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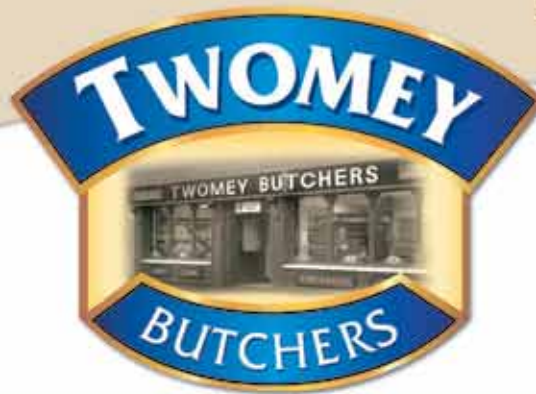
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# MACROOM SENIOR CITIZENS

Our Shopeen reopened on Monday June 8th and we would like to thank all our volunteers who are back with us and looking forward to a busy year ahead. We would like to thank Lilly Healy, Flower of Macroom, who performed the opening of our refurbished shop. This was Lilly's first engagement since being crowned Flower of Macroom in March due to COVID-19.

We had some welcome news for the residents of Sullane Haven and their families that restrictive visiting will be allowed from Monday June 15th. All our residents have been on lockdown since Friday 6th March and their only contact they had with their relatives was through social media – Whatsapp. Now visits will have to be scheduled, and each resident will be allowed to have 2 named visitors per day with only one visitor at any one time. On entering Sullane Haven visitors will have their temperature taken and will have to wear masks if they are not able to maintain social distancing of 2m. Visits will last for 30 minutes.

Don't forget to look out for a copy of Cornelius Lynch's book "Along the right Path" which is a fundraiser for Macroom Senior Citizens and



Macroom Senior Citizens re furnished Charity shop was opened last week by the Flower of Macroom. L/R Patricia Jackson, Theresa Buckley, Lily Healy Flower of Macroom, Terry Kelleher

Multiple Sclerosis. The book is on sale for €15.50 and can be obtained from Fitzgerald's Bookshop, Cooney's Bookshop, Evelyn McSweeney and Vaughan's Café.



Riverside area in Masseytown being managed for biodiversity

## Biodiversity

There are over 2 million domestic gardens in this country, If you wonder what effect a small change in your garden or the estate green area may have then this figure shows how powerful it can be. As mentioned in previous article, a sterile garden with tightly mown grass, or hard artificial surfaces, offers people no exposure to nature, no buzz, no birdsong. There is a feel-good factor and an increased sense of wellbeing through exposure to nature, wild areas, different plants and animals. So, while gardening for

biodiversity we are only helping the planet but helping ourselves as well. By doing a small bit in your own garden and focusing on pollinator plants, you are not only helping the bees and the butterflies but helping to create a new 'norm' for how the landscape could look. The small plants, the wildflowers, the bugs, the caterpillars and the other 'creepy crawlies' are so important as these form the base of the food chain that feed the larger animals and birds. Beetle numbers are in decline, not only due to habitat changes but sometimes from use of chemicals, pesticides and insecticides. Beetles are important in returning nutrients to the soil, breaking down the likes of animal faeces, leaf litter and recycling these while aerating the soil and improving drainage at the same time. Earthworms surface at night and take fallen leaves etc into their burrows and mix these with

## Macroom Tidy Towns

the soil as they move, contributing to healthy root systems. They perform waste disposal, removing surface debris and fungal spores, but they don't eat living plant tissue so will leave your plants alone.

Ladybirds are a friend of the gardeners as they are fierce predators of aphids. So don't tidy up too much in Autumn and leave some hollow stemmed plants over Winter as shelter for hibernating ladybirds.

Native plants are more valuable in that they support far more species of insects than non-native ornamental plants. However there are some none natives such as Mahonia that can offer lots of pollen and nectar for bees in Winter Selected native trees are very good for birds in terms of the food they provide, seeds, berries, fruit.

Good examples to be recommended are; Alder Tree(seeds), Bird Cherry (fruit), Crab Apple (fruit), Blackthorn (berries), Elder (berries), Guelder Rose (berries), Honeysuckle (berries), Rowan (berries), Spindle (fruit), Whitebeam (fruit), Wild Privet (fruit), Wild Cherry (fruit), Yew (fruit).

Non-Natives to be recommended are; Cotoneaster (berries), Evening Primrose (seeds), Mahonia Aquifolium (Berries), Pyracantha (Fruit), Sunflower (Seeds).

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# Macroom Asylum Seekers

## Bike project

The benefits of cycling are numerous, and cycling is good for both physical and mental health. It improves fitness, flexibility, joint mobility and muscle strength. It is a practical and efficient way of getting about locally, to the shops or to work. Biking is an excellent recreational activity can be a fun way of getting around. It is a comfortable form of exercise and you can change the time and intensity – it can be built up slowly and varied to suit you.

Cycling is good for mental health and helps to reduce stress and anxiety. This is hugely important to the families living in crowded accommodation in Riverside Park, with many families having just one room.

For this reason, an appeal is being made to anybody who can provide a bike, in reasonable condition, then this would be much appreciated. Adult bikes are particularly requested.

Picture shows two of the residents, Ksandro and Raymond taking delivery of two bikes that were procured by Macroom Tidy Towns. This will assist them greatly in their voluntary work for the Tidy Towns where they have been regulars for many months taking part in many different tasks. Anybody willing to contribute to this appeal can contact 086/8175859.



Ksandro and Raymond taking delivery of two bikes that were procured by Macroom Tidy Towns.



Jim Cunningham, Carrig Inn presenting a cheque for one thousand Euros to Bernie Buckley Macroom Hospital, the proceeds of a raffle of a Garden Bench, which was won by Neil Kelleher, Coolcower Meats. © Peter Scanlan



Avalon (Cork Street) entrance.



Kieran and Noel Crowley with their dog Ovie enjoying the sunshine in Coppeen



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The Auld Triangle, Killarney Road, Macroom is delighted to announce that we will swing open our doors to all our customers on Wednesday 1st July 2020.

We have been working hard over the past few weeks to ensure that all our customers will be able to enjoy a wonderful dining experience. We have developed a new outdoor dining area along with our three existing indoor dining areas, all of which will fully comply with the strictest government and public health advice. We will be offering our usual homemade Auld Triangle favourites plus some very exciting new dishes in our cosy surroundings.

In addition, a new take-out menu will be available Wednesday to Sunday. Due to high demand at weekends, booking is advisable before 2.30pm for take-out on Saturday and Sunday.

From the 1st July 2020, we will be open every Wednesday to Sunday from 12 noon until late. Open from 10.30am for breakfast on Saturday and Sunday. We will be operating a reservation system each evening with a sitting at 6.00pm and 8.00pm. Subject to availability, we will endeavour to cater for walk-in customers. Reservations must be booked for Sunday dining.

Eileen and all the staff at the Auld Triangle look forward to welcoming you back, it will be great to see you and your family again.

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# MACROOM LIBRARY

We are turning over a new page.

From June 8th, you can contact the library about our **Book Collection service** to get books, audiobooks and DVDs. We will then arrange a suitable time with you to collect them. To make it easier for you we have arranged three ways in which you can contact us about your request.

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Send an email to [bookcollection@corkcoco.ie](mailto:bookcollection@corkcoco.ie) and we will send you back a form to fill out to let us know details of your request.

For Health & Safety reasons it can take up to 5 working days before your request is filled and you will then receive a collection time.

At the moment we may not be able to fulfill every request for certain books but we will try our best, but we may need you to be a little patient with us, to find out more go to

<https://www.corkcoco.ie/en/library-services/news-events>

This is just the first chapter in the stories returning to normal ways we are all used to. But, just like a book, there are many chapters to a story before it reaches a conclusion.

If you have any items due to be returned, you can return to us during normal working hours. There will be return bins just inside the library front door where you can just throw your books in.

**The Summer Stars 2020 Reading Challenge** begins on Monday the 15th of June.

The **Summer Stars 2020** is the public library national reading programme for children, that runs from June 15th to the end of August. All children throughout the country are invited to join the adventure, and to enjoy the fun and pleasure of reading and writing over the summer.

Summer Stars is non-competitive, and every child who reads even one book is regarded as having completed the program and it is all completely free.

Your reading card can be collected at the library and this allows children to track their reading progress during the summer. There will be a raffle for some special reading rewards at the end of August for all who participate. Books are available in print from your library and also online through the Borrowbox app.

We will also be offering puzzles, quizzes, competitions, book readings and lots of book related fun both in print and online through the summer 2020. Check out our Facebook (Cork County Council Library & Arts Service) and Twitter (@corkcoco.ie) social media platforms for updates. More information on Summer Stars can also be found on <https://www.librariesireland.ie/services/right-to-read/summer-stars>.

Cork County Council's Writer-in-Residence 2020, Mathew Geden, launched an awesome **Poetry Competition for Kids of all ages** last Saturday 13th June as part of Cruinniú na nÓg 2020 & our Summer Arts Programme. There are three different age groups;

8 – 11 years

12 – 15 years

16 – 19 years

So get writing and send your poems in to; [arts@corkcoco.ie](mailto:arts@corkcoco.ie)

The closing date is Friday 7th August.

As part of our Community Support Programme, Cork County Council Library & Arts Service will be continuing our **Housebound Deliveries delivering books** directly to the doorsteps of some of its more vulnerable members. If any of our senior patrons would like to avail of this service, please feel free to contact us at 026 42483 & we will be delighted to deliver to you.



Cork County Council Library Services move to Phase 2 with Book Collection Service

In addition to books we are also delivering **musical instruments** to those cocooning. There are a variety of instruments to choose from, violins, keyboards, banjos, guitars, accordions, mandolins and ukuleles. For health & safety reasons we are unable to provide any wind instruments.

If your membership is just out of date and you are unable to access any of our online resources, please contact Macroom Library at 026 42483, 930 am-530 pm Tuesday to Saturday or email [corkcountylibrary@corkcoco.ie](mailto:corkcountylibrary@corkcoco.ie) and we will try to resolve any issues.

If you are not currently a member of the library, you can now become a member at this time by going to the Libraries Ireland website; <https://www.librariesireland.ie/join-your-library>

and follow the instructions.

Once you are a member, your card will enable you to have access to our Online Services. There is a wide variety of online services which include access to e-books, e-audio books, e-magazines, e-newspapers, e-learning courses. You can also access Cork County Library Local Studies Digital Collections, Britannica online, Oxford Art and Music online. You can access company, business & director information through Vision-net and scholarly articles from academic journals through JSTOR.

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If you like taking photographs then you are uniquely placed to capture the visual impact on our communities, closed business, street signage, absence of people, deserted streets, wearing of masks and gloves etc. The local Studies library would be very interested in receiving a copy of any photographs that highlights the impact in your locality.

These photographs will be added to our archive and preserved for future generations. Submitted material may be used for promotional and public relations purposes, in print and digital form. Photographs can be email to [localstudieslibrary@corkcoco.ie](mailto:localstudieslibrary@corkcoco.ie) or posted to Local Studies and Reference Library, County Library Building, Carrigrohane Road, Cork. T12 K325



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Swans Social distancing at the Gearagh during the June Bank Holiday



Cork County Council Beach Lifeguard Team take up duty for 2020 Bathing Season



2012: "Clowning Around at the Castle Hotel" presenting cheques of €1070 Euros each to St Vincent De Paul and Macroom Senior Citizens © Peter Scanlan



2007 'Mama Mia' Macroom © Peter Scanlan



Millstreet Town Activating County Towns: Local councillors with members of the Gardaí, Retail, Business & Community, Tidy Towns and Older Persons from Millstreet meet in Macroom Town Hall to discuss their first Project to rejuvenate Business, Tourism, Festivals and to promote Safe Pedestrian Access as the country starts phase one to slowly reopen. Picture: John Delea.





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# BARRATHON #FIGHTLIKEACHILD

Here is the story of BARRATHON.

It's a quiet time for GAA clubs. I think we all miss it, and not just the matches or training. It's the post-match analysis in the clubhouse or banter when you win (or lose). It's the camaraderie, friendship and sense of community. It's family!!

Thursday night, late May, a club officer in Aghabullogue GAA got a call from the senior players. They had an idea and wanted to run it by him to see if the club would approve. A lot of clubs all over the country are having fundraisers for good causes. They had someone they wanted to support.

"Great idea, can't see why not? What charity were you thinking of?"

"Aoibheann's Pink Tie" was the reply.

It was July 2018 when Niall and Mairead Buckley got the news that parents dread. Their son was confirmed as having Neuroblastoma, a rare childhood cancer. Just after his second birthday, Barra Buckley was facing a serious fight. Their family rallied around them, supporting them in every way possible but it was a very difficult time. Trips to Dublin became part of their routine. Weeks spent in St. John's ward in our Lady's Hospital in Crumlin were the norm. GAA was a way to occasionally relieve the pressure, but up in Dublin 150 miles away from home, help came from an unexpected source.

Aoibheann's Pink Tie was set up in 2010 by Mick Rochford and Jimmy Norman after the tragic loss of Jimmy's daughter Aoibheann to cancer aged just 8 years. They give vital support to children suffering from cancer in Ireland and their families. The work they do puts smiles on children's faces and was invaluable to the Buckley family. It was a favour that had to be returned and it would be by Niall, Mairead, Barra and Rua (Barra's little brother).

