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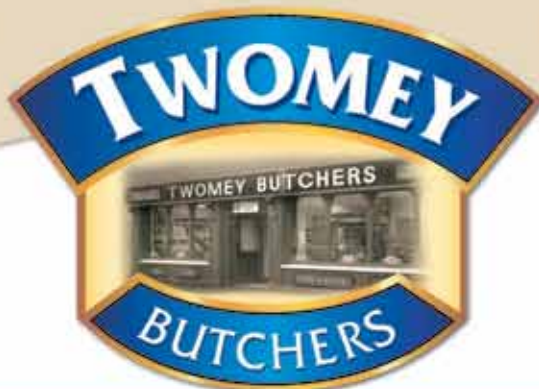
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See history section to learn more about Crookstown Marian Shrine - Cover picture.

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Sarah Kate Murphy



Sunrise in the Gearagh. (Pic. Brian Williams)

McEgan Musings

SOCIAL CLUB

Jessica McSweeney & Michaela O'Connor have come with a novel idea for their PAT (Practical Achievement Task) which is part of their LCA programme. The students have started a social club for students in Room 22. When exploring ideas with their teacher Ms Manning they felt that due to Covid restrictions there are many people in our community suffering from isolation. When they explored this further, they realised as all students are now in PODS (or Base Classrooms) there is no intermingling between year groups in the Assembly area at break times. The girls said they themselves miss the craic and banter, and it's difficult to form new friendships or to catch up with old friends.

Their idea is to get to know students in Room 22 in an informal setting (while adhering to Covid guidelines) through fun and engaging activities. The girls have already organised seasonal art and craft, introduced "cool" music and held a Halloween Celebration. Jack and Patrick really look forward to their visits which are always full of craic and banter.



McEgan's Best Halloween Costumes; Jodieleigh Searson, Jack Curtin and, Leah Kelly



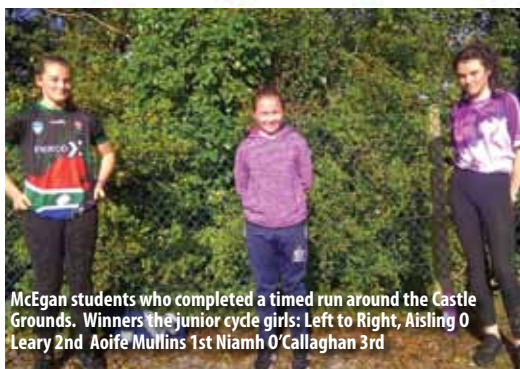
McEgan College held its first Halloween Costume Day on the last day of the first term in aid of the Homeless Charity Alone. The dress up day was a great way to end the term on a positive note and both staff and students greatly enjoyed the wonderful atmosphere around the school.



McEgan's Best Halloween Costume Winners Denis Lehane and Jim Bob Newell



McEgan LCA students with Jessica McSweeney and Michaela O'Connor, with Jack and Patrick.



McEgan students who completed a timed run around the Castle Grounds. Winners the junior cycle girls: Left to Right, Aisling O Leary 2nd Aoife Mullins 1st Niamh O'Callaghan 3rd



Sixth Year Pupils: Patrick Burke, Oisín O'Neill, Patrick Kavanagh and James Michael O'Sullivan

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St. Mary's Musings

T.Y. DRAMA WORKSHOP

On Friday the 16th of October Transition year students had a taste of show business when they got to take part in a drama workshop. The workshop was run by well-known comedian - Bernard Casey. During this workshop the girls learned about several techniques used by actors including memory games, improvisation and mime acts. It was also a very good opportunity for the girls to learn public speaking skills. This workshop was thoroughly enjoyed by all students. Thanks so much to Ms Donovan for organising this event for the girls



St Mary's 4th year drama workshop with Bernard Casey

WELLBEING DAYS FOR JUNIOR STUDENTS

Schools play a vital role in the promotion of wellbeing of students through a range of activities and approaches to support their academic, physical, mental, emotional, social and spiritual development. In St Mary's we are very dedicated to the provision of Wellbeing Hours for all students. As part of their Wellbeing hours Year Heads organised a day of activities in Ballyhass in Coachford for all Junior Students. All 3rd Years and some of the 1st Years attended. They had a super day and it definitely helped to improve their Wellbeing. Thanks to Ms Butler and Ms Foley, Ms Murnane and Ms de la Cour for going with the girls. Unfortunately, the day of Activities for our 1A3 class had to be postponed because of bad weather and the 2nd Year's Wellbeing Day had to be postponed because of Level 5 Covid restrictions. The girls were very disappointed but are really looking forward to going on their Wellbeing Days when

it is safe to do so.

BT YOUNG SCIENTIST COMPETITION

We are delighted to announce that we have a record-breaking number of BT Young Scientist projects accepted into this year's competition. Thirteen projects being carried out by 26 of our TY students have successfully qualified this year. Despite the competition moving online, our Transition Years have embraced the challenge with enthusiasm. This is a very prestigious competition with thousands of entries from all over the country each year. Only 550 projects are accepted which makes this a truly amazing achievement from our relatively small school. We are so delighted for all of the students involved and we would like to thank Ms Butler and Ms Foley for all of the help and support that they give to the girls.

girls to spend a day out in the fresh air. The sun shone for them and they had a fantastic day. Thanks to Ms Donovan and to Mrs Caulfield for going with the girls on the day.

GOODBYE TO MR COOKE

Huge thanks to Ms Queally and our Student Council for organising a fantastic last day for Mr Cooke. On Friday the 23rd of October we said a fond farewell to our much-loved Principal Mr Cooke. It was such an emotional day for all in St Mary's but especially or Mr Cooke. Each year group had a socially distanced assembly with Mr Cooke where Student Council members delivered heartfelt speeches, video messages were watched, and gifts were presented. After his final assembly, which was with the Leaving Certs, all students formed a guard of honour to applaud Mr Cooke on his last walk around our school.

