. Subs: Tommy Murphy 40, Kilian Sheehan 43, Shane Quigley 44.

Ballincollig: Chris Walsh: Chris Twomey, Jordan Murray, Sean Walsh: Karl Walsh, Fentan Denny, Liam O'Connell: Conor O'Leary, Sean Dore: David McCullagh, Evan Cooke, Harry Ahern: Stephen Wills, Darragh Dorgan, Mark Oldham. Subs: Darragh O'Mahony Ht, Adam Wills 36, Josh Cotter 43, James Falvey 53, Cathal Quirke

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Referee: Mr Dave Murnane, 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
Aghinagh 1-9 Grenagh 0-6 replay

Quarter Finals:

A Ballinora
B Naomh Abán 0-11 Cill na Martra 0-8
C Kilmurry
D Canovee 3-10 Aghinagh 2-4

Semi Finals:

Ballinora v Naomh Abán
Kilmurry v Canovee

Aghinagh 1 – 9 Grenagh 0 – 6

Aghinagh travelled to Grenagh for this 2nd round replay and deservedly qualified for a quarter final meeting with neighbours Canovee after a close contest played in difficult weather conditions.

Canovee 3 – 10 Aghinagh 2 - 4

A goal in front at half time and level at the three quarter stage, Aghinagh were forced to yield to a strong final quarter finish by Canovee at Carrigadrohid in wretched weather conditions. Canovee deserved their win, were probably the better team but were made to earn their passage to a show-down with Kilmurry in the B championship semi final.

Aghinagh had wind advantage in the first half and were boosted by a great start which saw full forward Con Buckley twice put the ball in the Canovee net to help his side to a 2-2 to 0-1 lead after eight minutes. Jack Kelleher then kicked two points for Canovee and the home side were back in the frame when Paudie O'Leary had a goal in the 18th minute to make it 2-2 to 1-3. Dara Cronin added a point but Liam Twohig had two late points to give Aghinagh a 2-4 to 1-4 interval lead.

Canovee now had the benefit of the wind and rain and a point from Dara Cronin and two from Jack Kelleher frees had the sides level in the 43rd minute and Canovee went in front for the first time in the 16th minute when Jack Kelleher pointed another free and Kelleher doubled the advantage from another free. A point from Patrick O'Neill in the 55th minute gave the winners a three point advantage and Canovee finished in style with an Eoin Moynihan goal followed by another from Dara Cronin as the Aghinagh defence was breached at last.

Canovee: Ben Cheasty David Carroll Sean Keating Patrick O'Neill Denis Murphy Eoin McNabola Sean Browne Brian McNabola Evan Dodd David O'Keeffe Jack Kelleher Kieran Walsh Pádraig O'Leary Shane Riordan Dara Cronin Subs: Odhran O'Driscoll 20, Eoghan O'Connell ht, Cian Cronin 40, Conor Dodd 55,

Billy Kingston 58

Aghinagh: Adam Kelly: Sean O'Riordan, Euan Coughlan, Richard Cotter: Peter Murphy, Olan Cummins, Jordan Burns: Aodh Twomey, Tadgh Sheehan: Alex Murphy, Liam Twohig, Cathal O'Riordan: T J Buckley, Con Buckley, Jack Kearney. Sub: Seán Barrett.

Referee: Mr Jerry Masters, Kilmichael.

Naomh Abán 0 – 11 Cill na Martra 0 – 8

The weather was simply diabolical for this local derby at Macroom. Credit then to the two teams and excellent referee Pat O'Leary for the stirring contest served up. Naomh Abán had wind advantage in the first half and went into a 0-4 to 0-1 lead. N Abán goalkeeper Finley Walker then saved a penalty and to add to Cill na Martra woes, their full back Eoin Ó Céilleachair suffered a bad leg injury which required his transfer to hospital in Cork by ambulance. It was 0-8 to 0-5 at half time and Naomh Abán maintained a three point advantage to the finish but had to withstand fierce Cill na Martra pressure in the closing stages to survive.

It was a fine championship contest on a good surface in appalling weather, very competitive but sporting, and a credit to both clubs.

Scorers: Naomh Abán: Darragh Ó Laoire 0-3, Darragh Ó Loinsigh 0-3, Aodhán Ó Luasa 0-1, Dara Ó Loinsigh 0-1, Daniel Ó Ceallaigh 0-1.

Naomh Abán: Finley Walker: Micheál Ó Ceallacháin, Fionn Ó Loinsigh, Tomás Ó Catháin: Colm de Róiste, Aodha Ó Catháin, Seán Ó Riordáin: Dara Ó Loinsigh, Caoimhín Ó Donnchú: Ciarán Ó Colmáin, Aodhán Ó Luasa, Conchubhar Ó Críodáin: Darragh Ó Loinsigh, Darragh Ó Laoire, Daniel Ó Ceallaigh. Fear Ionad: Colm Ó Meachair

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, Criostóir Ó Meachair: Trevor Ó hÉaluithe, Cian Ó Foirrídih, Eoin Ó Conaill: Ciaran Ó Duinnin, Dean MacCarthaigh, Pádraig de Búrca. Sub: Antóin Ó Buachalla.

Referee: Mr Pat O'Leary, Kilmurry

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:

A Iveleary
B Macroom 0-12 Kilmichael 1-3
C Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh 4-2 Donoughmore 0-7
D Clondrohid

Semi Finals:

Iveleary 1-9 Macroom 1-4
Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh v Clondrohid

Final:

Iveleary v Béal Átha or Clondrohid

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Macroom 0 – 12 Kilmichael 1 – 3