As often happens in GAA clubs, things get done very quickly when the will is there. The request was made to the board and without a minute's hesitation the full resources of Aghabullogue GAA and Camogie club was made available to support one of their own. A committee was formed with the football, hurling and camogie adult and juvenile boards all represented. Ideas flew backwards and forwards. Social distancing would mean that there were challenges, but nothing that a bit of smart thinking couldn't overcome. How would we get lots of people involved but not have crowds?

And so "Barrathon" was born. "Barrathon" is a marathon with a difference. The players, whose idea it was, would run a relay in small groups around the parish. Word spread quickly. Old teammates, coaches and Juvenile teams that Niall Buckley had trained wanted to get involved. Mairead Buckley, (nee Crowley) Barra's mam, a camogie player with Newcestown, was delighted as her club wanted to get involved too. The Football, Hurling & Camogie Family all coming together to help their own.

On Sunday the 28th of June a select group will run a marathon relay around Coachford, Rylane and Aghabullogue. It will start at the club complex in Coachford @10.30 and finish back at the clubhouse a few hours later having circled the parish.

Great care has been taken to ensure that the runners will comply with all regulations re COVID-19, and we hope that the route, which takes in Coachford, Glashagarriff, Peake, Aghavrin, Aghabullogue, Coolineagh, Mount Rivers, Rylane, The Old Kerry Road, Killeenleigh, Oldcastle, Carrignamuck, Godfreys' Cross, Fergus and Nadrid before returning to



**BARRATHON**  
In Aid of **Aoibheann's PINK TIE**

Niall & Mairead Buckley's little Barra is battling Neuroblastoma, a rare childhood cancer since July 2018, just after his 2nd birthday.

Niall and Mairead have given great service to Aghabullogue and Newcestown GAA and Camogie Clubs. On June 28th, players from both parishes are coming together to help raise funds for Aoibheann's Pink Tie, National Children's Cancer Charity. #fightlikeachild

The Charity have provided immense support to the Buckley family.

**On June 28th**  
Players from Aghabullogue and Newcestown teams will run a full Marathon distance, in relay format around the parish in Aid of Aoibheann's Pink Tie National Children's Cancer Charity.

**PLEASE GO TO THE AGHABULLOGUE GAA WEBSITE, FACEBOOK, TWITTER, OR INSTAGRAM PAGES FOR THE LINK TO DONATE**  
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the clubhouse, will be lined with supporters.

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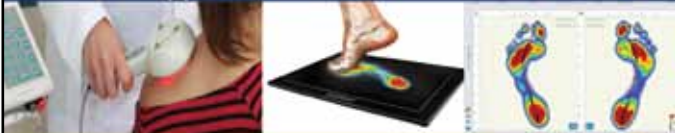


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# Leabharlann Bhaile Bhúirne

Things are a bit odd. Things are a bit different. Will we ever get back to normal? I suppose we just have to take it slowly. Will it ever be gone? These are the phrases I'm hearing most regularly these days. Everyone I know has had to change in different ways to adjust to dealing with a pandemic in our midst. We are using hand sanitiser, masks and gloves when shopping, and we are not inclined to browse so much. We are phoning chemists, doctors, dentists, shops, and other services to find out how we avail of their services now before we hop in our cars and arrive at their doors. We stand apart to have a chat together.

Early on in this period I noticed the road outside the library in Baile Bhúirne was so quiet, it was like a trial run for when the bypass is finished. There has been a distinct lack of ambulance sirens. But slowly, slowly the traffic returned, although the traffic itself was going considerably faster than necessary on many occasions!! First came the trucks, then the commercial vans, then the family groups cycling, which was an unexpected but pleasant addition. Eventually the cars became numerous again and we seem to be back to near normal traffic and the families cycling have disappeared, deterred by the speed of the traffic I imagine. Still no ambulance sirens but I'm not sure is that a good or a bad thing.

The library service is a little bit like the traffic returning – first we were only able to offer online services, then we introduced the Deliveries to the Doorstep for those cocooning, we introduced some extra online courses and competitions, and then last week we started the Order & Collect service. However, it will be some time before full library services can resume.

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**From the File of Leabharlann Bhaile Bhúirne Creative Writing Group**

## The Mischief of Hormones

*A friend of mine recently described her thirteen-year-old son as hormones on legs. That description took me back to when I was a similar age for indeed that too was what my buddies and I were, hormones on legs.*

*At one period I remember the object of all our desires resided in Marie's window. I had better explain. Marie was a very sedate lady who along with her sister ran a very sedate ladies' wear shop in the local town. The shop window featured the usual wears including scarves, gloves, skirts etc. Then one day a ripple of excitement ran through sixth class, Marie had a thing in her window, the town lads or as we called them, the townies, had seen it that morning on their way to school.*

*Never did a morning pass so slowly, Brother Stanislaus who we had the greatest affection for, seemed to reach new heights in his capacity to instruct us on the mysteries of European rivers, fractions, and our Celtic ancestors the duration of said instruction seeming to take several days rather than the three hours to lunch time.*

*When the bell did ring, a stampede of us country lads headed for the gate, we being the lucky ones who had a permit to go up town signed by our parents.*

*Now, one can surely see that even today you are unlikely to see a group of twelve or thirteen year old boys loitering with intent outside a shop or boutique which caters exclusively for ladies, so what a dilemma! There was nothing for it but to assume an air of casual indifference as we slowly sauntered back and forth. As we drew level with the window, there was the object of all our desires. A headless, armless, legless, bust adorned with a Cross Your Heart Playtex wonder of engineering designed to shape every lady to a standard of television perfection.*

*Oh happy days, for what seemed like weeks, we wore a groove in the footpath outside the shop. Eventually either the object of our desire was removed from the display or perhaps something more important took over our waking hours, like the commencement of the conker season, whichever it was I felt confident to assure the mother of hormones on legs that all will indeed be well in time, for to the best of my knowledge my fellow villains and I have all reached that wonderful state called adulthood without any permanent mental or emotional scarring caused by staring at a bust in Marie' window.*

Gerard Lynch

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With the cancellation of the soccer league the committee have decided to undertake some much-needed works to our pitch and facilities. All money raised will go towards this. The club would again like to thank its supporters, sponsors and team members for their continued support throughout the years.

## Clondrohid Commotions

**CORPUS CHRISTI IN CLONDROHID:** Last Sunday Fr. Joe celebrated Corpus Christi on Clondrohid car park. Due to covid restrictions this year the usual procession through the village was not possible. After the 10.30 Mass on U Tube, people gathered, observed social distancing, Fr led the prayers, 5 parishioners recited the rosary .Fr. prayed for all in the parish and the wider community, imploring God's blessing and love on all. The Blessed Sacrament was raised for all to venerate. Lovely ceremony, thank you Fr. Joe and thanks to all those who helped in anyway with the arrangements, especially the sacristan Bridget. It was the first time for people to come together in Church grounds in 15 weeks, and despite the rain a lot of people enjoyed a bit of a chat after the ceremony.

**CLONDROHID DEVELOPEMENT GROUP:** The village once again is coming back to life. Great to see people out and about talking over the garden fence, going for walks or jogs. A lot of painting done, and gardens are looking resplendent, keep up the good work especially in regard to litter.

Thanks to all in the Development Group and to all those who help them with different areas and tasks in the village and surrounds, their contribution is invaluable. Take a bow. Hanging baskets, flower containers etc are all coming into full bloom. Thanks to Con for all his hard work strimming, lawn mowing and brushing etc.

*This Corona is a challenge,  
Makes us take a different view,*

*Helps us see what really matters,  
What it is we need to do.*

*So, Corona, thanks for coming,  
Truth to tell, we needed you,  
But don't overstay your welcome,  
That alas, would never do!!!*

**OPENING UP AFTER LOCKDOWN:** Great to see so many businesses opening up in Macroom. Welcome back one and all. Thanks to all the shops that served us during lockdown, especially in Clondrohid ye were great. Please remember the best way to thank and help all businesses is to shop local



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# Tiobh Laoire Notes

## Tidy Towns Activity

The group went back into action with their second evening out last week and it was good to join the large number who turned out to tackle some jobs in the River Island. Social distancing was observed of course. Some good work was done on the entrance lane which had become overgrown with ivy during the winter and the lock-down. There was some great work done on the car park area and in other areas in the village. It was encouraging to see new members, who were made very welcome. It was of course wonderful to see the regular stalwarts. Most of them had not met up for many months. There will be a warm welcome for more volunteers to continue the work of the Tidy Towns Group and the high standard the village has achieved recently. Good marks in the Tidy Towns competitions are nice but it's also important to develop our area so that everyone can enjoy it and be made feel that they are a part of it-local and visitor alike. The value of the beautiful River Island, for example, as a recreation and exercise amenity was highlighted for us all, young and not so young, during the recent lockdown. A list of projects is being drawn up so there is no shortage of interesting work for the future.

## Painting

Croi na Laoi Inchigeela has heard that the village is allotted a grant for house painting this year. On enquiring where the village starts and ends for the purposes of painting, it appears that the Council seems to think that it starts at the church and ends at O Leary's mill, a distance of about 150 meters. This would mean that less than twenty houses would be eligible. Croi na Laoi have made

enquiries about this matter but it seems it stays as it is.

## Oh, Deer!

Many people say that they have seen deer in our woods and fields, and it has become no news when there are near misses with these graceful creatures on our roads. But a few people were startled to find one wandering happily in the village of Inchigeela only last week. It's not yet like towns in Alaska where moose wander about or polar bears rummage in the dustbins. BUT Who knows, it could become another tourist attraction!

## Burning of Barracks

100 years ago, on the 7th of June 1920, the Royal Irish Constabulary abandoned their barracks in the village of Ballingearry and on the same night the building was entered by local Volunteers of the IRA, searched for ammunition and documents and then set alight. A large crowd watched the spectacle and by all accounts no one was sorry. For, since they had taken up residence in 1894 in the rented building, which was a former guest house, they were hated greatly by the local population and boycotted by many. The parish was very much involved in anti British activity, with many local lads and girls having joined the IRA and Cumann na mBan. All around, the clouds were gathering for the police and they must have realised the danger they were in. The barracks in Inchigeela had been targeted in January, March and May, which was a warning that there were tough times ahead for the RIC, because country barracks were vulnerable to being attacked. And the RIC had not helped their cause as they were

constantly at loggerheads with the locals over petty incidents and the locals had not forgotten the part that the police had played in evicting the O Mahoneys from their farm and home in 1906. Today, the Sean Bhairic (Old Barrack) is the home of a lovely couple, Seán O Laoire agus a bhean Neanse, who have created a beautiful home, so different from the building that housed the much hated upholders of British Law.

## Road Bowling

Efforts are being made in Ballingearry to revive road bowling again. The once popular sport was practised on every road and boreen in Iveleary and in all over West Cork not so long ago. It would be nice to get the sport back on the road again, literally and metaphorically and to see the involvement of the young in particular.

## Scéalta do leanáí

Tá dhá fíis (videos) curtha le chéile ag an Meitheall Theanga de scéalta d'am leaba (bed time stories) agus is iad Sile Uí Chróinín agus Mairín Uí Thuama atá ag insint na scéalta. Tá súil again go mbeidh níos mó mar tá siad cumtha go han mhaith.

## Still Cocooning?

I have heard that in the fairy village and fairy wood in Inchigeela the little fairies and elves have not been seen out yet. Perhaps they haven't heard yet that they need not cocoon so much now. They will of course have to observe social distancing and wash their little hands regularly and keep themselves safe - if they do decide to emerge!



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# History

## Denis Gus O'Shea - A Man For All Seasons

by PoC



Gus O Shea with some of his large collection of Medals

**Introduction:** Denis Gus O'Shea from Clondrohid will always be remembered as an outstanding footballer who won County Senior Football medals in his native Cork and also in his adopted County of Galway. He also lined out in both the red and white of Cork and the maroon and white of Galway. He played adult football in four decades from the 1950's to the 1980's, truly an outstanding achievement. He was a man of many sporting pursuits also excelling in athletics, cycling, and his lifelong hobby of canine pursuits.

**Childhood and Family:** He was born in 1938 at Kilgobnet and was affectionately known as "Gus" to his many friends in Clondrohid, and for the purpose of this article we will refer to him as Gus. The youngest of a family of four, he had two brothers Matt and John together with his sister Sheila. John joined the gardai and advanced to the rank of detective at Dundrum station Dublin. His sister Sheila married Mossie Cronin and they both ran the very successful Sunset Ridge Motel at Killeens, Blarney while his brother Matt worked the family farm at Kilgobnet. There is a history of longevity in many of his family, with his grandmother Jude, (nee Cronin from Scrahan, Coolea) living to the ripe old age of 107 when she died in 1960.

**Education:** Gus first attended school in Gurrane, Clondrohid from May 1944 where his classmates included Tadg Quill, Connie Lynch, Tony O'Shea, Margaret Healy, Eileen Buckley, Gobnait Anne Lynch, Anne O'Mahony and Sheila Kelleher. His teachers in those early years were Nora Lynch, Mary "May" O'Riordan plus principal John Lynch affectionately known as Sean O'Loingsigh. Other friends from his schooldays in Clondrohid included

Bill O'Mahony and Eddie Kenny. As there was no football in the school at that time, they had little competitive sporting activity, added to the fact that there was no GAA Club in the parish in those days.

For his secondary school education, he was a boarder student at Rochestown College Cork from 1952 'til 1957, where he played lots of football and excelled at athletics. He completed his Leaving Certificate at the De La Salle Macroom in 1958 where his classmates included Donal McSweeney, Kilnamartyra and Hugo Casey, Macroom. (See photo).