ZIP IT IN FARRAN WOOD

Thanks to Ms Donovan for organising a fun day out for Transition Years. On Wednesday the 21st of October the Transition Year class had a trip to Zip It in Farran Wood. It was really lovely for the

Mr Cooke was always so kind, patient and proud of all of the students of St Mary's, he will be missed so much by students, staff and parents. Thanks for everything Mr Cooke we wish you a very happy and healthy retirement.



1st year English Halloween Poster Competition winners



4th yrs enjoying Zip it in Farran Wood



St Mary's 4th yrs enjoying Zip it in Farran Wood



Mr. Cooke with some 6th Year students on his last day at St Mary's



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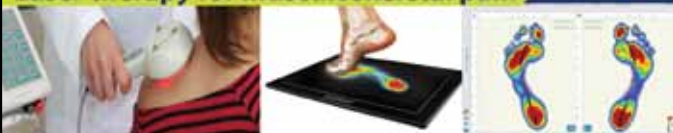


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People of Macroom - Three New Macromprians

by Bernadette McCarthy

In recent years, Macroom has been enriched by the arrival of people from diverse countries and cultural backgrounds who are settling into life in the town. The below concerns just three of these 'new Macromprians', hardworking and motivated women who are passionate about contributing to their community.

Barivule Akinde, known to friends as Vule, hails from Nigeria. There, having completed a university degree in Economics, she was CEO of a catering company while also working as a fashion designer, until she was forced to leave her home in 2019 due to circumstances beyond her control. She says she is glad she came to Ireland, and particularly Macroom, where she has found new ways to motivate herself as well as new friends. In addition to being a parent she is currently pursuing a postgraduate degree in Food Science and Technology in UCC and hopes to set up a baking/catering company in Co. Cork. She has also volunteered with the 2019 Macroom Food Festival as well as Macroom Tidy Towns. With two other ladies she has become involved in the Sanctuary Masks Initiative, making face coverings and distributing them free of charge to families in direct provision as well as the local community.

Nadia Rashdan arrived from Syria with her family in Macroom in 2019. Since then she has settled in, making many friends and contacts

in the community. She has been working as an Arabic translator for the HSE as well as NASC, the Migrant and Refugees Rights Centre in Cork. She is also currently studying a Diploma in Community and Youth Work in UCC. Between this and raising her children she has nevertheless found time for volunteer work with the Irish Girl Guides and Macroom Tidy Towns, as well as the Macroom Food Festival. Yet when asked what she thinks her most significant achievement to date is, she states: "Just to have survived the Syrian conflict and kept my children safe".

Rosemary Kapufi was born in Tanzania. There she worked as a human resources officer in a government institution and also managed a bakery. She also ran her own horticultural business, despite the challenging climate of Tanzania, which she notes could benefit from some of the Irish rain. She was forced to leave her home in 2019 but since arriving in Macroom she has been made to feel "extremely welcome" in the community. She has volunteered with Tidy Towns and found work locally in the services industry. A creative individual, she also volunteers with the Cork Migrants Centre Arts and Crafts Co-operative Group, who have been making face-masks and Christmas cards recently. She is currently pursuing a diploma in adult education and her ambition is to work in health care

Barivule Akinde at work for the Sanctuary Masks Initiative



Nadia Rashdan (centre right) with members of Macroom Irish Girl Guides



Rosemary Kapufi at work in the Cork Migrants Centre Arts and Crafts Co-operative studio.

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For those who were availing of the Book Collection Service, It will not be possible to collect such items from this date. The online book request system is paused until further notice, but you can still access your account online. Your books will be automatically renewed if they were due to be returned over the next six weeks.

We are currently celebrating Children's Book Festival. Obviously, this year is a bit different due to COVID-19. Cork County Library and Arts Service will hold online library events for children during the months of October and November to celebrate this.

Events and speakers will be hosted online with something scheduled for readers of all ages and interests such as author visits, interactive story times, craft workshop, Limerick Writing workshop, "Crafting a Story" workshop for older and younger children by our writer in residence Matthew Geden and Nursery rhymes and songs as Gaeilge by Paddy O'Brien and much more. All of these will be available on our social media (Facebook/Twitter) and Cork County YouTube channels during the months of October and November.

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Leabharlann Bhaile Bhúirne

I hope everyone enjoyed Halloween in whichever way you decided to celebrate it. Mine is a house of adults so we were pretty low key. My daughter, (who moved home from Dublin to work from home during Covid), produced a suitably carved pumpkin. We roasted the seeds to eat as snacks but I was lazy about using what was scooped out. I had read somewhere that squirrels like pumpkin but having checked it out I found that although they won't turn down a free snack it's not a gourmet treat for them but lots of other animals, including chickens, like pumpkin so all the edible bits went to the garden wildlife and the slightly charred bits went in the compost bin. We watched some suitably themed movies and enjoyed some barnbrack, nuts and fruit. Now when I was a little younger the barnbrack was the star of Halloween. The Bairín Breac whether homemade or shop bought contained more than just a ring so each slice was a lucky dip and it was good fun to see who got what if they got anything at all, although the brack was a tasty consolation prize.

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Aghinagh Macra

Club member Eibhlis Kelleher will represent Aghinagh and Muskerry Macra in the national final of beef and sheep stock judging which will be held at a later date. This is Eibhlis' second time being the regional sheep and beef stock judging representative. The men of Aghinagh Macra are attempting to grow moustaches during the month for a great cause, Movember. All donations gratefully accepted through our Facebook and Instagram pages. Aghinagh Macra would like to offer our support to members of the community. Winter can be an isolating and difficult time, so our members are available to help with things like picking up shopping or just phoning for a chat! Please contact club chairman John (086-2666789)

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Eibhlis Kelleher who will represent Aghinagh and Muskerry at the national final of beef and sheep stock judging.