Macroom U21 footballers defeated Kilmichael in the quarter final of the Mid Cork C Championship at Annahala on a score of 0-12 to 1-3 and so qualified to meet Iveleary in the championship semi final. Conditions were reasonable, high wind, freezing cold but the pitch surface was good. Macroom faced the wind in the first half, conceded the opening score to Kilmichael's Daniel Cotter but then began to get a grip on proceedings and went into a narrow lead, 0-2 to 0-1, by the end of the first quarter, Dylan Twomey and Ben O'Connell the Macroom scorers. Two further points from Dylan Twomey frees were followed by a late point for the home side from a Chris O'Connell free so Macroom led by 0-4 to 0-2 at the break. With the wind, Macroom continued to be on top and points from Dylan Twomey, Eolan O'Leary, Shane Meaney, Kieran Doody followed before Kilmichael had the only goal of the game from a Chris O'Connell penalty in the dying seconds. Scorers: Macroom: Dylan Twomey 0-6 (0-3f), Ben O'Connell 0-2, Kieran Doody 0-2, Eolan O'Leary, Shane Meaney 0-1 each. Kilmichael: Chris O'Connell 1-2 (1-0 pen, 0-2f), Daniel Cotter 0-1. Macroom: Dylan Corcoran: Kieran Condon, James Galvin; Kuba Brydziak, Cillian O'Donovan, Shane Meaney: Eolan O'Leary, Niko Wyczynski: Jack O'Riordan, Ben O'Connell, Bradley O'Shea: Dylan Twomey, Kieran Doody. Subs : David Hunt, Sean McMahon, Eoin Cahill, Conor McKirgan, Darren Quinn. Kilmichael: Pádraig O'Leary: Kevin Kelleher, Gerard Murphy: Andrew Kelleher, Eoin Murphy, Aidan Murray: Chris O'Connell, Seán Buttimer:

Alan McCarthy, Josh deLacey, Ronan Murphy: Daniel Cotter, Brendan Kelleher. Subs: Adam O'Leary, John Downey. Referee: Mr Billy Twomey, Iveleary

Iveleary 1 – 9 Macroom 1 – 4

Iveleary were deserving winners over Macroom at a very wet and very windy Páirc Uí Chuana in Cill na Martra. Playing against the elements in the first half Iveleary were still able to force the pace, boosted by an Ian Jones goal, and stay with their opponents to the half time break when the teams were level at 1-4 each. Macroom failed to add to their tally in the second half while Iveleary scored five points, four from frees, to be well in control before the finish.

Scorers: Iveleary: Ian Jones 1-1, Aaron O'Donovan 0-7 (0-6 f), Conor O'Leary 0-1 (f). Macroom: Dylan Twomey 1-4.

Iveleary: Brian O'Riordan: Sean O'Riordan, Adrian O'Dea: James O'Dea, Daniel O'Donovan, Shane Hodman: Conor O'Leary, Josh Pickering: Joseph O'Donovan, Ian Jones, Olan Clancy: David O'Donoghue, Aaron O'Donovan. Subs: Sean Horgan, Shane Cotter, Shane Hurley. Macroom: Dylan Corcoran: Kieran Condon, James Galvin; Kuba Brydziak, Cillian O'Donovan, Shane Meaney: Eolan O'Leary, Ben O'Connell; Jack O'Riordan, Niko Wyczynski, Bradley O'Shea: Dylan Twomey, Kieran Doody. Subs : David Hunt, Jack Sexton, Eoin Cahill, Conor McKirgan.

Referee: Colm Uas Ó Mocháin, Cill na Martra.

Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh 4 – 2 Donoughmore 0 – 7

Béal Átha travelled to Donoughmore for this quarter final encounter and overcame the home side and the conditions to qualify for a semi final joust with Clondrohid, a repeat of the first round encounter won by Clondrohid at Ballingearry.

The weather at Donoughmore (and everywhere else in Muskerry that afternoon) was simply dreadful with a very high wind driving the heavy rain. All credit to the players for their dedication!

Donoughmore had the benefit of the wind in the first half, scored first, were on top, but conceded a goal in the 15th minute which brought Béal Átha level at 0-4 to 1-1, Gavin Ó Laoire the goalscorer. Again Donoughmore hit the front but again Béal Átha got in for a goal, this one in the 21st minute putting them into a short lived lead. Donoughmore drew level but Ronán Ó Loinsigh pointed to give Beal Átha a slender half time lead, 2-2 to 0-7. As the teams tired, and the weather got worse, scores were at a premium but a goal from Seán Ó Muineacháin in the 48th minute and another from Ronán Ó Loinsigh five minutes from time settled the issue.

Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh: Barra Ó Súilleabháin, Barra Ó hArgán, Shane Ó Laoire, Diarmuid Ó Laoire, Gearoid Ó Loingsigh, Peaitsí Ó Tuama, Seán Ó Muineacháin, Seán Ó hUrdail, Brian Ó Duinnín, Seán Ó Luasa, Conor Ó Buachalla, Ronán Ó Loinsigh, Gavin Ó Laoire, Jack Ó Suilleabháin, Brian Ó Tuama, Daire Ó Briain, Donncha Ó Cremín, Charlie Ó Criodáin, Rian Ó Tuama, Barra Ó Tuama.

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.

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U21 A Football Quarter-finals

A Carbery v Éire Óg
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

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

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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

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
Ballincollig 0-15 St Michaels 1-6
Ballincollig 1-17 Mallow 0-15
Cill na Martra 2-7 Mallow 1-11
Carbery Rangers 2-9 Cill na Martra 3-14
Cill na Martra 0-13 Castlehaven 1-12

Div Two:

Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh 0-12 Carrigaline 2-10
Béal Átha 1-7 Fermoy 2-8
Éire Óg 2-7 Newmarket 1-7
Éire Óg 0-12 Clyda Rovers 1-6

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
Aghada 4-8 Macroom 1-14

Div Five:

Kilshannig 2-9 Grenagh 1-8

Grenagh 1-6 St Finbarrs 0-8
Kilshannig 2-7 Ballinora 1-12

Hurling

Div Three:

Tracton 1-9 Ballincollig 1-11
Ballincollig 0-15 Kildorrery 0-13
Inniscarra 1-12 Ballincollig 0-21
Milford 0-12 Inniscarra 1-18
Carrigaline 0-15 Blarney 1-14

Div Four:

Argideen 2-10 Cloughduv 0-15
Cloughduv 2-15 Middleton 0-10
Meelin 0-14 Cloughduv 1-19
Aghada 1-13 Éire Óg 0-10
Éire Óg 0-15 Argideen 0-8
Middleton 1-15 Aghabullogue 1-14

Div Five:

Barryroe 2-13 Dripsey 2-11
Dripsey 1-9 St Finbarrs 2-11

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 @ Ballingeary

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: Cloughduv 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

Galway 2-18 Cork 1-16

Cork looked fully capable of winning this vital league encounter at Salthill but Robbie O'Flynn's 52nd minute dismissal for a needless and careless foul on Fintan Burke was a mortal blow and Galway exploited their numerical superiority with the issue delicately poised. In the closing stages Galway outscored Cork by 1-5 to 0-2 with the 55th minute goal proving to be the critical moment.