**Football Career with Macroom and Cork:** Gus commenced his football career playing at centre field for Macroom Minors in 1956 with his partner, of many a battle, Pat O'Sullivan. Other teammates included Tim "Gunner" O'Leary, Hugo Casey and Ritchie Graham. Having won the Mid Cork championship Macroom advanced to beat St Nicks in the Final at Coachford, on the 5th September 1956, with the score Macroom 0-10 St Nicks 2-1. In 1958 Gus was by now at midfield for the Macroom Senior Football side, again with Pat O'Sullivan, in what was to be a very successful campaign. In the championship they defeated Nemo Rangers at Coachford and later St Finbarrs who had been County champions in 1956 and 1957. In that game he recalls "crashing" into John O'Driscoll, brother of famous Cork player Paddy O'Driscoll, in a midfield tussle. A strong Beara side were defeated in the Semi Final, and Macroom were crowned Champions defeating Avonduh in the Final by 3-7 to 0-3 on the 28th September 1958, at an extremely wet Cork Athletic Grounds. (Now Pairc Ui Chaoimh). The team was paraded through the town on their return with the Andy

Scannell Cup and he remembers "standing next to Mick Gould on the steps of the Town Hall on their welcome home". The celebrations he states, "continued for over a week". For good measure Macroom also won the Kelleher Shield Senior Football competition in 1958. (See photo of Macroom team in 1958).

Following his great displays with Macroom Gus played with the Cork Senior Football team in the National League. One of those games was against Kerry again at the Cork Athletic Grounds, where he lined out at wing back in the first half. He was marking Paudie Sheehy of Kerry with Niall Sheehy (Paudie's brother) playing in the unusual position of corner forward. For the second half he was moved to centre field, where he played on the legendary Mick O'Connell. The same "Micko" went on to captain the Kingdom in 1959 where they beat Galway in the Final and Micko returned home to Valentia Island without the Sam Maguire.

**Work Career:** In 1959 Gus joined the ranks of An Garda Siochana and trained for six months at the Garda Depot in Dublin. His classmates included Mick Bambury of Kerry, Tom Browne of Meath. P J and Frank Kennedy of Clare. He spent his first year in the force at Spiddal station on the shores of Galway Bay followed by a short period at Monivea in East Galway. After this he was assigned to Dublin Castle. He did border duty in Castleblaney, Co Monaghan in 1985 and 1986 and the remainder of his service was as a Garda Detective at Eglington station and finally Mill Street station both in Galway City. (See Photo in Garda uniform taken in the 1960's).

**Football Career in his adopted County of**



Macroom 1931 Senior County-winning team. (Supplied by Tommy Counihan).



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De La Salle Macroom, Exam classes 1958, Gus O Shea is 4th from right, back row

**Galway:** In 1960 Gus joined the Fr Griffin's GAA Club in Galway City with whom, he had a long playing career right up to 1989. Known to his many Galway friends as Denis he won County Senior championship medals in 1967, 1970, 1972 and 1975 plus Connacht Club medals in 1970 and 1972. (See Photo of the Fr Griffin's team 1967). His final County medal came in 1985 when the Fr Griffin's Junior side were crowned champions, twenty seven years after his first County medal in 1958 in Macroom. For good measure he won numerous County Leagues and Westport Leagues. He also won many 7 Aside Titles including again another Connacht Title and were unlucky to be defeated by Castlerea in the All Ireland Final. During his many years with Fr Griffin's he played alongside such players as Liam Sammon, Martin Newell, Johnny Geraghty, Colin Mc Donagh of Galway, Ray Niland of Mayo, Christy Cunningham of Meath, Martin Joe Keane of Roscommon and Brendan O'Shea of Kerry. (Brendan was a brother of Kerry star Jerome and uncle of Rugby Star Conor O'Shea). In addition Gus was Club Chairman in 1998.

When Fr Griffin's were crowned Galway Senior Football champions in 1970, local poet Michael Dolan penned an appropriate tribute entitled "The Boys of Prospect Hill", from which the following verse is reproduced hereunder:

*"Oh Dinny you're no Galway man, of that we all well know.  
Yet you have graced this County's fields, for twelve long years or more.  
And the papers now rightly record your glory and your skill.  
A monument they yet will raise to you, on top of Prospect Hill".*

**Inter Firm GAA:** On the Inter Firm scene the Gardai joined up with the ESB in 1970 and competed successfully for a number of years. His teammates included Inter County players namely Mick Higgins of Mayo and Tommy Sands and Jack Cosgrove of Galway. By the way Jack also had a term of duty in Cork City where he played Senior Club championship with St Nicks.

**Inter County:** Gus was selected on the Galway Junior side in 1960 and 1961 when they won Connacht Tiles in both years. He recalls playing in the All Ireland Home Final at Croke Park preceding the All Ireland Senior Football Final of 1961. Incidentally, the crowd of 90,556 in attendance was the largest ever at the venue. He played at corner back on those Galway sides which also

included Mick Garrett and Mick Reynolds who later were the midfield partnership of the Galway "three in a row" Senior winning sides of 1964, '65 and '66.

In 1962 Gus was on the Galway Senior team that defeated Leitrim at Ballinasloe and played Roscommon in the Connacht Final at Mc Hale Park Castlebar before an attendance of 20,000. Galway were doing well until a break in play resulted, after Aidan Brady the Roscommon goalie pulled down the crossbar while attempting a save. After this the course of the game changed and Galway were beaten by a point on a scoreline of 3-7 to 2-9. That Roscommon team later progressed to the All Ireland Final but the "Rossies" were defeated by Kerry, in a game where Garry Mc Mahon scored the fastest goal ever in an All Ireland Final, a fisted score after thirty four seconds. The match programme cost six pence and it was the first televised Final by RTE. (See photo with some of his large collection of medals).

**Athletics:** Gus was always interested in athletics and while at school at Rochestown he was the Munster School's Half Mile Running champion in 1955 and in 1956 he won the Award for the Best All Round Athlete at the college. When he moved to Galway he attended "Sport's Events all over the county competing in the 100 yard dash and the high jump. He also excelled at the "56lbs for distance throw" where he came 2nd in the All Ireland Garda competition. He further competed in the mini triathlons with the Gardai in Templemore in the 1990's. "The Streets of Galway 8K Run" always drew huge crowds. Gus ran this race for over ten years usually covering the course in forty minutes and commented that "It was only a jog for him".

**Other Hobbies:** Gus always took a keen interest in shooting and dog training and these were lifelong pastimes ever since his youthful days in Clondrohid where he went out regularly with his brother John, Tim O'Riordan and "Hugh Nelius" Kelleher. He still keeps his own dogs to keep him busy and with them he has taken part in field trials all over Ireland and also in Scotland. He is current Chairman of Connacht Field Trials Association. (See photo Gus home after a good day with his dog and gun and some Grouse and Woodcock). Gus is a keen cyclist all his life. In 1994 he was part of a team that cycled from Mizen to Malin travelling the length of the Irish countryside. This was a fundraiser for "Childline" and he made sure to pass through Clondrohid village and on by Ballymacorcoran on this route. On his way up the



Gus O Shea in his Garda uniform in the 1960s.

inclined at Ballymacorcoran he gave a big wave and shout to Mary Twomey (nee Buckley) as he cycled gaily past. That cycle trip was divided into five stages, Mizen to Macroom (where he met up with his family members from Clondrohid), Macroom to Ennis, Ennis to Roscommon, Roscommon to Ballyshannon and Ballyshannon to Malin. (See photo where Gus has a few words for his cycling colleagues). He was also part of the "Co-operation North Fund Raising" cycle from Dublin to Belfast and back again to Dublin. He regards this cycle as being an easy trip.

**Family Life in Galway:** Gus married his dear wife Bernie in 1963 and she hails from Tubbercurry Co Sligo, a town which hit the headlines in recent times in the TV series "Normal People". They have a daughter Paula and a son Francis. For the purpose of this article I travelled to their friendly homestead in Castlegar in the outskirts of Galway city. There I enjoyed lots of tea, lovely home baked scones and a few very happy hours as we recalled the many sporting events. (See photo of Gus and P O'Corcora).

**Conclusion:** Looking back to his youth and Clondrohid he smiles broadly as he recalls the various Corn Thrashings in the locality plus fond memories of Bowl playing with Pat O'Shea, Dan O'Driscoll, Dan Cullinane, Sean "Jersey" Kelleher, Denis Healy and many more. No doubt about it Denis Gus O'Shea was a man for all seasons.



Gus o Shea with P O Corcora at his home February 2020.





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# History

## The Burning of Carrigadrohid Barrack 9th of June 1920

By Peter Scanlan

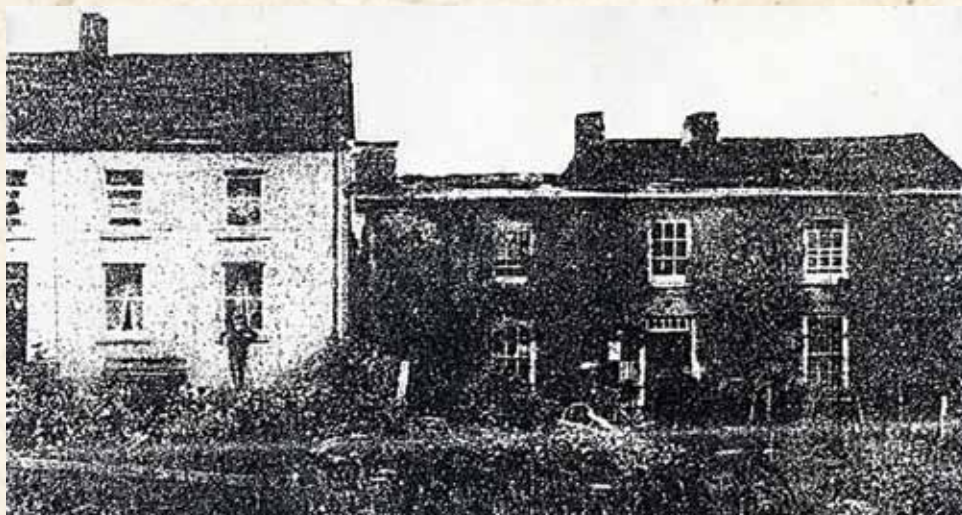
In early June 1920 an IRA attack was made on the Royal Irish Constabulary barracks at Carrigadrohid, a small village about four miles from Macroom. Numerous precautions were taken by the IRA prior to the raid, including the blocking of roads with fallen trees and barbed wire. Trenches were also dug across all roads leading to the village. Thus the IRA were effectively protected from a surprise attack by British army cavalry units and military cyclist corps based at Macroom. This barracks was garrisoned by about eight to fifteen men of the R.I.C., which force had been recently augmented by the inclusion of English recruits, known as Black and Tans.

It commanded an important bridge over the River Lee and was adjacent to the main Cork-Macroom road. It was a strongly fortified two storied building but was a few feet lower than the building on its immediate right, which was the village Post Office, and it was felt that this fact provided the key to its capture.

Plans were accordingly put in train and on the night of June 9th, 1920, a force of about twenty-five men surrounded the building, while ten men entered the Post Office building next door, broke a hole through its roof and then through the roof of the barracks and with the aid of petrol and paraffin oil set it ablaze. The petrol and a barrel of paraffin oil was supplied by the Moynihan family, Coolnacarrige and delivered in a donkey and car to the vicinity of the Barrack, by the late Jimmy Moynihan who was about 12 years of age at the time.

The attack began in earnest at 11pm and continued unabated for almost six hours. Rifle fire, grenades, incendiary bombs and other explosives were directed at the barracks from all points. A few tins of petrol were thrown through a hole in the burning roof and these exploded in the room below sending flames through the top windows but still the fire did not take hold, as both floors were covered with sand, as a precaution against a possible attack. The night wore slowly on with the intermittent crack of rifle fire from both sides. Petrol was also directed onto the front of the building by means of a hose. The muffled sound of explosions could be heard in Macroom, and from midnight Verey light signals sent up by the defenders were visible in the night sky. A large number of reinforcements had arrived at Macroom Castle that day and spirits were so high as celebrations continued well into the night, that no one noticed the distress signals being sent by their colleagues in Carrigadrohid.

With no aid in sight, the position of the sergeant and his constables inside the barracks became more precarious, as the flames gradually began to destroy the roof. It is said that at the height of the offensive, one of the RIC constables put aside his rifle and began playing his violin.



Newspaper photo of Carrigadrohid Barack the day after it was burned. The Post Office building can be seen to the left of the photo, (Other photos were printed in error in issue 10 on 21st of May) © Peter Scanlan

The RIC officers and constables recorded on 1 January 1921 for Carrigadrohid Barracks were:			
<b>Sergeants</b>			
Thomas Moore	(No. 61129)	Jeremiah McCarthy	(No. 52826)
<b>Regular Constables</b>			
Thomas Bray	(No. 68640)	Michael J. Flatley	(No. 69837)
William H. Cooke	(No. 69901)		
<b>Temporary Constables<sup>264</sup></b>			
Herbert Dunbar	(No. 72277)	Frederick H. Lord	(No. 73305)
Albert E. Gillings	(No. 72046)	Daniel Loughlin	(No. 70613)
Stephen Greene	(No. 71130)	Walter Meadows	(No. 73302)
Arthur J. Harrison	(No. 73342)	William G. Mustard	(No. 73282)
Francis H. Hauxwell	(No. 74622)	John D. McEnery	(No. 71871)
F.W.H. Lawrence	(No. 71536)	George H. Pearman	(No. 71544)

List of RIC Officers stationed in Carrigadrohid, 1st of January 1921 © Peter Scanlan

Around 3 a.m., oil supplies having been exhausted, it was evident that the attack would not attain its objective and instructions were issued by the Battalion O.C., who was in charge of the operation, to disperse.