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Clondrahid Notes

CHURCH EVENTS: Our churches remain open for private prayer, but Masses are gone back on line .Fr. Joe is streaming Mass live at 9.30 am, every day including Sunday, on the following link <https://churchmedia.ie/st.abinas-clondrohid-macroom/>. Adoration continues in church for private prayer on Mondays from 10.15am to 6pm

As of other years, 12 Masses will be celebrated for the Holy Souls during the month of November.

The Mass for all those who passed away during the last year will be celebrated on Tuesday Nov 24 at 7.30pm. Eileen Kenny has all the names of all those deceased persons ,give her a call if you need confirmation on this. The ceremony will be slightly different this year as it will be online, but rest assured your loved ones will be all remembered and prayed for.

The usual prayers said at the graveyard for the Holy Souls will be held in the church on Sunday Nov 11 at 5.30pm. You will be able to tune in online the same as weekly Mass for all these

ceremonies.

Mass leaflets for Sunday Mass will be available at the stand at the back of the church from Wednesdays, feel free to drop in and collect.

The envelopes for the Holy souls are available in the church as well, please collect and return as soon as possible.

Donations for church maintenance and church repairs can be put in envelopes and returned to Post Office for collection.

CLONDROHID COMMUNITY HALL: The Community Hall has invested funds in renovations and updates in recent years to the sum of approx €45,000. Much of this has been grant aided thankfully, however there had to be matching funds invested by the Hall Committee. This investment was to be dealt with fundraising events, such as concerts with the likes of Sean Keane (October) and Jim Murray, Seamus Begley (November) and others, plus the hall card drive on Sunday nights.

These cannot happen now under Covid restrictions, also many activities like bingo, kick

boxing, gymnastics, active retirement, classes in music, dancing, arts and crafts ,have been severely restricted, at best leading to a collapse in income to both those giving the classes and those fundraising for a club or an organisation, as well as the Hall Committee

Standing costs like Insurance, gas, electrical, fire and alarm certification, all still have to be paid to the tune of several thousands. The committee are dealing with these issues on your behalf, and we will come through this together, keeping healthy and helping each other is the priority at the moment.

There are pens/biros on sale at the moment locally. It would be much appreciated if you could purchase one at €2 each to support your local Community Hall. It would raise about €220, it may seem small in the bigger picture but every bit helps. This along with a few other ideas will help to keep the committee afloat.

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Uibh Laoire Notes

Christy Lucey

It is regrettable that because of the Covid virus we have been denied the opportunity to properly mark the 100th anniversary of the important events that occurred all over Ireland, in the War of Independence. Uibh Laoire, our parish, was deeply involved in the fight for freedom and some of our patriots like Cork Lord Mayors, Terence Mac Swiney and Tomás Mac Curtain and more had close connection with Inchigeela and Ballygeary. There is a danger that lesser known heroes of those times are forgotten. It is a hundred years ago this 10th of November that Christy Lucey was shot in Túirín Dubh about a mile west of Ballygeary. Christy was from Cork city. His father came from Cooragreenane near Inchigeela. He was a medical student who had joined the volunteers in Cork but later joined in the manoeuvres of the Ballygeary IRA company and stayed with his relatives, the Twomeys of Túirín Dubh. It is said that because he was "on the run" that at night, for safety, he would sleep out on a hill near the house and was on his way to the Twomey family to warn them of the approaching raiding party of police and soldiers, when he was spotted and killed. He was only 22 years old and there must have been a great sense of loss for someone so young who would have had a promising life ahead of him. His huge funeral in Cork was attended by his relatives and his many friends in the Republican movement

from Inchigeela and Ballygeary. Today a simple monument stone marks the place near where he was shot. Think of him as you pass by.

WALK THE WALK

We hear that Uibh Laoire GAA club will light up the pitch area in Inchigeela for those who wish to walk the walking track that forms the pitch perimeter, for the purpose of exercise on Wednesdays from 7pm to 9pm. This is a very thoughtful gesture and we hope that many will accept the offer and enjoy it.

VIDEO

Joe Creedon, our local hotelier and historian has made another video with the help of some friends. This one is at Túirín Dubh and it's on the killing of the young Volunteer Christy Lucey on November 10th 1920 by the dreaded Auxiliaries. It is hoped the film will be available on 10th of November (the 100th anniversary of the tragic incident). Joe has also been interviewed by Colm Cronin for a new film on the Kilmichael Ambush whose 100th anniversary also takes place at the end of this month

HALLOWEEN ANTICS

This year's Halloween was different wasn't it? We missed the goblins and spooks, the horrible vampires and scary ghosts who wandered around Inchigeela and Béal Atha giving us a scare a minute. No blood curdling scream from the darkness or that spine chilling knock on my door. I did get a fright from a frightening

ghostly white-haired bearded spectre until I realised, I was looking at my own reflection in a shop window! But seriously, well done to all for obeying the new rules and I know that next year we will have great fun on Halloween again with lots of sweets and other treats. I heard that the Hall Committee in Beal Átha had a novel way of celebrating the feast of Samhain. They offered prizes for the best artistic creations presented based upon this time of year. The work was so good that it took 3 judges, Eileen, Caoimhe agus Eibhlín B to come up with the winners. These were Donnacha, Doireann agus Mollie Mae, Cliodhna, agus Páidí.