Despite playing into the teeth of a strong first half wind, Cork were content to only depart trailing by 1-10 to 0-10 at the interval. With Patrick Horgan sharp from frees the teams were deadlocked at 0-4 each by the 17th minute before Galway enjoyed a productive burst.

Cork, though, stayed composed reeling off six of the last nine points before the break with Conor Lehane and Bill Cooper landing splendid efforts.

When the action recommenced Cork continued to narrow the deficit and hit the front in the 50th minute as O'Mahony netted. O'Flynn's red card followed shortly after and Galway subsequently pounced for a goal. From then until the finish Cork could only muster a couple of Horgan frees, while Galway finished smartly. Scorers for Cork: Patrick Horgan 0-9 (0-9f), Tim O'Mahony 1-1 (0-1 sideline), Shane Kingston

0-2, Aidan Walsh, Conor Lehane, Darragh Fitzgibbon, and Bill Cooper 0-1 each.

CORK: Anthony Nash; Niall O'Leary, Eoin Cadogan, Colm Spillane; Bill Cooper, Tim O'Mahony, Sean O'Leary-Hayes; Mark Coleman (Blarney), Darragh Fitzgibbon; Robbie O'Flynn, Seamus Harnedy, Aidan Walsh; Conor Lehane, Shane Kingston, Patrick Horgan.

Subs: Conor Cahalane for Walsh (HT), Jack O'Connor for Lehane (70+1).

Allianz National Football Leagues 2020

Cork 3-13 Derry 3-11

Cork survived a late scare as Derry battled from 10 points down with only eight minutes of regulation time remaining to lose by just two at Páirc Uí Chaoimh.

The result leaves Cork on the verge of promotion back to Division Two, requiring just one more point from their remaining two games (v Louth at home and Longford away) to be sure.

They led by 1-5 to 0-4 at half-time after playing with the howling wind. Damien Gore scored their goal in the 19th minute following a mistake from a short kickout.

Cork added a second goal after 45 minutes, when Paul Kerrigan set up John O'Rourke, who added a third following a strong Sean Powter run on the hour.

Just before, Derry's Niall Loughlin grabbed their first goal, but with 62 minutes gone, Cork had raced 3-12 to 1-8 in front and were coasting. Derry kept battling right to the end as goals from Emmett Bradley and substitute Patrick Kearney left Cork sweating on the final whistle. Cork: A Casey; T Clancy, M Shanley, Paul Ring (Aghabullogue); L O'Donovan, S Powter, M Taylor; I Maguire, captain, K O'Hanlon; J O'Rourke (2-2, 0-1 'mark'), S White, B Hartnett; P Kerrigan, L Connolly (0-2, 1 free), D Gore (1-3, 0-1 'mark').

Subs: C O'Mahony (0-4, 2 frees) for Connolly injured 25 mins, K O'Donovan for O'Donovan injured 35+1 mins, E McSweeney (0-1) for Hartnett 45 mins, M Hurley (0-1) for Kerrigan 62 mins, J Loughrey for Powter 64 mins.

EirGrid Munster Under 20 Football Final

Kerry 0 - 17 Cork 1 - 9

A powerful second half performance saw Kerry reclaim the Munster Under-20 football title after seeing off All-Ireland champions, Cork. The Kingdom outscored the Rebels by 0-12 to 0-3 in the second period, overturning a four-point half time deficit and easing into an All-Ireland semi-final against Roscommon on St Patrick's Day.

Cork were the slight fancy to retain their provincial title and by half time were looking



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the better side. Kerry had other ideas in the second period, got totally on top around midfield and with a quality supply the Kerry forwards had Cork on the rack.

The first half was a story of two goal chances: one missed by Kerry in the 16th minute and the other converted by Cork in the 25th minute by Blake Murphy helping the Rebels to a 1-6 to 0-5 interval lead.

Jack Murphy (Éire Óg) put in a fine performance at wing forward, Aodhán Ó Luasa (Naomh Abán) had to retire injured at half time.

Scorers for Cork: B Murphy 1-3, M Cronin 0-4 (1f), J Murphy 0-1, F Herlihy 0-1

CORK: Cian O'Leary (Douglas): Colm O'Shea (Kilshannig), Daniel O'Mahony (Knocknagree), Diarmuid Phelan (Aghada); David Buckley (Newcestown), Billy Foley (Bantry Blues), Eanna O'Hanlon (Kilshannig): Jack Lawton (Argideen Rangers), Daniel O'Connell (Kanturk): Jack Murphy (Éire Óg), Aodhán Ó Luasa (Naomh Abán), Brian Hayes (St Finbarrs): Mark Cronin (Nemo Rangers), Fionn Herlihy (Dohenys), Blake Murphy (St Vincents). Subs: Brian Lynch (Douglas) for D Phelan (29), Conor Corbett (Clyda Rovers) for A Ó Luasa (ht), Bill Curtin (Kilshannig) for J Lawton (38), Darragh Cashman (Millstreet) for B Hayes (52), Conor

Russell (Douglas) for F Herlihy (59).

Conor Smith (Aghabullogue), Jack Kelleher and Eoghan Lehane (both Canovee) were on the extended Cork panel for the final.

Management Team: Keith Ricken, Michéal Ó Cronín (N Abán), Maurice Moore, Colm O'Neill, Barry Corkery (Éire Óg).

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Answer: Returning to work following maternity leave can be stressful, and the high cost of childcare is something that worries many new families. However, there is help available, and you will be pleased to hear that the system for receiving childcare assistance has been greatly simplified with the introduction of the new National Childcare Scheme (NCS).

The National Childcare Scheme offers two levels of funding:

- **A universal subsidy** that is available for children aged between 6 months and 3 years. You must be legally resident in Ireland, be the parents or guardians of the child and provide a PPS number for both you and your child to qualify. The universal subsidy is €0.50 per hour. When your child reaches 3 years, he or she will be eligible for the Early Childhood Care and Education Programme (ECCE), which is also a universal programme.
- **An income assessed subsidy** that is available for children aged between 6 months and 15 years. As well as satisfying the conditions for the universal subsidy, your reckonable income must be below €60,000 per year.