By the time the raiders withdrew at 4.30 am, the barracks was burning fiercely. The aim of the assault was to render the barracks uninhabitable, and in this the Volunteers were successful.

The barracks were evacuated later on that day, the building being roofless, and that night it was almost completely demolished. Within a week,

however, the RIC had occupied O'Donoghue's, (Killinardrish House) a demesne house nearby, with a larger force and this was strongly fortified.

Sources;

(1) Newspaper Reports 12-6-1920

(2) Page 17 of a 51 Page statement taken from a statement by Charles Browne, Adjutant 7th Macroom Battalion Cork No1 Brigade

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# History

## ROCK OF AGES: Limestone in the Bride Valley

by Michael Goulding

When the River Bride reaches Crookstown, the final 8 miles of its journey to Inniscarra to meet with the River Lee is through a relatively flat valley which contains many limestone quarries and lime kilns. Only one quarry is now operating at Castlemore, owned by Roadstone. All the others have either been filled in, e.g. to facilitate the Ballincollig by-pass, or stand idle such as in Aherla where all the usable stone has been removed over the centuries.

The burning of limestone in kilns has not taken place now for over sixty years, however most of the lime kilns stand in very good condition, being very well built to withstand the very intense heat involved in the process. Most of the structures are double kilns which allowed for one kiln to be used while the other was cleaned and refilled. However, in busy periods, both would be used together and a report in *The Southern Star* of April 1945 stated that 'all kilns at Aherla and Castlemore are in continuous use to facilitate demand and that there was little delay for the horses and carts and lorries that had queued overnight.'

Before setting out on the return journey, the men in the queue would often have a meal at Tim and Catherine O'Connor's home near the kiln. Known as Kate's Kitchen, the O'Connors had moved to Castlemore in 1935 and Catherine had started serving meals in her kitchen and sitting room. Their daughter, Nellie, married Mick O'Leary in 1950 and kept up the tradition by serving meals to the workers in the quarry, usually up to 20 per day.

### The Rye Family and Castlemore

As a child, Rosaleen Tonson Rye remembers this era at Castlemore very well. The queue for the lime was a daily sight on her journey to school at the Rectory in Crookstown. Another weekly trip was the journey to Cork, with her mother, in Eugene Kelleher's taxi to collect dynamite for the quarry at Murray's in Patrick Street. They were often accompanied by Mrs. Clarke of Farran, a member of the Clarke tobacco family.

The involvement of the Rye family in Castlemore goes back to George Rye, son of Christopher Rye, once Mayor of Cork. George married Anne Baily of Castlemore in 1719. Her father, John Baily, was granted Castlemore in the Acts of Settlement in 1666 by Lord Broghill. In 1730, George wrote a book, *Considerations on Agriculture*. In the book, he writes of 'living in a limestone-floored valley burning lime was practised all around about him and it was applied to the soil with obviously favourable results.' (1)

### Aherla Limestone

The limestone near Aherla had always been considered suitable for building and detail work such as headstones, monuments, etc. Stone from



Hubie Hurley with a plaster plaque made by his brother Pat

Aherla was used in the Courthouse in Cork, as well as in St. Joseph's Church, Cloughduv and St. Mark's in Aherla. Stone carving was, and remains, a tradition in the area, with the name Hickey being best known. However, at one time, the Lynch, O'Mahony, Kearney and Harold families were also involved in the craft. Their work is still to be seen in local cemeteries, among them Kilcrea, Kilbonane, Kilmurry and Aglish. Such was the reputation of Hickey's that in the 1960s, they featured in the film *Stone Mad* about the sculptor, Seamus Murphy and one notable scene is filmed in William Hickey's pub in Aherla.

The foundation stone for Cloughduv Church was laid in 1871 and local tradition has it that the stone blocks used in its construction were quarried at Aherla and 'dressed' along the road to Cloughduv. The church is a magnificent structure, visible for many miles around and is listed as a notable building of Ireland. Presumably, the skills of the local stone carvers were used in its construction. A new altar was installed in 1977 to comply with the changes brought about by Vatican 2. This altar was carved by Hickeys and donated by Michael A. and Rita O'Sullivan, Cloughduv.

St. Mark's Church, Aherla was consecrated on the 2nd June 1901. It is also built of limestone, some of the structure came from a church that had stood at Aglish. It was said to have been 'erected due to the munificence of Mr. Thomas Clarke, Farran.' Garden parties were held at Rycourt and Warrenscourt to raise funds for the cost of construction. St.

Rosaleen Tonson Rye at the site of the kiln in Castlemore

Mark's adds greatly to the character of Aherla village and it makes a major contribution to the sense of community in the area.

### Traditional Skills

Buildings such as churches required tradesmen of great skill to keep them in good condition, with high roofs and steeples, working on which is not for the faint hearted. One family with such a tradition are the Hurleys of Farnanes. Dan, Pat and Hubie Hurley have spent their lives in a trade that goes back at least to their grandfather, Daniel Hurley who came to work on Toames Church from Clonakilty in the early 1870s. He married local lady, Hanora Tobin, and their son Jeremiah followed in his father's footsteps. This family were known as the Hurley 'slaters'. Jeremiah married Mary Lynch in 1927. However, he died in 1939 before his sons could be apprenticed to him. His wife, Mary, made great efforts for her sons to continue in the trade. The eldest, Dan, had to cycle to Bandon from Farnanes each morning to meet his employer. Dan's life-long cheery disposition was evident even then, as he was noted for singing all the ways to and from Bandon. Pat and Hubie served their time locally with the Shannon family in Macroom. All three excelled in their craft, with Pat in particular having a very artistic flair. His work can be seen today in the cornice work at Canovee and Farran churches. Dan was often to be seen scaling the heights of the parish churches and Hubie completed much of the work on the new Castlemore Brick Works in 1966. Sadly, both Dan and Pat have passed away but Hubie lives in retirement in Shandangan with his wife, Sheila.

### New Era for Castlemore

In the late 1950s, Terry Lynch and Con MacSweeney took over the running of Castlemore Quarry. They were already running the Aherla quarry. At this





## Cork County Council Encourages Public to Support Local Businesses and Communities Campaign launched to ask people to realise the “value of staying close to home”

Cork County Council is taking action to support businesses and communities across Cork County as they reopen for the first time since the COVID-19 crisis began. As part of Project ACT, the Council has launched a campaign to encourage people to “realise the value of staying closer to home”.

The campaign will show how Cork County Council is working hand-in-hand with communities to make it as easy as possible to support the businesses on their doorstep.

Town Teams across Cork have been engaging with local businesses and communities to see how efforts to re-open towns and businesses can be supported. Some €6 million in funding has been committed to the effort, with initial works already underway.

Street cleaning has been ongoing, along with planting and improvement works in towns and villages across County Cork.

Mayor of the County of Cork, Cllr Ian Doyle says; “We have seen tremendous resilience from our local businesses, who were forced to close through no fault of their own when the virus threatened our community. In the first few days, it has been heart-warming to see the public show their support by staying local and shopping local. Project ACT will see an unprecedented level of co-operation between Council staff and local communities, to make it as easy as possible for people to avail of the great businesses that are on their doorstep. The message is clear - let’s realise the value of staying close to home as we all begin this recovery together.”

The Mayor was speaking in his native Charleville, where Council teams have been busy re-planting, decluttering streets and supporting businesses. As in keeping with other parts of Cork County, the

local playground has been inspected and re-opened.

Mayor Doyle also inspected designs for the pedestrian crossing and works in the Town Park as well as an initial concept proposal to develop a plaza space in front of Charleville library. Commenting on the proposals, Mayor Doyle noted,

“This is a very exciting project for Charleville and one which clearly demonstrates how Project ACT is activating Cork County. The plaza proposal will improve the connection to Charleville Town Park and provide a natural amphitheatre area which could support a number of library events such as music, plays and storytelling. It will be a wonderful new addition for our local community as well as an attraction for visitors. I would also encourage the people of Charleville to have their say on this project when it is open for public consultation, which will be in the next few weeks. This will be our plaza and together we will create an exciting new focal point for Charleville town.”

All playgrounds and sports equipment are being re-opened across the county. Cork County Council is again reminding the public that; Children using a playground must be accompanied and supervised by a parent / guardian at all times. Parents/guardians should bring hand sanitiser when visiting a playground and sanitise children’s hands prior to, during and after using playground equipment.

Members of the public are reminded that public



Campaign launched to ask people to realise the “value of staying close to home”

health advice continues to apply. In order to ensure that playgrounds can safely remain open, parents, guardians and those who return to enjoy our playgrounds are asked to continue; Ensuring physical distancing between children. Reminding children to avoid touching their face, eyes, nose and mouth.

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Cork County Council will continue its efforts to support businesses and communities as further restrictions being eased in the weeks and months ahead.

## BUSINESSES SEEK CORK COUNTY COUNCIL SUPPORT AS IRELAND RE-OPENS

*Significant interest in Restart Grant and LEO supports under Project ACT*

Businesses across County Cork have been seeking support in record numbers as they plan their future after the COVID-19 emergency. A series of incentives have been offered by Cork County Council as part of Project ACT, an initiative to support businesses and communities in every town and village.

1,300 businesses have made an online application for the Restart Grant, which is a form of direct grant aid to micro- and small-businesses to help them with the costs associated with re-opening and re-employing workers.

Between €2,000 and €10,000 of direct aid is available to businesses, based on commercial rates bill from 2019.

The grant will be available to businesses with a turnover of less than €5m and employing 50 people or less, which were closed or impacted by at least a 25% reduction in turnover out to June 30, 2020. It is a contribution towards the cost of re-opening or keeping a business operational and re-connecting with employees and customers.

Separately, 750 companies applied for Business Continuity Vouchers through the Local Enterprise Offices in South Cork and Cork North and West. Businesses employing up to 50 staff are eligible to apply for a Business Continuity Voucher to the value of €2,500 towards third party consultancy costs to assist with developing short-term and long-term strategies to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic.

There was also an unprecedented demand for

Trading Online Vouchers, which help businesses establish an online marketplace. Over 300 applications were made, and a request for funding to meet further demand has been made.

Both LEO South Cork and LEO Cork North and West will host a series of webinars in the weeks ahead, covering topics of relevance to businesses affected by the pandemic. This will include the new health and safety requirement to ensure businesses can re-open safely, and stay open.

Sharon Corcoran, Director of Service Economic Development, Enterprise and Tourism says, “Businesses have been severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and have suffered greatly as a result. In response, Cork County Council has been working to support them in whatever way it can, through direct activity in towns and financial support through the LEOs. What we have witnessed is a huge demand from small businesses to get going again, and to reinvent themselves to reflect the new trading environment. Thanks to this new energy from the business community, the Local Enterprise Office has

never been busier. Many applications have been approved, and we are working diligently through the others as quickly as possible. Small businesses are the engine of our entire economy - our message to them is that we are here to support them now, and well into the future.”

The LEO’s regular suite of training programmes remains available, and has been in a position to meet further demand since moving to exclusively online delivery in late March.

Details on all supports from Cork County Council through Project ACT are available here; <https://www.corkcoco.ie/en/rates-business-support-advice/local-enterprise-offices>





stage the burning of lime had ceased and ground limestone was used exclusively. They expanded the business in 1966 by investing £51,000 in a new brickworks, opened by Charles J. Haughey, Minister for Industry & Commerce and also an industrial fines facility, as well as being involved in some of the major projects of the day such as the Whiddy Island Oil Terminal. The business employed up to 70 people at its peak. (ii) Today, due to automation, modern machinery, etc., far less are employed at Castlemore but it still makes a major contribution to the local economy.

Terry Lynch and Con MacSweeney also had interests in the horse and greyhound industry. In 1965, a horse, Agrippina, owned by Rosaleen Tonson Rye and Con MacSweeney and trained by Rosaleen's father, John, won the Irish Cesarewitch at The Curragh and Rosaleen still has a great interest in horses.

Many of the people involved in the uses of limestone over many centuries lie in cemeteries without mark or monument. However, their greatest legacy is in the buildings, stone-carvings and industries they have left us. Surely that is their fitting monument.



Terry Lynch, CJ Haughey, Con MacSweeney, Frances Lynch

## Con 'Knockie' Cronin 1912 - 1993

by Con Kelleher

Con Cronin lived in interesting but often not easy times. He was one of Macroom's most respected and liked characters of his generation and made tremendous contributions on personal, business and sporting terms. His parents came from Ballingeary and Inchigeela, and settled in Macroom to find work and rear a family. A younger member of a family of seven, his father Denis, died in his thirties, and his mother was left to manage the family. She was a resourceful woman and succeeded admirably in her task. Barry O'Brien's *Macroom A Cronicle No 1* (iii) gives a very good account of Con 'Knockie'.

This short piece is written from a family and a sporting perspective, and Con's eldest son, Denis, is my principle source. One of Denis's first recollections is attending Macroom's senior county final win in 1958. His match-memory is vague, but he recalls being in Clancy's pub afterwards, and remembers Mick Goold, Macroom captain, insisting that Con, his Dad, take the first sip from the cup. This was a signal honour and reserved for the last man to captain a Macroom team to senior honours – that was in 1935, and 23 years beforehand.