WIND FARM APPEAL

The coiste appealing against the proposed turbines near Gougane and Céim an Fhia area are very grateful for the support received from the public. Nearly €1,000 has been donated. The judgement of Bórd Pleanála is expected about February

CALENDAR 2021

Pictures are sought for the local yearly calendar in Béal Átha. Photos must have been taken around the Ballygeary area. The Valerie O Donoghue Cup will be presented to the best picture. So, send your best efforts to the Camera Club at cclochaluá@gmail.com before 15th Nov.



Halloween fun at Dromleigh N.S.



Halloween fun at Dromleigh N.S. © An Scoil



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Marian Shrine, Crookstown

By Michael Goulding



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Pope Pius XII declared in 1953 that the following year (1954) would be a Marian Year during which Mary the Mother of Jesus was to be particularly revered and venerated. Catholic parishes all over Ireland responded by constructing at least one shrine to Our Lady.

In December 1953, Marian Year devotions and benediction were held in the three churches of Kilmurry Parish and over the following two years, three Marian shrines were erected at Crookstown, Kilmurry and Killinardrish.

The shrine at Crookstown was built on a site donated by the Wall family, adjacent to the site of a church dating back to early Christian times. Fr. Michael O'Driscoll CC formed a committee to oversee the project which included Tim Walsh, Dan Finnegan, Tadg Cronin, Nuala O'Regan and Rose Crowley. Rose was involved with the shrine for the rest of her life and kept a collection box for its upkeep in her post office and another at Kathleen Cahill's supermarket, a tradition maintained to this day by Deirdre Fitton, the current owner of the post office and Kathleen.

The main building work was done by Jim Bennett, a native of Clonakilty, who was building cottages in the area for Cork County Council at the time. Gerry Nash recalls Jack Walsh and himself carrying the hurleys for Gene Fitzgerald (later TD for Mid-Cork and Munster MEP) to Cloughduv for training as Gene was busy working at the shrine, as was his brother, Dan. Recalling that time, sixty-six years ago, Gerry is proud of the fact that many who gave freely of their time in 1954, such as Blondie and Francie McCarthy, have family members involved with the restoration of the shrine today. Gerry and Jack continued to be involved with the maintenance of the shrine over the years.

Fr. O'Driscoll blessed the shrine on Sunday 5th December 1954, just as the Marian Year drew to a close. He had also blessed an extension to Cloughduv Creamery the day before. It soon became part of community life with the Legion of Mary saying the rosary during the months of May and October, or people just blessing themselves as they passed by. There have been many changes in the area over the intervening sixty-six years but one thing that hasn't changed is the local people's desire to keep it looking well. However, by 2018, it became clear that a major refurbishment was required and The Friends of Crookstown Shrine was formed with Gerry Nash as President; Jim O'Driscoll, Chairman; Deirdre Fitton, Secretary; and Eugene McCarthy as Treasurer. An application was made to the Macroom Municipal District Amenity Fund Scheme of Cork County Council which was successful and the committee are grateful to Ted Lucey, MCC and James Dwyer, the local Council Engineer, for their assistance. Local clubs such as Crookstown Vintage Club, Crookstown Ceilidh Club and the Bridevalley Wednesday Walkers donated to the project, as well as many folk who wish to remain anonymous.

Funding secured, it was time for the physical work to begin so the railings were welded and repainted by Tom and Kate Whelton; sandblasting by Pat Twomey, Moblast, Shanballymore; plastering by Dermot Desmond and Danny O'Sullivan, while Nora Bradfield of Ballineen repaired and repainted the statue. Con Barry Murphy and Tadgh McCarthy looked after the electrics, with local ESB man, Damien O'Sullivan, connecting the supply. All remaining work was carried out by The Friends themselves, assisted by Mick Shorten, Joe McCarthy, Denis

Cronin and Tony McCarthy, with the final reseeded of the lawn done by Denis Lucey and Denis Collins. Deirdre Fitton, who has been involved with the shrine since childhood, recalls that Rose Crowley and her friend, Bernie Dromey, would say when money needed to be spent, that 'Our Lady will provide.' Which indeed She has. Having been part of the community for sixty-six years, it looks as good as new again and proves that the ethos of volunteering is as strong as ever in the Crookstown area.

There is an interesting link between the most famous Marian Shrine in Ireland, if not the world, and the village of Crookstown as it was Fr. Jack Murphy, a native of Crookstown village, who was curate in Ballinspittle when that village shrine was erected.



Gerry Nash, Jim O'Driscoll and Jack Walsh. (Photo by Joan McCarthy).



Tony McCarthy (with black cap), Fionn Fitton (child), Deirdre Fitton, Mick Shorten, Gerry Nash, Joe McCarthy, Tadgh McCarthy and Eugene McCarthy. © Peter Scanlan



Marian Shrine Crookstown before and after refurbishment. © Peter Scanlan

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Kelleher's Shop (Castle St.), Photographs and St. Vincent De Paul, Macroom

By Dr. Con Kelleher

Macroom's St. Vincent De Paul (SVDP) conference has been active for many years and has done wonderful work in helping many through difficult times; its help is, unfortunately, again sorely needed. It runs a charity shop at the top of Castle Street which is a great source of income. The shop is in a very good location, simultaneously visible and discreet. Its location was doubly beneficial as it may have played a part in the society's recent good fortune. Kelleher's shop next door was willed to it and the building has been sold and is being renovated.

The property had originally belonged to Dan Kelleher and was inherited by his sons John D. and Danny. As was the norm, the house was both their home and their business premises. The Kelleher's shop traded as a general store, selling household supplies and goods as well as hardware and farm supplies of many kinds. John D. was an accomplished angler and went shooting over the winter months. Danny was a well-known character in the town. Mary was very clever and became a scientist while Ina trained as a nurse.