The NCS replaces all the existing schemes (with the exception of the Early Childhood Care and Education Programme (ECCE) which will continue to operate alongside the NCS), although parents and guardians who are receiving assistance through an existing programme can opt to stay on their current scheme until August 2021.

Subsidised hours

If you are working or studying, you will receive a maximum of 40 hours per week of subsidised childcare. During school term time, this is decreased to reflect the time your child spends in school. If you are not working or studying, you will receive a maximum of 15 hours per week of subsidised childcare.

Assessable income

The income based subsidy is based on how much money you and your spouse or partner earn, less some allowable deductions.

The calculation is based on your take home pay. This is your pay (and your spouse or partner's pay) after tax, PRSI and USC have been deducted.

If you are receiving a social welfare payment (including Child Benefit), this is counted as income, unless it is an allowable payment.

If you have 2 children under 15, you can deduct €4,300 from your reckonable income.

If you have 3 or more children under 15, you can deduct €8,600 from your reckonable income.

You can also deduct allowable social welfare payments, including:

- Back to Education Allowance and VTOS Training Allowance
- Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance
- Back to Work Family Dividend
- Blind Welfare Allowance
- Carer's Support Grant
- Domiciliary Care Allowance
- Guardians and Foster Care allowances
- Rent Supplement
- Student Grant

To see the full list of allowable deductions, visit citizensinformation.ie.

You will be entitled to the maximum subsidy rates if your reckonable income is below €26,000 per year. The rate decreases on a sliding scale to the cut-off point of €60,000 per year.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre below.

Know Your Rights has been compiled by Macroom Citizens Information Service which provides a free and confidential service to the public. Address: South Square, Macroom, Co. Cork. Information is also available online at citizensinformation.ie and from the Citizens Information Phone Service, 0761 07 4000. Macroom Helpline: 0761078430



Golden Jubilee 1971 of Dripsey Ambush, that includes some survivors of the 1921 Ambush.



Muskerry Special Olympics, Deirdre Curtis. © Con Kelleher



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



Youthreach students were delighted to paint Vaughan's Café window front as Peggy Vaughan has been a fantastic support of the Work Wise Skills program



Engineering workshop at Kilbarry National School.



Joe Creedon talking with Kilbarry NS children about the sketches of Inchegeela by Spanish artist Nacho Summers from 1997/98.



Cork County Council announce details of its Commemorations Grant Scheme 2020



Cloughdun GAA, "February Spin and Win" winners

Get Involved in National Tree Week (March 21st to 27th 2020)

For the past number of years Tree Week has been growing from strength to strength in the County of Cork, supported by Cork County Council. National Tree Week is an initiative of the Tree Council of Ireland with the support of Coillte, and this year takes place from March 21st to 27th. It is a week to be proud of our trees; to learn about their folklore and their practical applications and to appreciate how important a healthy and diverse tree stock is as we peer ever deeper into the impact that Climate Change may have.

To be part of National Tree Week, Community groups and organisations, schools and people everywhere are invited to organise or participate in one or more events for the week. As well as tree planting ceremonies, the range of events can include forest and woodland walks, nature trails, workshops, woodturning displays, listening to the trees and what lives in the trees. Talks, tree climbing, broadcasts, launches, poetry readings, exhibitions and dramas, and other similar ideas and events are all welcome.

Thanks to the support of the Tree Council of Ireland, Cork County Council,



through its Environmental Awareness Office and Heritage Unit, will have a number of native trees to give out to local schools, community groups and organisations on a first come first served basis, which can be planted during local Tree Week Events. Cork County Council takes pride in the natural heritage of the County and has been supporting National Tree Week for a number of years.

All proposed Tree Week events can be registered on the Tree Council's website <https://treecouncil.ie/initiatives/tree-week/> and to ensure maximum exposure and promotion it is advised that event details are registered on the website as early as possible. Over 30 groups from throughout County Cork were allocated trees as part of Tree Week 2019 by

Cork County Council and interest in Tree Week 2020 suggests it will be the benchmark for years going forward. For groups looking to avail of trees for planting and or simply to find out more about our trees and Tree Week itself, email cork.heritage@corkcoco.ie or phone 021 4285905.

Praeger Grant in Natural History

The Praeger Grant in Natural History has just been opened by the Royal Irish Academy. The Grant scheme is named for the renowned Natural Historian Robert Lloyd Praeger, and welcomes applications (particularly those from amateur natural historians) for fieldwork within the Natural History areas of Botany, Zoology and Geology. The scheme, which was last run in 2010 has previously funded a wide variety of fieldwork

projects, such as 'The diet of the hedgehog in suburban Dublin'; 'The Ecology and hydrology of an isolated tidal pool in karst limestone', and 'A Vegetation survey of Fenor Bog, Co Waterford'. Further details of the scheme, including application information can be found here (<https://www.ria.ie/praeager-grants-natural-history>) and the scheme closes for applications on Tuesday 15th April 2020.

County Cork Commemorations Grant Scheme 2020

Cork County Council, in recognition of the importance of the War of Independence and Civil War and acknowledging the enthusiasm that exists within the County to commemorate the centenary of this defining period of Irish history, has announced the opening of the County Cork Commemorations Grant Scheme 2020.

The County of Cork played a most pivotal role in this four-year period of Irish history that in the county alone saw the loss of over 500 lives. Many of the events spanning the period of 1920 to 1923 have great local significance, several having national and even international significance.

In County Cork during 1920 there were close to 100 significant War of Independence incidents including close to 20 ambushes alone, resulting in over 50 fatalities. That year in history and this year in centenary commemoration, Tomás Mac Curtáin from Mounseabbey in North Cork was assassinated and his successor, Terence McSwiney who had been a T.D. for mid County Cork in the First Dáil, died after 74 days on hunger strike. 1920 in County Cork saw the most significant Kilmichael Ambush, which resulted in 20 fatalities; the taking of the Military Barracks in Mallow and the official name change from Queenstown to Cobh in July 1920, to name but a few occurrences.