Con's father came from Gougane and his mother name from Inchigeela and they lived in New Street. Denis's grandfather, also Denis, died when he was about thirty-five. Denis remembers his grandmother as a gentle quiet woman and thinks her family once owned Frankie Twomey's shop, which was then an 'eating' house. Con's siblings were Jack, Chris, Fr Ted, Nora, Eileen, Sheila and Nora who owned a shop in Cork. Fr Ted administered in the US. Chris also emigrated there. Sheila was a nurse in England where she met and married Tom Kelly. Tom was highly intelligent and taught Latin. He also worked in Bletchley Park, decoding for the British during WW2; his entry 'exam' was to finish a difficult crossword in ten minutes. As well as being successful in business, Nora became a fine golfer and Denis thinks she may have played for Munster.

As was usual at the time Con left school at fourteen and his first job was in Vaughan's garage,

New Street. He then worked in Ford's, Cork. As well as being a naturally gifted footballer, Con also played rugby for Macroom. The belief in Gaelic football was that for most rugby players in most positions, the last thing they wanted was the ball. However, a safe pair-of-hands and good kicking were required for the full-back and out-half positions; Con had those talents. When working in Cork, Con played with Dolphin Rugby Club. The Macroom GAA senior team was strong at the time, having won the county in 1926 and did not want to lose a talented player. Con was enticed by John Fitzgerald, Railway View, to return to Macroom and he employed Con in his shop and thus he became associated with Fitzgeralds for the rest of his life. Importantly Con was again playing Gaelic football for Macroom. From 1930 to 1935, Macroom won three more senior counties and Con captained the last. Denis recalled that his grandmother stabled horses in the backyard of their home, with the horses accessing through the house. She also kept pigs, again a normal occurrence for many town houses. In those times sales of pigs often provided cash for Communion, Confirmations and weddings.

At Fitz-Gerald's 'Knockie' did 'everything' and the business included egg-selling, hardware, a grocery shop, a pub, coffin-making and undertaking. Altogether he served with four generations of the Fitz-Gerald family and was especially valuable when Martin took over at a young age following the unexpected death of Dan, his father, in the early 1960s. He contributed hugely to the survival and success of that business, and the Fitz-Gerald family is still central to the economic activity of the town.

Sisters Elsie and Kathleen Colbert (Ballynoe, East Cork) came to work as hairdressers in Macroom



Cronin Family, about 1957, 'Knockie', Elsie, Denis, Josephine, Chris and Mary (Denis Cronin's collection)

in the early 1940s. 'Knockie' met Elsie at a dance and the rest is history. Her saloon was in Celia Looney's, Railway View (now owned by Breda Murphy). Kathleen returned to Ballynoe, where she married and her son Denis Walsh won All-Ireland hurling and football medals with Cork. Elsie trained Margaret Lynch, Coolehane and Mary Mantle (later O'Sullivan), Toames. Con and Elsie were blessed with seven children and they are: Denis, Chris, Josephine, Mary, Colum, Paula and Nora; Mary lives in London and Paula lives in Cork and the others live locally. Like her mother, Nora is a hairdresser.

**Sport:** 'Knockie' was always a good footballer and athlete and played Schools' Shield for Macroom, and is named in the 1928 U-16 team. (iv) Denis recalls 'Knockie' telling him that about that time he delivered match notifications from Master Denis O'Mahony, N.T., to Denis Counihan and other senior players of the time. 'Knockie' won a county minor medal in 1929 and his first senior county medal in 1931 when he was given





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However, if you are getting the COVID-19 Pandemic Unemployment Payment, the Working Family Payment or the Back to Work Family Dividend, you can qualify. Your application will be means-tested and your total family income must be below a certain level for your family size.

The Allowance is €150 for children aged between 4 and 11 and €275 for children aged between 12 and 22. It is paid automatically to many families. This means that they do not have to apply for the payment. If you qualify automatically, you will get your payment the week beginning 13 July 2020.

You will need to apply online if you do not get a letter confirming your payment by 6 July 2020. If any of your children are aged 18 or over, you must apply for the BTSCFA for them and show evidence that they are in second-level education (even if automatic payments have issued for other children in your family).

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Macroom Fire Brigade with new tender in mid 50s

Macroom Fire Brigade; 'Knockie' is third from left.



'Knockie' with son Denis and grand-daughter Denise.

honourable mention in the report of the final against Carbery. Appointed captain in 1934, Macroom were beaten by Beara in the semi-final. 'Knockie' retained the captaincy the following year and glory beckoned when Macroom won the senior county football title, their eighth in twenty-five years. Clonakilty were the opposition and in a fine game, played in glorious weather, 'Knockie' played a captain's part in thwarting the opposition. The homeward journey was prolonged as the footballers stopped to attend a dance in Carrigadrohid. In 1935 Macroom also won the county minor and Mid-Cork Junior A championships which must qualify the year as the club's most successful ever. It took Macroom twenty-three years to win its next and ninth county, in 1958. Macroom's best hurling year was probably in 1936 and 'Knockie' was an important player in that team. He also played on a successful Macroom junior hurling team in 1936. 'Knockie' played for Cork minor, junior and senior teams, and won a Munster junior medal and a Southern Region National League football medal with Cork seniors. Among his contemporaries was Seán Ó Síocháin, Kilnamartyra who became Secretary General/Ard Runaí of the GAA. After his playing days, 'Knockie' continued to be involved in the club for many years and was Life President from the 1980s on. He attended most championship games and made some telling

interventions. At an under-fourteen first round championship tie, Macroom against Ballyvourney, in 1967 'Knockie' was an umpire. Macroom were in trouble and but for his intervention in disallowing a goal, Macroom would have lost. That team, with 'Knockie's' son, Chris, its star full-back, went on to win the county. Outside of football 'Knockie' served the town as a fireman and in the FCA (the voluntary wing of the Irish Army) and he became an officer/leader in both. He had the rare combination of natural authority and affability. He managed men by respect, good humour and coaxing but could be tough when the occasion demanded it. Three sons of 'Knockie' - Denis, Chris and Colum - played with success for Macroom. Denis became an international angler and fished for Ireland on several occasions and made several television appearances. He later became an international judge. Michael Cronin, Premier Intermediate, and Billy Coleman, U-14, his grand-sons, continue the family football tradition and currently play with Macroom. Cornelia Cronin, a grand-daughter, is an underage selector and trainer, and her two sons are avid footballers. Denis, Chris, Josephine, Colum and Nora have been very active in a wide range of local clubs and associations. 'Knockie's' contribution to his family, his employers, the town and the wider local community has been immense and the area

was blessed with his presence, geniality and contribution.

P.S. The name 'Knockie' comes from a mispronunciation of 'Conchubhair', the Irish word for 'Con'.

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The "White-tailed Allium"



Crookstown Macra na Feirme annual dinner 1959. Front—from left—P. O'Donoghue, Nora O'Leary, Nora Keane, Bernie Cronin, Ted Murphy, Fr. Tim O'Sullivan, Mgt. Lucey, Teresa O'Sullivan, John O'Mahony. Middle—Arthur O'Leary, Donal Lucey, Liam O'Brien, Denis O'Sullivan, Bobby Murphy, Dan Cronin, Ml. O'Donoghue and John B. Murphy. Back—Haulie Lyons, Jack Twomey, Donal Lehane, Ml. Keane and Patrick O'Mahony.

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**Local TV:** Sunday 21st June at 7p.m. An Choirm Cheoil san Aras Ballingear (2011) Part 1 & 2. (Repeated Wednesday 24th at 7p.m.)

**Sunday 28th June at 7pm:** Mass 24th June, 2013 at St. John's Well, Musher Mountain. Celebrant: Canon Jackie Corkery. Donal O' Mathuna interviews Michael O' Connor from Kilvoultra (2005) Millstreet Eurovision (1993). (Repeated Wednesday 1st July at 7p.m.)

**Dromleigh NS:** Congratulations Dromleigh N.S.! The school has been awarded funding by the 'Languages Connect' initiative to double the capacity of their modern language's library. Stock includes early years games, books and novels in French, Polish, German, Hungarian, Latvian and Slovakian. All materials are free to borrow.

**Rylane lotto results:** Monday Tues. June 2nd 2020. RCPA (Rylane Community Park Association) Lotto results: 2/6/2020 Jackpot €1,800. Numbers drawn: 21 - 23 - 38. No winner. Lucky Dip winners €20: Reece, Seán & Bradley O'Sullivan (Rylane); Pat O'Rourke (Rylane); Tia & Maria (c% The Anvil, Rylane).

Monday June 8th 2020: RCPA (Rylane Community Park Association) Lotto

results: 8/6/2020 Jackpot €1,900. Numbers drawn: 4 - 8 - 12. No winner. Lucky Dip winners €20: Patrick & Fideloma Aherna(Rylane); Hannah Lane (Aghabullogue); Josh Grimes(Rylane).

Monday June 15th 2020: RCPA (Rylane Community Park Association) Lotto results: 15/6/2020 Jackpot €2,000. Numbers drawn: 7 - 35 - 36. No winner. Lucky Dip winners €20: John Kelleher(c% Soccer Club, Rylane); Mags O'Brien (Chipper, Coachford)); Sheila O'Sullivan (Rylane).

**Rylane Community Park Association/RCPA:** Rylane lotto results on Tuesday May 5th 2020. Jackpot €1,400. Numbers drawn: 23 - 30 - 39. No winner. Lucky Dip winners €20: John O'Sullivan (c% Soccer Club); Jackie Ring (Rylane); Finbarr O'Sullivan (Rylane).

Rylane lotto results on Monday May 11th 2020: Jackpot €1,500. Numbers drawn: 15 - 29 - 36. No winner. Lucky Dip winners €20: Mary & Connie Buckley (Rylane); Helen Spillane (Rylane); Siobhan Cleare (Kilcullen).



Liam Weir, recipient of the Pat Trainor Lifetime of Service to Primary Schools Gaelic Games Award, photographed at the recent National Cumann na mBunscol Awards Ceremony in Thurles with Cork Sciath na Scol officials, Liam Breathnach, Assumpta Whelton, Daithí O'Coileain, Tony O'Farrell. Also included are Mairead Ni Cheallachain, National President Cumann na mBunscol and Liam Magee, Chairman Cumann na mBunscol.



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## Macroom GAA

### 'Walk Around the World' & Resuming Football Training

The juvenile section is quite busy despite an absence of training and matches. Juvenile Committee members keep in regular touch and are eagerly looking forward to resuming activities. The WhatsApp group facilitate easy communication and coaching webinars for the U-11s to the U-14s were very well received and appreciated, and provide a taste of our future world.

The committee is delighted with progress on the walk 'Around The World'. This initiative was to promote activity among members, collect money for charity and give a collective focus for GAA members. The GAA's strength is based on being rooted in the community and Covid is currently society's biggest threat. The initiative is an imaginative, clever and practical response to the pandemic. We have all become aware of the enormous extra stress that people with special needs, and their families, have had to endure during the lockdown. Muskerry Olympic Club provides an invaluable local service and deserves as much support as possible. The Children's ward, Cork University Hospital, is the

other beneficiary, and it is equally deserving of assistance.

So far about 30,000 kilometres - 3/4s of the way - have been covered and more than €5,000 has been donated. Michael/Mickey Dunphy, a friend of Ritchie Graham, has a bar in New York and he has contributed \$500. Mickey was goalkeeper in Macroom's last senior county-winning team in 1962; Ritchie was corner-forward and scored a goal in the final. Many are running/walking and 118 people have given money. It is hoped that more donations will be forthcoming.

Shane Dunne has logged the 'mythical' trip that has brought us to France, Italy and the Middle East. After that the tour visited China, Hiroshima (Japan), the Coral Island in the Pacific. For each spot Shane covers a little bit of geography or history. Many Macrompians are dotted along the way: Eoin O'Mahony is in the Middle East, Tom Murphy (Spar) is in Honolulu, Brendan Quinlan in Los Angeles, Brendan O'Connell in the Grand Canyon and so on. The blog is informative, amusing and the accompanying pictures are beautiful. The blog has been very well received, it provides a great interest and maintains the profile of the club.

The journey is nearing its end and spirits are still high; another 1030Kms were covered ON June 14th. And the tour is about to reach the east coast of America. Luckily the trippers have avoided so far any of the centres of unrest in the US.

Although the tour is not complete, coaches are busily teasing out the implications of a return-to-play. Most coaches have children involved and are able to give insights from both sides of the 'fence'. Resuming training and playing will be a big challenge but with good will and cooperation, the situation will be manageable. Children as a group were least affected by Covid, but paid a big social price when schools were closed and social activity restricted. The tiny risk of resuming activity is probably a chance well worth taking and is a decision parents will have to take.

The old saying that 'You never miss your mother 'til she's gone' could very well be applied to sport. Providing all goes well in the interim, June 29th should be a memorable day for the young people of Macroom.

The club thanks all who supported, walked, ran and contributed.

## Macroom FC

### Return to Training

The speeding up of the phased reopening by Government last week was a considerable boost to amateur and underage soccer leagues throughout Ireland. In fairness to the FAI, they acted quickly and released a comprehensive document entitled 'FAI Safer Return to Training Protocol'. This excellent document outlines the important steps needed to be taken before a club can return to training. Risk assessments of club grounds, safety signage and sanitising measures are just some of the steps laid out in the protocol. Clubs will also be expected to appoint and educate Covid 19 compliance officers. These officers will attend at every training session to ensure all safety practices are adhered to. They cannot be a coach of the team that is training at that time. Also, the numbers allowed on the field (including players and coaches) will be strictly limited. Macroom FC is currently in the process of working through all of the above-mentioned steps and it is hoped training can resume for some teams in the near future. Training sessions will only begin when the club and the FAI are satisfied that everything is in place to guarantee the safety of all involved.