When the SVDP took possession, members found many interesting items, including receipts which date to the 1960s, almost sixty years ago. What was sold and bought, and the prices are interesting and informative – please see the photos. Sugar, tea, flour, and bread soda were sold 'loose' – they often came in crates or bags, were measured on scales and packaged by the

shopkeeper, sometimes in old newspapers or grease-proof paper or paper bags, nearly always brown.

The house also contained a small grand piano which was in good working order. Nobody is sure how long the piano was in the house, but the chances are that it was there for many years before. It signals either how prosperous the Kelleher family was, or a great interest in music or perhaps both. Unfortunately the piano could not be removed without knocking a wall and 'went with the house' when the property was sold. Notions of a grand public auction raising further money for SVDP evaporated.

The SVDP is delighted to receive all donations. Until recently the Annual Church Gate collection and private donations were its main means of

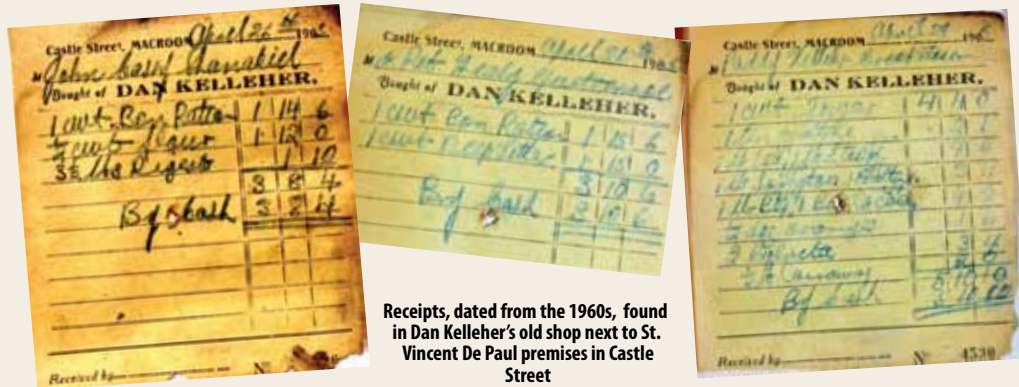


Dan Kelleher's old shop next to St. Vincent De Paul premises, Castle Street, Oct. 2020.

raising money but the former will too be affected by Covid. The windfall is timely and as ever, all monies will be put to very good use in these Covid times.

The society is always in need of funds to help in their great work, and all contributions at the church gate collections, donations to or purchases at the shop or money donations are warmly appreciated.

I thank Seán O'Leary for help with this article.



Receipts, dated from the 1960s, found in Dan Kelleher's old shop next to St. Vincent De Paul premises in Castle Street

History of soccer in Macroom 1900-1999

'It (Association Football) is one of the sports guaranteed to be found almost anywhere in the world'. Elisha Sawe. 'The Garrison Game'. - Dave Hannigan, (Irish Journalist).

The above quotations briefly outline the place of soccer in the world, and the latter reflects one view of its provenance and place in Ireland.

This chapter examines the history of twentieth century soccer in Macroom.

Although Association football/soccer is the world's most popular game but only became firmly established in Macroom in 1977. Before that it was played casually and periodically competitively. Soccer was first introduced formally to Ireland in Ulster and was initially controlled from Belfast. At the beginning it was the gentry, and later the garrisons, who played, and it was perceived as 'foreign' or 'English'. Further, it did not generally reach rural Ireland as a viable sport until the late twentieth century.

Sport mirrors society and Irish sport and politics have been entwined for many centuries; this became more acute after the codification of sports in the late nineteenth century. Association football was probably first brought to Ireland by public schoolboys returning from Britain and military personnel in the late nineteenth century. Many military teams participated in early competitions. The Irish-Ireland movement responded to English 'control' of Irish Athletics; the formation of the Irish Football Association (1880) and the Irish Rugby Football Union (1879) and

the popularity of cricket by founding the Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA) in 1884. The GAA and the Gaelic League (1893) aimed to preserve the soul and honour of Ireland. GAA games, rugby, soccer, hockey and cricket became the sporting 'battlegrounds' of Irish-Ireland versus British Imperialism. As these sides largely coincided with politico-religious affiliations, piquancy was added. The 1879 1880s Land Wars and the real prospect of Home Rule sharpened divisions. There were anomalies – Parnell, GAA patron, and Douglas Hyde, founder of the Gaelic League – were Protestants. In the 1885 general election in Ireland, nationalists took eighty-five of 118 seats, pro-unionists eighteen and conservatives three. A similar result in 1886 copper-fastened the nationalist-unionist division that has influenced sport in Ireland until 1922 and indeed resonates until the present.

Football has been played for centuries, but its format was localised. Young men in Europe played matches mainly on holidays and festivals. In Europe games often 'amounted to community confrontations' between villages or parishes. The authorities banned street games and commonages were used for town expansions. In the nineteenth century, the Evangelicals' disapproved of the roughness of games, the

associated drinking and gambling, insisting recreation 'must prepare the mind and body for work'. The English middle-classes supported the use of sports in public schools which became associated with Muscular Christianity. . Initially English football allowed handling and hacking (shin-kicking). Until about 1860 English football was one game when the dribbling-and-passing game became soccer and the handling-and-running game rugby. Most 1858 Sheffield FC players were professionals or factory-owners. Public schools' old- boys' clubs met in 1863 and established the Football Association (FA). It adopted Thring's proposals, with handling only allowed to 'stop a ball', off-side and goal kicks; thus soccer was born and codified. The practicality of a game for 'men in business' who had 'to care themselves' was the 'decisive factor' in establishing soccer.