Speaking of the grant scheme, the Mayor of the County of Cork Cllr. Ian Doyle noted 'Cork County Council has already been approached by numerous community organisations throughout the county, looking to undertake commemorative centenary events and initiatives in their locality. This fund will allow the Commemorative Programme for County Cork to do justice to the past and provide

the support for those community groups, who today, seek to remember these important historical events. Cork County Council recognises the commitment of local communities in honouring the past and as Mayor of the County of Cork, I encourage communities to consider applying to the fund'.

Chief Executive of Cork County Council, Tim Lucey welcomed the opening of the scheme

'The purpose of this fund is to support local groups, organisations and individuals who wish to commemorate significant events, through a variety of initiatives such as ceremonial events, school projects, the arts, documentaries and exhibitions. In 2016, Cork County Council provided support to over 160 different groups and organisations from throughout the County, resulting in the largest 1916 Commemorative Programme in the country with over 500 events. It is clear that the County of Cork prides itself in remembering the past and the people who made us who we are today.' The closing date for applications is 12 noon on Thursday, 26th March 2020, which can be made online via www.yourcouncil.ie, emailed to commemorations@corkcoco.ie, or delivered to 'County Cork Commemorations Fund 2020, Cork County Council, Floor 3, County Hall, Cork. The application form is available to download by clicking here

A timeline of centenary events in the County of Cork is available on www.corkcoco.ie/arts-heritage in the upcoming events page of the Heritage section. For further information email emailcommemorations@corkcoco.ie or phone 021 4276891.



Girls from Tirelton NS who participated in SPAR FAI Primary School 5s 2020 held in Blarney



Celebrating their winnings at the Hegarty Irish Dance Academy Class Cill Na Martra GAA Hall Feis



Local Gardai Who Gave A Presentation to Transition Year Pupils About The Importance Of Road Safety



Macroom Toastmasters' Group with newcomers.



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Refugee Friends' Stand: Patience and Judith, Zimbabwe, Rosemary, Tanzania and Claire and Sadhbh, Ireland.



Macroom Anglers with Daisy, Pat and Darren.



Boys from Tirelton NS who participated in SPAR FAI Primary School 5s 2020 held in Blarney

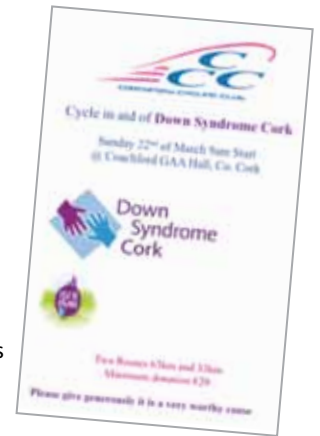


ST MARYS STUDENT COUNCIL PRESENTING A CHEQUE TO CORK PENNY DINNERS

Coachford Cycling Club Sportive

On Sunday the 22nd of March, Coachford Cycling Club will be holding a Charity Sportive. This year the Club has decided to **donate all funds raised at this event to Down Syndrome, Cork "Field of Dreams"**.

In 2017, Down Syndrome Cork, developed a 3 acre horticultural site in Curraheen, providing opportunities for adults with DS to work in paid jobs and move them towards a life of greater independence. We hope as many people as possible will join us on the day to support this worthy cause. There are 2 routes, a 33km and for the more adventurous, a 63km challenge.



A joint statement from HSE Services in Cork and Kerry, including Cork Kerry Community Healthcare, the South South West Hospital Group and the Department of Public Health

HSE management across Cork and Kerry wish to thank the public for their support in recent days as all parts of the health services respond to COVID-19.

The initial confirmed case of COVID-19 in Cork University Hospital on Thursday March 5th has inevitably led to disruption to appointments, to visiting arrangements and has also led to a follow-on impact on other services. We wish to thank the public for their understanding and support at this time of unavoidable disruption.

Staff from across all areas of the service have worked across the weekend and into today on contact tracing, which means identifying people who have been in close contact with confirmed cases COVID-19 and giving them appropriate public health advice.

Director of Public Health, HSE South Dr Augustine Pereira said:

"We aim to contact trace and communicate with everyone as quickly as possible. If people do not hear directly from us, they do not need to be concerned."

"Ireland remains in the containment phase. That means that all efforts are being made to identify contacts and to give them specific public health advice," he added.

CEO of the South South West Hospital Group Gerry O'Dwyer said:

"We have had no option but to restrict visiting at hospitals across the South South West Hospital Group, and also to cancel some appointments at Cork University Hospital. We appreciate how difficult this can be for patients and their loved ones, and we wish to thank them for their understanding."

Chief Officer of Cork Kerry Community Healthcare Ger Reaney said:

"We are very conscious that as the entire health service prepares to meet the challenges ahead, there will unfortunately be an impact on people using our services. We will do everything we can to keep that impact to a minimum. We wish to thank the people of the region for working with us."

Dr Pereira, Mr O'Dwyer and Mr Reaney all expressed their thanks to staff in all areas of the service who have been working constantly to allow health services locally to respond to current events and prepare for the challenges ahead.

"We know that there are challenging times ahead, but with your continued commitment, dedication and hard work that we will meet those challenges," they said.

A contact centre was up and running in Cork last Friday to assist with the process of contacting and communicating with people who are



designated as contacts of confirmed cases of COVID-19.

This call centre was equipped, set-up and staffed in a very short space of time, and staff have worked constantly in recent days to continue that process of communicating with people in contact with confirmed cases of COVID-19. Direct contact will be made with anyone who has been in contact with a recently confirmed case. Anyone with general concerns should firstly see HSE.ie/coronavirus. If you still have concerns, you may wish to can ring HSE Live on 1850 24 1850

We would like to remind the public that the most important steps we can all take right now are to:

- 1) Wash our hands, thoroughly and regularly for at least 20 seconds.**
- 2) Stop the spread of infections by covering your mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing, either with a tissue or your arm.**
- 3) Go to HSE.ie/coronavirus for the best and most current information as the situation evolves. If you have particular concerns, you can ring HSE Live on 1850 24 1850**

Please note the following services will not be impacted and patients are to attend as per their appointments:

- Dialysis
- Dressing clinic
- Warfarin clinic
- Endoscopy
- Cystic Fibrosis
- Infusions
- Chemotherapy
- Radiation therapy

All other appointments are being rescheduled, unless patients are directly contacted by the hospital to attend their scheduled appointment.