### Volunteers Wanted

Macroom FC are always on the lookout for new volunteers to join our club. Coaches are currently required, in particular for our U16 (born 2005) and U13 (2008) boys teams. The girls teams also require coaches at U17, U13 and U11 level. It is important to state that while previous soccer coaching experience can help, it is not necessary. New coaches can easily avail of a number of excellent FAI courses which are regularly hosted by Macroom FC. So please make that call, everyone can offer their own

unique skill set and Macroom FC would be delighted to hear from you! The contact for the boys coaching is Rhys Hopkins (085 7134303) and for girls teams call/text Brian Murphy (087 9515644) or Roy Desmond (087 7978636).

### Like and Share Lotto

The weekly Like and Share free lotto continues on our Facebook page. When you see the post containing our Euromillions ticket purchase, please 'like and share' to join a syndicate for any winnings. We have a consolation prize too of 50 euro each week and the latest winner was Gillian Murphy. In relation to our regular weekly lotto draw, we hope to restart this in the coming weeks, provided it is safe to do so.

### FAI Summer Soccer Schools 2020

The club is disappointed with the cancellation of the summer camps due to Covid 19. This year, Macroom FC had planned 2 camps to take place in July and August but unfortunately these will not now be going ahead. At this point there is a possibility of a mini camp (2/3 days) during the October mid-term break, but any decision on this will be made at a later date.

\*Macroom FC remain available and would be delighted to give any assistance that we can to the community. If anyone needs help you can email us at: [MacroomSoccerClub@macroomFC.ie](mailto:MacroomSoccerClub@macroomFC.ie) or speak to a club member.



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## Sports History

### 2018 Cill na Martra take the Intermediate Football Championship crown in an all-Muskerry county final.

#### Semi final:

#### Cill na Martra 0 - 10 Mitchelstown 0 - 9

Cill na Martra, so unlucky in recent years, are back in the county intermediate final after their defeat of Mitchelstown by a single point at Mourneabbey. Cill na Martra finished the game with 14 players, the North Cork side with only 13, clear signs that these teams have met too often recently in vital clashes!

Mitchelstown played with the wind in the first half but it was Cill na Martra who forced the pace and they led 0-5 to 0-2 after twenty minutes, Mike Ó Deasúna getting three points in a row to put them clear. Mitchelstown finished the half well and only a point separated the sides at the break, 0-6 to Cill na Martra, 0-5 to the North Cork men.

Two minutes after the restart Cill na Martra lost a man, rather harshly they felt, but they shrugged off their disappointment and kicked over four vital points in a row to now lead by four points, 0-10 to 0-6 in the 40th minute. The winners were not to score again as Mitchelstown set about getting back into contention. The gap was down to two points ten minutes later when Mitchelstown lost two players in quick succession to red cards but the desperate Avondhu men still battled on and managed a further point in the 62nd minute against a tight Cill na Martra defence before time ran out on them.

Cill na Martra scorers: S Ó Duinnín 0-4, M Ó Deasúna 0-3 (0-2f), A Ó Cuana, G Ó Mocháin and D Ó Conaill 0-1 each.

Cill na Martra: Antóin Ó Conaill: Daire MacLochlainn, Colm Ó Laoire, Eoin Ó Loinsigh: Graham Ó Mocháin, Nollaig Ó Laoire, Tadhg Ó Corcora: Antóin Ó Cuana, Gearóid Ó Goillidhe; Martin Ó Conchuir, Micheál Ó Deasúna, Danny Ó Conaill: Ciarán Ó Duinnín, Daniel Ó Duinnín, Shane Ó Duinnín. Subs: Fionnbarra Ó hEaluithé, Seán Ó Foirréidh.

#### Backdrop to this game:

#### 2017 semi final:

#### Mitchelstown 2 - 13 Cill na Martra 1 - 10

A bitterly disappointing day for Cill na Martra at Banteer that saw their high hopes evaporate in a disastrous first half. It all had started so positively with the Muskerry men scoring an early brace of points and looking to be very comfortable but in the 9th minute they conceded an unexpected goal when Mitchelstown midfielder David Dineen rooted the ball the over the line. This shock goal did have a negative effect on the Gaeltacht side and gave an enormous boost to the winners but Cill na Martra managed to settle their nerves again and matched the North Cork men score for score and there was every indication that they could again get control. It was 1-3 to 0-5 after 17 minutes and no further score ensued to either side before the second game changing incident six minutes later when a

Cill na Martra midfielder was red carded by referee Joe Larkin. This was a blow from which Cill na Martra never recovered and before half time they had conceded a further 1-3 without reply to be 2-6 to 0-5 in arrears at the break and in an obviously serious situation. In the second half, numerically disadvantaged Cill na Martra were always playing catch-up and with no real chance of reining in the winners who finished strongly and were able to overcome the concession of a late goal, a smashing effort from Dan Ó Duinnín.

Cill na Martra were oozing confidence in the opening sequence and points from Mike Ó Deasúna and Dan Ó Duinnín were a reflection of their enterprising play. Then came the goal for Mitchelstown which was followed immediately by a point but Dan Ó Duinnín kicked a point in reply to steady Cill na Martra nerves and when the now much improved North Cork men had two further points, Mike Ó Deasúna and Martin Ó Conchuir replied with fine points for Cill na Martra to leave only a point between the sides. The sending off in the 23rd minute was followed by three points in a row for the Avondhu men as Cill na Martra struggled to get to grips with the cruel turn in their fortunes and their misery was complete when in time-added-on, Mitchelstown corner forward Cathal O'Mahony forced a ball over the goal line for a sickening score which gave his side a seven point interval lead.

Mitchelstown had increased their advantage to nine points within five minutes of the restart with further points before Shane Ó Duinnín had a much need point for Cill na Martra in the 39th minute which was followed by two more from Martin Ó Conchuir and another from Daire MacLochlainn to narrow the gap to five points by the 48th minute. Mitchelstown now needed a score to prevent doubt setting in and it came immediately and halted the Cill na Martra revival. Mitchelstown lost a defender to a black card offence, Dan Ó Duinnín pointing the resultant free, but hit back decisively with three points in a row to remove any doubt concerning the outcome. Dan Ó Duinnín's goal in the 57th minute for Cill na Martra was a magnificent effort but Mitchelstown had the final say with a point from midfielder Dave Dineen, who finished with 1-3 to his credit, all from play.

Scorers for Cill na Martra: D Ó Duinnín 1-2 (0-1f), M Ó Conchuir 0-3 (0-1f), M Ó Deasúna 0-2, D MacLochlainn, S Ó Céilleachair and S Ó Duinnín 0-1 each.

Cill na Martra: James Aynsley: Antóin Ó Cuana, Graham Ó Mocháin, Daire MacLochlainn: Seán Ó Céilleachair, Danny Ó Conaill, Tadhg Ó Corcora: Gearóid Ó Goillidhe, Micheál Ó Deasúna: Martin Ó Conchuir, Daniel Ó Duinnín, Colm Ó Laoire: Maidhic Ó Duinnín, Nollaig Ó Laoire, Shane Ó Duinnín. Subs: Fionnbarra Ó hEaluithé h/t, Eoin Ó Loinsigh 48, Marc Ó Goillidhe 59.

#### Aghabullogue on the move!

#### Aghabullogue 2 - 13 Mayfield 0 - 8

The outcome of this 2018 county intermediate

football championship quarter final at Macroom was heavily influenced by a 25th minute incident in the Mayfield goalmouth. Aghabullogue were leading by 0-4 to 0-3 after a very even opening period, during which Mayfield had seen a well hit penalty hit the butt of the Aghabullogue post before being cleared to safety. John Corkery cut inside the Mayfield defence, the advancing goalkeeper brought him down unceremoniously, and referee John O'Leary had little option but to red card the Mayfield man, as well as award a penalty which David Thompson neatly dispatched to the net past the substitute goalkeeper. The impressive John Corkery added a point and when Ian BarryMurphy availed of a bad kick out to advance and plant the ball in the Mayfield net on the stroke of half time the contest was effectively over with Aghabullogue leading by 2-5 to 0-4 and with an extra man.

Mayfield were physically stronger than a light Aghabullogue side who lined out minus the services of Patrick Finnegan and Mathew Bradley but it was Aghabullogue's John Corkery who opened the scoring with a first minute point. Dave O'Neill equalised for Mayfield and Paul Condon put the city side in front from a 9th minute free. A foul on Condon led to the Mayfield penalty in the 11th minute which hit the post and David Thompson brought Aghabullogue level at 0-2 each from a free in the 15th minute. Condon quickly put Mayfield back in front, goalkeeper Hackett denied John Corkery with a super save and Evan O'Sullivan, engaged in a running battle with full back Kieran Brosnan, brought the Mid Cork side level again in the 19th minute and Corkery then put them in front with a smartly taken point. Then followed the penalty drama and the two goals for Aghabullogue which killed this game as entertainment for the spectators chilled by the cold wind prevailing.

The story of the second half is easily told. Fourteen-man Mayfield staged an early rally on the restart which yielded three points, but two points from Corkery and two from Ian BarryMurphy in reply had opened up an eight point Aghabullogue advantage by the three quarter mark, 2-9 to 0-7. A second yellow card offence led to the loss of the Mayfield centre back and the speedy Aghabullogue men made use of the space to add to their tally at leisure in the final quarter with the outcome beyond any doubt.

Scorers: I BarryMurphy 1-3, D Thompson 1-2 (1-0 pen, 0-1f), J Corkery 0-7 (0-2f), E O'Sullivan 0-1. Mayfield: P Condon 0-3 (0-2f), D O'Neill, S O'Donovan, S Fitzgerald, S Kelly and D Lucey 0-1 each.

Aghabullogue: David Moynihan: Dhani Merrick, Michael Dennehy, Paudie Twomey: Billy Casey, Paul Ring, Alan Hogan: Seán O'Sullivan, Aidan BarryMurphy: Michael Twomey, David Thompson, Niall BarryMurphy: John Corkery, Evan O'Sullivan, Ian BarryMurphy. Subs: Denis Quinlan 54, Conor Smith 56, James Byrne 58, David Dineen 59, Ryan Dennehy 59.





### Aghabullogue 1 - 10 St Finbarrs 0 - 11

Aghabullogue won their way through to their second ever county intermediate football championship final (lost to Grenagh in 2013) after this fine win over St Finbarrs at Ovens. The Barrs led by 0-4 to nil after seven minutes but Aghabullogue had recovered and swapped point for point before going five behind in the 25th minute, 0-8 to 0-3. Aghabullogue needed a boost before the break and it came very late in stoppage time from the boot of John Corkery, a goal which left them only two points adrift as

they retired to the dressing rooms, 0-8 to 1-3. On the resumption Aghabullogue had the wind to their backs and after an early exchange of point, the winners sent over six points in a row to lead by 1-10 to 0-9 four minutes from time. Aghabullogue were able to introduce Ryan Dennehy, Patrick Finnegan, Mathew Bradley and Denis Quinlan from the bench and all made significant contributions. A late 'Barrs rally saw the city side manage to add two points to their tally but the final whistle left Aghabullogue still clear and heading for the county final in good

heart.

Aghabullogue scorers: John Corkery 1-2, E O'Sullivan 0-2 (0-1f), D Thompson 0-2 (0-1f), M Bradley 0-2, I BarryMurphy and N BarryMurphy 0-1 each.

Aghabullogue started as in the Mayfield game and subs introduced were: Ryan Dennehy 25, Patrick Finnegan 37, Mathew Bradley 40, Denis Quinlan 57, Conor Smith 59.



2018, Cill na Martra take the Intermediate Football Championship crown in an all-Muskerry county final.

### 2018 Intermediate Football Championship County Final

#### Cill na Martra 2 - 17 Aghabullogue 1 - 10

The long wait is over for Cill na Martra. Re formed as a club in 1978, winners of the mid Cork Junior B championship in 1985, Mid Cork Junior A championship in 2002 and 2003, promoted to County Intermediate status in 2004 without winning the county junior championship and beaten in the Intermediate final of 2009, Cill na Martra has had some great days over the past 40 years but a county title at adult level has eluded them, often in heart breaking fashion. All those disappointments will now be banished from the mind after this team of 2018 has taken the County Intermediate championship in majestic style, proving just too good for an Aghabullogue side

which itself had been impressive on its path to the final.

Páirc Uí Chaoimh was bathed in sunshine for the final and both teams were cheered on to the pitch by their very enthusiastic followings, gathered in the centre of the lower deck of the South Stand. Early exchanges were even, 0-2 each the score after five minutes, before Cill na Martra eased two clear with points from Ciarán and Daniel Ó Duinnín but Aghabullogue were unlucky when John Corkery's shot from close range went inches wide of the post after a smashing move had opened the defence. Niall Barry Murphy had an Aghabullogue point in the 19th minute. Mike Ó Deasúna, who finished with 0-8 to his credit, pointed a free in reply immediately. In the 22nd minute, Aghabullogue struck for a fine goal, John Corkery parting inside to Evan O'Sullivan and

the lively full forward made no mistake from close range. In the run up to half time, Cill na Martra re-established superiority with points from Shane Ó Duinnín, Mike Ó Deasúna, Ciarán Ó Duinnín, Tadhg Ó Corcora and Ó Deasúna, again from a free, to lead by 0-10 to 1-3 at the break.