An expanding English nineteenth century middle-class aspired to gentrification which entailed buying land, sending their sons to public schools and universities. Sport in public schools was used to train 'a healthy mind in a healthy body', producing men to run the Empire. Taking part, not winning, became more important. Play was for fun and not for pay - fine for the rich but excluded the lower classes. The 'amateur'

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idea also prevented members of lower classes 'inappropriately' mixing with social superiors. Post school and college ex-students wishing to play formed clubs which co-operated to found the Football Association (FA). The issue of professionalism was contentious. The FA resolved the issue by allowing payment in 1885 through the formation of the Football League. Cricket's experience informed the FA's attitude; cricketers like W.G. Grace had earned money, but the captain was always a 'gentleman'. Professionalization facilitated the spread of soccer, and it quickly became the most popular British winter game, and the workingman's game, especially in Scotland. By 1900 a considerable minority of adult males played or watched sport and by 1905 the FA had 10,000 affiliated clubs. . Nineteenth century Britain changed from an agricultural to an industrialized country with the very rapid development of cities and large towns. The UK became the leading world economic power based on its resources and the British Empire. Industrial work-rhythms separated work and non-work time. Workers had more money and leisure, and sought excitement and communal activities in the new industrialized cities. Local soccer team fulfilled this need and local 'big clubs' provided a focus. The introduction of railways enabled easier travel. Businessmen saw that the new games were attractive and popular, and offered possibilities of profit; thus 'football' became commercialised. Improved technology and increased literacy rates facilitated cheaper newspaper production and sales; sport and newspapers mutually benefitted.

Ireland as part of the UK 1801 1921 had strong familial, economic, educational, and military ties with mainland Britain. For disparate reasons about 210,000 Irishmen fought for Britain in World War 1; about 35,000 were killed and many injured. Irish recruits played soccer in the British services and British soldiers played soccer in Ireland. Many sons of Irish aristocrats and wealthy people were educated in British public schools. Some attended university before returning home while others studied in Trinity College, Dublin. They played the new football games and brought them to Ireland. Trinity College, Dublin, modelled itself on Oxford and Cambridge and copied what transpired there. Cronin expresses scepticism that returning schoolboys could have transferred quickly and successfully the game to Ireland. Rather he credits its adoption to Belfastman John M. McAlery, who, having attended a match in Scotland, invited two teams, Caledonians and Queen's Park, to play a match in the Ulster Cricket Grounds in 1878. Toms records a soccer match between Lismore and Mallow Colleges in 1877. Within a year McAlery had founded Cliftonville, the first Irish club, and was instrumental in founding the Irish Football Association (IFA) in 1880 in Belfast. Scotland's first club, Queen's Park was formed in 1867 and the Welsh FA in 1877. The IFA immediately inaugurated the Irish Cup. Spread of soccer was uneven as less than forty Irish clubs existed by 1886 but this number was 124 by 1890.

Dublin's initial experience with soccer was difficult. The Dublin Association Football Club (Dublin AFC) was formed in November 1883. By the following autumn five teams - one from a Scottish regiment - existed but matches were played erratically as players were mostly students or soldiers. Perhaps a portent, a dispute arose in 1890 with Dublin AFC suspended by the Belfast-based IFA. In 1892 the Leinster Football



Macroom v. Youghal, Country County Semi-final, in Cork Athletic Grounds in July/August 1970. (Photographer not known). Back, l. > r. Dan O'Callaghan (RIP), John/Seán O'Riordan, Barry Long (RIP), Liam Quinlan, Jimmy Lynch, Connie Kelleher, Francie Lucey, Chris Cronin, Tom Creedon (RIP) and John O'Callaghan. Front row. l. > r. Mickey Browne, Pa Goold, Paudie Murphy, Danny O'Donoghue, Gussie Kelleher (capt.), Tim O'Sullivan, Leo Goold, Johnny Murphy and Tony Deasy

Association (LFA) affiliated to the IFA and had 259 clubs by 1901. The Munster FA, formed in 1901, joined the IFA. This confirmed that Belfast 'controlled' soccer and soccer was strongest in the most industrialized Ireland - Belfast, Dublin, and Cork, but less so. Toms observes that ports with their traffic were conduits of new fashions, 'on the edge and looking out'. The GAA deemed soccer as both 'foreign' and a 'garrison game'. The GAA rejected culturally British games but other Irish people 'took soccer and made it their own' as Wales adopted rugby and Scotland soccer, with culture being a two-way process. Games polarised from the beginning of modern sport in Ireland.

Toms records that Munster soccer was initially and largely confined to Cork, Limerick, Waterford, isolated pockets in counties Tipperary and Kerry, and 'garrison' towns such as Mallow, Fermoy and Cobh. Soccer was indeed 'foreign' to an overwhelmingly rural Ireland of 1911. Macroom's only mention by Toms refers to a 1913 incident when Munster GAA allowed Cobh GAA to use soccer players in a game against Macroom. While the national press widely reported association football/soccer 'covering' League of Ireland and English and Scottish games, there was also some reporting in the regional press. The Cork Examiner in particular was read locally and created an awareness of soccer in rural Ireland.

A Macroom club was first formed in 1952, another in 1964 and lasted a few years. A third had a very brief existence in 1969 and finally soccer was firmly established in 1977. Jerry 'Darby' O'Donovan (born in 1932), the 1964 club's first secretary - recalled playing soccer casually in front of Macroom Castle in the 1930 40. Macroom International Football Club was established in 1977 and, as Macroom FC, has become one of the town's strongest clubs. While there are soccer clubs in the neighbouring village of Coachford and parishes of Kilmichael, Iveleary and Ballyvourney, Macroom FC draws its members from the town and surrounding areas. The club now (2020) has three pitches, a clubhouse, more than twenty-teams, including four female teams, and 796 registered players. Two adult men's teams compete, with the boys' and girls' sections particularly strong.