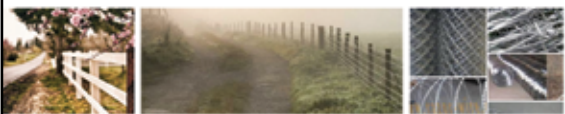
Surgeries will proceed as normal unless patients are contacted by the hospital and advised otherwise.

Cork University Hospital apologise for any inconvenience this may cause to patients.

Visiting restrictions remain throughout the hospital and CUH wish to thank the public for their patience and support at this time. The hospital will continue to keep the public updated.

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Kilbarry NS 5-a-side soccer squad at the SPAR FAI Primary School 5s in Blarney.



Cope, Dónal O'Connor.



SYVE LYNCH FROM ST MARYS WHO IS THROUGH TO THE FINAL OF "SAVOUR THE FLAVOUR" COMPETITION



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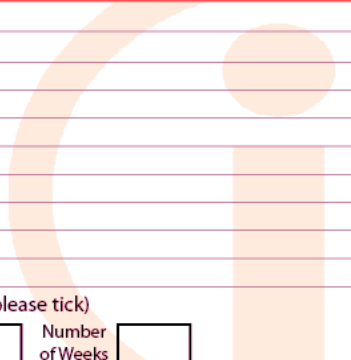
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LOCAL SNIPPETS

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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.

Lee Valley Toastmasters:

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 - Mother's Day Weekend Tea Party on Friday March 20th at 8pm in Heritage Room Independence Museum Kilmurry. Host a table or come along on the night. Contact 0877864577 for more details. Lecture on "Ordinary Women in Extraordinary Times" by Anne Twomey at 8pm Friday April 3rd at Independence Museum Kilmurry.

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

LOTTO RESULTS

Aghinagh GAA: 23/2/2020 The jackpot was €1,600.00. Numbers drawn were 15, 21 and 27. There was no jackpot winner. Consolation prizes: €50.00 to Anne Marie Bradley, No. 4 St. John's Drive, Ballinagree. €20 each to Mairead O'Sullivan, Curraghwaddra. Donal Spillane, Ballinagree. Roisin Twohig, Ballinagree West. Maria & Tia, C/O Anvil Bar.

1/3/2020 The jackpot was €1,750.00. Numbers drawn were 01, 23 and 39. There was no jackpot winner. Consolation prizes: €50.00 to Seán Twohig, Ballinagree West. €20 each to Mary & Aisling Healy, Carrigathow. Brian Buckley, Clondrohid. John & Erica Kelleher, Leades. Mary & Jerry Herlihy, Derryroe.

Canovee GAA: Lotto numbers drawn on March 1st 15,24,27,28 no winner of €3,150. €50 Geraldine Mc Carthy cloughduv. €25 Kathleen Mackey Aherla. €25 lounge 6 C/O Carrig Inn €25

online Mairead Dillworth 8th March. 13,15,18,25 no winner of €3,450. €50, Evann & Nicole Lynch, Aherla. €25 Eileen Shine, Shandangan. €25 Anthony Falvey, Aherla €25 online Deirdre Curtis 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.

Coachford AFC: 2/3/2020. Jackpot: €1,800. Numbers Drawn: 17 - 20 - 32. No Winner. €40 M. Healy. €20 Kevin Daly. Eileen Martin. Karen O'Riordan. Greta Galvin.

9/3/2020. Jackpot: €2,000. Numbers Drawn: 2 - 6 - 16. No Winner. €40 Paddy & Pops. €20 E. Kiely. Paddy Martin. Seán Delaney. Kathleen Crowley.

Clondrohid G.A.A.: 26/2/2020 €70 Darren Dineen, €20 Denise and Chris de Jaques, Carrigphooka, Anthony Murphy, Masseytown, Noel Mc Carthy, Carriganima, Diarmuid Kirwin, Eire Og. Congrats to Evelyn Mc Sweeney Macroom the winner of €250 Bingo Jackpot. 4/3/2020. Jackpot €6,800, €70 Marion Manning c/o Laine, €20 Patricia Murphy, Coachford, Aidan O' Brien Clondrohid, Karen Brennan c/o Bingo, Carmel Murphy Ballyverrane, Macroom. Congrats to Rose O'Brien Dripsey winner of last week's Bingo jackpot of €250.

Kilmichael G.A.A.: Jackpot €8,950; Numbers: 3-7-30-33; No Jackpot winner: €50 Mick Lucey, c/o Margaret Coakley; €25 each Connie O'Connell, c/o Premier Hi Spec Cars; J.J.J.F.D.B.O. c/o John Collins; Fiona O'Dwyer, Shanacashel. Lotto 9th March: Jackpot €9,100; Numbers: 11-17-28-33; No Jackpot winner: €50 Catherine Clarke, Macroom; €25 each Therese, Brendan & Daniel Kelly, Boulbrack; Bridie O'Leary, Renacahera; Michéal & Niamh Murray, 'Carrigin' Upper Ballina, Toames. Jackpot next week €9,250.

Macroom FC: 2/3/20. Jackpot: 2,400 euro. Numbers drawn: 21, 22, 31. No Winner. 80 euro: Rachel Pyper c/o Hound. 20 euro each: Donal O'

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Guide Dogs, with Colm Cronin, Joe Duffy Mollie Mulcahy and Becky. © Con Kelleher

Riordan c/o Darrin, James O'Callaghan c/o Club, Pat Kelleher c/o Joan, Janet c/o Janet Shine

Macroom GAA Lotto: 25/2/2020- Jackpot €4250 - No's 11-21-25. No Winner. €70. Kitty Browne, Dooniskey, Lissarda. €20. Maryellen Murphy, St. Colman's Park, Macroom. €20. Kay Mc Carthy, Carrigapooka, Macroom. €20. Carmel O'Riordan, Inchigeela, Macroom. €Marian O'Leary, The Orchard, Macroom. €20. Michael Murphy, 9 Cork Street, Macroom. Next Week's Jackpot €4500.