**Tracey Kennedy presents the Seán Ó Súilleabháin Cork County Intermediate Football Championship Cup to Graham Ó Mocháin, Cill na Martra captain, at Páirc Uí Chaoimh. ©Lee Valley Outlook**

The outcome was settled within ten minutes of the restart. Three points from Mike Ó Deasúna frees were followed by a 40th minute point from Danny Ó Conaill and Cill na Martra then struck for their first goal, Daniel Ó Duinnín setting up Shane Ó Duinnín for a shot from





close range. Mike Ó Deasúna and Danny Ó Conaill added further points to make the score after 45 minutes 1-16 to 1-3, Cill na Martra having scored 1-11 since Aghabullogue's last score. Aghabullogue battled on and did put seven points on the board in the last quarter but Cill na Martra were in total control, helped by a second goal in the 52nd minute from the Ó Duinnín combination, Daniel, skilfully and unselfishly, again setting up the golden opportunity for Shane.

Scorers: Cill na Martra: Shane Ó Duinnín 2-1, M Ó Deasúna 0-8(0-7f, 0-1'45'), C Ó Duinnín 0-2, D Ó Conaill 0-3 each, D Ó Duinnín, T Ó Corcora and G Ó Mocháin 0-1 each. Aghabullogue: E O'Sullivan 1-0, D Thompson 0-6 (0-5f), N BarryMurphy, J Corkery, I BarryMurphy and M Bradley 0-1 each. Cill na Martra: Antóin Ó Conaill: Daire MacLochlainn, Antóin Ó Cuana, Eoin Ó Loinsigh: Graham Ó Mocháin, Nollaig Ó Laoire, Colm Ó Laoire: Tadhg Ó Corcora, Gearóid Ó Goillidhe; Máirtín Ó Conchuir, Micheál Ó Deasúna, Danny Ó Conaill: Ciarán Ó Duinnín, Daniel Ó Duinnín, Shane Ó Duinnín. Subs: Seáníe Ó Foirréidh 44, Damien Ó hUrdail 50, Fionnbarra Ó hEaluíthe 53, Seán Ó Céilleachair 57, Gearóid Ó Faoláin 57, Maidhíicé Ó Duinnín 57.

Team management: Caoimhín Ó Suilleabháin (Traenálaí), with Pádraig Ó hAodha and Dónal Ó Nunáin.

Aghabullogue: David Moynihan: Dhani Merrick, Michael Dennehy, Paudie Twomey: Billy Casey, Seán Ó'Sullivan, Paul Ring: Patrick Finnegan, Aidan BarryMurphy: Michael Twomey, David Thompson, Niall BarryMurphy: John Corkery, Evan O'Sullivan, Ian BarryMurphy. Subs: Ryan Dennehy h/t, Mathew Bradley 34, Conor Smith 41, Alan Hogan 52, James Byrne 59.

Team Management: Danny Buckley with William O'Mahony and Denis Lordan.

## Previous final appearances

### 2009 County Intermediate Football Final Carrigaline 0 – 11 Cill na Martra 0 – 8

In poor weather conditions at Pairc Uí Chaoimh, the Cill na Martra dream finally died for 2009 when the Muscraí Gaeltacht men had to concede victory to Carrigaline who were



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winning their first ever football county final on their fourth appearance. It was a disappointing end to a great season for Cill na Martra but there need be no regrets – the team fought to the very end, as it has done all year, despite adversity. Brendan Lynch was injured after only a couple of minutes and had to be replaced and Cill na Martra had to play the final quarter after losing a player to a second yellow card. Despite these setbacks the team cut a five point deficit back to three points and was still battering at the Carrigaline goal in the final minutes in search of the goal needed to save the day.

Cill na Martra: Padraig O Cronin: Graham O Mochain, Nollaig O Laoire, Danni O Conaill: Breandan O Loinsigh, Cathal MacSuibhne, Colm O Laoire: Cormac O Mochain, Sean O Ceilleachair: Donal O Buachalla, Padraig O hAodha, Donal Og O Laoire: Micheal O Duinnin, Martin O Conchuir, Caoimhin O Suilleabhain. Fir Ionaid: Marc O Goili, Padaig O Duinnin, Ian O Dulchaointigh.

### 2013 County Intermediate Football Final:

#### Grenagh 0-12 Aghabullogue 0-5

Aghabullogue played their divisional rivals

Grenagh in this early December County Intermediate Football Final in a repeat of the 2004 Mid Cork Junior A Football Final. Grenagh reversed the result of that game and deservedly added the county Intermediate football crown to the county junior hurling title they had already won some weeks before. The two teams were very close on the scoreboard up to the interval but thereafter Grenagh took over and were in control at the final whistle, their battle hardened men too strong for the young Aghabullogue side.

Grenagh: Martin Barry; Mick Lehane, Raymond Dorgan, Clive Donovan; Shane Dorgan, Paul McCarthy (capt.), Kevin O'Neill; Tom Kenny, Gerry Russell; Colm O'Neill, Conor Fitzgerald, Diarmuid 'DD' Dorgan; Tadhg Walsh, Liam Walsh, Ultan Duggan. Sub: John Russell

Aghabullogue: John Buckley; Greg Long, Dhani Merrick, Alan Hogan: Ryan Dennehy, Dónal Twomey, Mark O'Brien: Michael Dennehy, Brian Buckley: Sean O'Sullivan, Patrick Finnegan, Mark Long: Evan O'Sullivan, John Kelleher, John Corkery

Subs: Stephen Dennehy, Aidan Barry Murphy and Rob O'Keefe.



Aghabullogue who were defeated by Cill na Martra in the Cork County Intermediate Football Championship final at Pairc Uí Chaoimh. ©Lee Valley Outlook





## 2018 County Intermediate Hurling Championship Final:

### Ballincollig 2-16 Blackrock 1-16

'The Village' hurlers delivered on their promise at Páirc Uí Chaoimh by defeating a gallant Blackrock side in a very exciting final. Ballincollig had last won the county intermediate title in 1999 and for substitute Rory O'Doherty this final was an emotional day as he was the only link with that team and to add to his joy, he scored a late point which was significant at the end as the Rockies rallied.

Ballincollig led from start to finish but could never relax, as is demonstrated by the close finish after the winners had held a late seven-point lead. Ballincollig were on top in the first half, shot eight wides and their lead of 1-7 to 0-7 at the break could have been more substantial. Ian Coughlan hit their goal from a penalty shot in the sixth minute, a great early boost.

Points were exchanged on the restart, Rockies reduced the leeway to two points, but a 40th minute goal for Ballincollig from the stick of Luke Fahy restored Ballincollig momentum and they followed on with three points from Cian Dorgan 2 and Seán Walsh, 2-13 to 0-12 with ten minutes remaining. Rockies again rallied and three points reduced the gap to four and they could have got in for a goal. Ballincollig replied with two points from Dorgan and one from Doherty, 2-16 to 0-15 as normal time expired. The goal the Rockies needed did not come until the final minute and Ballincollig took the title amidst scenes of great joy and rejoicing.

Scorers for Ballincollig: Cian Dorgan 0-8 (0-6f, 0-1'65'), Luke Fahy 1-2, Ian Coughlan 1-0 (pen), Robbie Bourke 0-2, Conor Sexton(f), Dave Bowen, Rory Doherty and Seán Walsh 0-1 each. Ballincollig: Conor Kinsella: J O'Leary, Conor Sexton: Ciarán O'Sullivan, Liam Jennings, JP Murphy: Colin Moore, Karl Walsh: Robbie Bourke, Ian Coughlan, Peter O'Neill: David Bowen, Cian Dorgan, Luke Fahy. Subs: Fentan Denny 37, Seán Walsh 41, Rory Doherty 49.

## Mid Cork 2018 Junior B Football Championship Final

### Naomh Abán 0-9 Inniscarra 0-5

The replay of the Ballincollig Credit Union Mid Cork Junior B Football championship final at a sunny but cold Carrigadrohid was a dour, hard hitting affair with never more than three points between the teams until star of the game, former Cork senior Mícheál Ó Croinin pointed a late free to settle the issue finally. Naomh Abán were worthy winners, more so as they had to play three quarters of the game with only 14 men as they lost a defender to a red card for a second offence (a yellow, followed by a clear cut black card). Their defence was magnificent all through with Liam MacSuibhne, Donal MacCarthaigh and Éanna Ó Críodáin simply producing an inspirational work rate, Tadhg Ó Scanaill put in a huge hour at midfield and up front the evergreen Mícheál Ó Cróinín, immaculate in play and from frees, got great support from his namesake Donncha.

Jim Nelligan got Inniscarra off to a good start with a first minute point and further points from Dylan O'Sullivan and a Nelligan free

made it 0-3 to nil after 10 minutes. Diarmuid Ó Meachair opened the N Abán scoring in the 13th minute but the Gaeltacht lost Enda Ó Dochartaigh to a red card in the 18th minute. Undaunted, 14-man Naomh Abán upped their work rate and in the ten minutes before half time kicked over four unanswered points, the first from Colm Ó Meachair which was followed by one from play from Ó Croinin and then two from frees, which left the Baile Mhuirne men leading by two points at the break, 0-5 to 0-3. Points from frees were exchanged early in the second half, Paul Farmer for 'Scarra, Ó Cróinín for N Abán, and the same two players had the next scores also, 0-7 to 0-5 for N Abán the score in the 47th minute. The tackling was heavy, stoppages were frequent, Inniscarra had a forward black carded, N Abán had two mentors banished for verbal comments. Inniscarra missed two scoreable frees during a period of intense pressure, Naomh Abán broke down the field and Gairí Ó Loinsigh parted to Ó Cróinín who promptly sent over to open up a three point gap with five minutes of regulation time remaining. Deep in injury time, Mícheál Ó Cróinín rounded off a vintage personal performance with a point from a free to assure his side of victory, a place in the county championship and promotion to the higher grade for next season.

Scorers: Naomh Abán: M Ó Croinin 0-7 (0-4f), D and C Ó Meachair 0-1 each. Inniscarra: J Nelligan 0-2 (0-1f), P Farmer 0-2 (2fs), D O'Sullivan 0-1.

Naomh Abán: Ciarán Ó Críodáin: Liam MacSuibhne, Dónal MacCarthaigh, Donnacha Ó Loinsigh: Mícheál Ó Ceallacháin, Éanna Ó Críodáin, Enda Ó Dochartaigh: Gairí Ó Loinsigh, Tadhg Ó Scanaill: Donncha Ó Croinin, Mícheál Ó Cróinín, Colm Ó Meachair: Diarmuid Ó Meachair, Diarmuid Ó Liatháin, Eoin Ó Scanaill. Subs: Seamus Ó Riada, Aodh Ó Catháin, Daire Ó Súilleabháin.

Inniscarra: James Walsh: Ciarán Lombard, Jerry Roche, Jack Harrington: Danny Herlihy, Timmy Murphy, Pádraig O'Donoghue: Stephen Olden, Paul Farmer: Michael O'Connell, Dara Lynch, Shane O'Mahony: Dylan O'Sullivan, Jim Nelligan, Tommy Buckley. Subs: Brian O'Mahony, Liam Ryan, Shane Linehan, Frank Horgan, Seán Lynch.

Referee: Mr Ger Ahern, Canovee.

## Mid Cork Farho Heating Under 21 A Hurling Championship Final:

### Cloughdub 0-20 Éire Óg 1-14

Cloughdub had not won the Muskerry U21 A hurling championship since as far back as 1992 and were slight underdogs going into this final. Éire Óg started well and points from Keith O Riordan and Eoin O'Shea were followed by a goal from the latter. The situation then changed dramatically however as a superb point by their star performer Eoghan Clifford lifted Cloughdub morale and they fired over four additional points as Mark Walsh, Brian Verling and Brian Hinchion were on target from play and Verling also converted a free. Eoin O'Shea replied for Éire Óg from a 65 in the 17th minute but Cloughdub were having the better of the exchanges at this

stage. Eoghan Curzon, Mark Walsh and Joe Ryan with points brought their total to 0-8 by the 21st minute and they stayed ahead for the remainder of the game. Brian Hurley got a point back for Éire Óg but Cloughdub replied with points from Verling, Jack Kelleher and Gavin Hickey. A long range point from Paul Kirwan improved Éire Óg's position but Cloughdub, leading 0-11 to 1-5 were content at the break.

Keith O'Riordan raised a white flag for Éire Óg when the action resumed but Cloughdub replied immediately through Walsh, and Verling from a 65. Éire Óg fought back with points from Paul Kirwan and O'Shea (a free) but Clifford with another long range effort kept his side in a good position as the game entered the final quarter. O'Shea was on target for Éire Óg from a 65 but Cloughdub replied promptly with points from Walsh and Ryan and went further ahead in the 55th minute thanks to a Verling 65 before substitute Dylan Foley and O Riordan were on target for Éire Óg to leave the gap reduced to three. Verling again scored for Cloughdub but two O'Shea points kept their opponents hopes alive as the contest entered the time-added-on period. Determined attacking play yielded frees for Cloughdub and Verling continued to capitalise on them, pointing twice to ensure victory for his side. O'Shea from a sixty-five did get a point back for Éire Óg, before the final whistle signalled that the long wait for a Muskerry under 21 title had ended for Cloughdub.

Scorers: Cloughdub: Brian Verling 0-8 (0-4 f, 0-1 65), Mark Walsh 0-4, Joe Ryan 0-2, Eoghan Clifford 0-2, Brian Hinchion, Eoghan Curzon, Jack Kelleher and Gavin Hickey 0-1 each. Éire Óg: Eoin O'Shea 1-7 (0-3 f, 0-3 65s), Keith O'Riordan (0-3), Paul Kirwan (0-2), Brian Hurley and Dylan Foley 0-1 each.