Despite GAA dominance in rural Ireland, and specifically in Macroom, in the 1940s/1950s there was enough interest to call a meeting in Macroom Town Hall in 1952 'for the purpose of forming a soccer club'. Gilbert McIlwraith was elected chairman and J. Corrigan a committee member. McIlwraith, Scottish, owned a shop in New Street and was married to Joan Corkery, daughter of Dan Corkery, the Macroom 'Old' IRA commander, and then Fianna Fáil T.D. A game with Ballyhalwick Rovers, Dunmanway, was fixed for 9 November 1952. No further reference to that soccer team was found; presumably the club died

quickly and quietly. The J. Corrigan is probably Jimmy Corrigan, postman, father of Michael and Denis/'Shocky' and grandfather of Colman, who won two GAA All-Stars and two senior football All-Ireland medals.

Cork-city had good teams 1920 1970 including Fordsons, Cork Football Club, Cork Bohemians and later Cork United, Cork Athletic, Evergreen and later again, Cork Celtic and Cork Hibernians. Macroom had its quota of followers and these included Canon Denis O'Connor, Catholic P.P., Dr. Tim O'Sullivan, Michael Twohig, Michael Ryan, Jerry and Connie O'Donovan, Dan Drinan, Jim and Eddie McGuinness, David Casey, and John Goold, all of whom attended regularly. The latter's brother, Dr Michael, had been a director of Cork Athletic as was J.J. O'Sullivan, Glenview. A club was formed in 1964 and played its first match, a 1-1 draw, with Mallow United in the Town Park on 22 November.

Interestingly a Macroom soccer team had played some years before in unusual circumstances and Jerry O'Donovan played. German company Liebherr built a metal-fabrication factory in Killarney in the 1950s. Many of their management and workers played soccer. However there was little soccer then played in Kerry.

Soccer was the Germans' game and opposition was hard to come by. Contact was made and Liebherr invited Macroom to Killarney. The Macroom lads were welcomed with great warmth and friendliness and were astounded at the facilities, preparation and skill of the Germans. Liebherr easily won the game but the result did not seem to matter. Afterwards the team and officials retired for refreshments and a great night was had, with a wonderful exchange of songs and stories, a first experience of a different culture for many involved. A return game was arranged for the Town Park and was advertised as 'Macroom v. Germany'. One player remarked that the Germans not only brought their fancy football but a culture previously unknown and unseen in Macroom.

All the founding committee members lived or worked in Macroom. Dan Drinan was first chairman (and the then Macroom UDC Chairman), and Jerry O'Donovan secretary. Connie O'Callaghan recalled that there were then very few soccer teams outside of Cork city or environs - he thought that in County Cork only Mallow, Fermoy and Cobh had teams outside the city area. There was no soccer team in West Cork, and Tralee Dynamos was the only club in Kerry according to O'Callaghan.

Macroom GAA senior team was very strong - they had won the senior county in 1962 and reached the semi-final in 1963. Michael Kelleher, a former Cork minor, thought that the team was perhaps too strong for younger players to break-through; this encouraged younger and reserve GAA players to try soccer. The players came from all walks of life - shopkeepers, bank

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officials, students and manual workers. The club rented the now vacant Dan Corkery's Stores and provided table tennis and installed a radio to get English and Scottish club results as early as possible. In 1966 the Town Park became unavailable, and Con Kelleher, Mountmassey, a former temporary barracks, offered a field as a stop-gap measure. Later the club played in Coolower. Macroom soccer club rented the Castle Ballroom, under trustees Tommy Tobin, Eddie Warren, J.J. Hinchion and Michael Kelleher, which later was run by Macroom Youth Club and the latter began basketball, indoor football, table-tennis and judo and housed Macroom Athletic Club. Dances were held on Friday and Sunday nights and provided money and a social outlet. As well as promoting sport, the Youth Club held concerts and plays.

The club functioned for a few years but emigration took its toll and the club lost players such as Donie O'Sullivan and Colman McSweeney. Others returned to play GAA - 'The Ban' was in force until 1971. Some players were suspended and needed 'grovelling' letters to be considered for 'reinstatement', letters sometimes dictated by GAA officials. 1966-67 was the club's last season.

England won the World Cup in 1966, at home. The tournament was broadcast by Telefís Éireann and widely watched. Viewers remembered Pele's brutal treatment, North Korea's performances, Eusebio's magical play and England's triumph. 'The Ban' could not prevent people watching it, or indeed previously televised English Football Association finals. Those able to receive BBC programmes had much greater access to soccer. English soccer was well covered in Irish newspaper and on radio, with a particular focus on Irish heroes such as Johnny Giles, Noel Cantwell, Johnny McEvoy and George Best, all English First Division players.

Another soccer club - this time Macroom Athletic Association FC was formed in April 1969 with P.V. (Vincent) Costelloe chairman and Philip Rowell secretary. Harry Mullen, an Englishman, was trainer and the club colours were navy-blue and white. The big achievement of that club was to try to arrange a soccer game between Waterford, the reigning league champions and a Cork Celtic-Cork City selection in Macroom. Newspapers have no record of that match. Despite the strength of Macroom GAA Club, 'The Ban' and emigration, the formation and functioning of early clubs indicated that there was an appetite for soccer in rural areas and sporting diversity was reaching towns such as Macroom. Toms, soccer historian, wrote that for Clare football (soccer) clubs, 'their foundation dates are from 1965 to the late 1970s. So after all this soccer on TV, you suddenly have these rural clubs being set-up across the country'. 'The Ban' was lifted in 1971.