3/3/2020 - Jackpot €4500 - No's 8-15-33. No Winner - €70. Kay Healy, Carrigaphooka, Macroom. €20. Damien Conlon, Railway View, Macroom. €20. Jennifer Murphy, Cork Street, Macroom. €20. Patricia O'Donovan, Barryroe, Co. Cork. €20. John Mc Sweeney, Cork Street, Macroom. €20. Denis Quinlan, Umera, Macroom. Next Week's Jackpot €4750. You can now play Macroom GAA Lotto online - www.macroomgaa.ie

Rylane Community Park Association/RCPA: 2/3/2020 Jackpot €1,100. Numbers drawn: 24 - 38 - 40. No winner. Lucky Dip winners €20: Michael Cronin (Rylane); John T Roche (Dripsey); Nora Walsh (Rylane). Seller's Prize €20: Crowleys.



Pictured at a recent talk by Mark Collins, Cork senior footballer in Canovee National School, Barry Condon coaching officer, Eoghan Leahane and Jack Kelleher, Cork u20, Mark Collins and underage Chairman Pat Dunlea



Gill na Martra who were defeated by Naomh Aban in the quarter final of the Mid Cork U21 B football championship at Macroom.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

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CROWLEY**

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who died on the 21st March 2019**

The brothers and sisters of the late Paul Crowley would like to thank most sincerely those who sympathised with us on our sad loss.

We would like to thank most sincerely his friend Conor who will miss him greatly.

Thanks to those who attended the rosary, removal, the funeral mass and burial, to all who sent mass cards and floral tributes.

To Canon Bernard Donovan and Monsignor O Callaghan for celebrating a lovely mass and to everyone who participated in it.

A special thanks to Mona O Riordan and Ann O Callaghan for their wonderful singing.

Aspecial thanks to Martin and Billy Fitzgerald at Fitzgerald's Undertakers Macroom for their kindness and professionalism on our difficult time . To Dr John Burke, Macroom for the care and attention he gave Paul, to his work colleagues at O'Neill's quarries.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually we hope that this acknowledgement would be accepted as a token of our deepest gratitude.



You never said your leaving
you never said goodbye
you were gone before we knew it
so rest in peace dear Paul

*1st anniversary mass on Saturday 21st
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Fondly remembered by your wife Eileen
and daughter Noirin.

6TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**JERRY
VAUGHAN**

**Teerbeg, Macroom, Co. Cork.
Who died on the 17-03-2014.**

*We think of you in silence,
we often speak your name.*



Teresa + Marie

3RD ANNIVERSARY



Cherished memories of

**WILLIE
GOOD**

**Lissarda, Co. Cork
who died on 25th March 2017**

*Your life was a blessing,
Your memory a treasure,
You are loved beyond words,
Missed beyond measure.*



Dearly loved sadly missed by his wife
Sheila, Charlie, Isabel, Lillian, Helen and
their families.

*Anniversary Mass in Macroom Church on
Sunday 22nd March.*

5TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**MARY (MAURA)
RING**

**Colmans pk, Macroom
Who died 14th March 2015**

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



Always remembered
Niall, Ruth, Grace, David, Olan & Keelin

5TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**MARY (MAURA)
RING**

**Colmans pk, Macroom
Who died 14th March 2015**

*To us you were
someone special,
Someone set apart,
Your memory will live forever,
Engraved within our hearts.*



Sadly missed & fondly remembered
by her husband Ally Ring & family

5TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**MARY (MAURA)
RING**

**Colmans pk, Macroom
Who died 14th March 2015**

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



Always in our thoughts
Darrin, Aine, Adam & Luke

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2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**NORA
WALSH**

Kielnarovanagh, Toames.
Died 21st March 2018

Love You Forever

*I send you butterfly kisses
You don't always know that I'm there
But it's me peeking 'round the corner
or touching a strand of your hair.*

*I see you on days you are crying
or wishing we could talk once in a while
Even though I'm now in heaven
I still want to see you smile.*

*I visit at night when you're sleeping
I come quietly into your dreams
And whisper words ever so softly
To say death is not what it seems.*

*I see you sometimes at the table
When you don't know that I am there
As you gaze over at my picture
I hope you know how much I care.*

*I'm sending a hug from heaven
I wish you could feel it today
The love that we share is forever
Time and space can't take it away.*



Always loved never forgotten,
your daughter Noreen, sons Jimmy, Pat
and Stephen, sons in law, daughters in law
and your 17 grandchildren.

Anniversary Mass on March 22nd 11.30am
in Toames church.

"Never Goodbye, Always Good Luck"

2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**MARGARET
MCELROY**

Aghavrin, Coachford

*The eyes we loved are sleeping
The hands that toiled are still,
The one who did so much for us,
Is resting at Gods will,
Loving thoughts of times together
Memories of you will last forever.*



Dearly loved and sadly missed by
her loving family.

Second Anniversary Mass on Sunday 15th
March, 2020 at 10.00am in Coachford
Church.

20TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**JERRY
COTTER**

Late of Ballingearry Village
Died 10th March 2000

*Silent memories keep you near
As time unfolds another year.*



Lovingly remembered and
sadly missed by the Kearneys
& the O'Sullivans.

2ND ANNIVERSARY



Treasured memories of

**EILEEN (EILY)
RIORDAN**

Knockraheen Carriganima
Macroon, Co. Cork
who died on 18th March 2018

*The eyes we loved are sleeping
The hands that toiled are still,
The one who did so much for us,
Is resting at God's will.
Loving thoughts of times together,
Memories of you will last forever.*

We think about you always
We talk about you still
You have never been forgotten
And you never will.
We hold you close within our hearts
And there you will remain
To walk and guide us through our lives
Until we meet again.

A smile for all, a heart of gold,
One of the best the world could hold.
Never selfish, always kind,
These are the memories you left behind.
As you were Eily you will always be
someone special in our memory.

*Will those who think of Eily today,
a little prayer to Jesus say.*



Sadly missed and fondly remembered
with love by Jerry, Nora,
Jimmy and Elaina.

Second Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated in St. John's the Baptist
Church, Carriganima on Monday
16th March 2020 at 6pm.

ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**JUSTIN
WHITE**

3RD ANNIVERSARY

Who passed away on the
17th March 2017



In loving memory of

**SHEILA
WHITE**

10TH ANNIVERSARY

Who passed away on the
14th March 2010

Ballyverane, Macroon

*No length of time can take away
Our thoughts of ye from day to day
Time slips by and life goes on
But from our hearts ye are never gone.*



This day and every day
greatly missed by their loving family

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10TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**DENIS (DENNY)
MOSS**

Clonmacow, Crookstown, Cork
Died 12th March 2010

*Those special memories of you,
Will always bring a smile,
If only we could have you back for just a
little while,
Then we could sit and talk again,
Just like we used to do.
You always meant so very much
And always will do too.
The fact that you're no longer here
Will always cause us pain
But you're forever in our hearts
Until we meet again.*



Always remembered by his wife Hannah
& family.

10TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**DANNY
MURPHY**

Lower Cork Street,
Macroom.

Died on 20th March 2010



3RD ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**EILEEN
DESMOND**

Liscarrigane
Ballymakeera

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



Always remembered
by your loving family

10TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**RICHARD
LOONEY**

Currahaly, Farnanes
Who died on 20th March, 2010

*"Those who love don't go away,
They walk beside us every day.
Unseen, unheard but always near,
Still loved, still missed and very dear".*



Fondly remembered by Teresa,
Karen, Denis, Richard, Claire
and families

NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART



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

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

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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
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3RD ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**OLIVER
SOMERS**

Dromatimore Aghabullogue
Who died on the 21st March 2017

After Glow

*I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one.
I'd like to leave an after glow of smiles when
life is done.*

*I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly
down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times
And bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve,
To dry before the sun
Of happy memories that I leave
When life is done*



Always remembered by his wife Eileen,
daughters Noreen and Eileen, sons
Patrick and Edward and their families.

3RD ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**OLIVER
SOMERS**

Dromatimore Aghabullogue
Who died on the 21st March 2017

*A silent thought, a secret tear,
Always a wish that you were still here,
Life goes on, We know that's true,
But it's not the same since we lost you.*



Always remembered by
his loving daughter Eileen,
grandchildren Sara and Miriam.

A Word of Victory

Welcome back dear reader last week we spoke of fear of the corona virus, and how people feel powerless to defeat it, causing terror and panic as they face the fragility of life. This disease has not come from God, but from the devil who 'comes only to steal, kill and destroy', but Jesus came to bring us abundant life, and to destroy the works of the devil (John 10:10; 1st John 3:8). We mentioned last week how Jesus was whipped and beaten so that we could be healed. One of the greatest offences to what the Son of God suffered for humanity, are paintings which depict Him as a weak, helpless man, hanging on a cross with a trickle of blood coming from His forehead. This is not what God's Word says. Isaiah prophesied the death that God's Messiah would suffer, describing in detail how His beard would be plucked out – yes, plucked out! How His body would be so badly beaten and disfigured that it would be difficult to recognise Him as human when they finished with Him (Isaiah 52:14). Jesus was beaten by three different battalions before His death – that's an entire army unit each time, against one man. He was whipped with the Roman 'cat-o-nine-tails', which was a whip of leather strands with pieces of lead and bone attached for maximum torture to the victim, so that chunks of His flesh were torn out with each stripe – "by His stripes we are healed" (Isaiah 53:5). He was spat upon, rejected and despised by those He came to save. In mockery of His title the 'King of all kings', a crown of thorns was driven into His skull from where His blood poured for the healing of all mental disease, anxiety and torment. Jesus was brutalised in death so that we could be made whole and live in peace (3 John verse 2; 1st Peter 2:24). Thank God for medical professionals but friend, they are human beings like you and I, and it is only when mankind faces things that we have no answer for, that the realisation hits home of how powerless we really are in ourselves. But, "He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall remain stable and fixed under the shadow of the Almighty [Whose power no foe can withstand]." (Psalm 91:1 AMP). Call upon the Lord Jesus today – and receive forgiveness, peace, and healing from fear and sickness. Jesus paid the price for you with His life because He loves you!

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8TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**MICHAEL
O'HERLIHY**

Milleen, Kilbarry, Macroom
Who died on 21st March 2012

*A silent thought, a secret tear
Always a wish that you were still here
Life goes on, we know that's true
But it's not the same since we lost you.*



Always remembered by his loving wife
Mary, son Denis, daughter in law Breda, &
grandchildren Aimee & Michéal

THE MIRACLE PRAYER



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

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

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

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

Never known to fail.

Must promise publication of prayer.

MB

PRAYER TO ST. ANTHONY



Oh gentle and loving St. Anthony in
whose arms the infant Jesus love to
linger, one word from you and my
prayer will be answered oh speak
that word and the gratitude of my
heart will be yours.

MK

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.

MK

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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. **Line Dancing** – Every Friday @ 2 p.m.

Lee Valley Toastmasters: Next meeting is on Tuesday 7th of April.

Kilmurry HAA: Mother's Day Weekend Tea Party on Friday March 20th at 8pm in Heritage Room Independence Museum Kilmurry. Host a table or come along on the night. Contact 0877864577 for more details.

Ordinary Women in Extraordinary Times Lecture on "Ordinary Women in Extraordinary Times" by Anne Twomey at 8pm Friday April 3rd at Independence Museum Kilmurry.

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

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.

Macroom Musical: 'Shame the Devil' staged at Macroom Castle April

15- 19, Booking is now open on <https://www.shamethedevilmusical.com/> and tickets can also be reserved on 087 9978572.

Macroom Library:

Saturday 14th March – Children's Story Time 12: 00 (noon)

Thursday 18th March – The Knitting Group (Purlies) 11:30 am. New members are always welcome.

Friday 19th March – Tots Time – 11:00 am All are welcome. A morning of song and fun & also a wonderful opportunity to meet up with other parents in the area.

Saturday 21st March – Juvenile Book Club 3:00 pm to discuss The Alchemyst.

Wednesday 25th March – Bridge 10:00 am

Thursday 26th March – Ciorcal Cainte Group – 11:30 am

Friday 27th March - The Business of Craft and Design Talk 11:00 am
Are you interested in starting your own craft business? Cork Craft and Design will talk about how to approach shops and suppliers. Hear from a craft maker – their story on how they started their business. To book a place please contact Macroom Library @ 026 42483

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6th April: The Collins Squad & the war of independence. Dominic Price.
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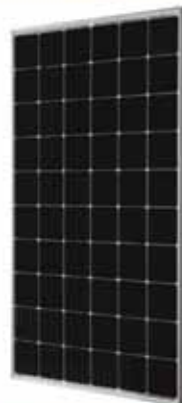
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