Cloughdub: Conrad Crowley: Neil Kirk, Patrick Buckley, Paudie O Leary: Jack Murphy, Eoghan Clifford, Brian Hinchion: Mark Walsh, Aodh Twomey: Eoghan Curzon, Brian Verling, Gavin Hickey: Jack Kelleher, Joe Ryan, William Ronan. Subs: Denis Dullen 43, Liam Wall 57,

Éire Óg: Conor Keane: Ross McCarthy, Matt Brady, Sean Desmond: Mark Kelleher, John Cooper, Jason Twomey: Eoin Kelleher, Paul Kirwan: Chris Kelly, Eoin O'Shea, Diarmuid Dineen: Brian Hurley, David Kirwan, Keith O Riordan. Subs: Conor McGoldrick h/t, Dylan Foley 37, Joseph Cooper 58.

Referee: Joe Larkin (Ballinora)





## Cork County U21 C Football Championship Final

### Donoughmore 2-13 Tadhg MacCarthaigh 2-12

Picture the scene – the county U21 C football championship final at Páirc Ui Rinn was almost four minutes into injury time with the sides level at 2-12 each when Muskerry champions Donoughmore were awarded a '45'; definitely a last chance of victory but a difficult shot as Darren Lucey was to kick into the wind. Lucey, who had already scored 2-2 for his side, held his composure and fully focuses on the task, ran up and belted the ball straight and true between the posts to give Donoughmore the lead and the county title after a thrilling game.

Donoughmore led by 1-3 to 0-4 at the end of the opening quarter, Darren Lucey scoring the goal from the penalty spot in the 8th minute and the Donoughmore points coming from Lucey, Martin O'Sullivan and Billy Barrett. A minute after the winners goal, a T Mac Carthaigh penalty was brilliantly and saved and Donoughmore were flying when Darren Lucey went through for a second goal in the 16th minute. Donoughmore led at the break by 2-6 to 0-5 after playing with the strong wind.

A goal and a point for the West Cork side early in the second half left only one goal between the teams and when MacCarthaighs had a second goal in the 38th minute the gap between the teams was only two points, 2-8 to



Donoughmore who defeated Kilmichael in the Muskerry u21C Championship final ©Lee Valley Outlook

2-6 and with ten minutes remaining the sides were level at 2-9 each. It was hectic now and points were exchanged before brave Donoughmore raised a two point lead only to be brought back to level again in injury time. 'Cometh the hour, cometh the man' and Darren Lucey seized the moment to sent the Donoughmore supporters into cloud nine.

Donoughmore scorers: D Lucey 2-3 (10 pen, 0-1f), M O'Sullivan 0-5, B Barrett 0-2, J Bruton 0-1, J Kennedy 0-1 (f), St John Forde 0-1.

Donoughmore: Michael Buckley: David Looney,

Brendan O'Callaghan, Adrian Looney: Darren Lucey, Niall O Callaghan, St. John Forde: Martin O Sullivan, Ben Honohan: Kieran Aherne, Alan Jones, Billy Barrett: Jeremy Kennedy, Cian Murphy, Josh Bruton. Subs: Owen Buckley 37. Also: Daire O Shea, Shane Kelleher, Colm Looney, Lorcan Morrissey, Joseph Twomey, Seán Mc Auliffe.

Selectors: Mossie Barrett Coach, Seán O Shea and Philip Barrett.



2005; Killinardish under 12 Soccer Team, winners of the Cork Schoolboys League 2005-06 © Peter Scanlan



## 10TH ANNIVERSARY



### MARY KELLEHER

Belmont Place, Crookstown.  
Treasured memories of our mother,  
Mary, whose Anniversary occurs on  
June 27th

*The special memories we have of you  
Will always bring a smile  
If only we could have you back  
For just a little while  
Then we could sit and chat 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 in our thoughts,  
Your loving family.

## 2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

### DONAL CREEDON

Droumreague, Kilnamartyra

Who died on the  
17th June 2018

*Those who we loved, don't go away  
They walk beside us everyday  
Unseen unheard but always near  
Still loved still missed still very dear.*



Always remembered by his loving family

## 20TH ANNIVERSARY



Remembered with love

### MARY SHINE

37 Barretts Place

Who died on the 25th June 2000

*No special time is needed  
For us to think of you,  
For our thoughts of you are in our hearts  
In everything we do*



Lovingly remembered by your  
family & friends

## 2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

### TADG MURPHY

Shronegare, Clondrohid

Who died on 28th June 2018

*Our thoughts are ever with you  
Though you have passed away  
And those who have loved you dearly  
Are thinking of you today.*



Loved and sadly missed by his loving  
family, daughter Mary, son Sean, son  
in law Jason, daughter in law Ursula,  
grandchildren, Lucy, James, Eoin and  
Brian and extended family and friends.

## 8TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

### CATHERINE LEHANE

Ballingeary  
who died on the 22nd of June

*Loving and kind in all her ways,  
Upright and just to the end of her days;  
Sincere and true, in her heart and mind,  
Beautiful memories, she left behind.*



Treasured memories by her Husband Pat,  
Daughters Caitriona and Siobhan, Sister  
Joan, Son in law James, Granddaughter  
Fiadh, Family and Friends

## 16TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

### CON O'DONOGHUE

Ballymakeera  
Who passed away on the  
21st of June, 2004

*"Never more than  
a thought away,  
loved and remembered  
everyday.*



Sadly missed by Patsy and family,  
brother, sisters, in-laws and  
Grandchildren, Kevin, Ronan, Marykate,  
Ella & Joe

## 5TH & 22ND ANNIVERSARIES



In loving memory of

### EILEEN O'RIORDAN

Shanballyshane, Kilnamartyra,  
Macroon, Co. Cork  
Who died on 20th June 2015  
Aged 80

*You can only have one mother  
Patient kind and true,  
No other friend in all the world,  
Will be the same to you.  
We think of you everyday.*



In loving memory of Eileen's Daughter

### CATHERINE O'RIORDAN

Shanballyshane, Kilnamartyra,  
Macroon, Co. Cork  
Who died on 25th June 1998  
Aged 39

*We cannot bring the old days back,  
When we were all together,  
The family chain is broken now,  
But memories live forever.  
22 years is a long time.*



Sadly missed by Dan, Florrie, John, Nora and daughter in law Juliet.

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**3RD ANNIVERSARY**



In loving memory of

**DAN C O'CALLAGHAN**

Fergus, Coachford, Co. Cork  
who died on June 10th 2017  
Rest in Peace.

*We miss you from your fireside chair  
Your loving smile and gentle air  
Your vacant place no one can fill  
We miss you Dad and always will.*



Sadly missed and lovingly remembered by your loving wife Kathleen, son Donal & his fiancée Sinéad, daughter Joanne, son in law Stewart & grandchildren Isla, Callum and Ruairidh

**3RD ANNIVERSARY**



In loving memory of

**MAUREEN DESMOND (BATT)**

Ballymakeera  
Died 24th June 2017

*Go mbeannaighe Dia dhuit  
a Ghobnait Naomhtha,  
Go mbeannaighe Muire dhuit  
is bheannaighim Féin dhuit.  
Is chughat-sa a thánag ag gearán mo scéil leat,  
Is a d'iarraidh mo leighis ar son Dé ort.*



Always remembered by her loving family

**13TH ANNIVERSARY**



In loving memory of

**PADDY MURPHY**

Prohus, Kilnamartyra,  
Macroom, Co. Cork.

Who died on the 19th June 2007  
Aged 57

Rest In Peace.

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



Lovingly remembered by his wife Mary, Gobnait, Timothy, Patrick and Marie.

**8TH ANNIVERSARY**



In loving memory of

**DON LUCEY**

New York and Railway View  
Macroom, Co. Cork.

1st April 1970 - 23rd June 2012

Our Lady of Knock  
Fold Him in your arms



Always remembered by Mam and all his loving family at home and abroad.

**10TH ANNIVERSARY**



In loving memory of

**MARY KELLEHER**

29 Belmont Place, Crookstown,  
Co. Cork  
Whose Anniversary occurs on the  
27th June

*Wonderful memories silently kept,  
Of a wonderful Sister,  
We will never forget.*



Always remembered by your Sisters, Brothers and their families

**11TH ANNIVERSARY**



In loving memory of

**LIZ LUCEY**

Cornera, Inchigeela.  
08/4/78 - 23/6/09

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



Sadly missed and forever remembered by your family, relatives and friends

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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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B.L



*A Word of Victory*

Welcome back dear reader as we celebrate Father's Day we bless all Dads and pray God's abundant wisdom and provision upon them and their families (3rd John:2). For those of you who are missing your Dad – if he has passed away, or if he doesn't have a part in your life we pray that you would come to know God the Father's love and comfort (2nd Corinthians 1:3). Jesus referred to His relationship with the Father and withdrew from the throngs to be alone with Him constantly. He told His disciples that when they pray, to come to Father God in the name of Jesus (John 14:13; Matthew 6:6-13). This was a revelation to the people because they had been taught that God was not to be approached by mere man, because no-one was good enough to enter His Presence. But Jesus introduced the New Covenant written in His sinless blood sacrifice that would cleanse away our sins and allow us to access the Father, reconciled through the Son (Romans 8:1-17). Our loving heavenly Father is not distant, harsh or cruel, and He is not oblivious to you dear friend. He has called you by your name, you belong to Him because He created you, and He loves you with an everlasting love (Isaiah 43:1-3; Psalm 139:13-18). The god of this world who is called Satan hates fathers. He hates God the Father, and thus he hate's God's children and uses every means he can to destroy families and downplay fatherhood. We see society collapsing around us and people may blame this and that, but the real issue is the lack of fathers (1st Corinthians 4:15). We live in what is for many a fatherless society, and it is this that causes turmoil and rage. The father in a family is the one who reflects the love of God to his wife and children, and teaches his children God's Word. How many people came from a home like this in the world? Not many. And if you did, praise God because friend people are looking for peace and stability, and no money can buy that. The father is the one who brings security to his family. But for many the role of fathers is damaged. Many fathers have failed their responsibilities to be sure, but equally many others have had their place in the family removed by a world that is influenced by celebrities who haven't a clue themselves. Father's - cry to The Father to use you to bless your family in Jesus name.

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**PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN**



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

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**PRAYER TO BE PRESERVED FROM CONTAGIOUS DISEASE**

O God, who through an angel promised St.Roch that those who invoke his name or seek his intercession will be preserved from all dangers and contagious diseases.

Grant that through his intercession we maybe preserved from this present danger.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

St. Roch pray for us.( 3times)

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**1ST ANNIVERSARY**



**WALLACE (DONAL) LYNCH**

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In loving memory of our dear friend, Wallace, who died on the 16th of June, 2019

*Do not stand at my grave and weep  
I am not there. I do not sleep.  
I am a thousand winds that blow.  
I am the diamond glints on snow.  
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.  
I am the gentle autumn rain.  
Do not stand at my grave and cry;  
I am not there. I did not die.*



Sadly missed and dearly loved by all his friends.

Forever in our hearts.

**4TH ANNIVERSARY**



In loving memory of

**DARRAGH CROWLEY**

Who died on June 22nd 2016

*You realize how much  
You really miss someone  
When something happens  
Good or bad  
And the only person  
You want to tell is  
The one person who  
Isn't there..*



Miss u every day Darragh  
"Once a team always a team"

Your friend Darrell

**4TH ANNIVERSARY**



Cherished memories today and always of a loving son, father, brother and uncle

**DARRAGH CROWLEY**

Who died on June 22nd 2016

Aged 24 years

*It seems to us the day you left  
The sun forgot to shine  
Because it feels as though the lights  
gone out  
Within our hearts entwined  
Our bodies feel so broken  
Because we had to say goodbye  
And our tears they fall like raindrops  
Every time we cry.  
The pain that we are feeling  
Is like a storm inside our hearts  
And it only grows much stronger  
Every day that we're apart.  
It's hard to see a future  
And to make it through the day  
But we know you will be with us  
And will help to light our way  
When the light goes out for us  
We know what we shall do  
We'll close our eyes one final time  
And we will be with you.*

*If I had one wish today  
I know what it would be  
Just to see your face again  
Would mean the world to me.  
But things that we wish for  
Sometimes cannot come true,  
I only have my memories  
Of special times I spent with you.  
Each one of these so precious  
No-one could take away  
Loving thoughts I keep of you  
Each and every day.  
So I'll look up to the sky  
When it's a starry night  
And I know that you'll be there  
The biggest star shining bright.*

Love you always  
Brian and Katie  
xxx



Lots and lots of love always and forever

Dad and Mam  
xxxxxx



*Dear God  
Can you do me a favour?  
Would you hug my Dad,  
and place a kiss upon his cheek  
and tell him it's from me.  
I love and miss you Daddy  
Mason xxx*



*We wish we could hug you  
And just see your face  
But now we just have memories  
To stand in your place.  
Gone but not forgotten  
That's what they say  
Of course that is true...  
But if only you could have stayed!  
Love always David and Tara  
xxx*

*Those special memories of you Darragh  
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 to us  
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.  
Lots of love Steven, Rachel and Jayden  
xxx*

**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.

**CROWLEY 4TH ANNIVERSARY**



Treasured memories today and always Of our beloved

**DARRAGH**

Whose anniversary occurs 22nd June 2020

*There comes a time we all must part  
but you left too soon and broke our hearts  
We know that you are now at peace  
our thoughts of you Dar will never cease*

*Too dearly loved to be forgotten  
Forever in our hearts*



Sadly missed and dearly loved  
Nana and Helen  
xxxx

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