Two years after his appointment, the Jack Charlton managed Republic of Ireland team qualified for the European finals, the country's first qualification for a major international soccer championship final. Ireland's opening victory over England thrilled the country and despite two further draws the team failed to progress. In 1990 the team qualified for the World Cup final for the first time and Italia '90 besotted the country. Ireland emerged from a difficult group with three draws and beat Romania in a penalty shoot-out in Genoa to qualify for a quarter-final. 'By now, the national manager held the nation in the palm of his hand'. Pope Paul II met the squad before Italy won the quarter-final. About 250,000 greeted the team's return to Dublin. The

fans' positive behaviour won the hearts of many. Waving the Irish tricolour became proud-worthy again. The carnage of the Troubles and the (mis) use of the national flag by republicans had made some people recoil from using the Tricolour. The team qualified for the 1994 World Cup finals in the United States when Ireland beat Italy, the eventual winners, in their first game.

Cronin argues that 'Charlton was instrumental in the creation of a new nationalism'. Soccer is the world's sport and international victories 'boost a nation's morale and provide a common focus'. He quotes Holmes who wrote that 'soccer represents an Ireland that cannot be symbolized by Gaelic games as they are not international' and 'that the team was ethnically diverse and thus accommodating of a wider cultural identity'. He further contextualizes the team's 1990's success in an Ireland when Mary Robinson became President, when divorce became available and there was economic success ('the Celtic Tiger'). Further the team included the children of emigrants which somehow enabled good to emerge from the awful times of involuntary emigration. Performing well, on and off the field, and sometime winning matches, allowed the emergence of what Cronin calls a 'celebratory nationalism'. A good example of local expression of this was the painting of a bicycle green and white which was left outside Cotter's Pub, Macroom, for the duration of Italia '90. All the success, publicity and good-feeling buoyed and invigorated soccer in Macroom.

The present club, now called Macroom FC, was founded in 1977. The following account is largely based on its 25th Year Anniversary Booklet, an interview with Willie O'Riordan and Noel O'Riordan, and newspaper accounts.

In a meeting in Murray's International Bar Damien Lacey, Willie O'Riordan, Tom McSweeney ('The Coalman'), Denis Murray, Senior, Gene O'Callaghan and C. Sheehan founded Macroom International Association Football Club. Murray provided the pitch at Murray's Field and the club easily recruited players. From the outset everybody played soccer, with no class-distinction and most players continued their GAA activities. Equally there was no overt hostility from the GAA. 'The Ban' had been removed in 1971 and soccer was a winter game as opposed to the GAA's mostly summer schedule, thus avoiding clashes. The club affiliated to Cork A.U.L in 1977 and did well in Division 3, barely missing promotion. The following season went well but again Macroom missed out on promotion. A restructuring at the end of '79-80 season, saw Macroom promoted to Division 2. While Macroom comfortably survived further progress proved elusive. In '82-'83 Donie O'Sullivan, J.J. Murphy and Connie Foley scored 51 of the club's 76 goals. History beckoned in '83-'84 when Macroom finished second and earned promotion to Division 1. J.J. Murphy was leading scorer with 36 goals. The biggest win was against Passage on 19 August 1983 when they won 8-0. Connie Foley scored six goals in a match against Skibbereen.

Despite an impressive start, life in Division 1 proved tough and the club was relegated. The club had by now U-13 and U-15 sides. The youths visited Highbury and Anfield in 1984 and attended a First Division game. Following a good season in '86-87, glory beckoned in '87-'88 when, captained by Noel O'Riordan, the club won Division 2 with J.J. Murphy scoring three in a play-off. The club travelled to Bury in 1988 with a party of twenty led by Chairman John

Kelleher. Macroom barely escaped relegation the following season and now also had a second team. There was a ladies' team briefly in 1985 and 1988 but it quickly lapsed. The 1990s saw the club progress. Promotion from Premier A to Premier in 1996 was followed in 1997 when Macroom won the Mossie Linnane Cup, the club's first premier trophy. That win was supplemented by victory in the Youths Cup over Ballincollig who featured Colin Healy and Liam Miller (RIP), who both later became internationals.

Macroom in 1900 was 98% Catholic and nationalist. It was also a country market-town that serviced the surrounding area. Many of its business families came from the west, with strong Catholic-nationalist sentiments. Early success cemented Gaelic football sporting dominance and because Macroom was not a garrison town, soccer was absent. The area became a very active hub of Irish Republican Army activity during the revolution. After independence 'The Ban' mentality prevailed and precluded early attempts at the formation of a soccer club until 1952. However there was a coterie of local soccer enthusiasts that encouraged club-formation in 1964. The opening-up of Irish society through the press, media and television, with the broadcasting of the 1966 World Cup in England, increased hugely the popularity of soccer. Further the availability of soccer on television undercut completely the effectiveness of 'The Ban' and it was removed in 1971. Soccer was seen as modern and 'cool' as opposed to the staid and 'diehard' traditionalist GAA. The returning emigrants of the 1970s, who during the 1940-50s went mostly to the U.K., brought home their love of soccer. The building of city and town estates, public and private, increased town populations, and soccer was quintessentially a 'street' game. The movement of people from the land to urban areas further eroded the rural-based GAA's hegemony. This inevitably led to the spread of soccer clubs to country towns in Ireland and such was the case in Macroom.

While Macroom FC was doing well before 1988, Ireland's qualification for Euro 1988 and the World Cup finals in 1990, 1994 and 2002, and the attendant euphoria further enhanced soccer's popularity.

GAA is mostly parish-based and is still partially organized on a divisional basis. This engenders intense local club/parish rivalries and this creates passion. However tension can be too much at times, with serious incidents occurring even at U-12 games. Games are often 'tribal' and teams carry the parish's reputation. Soccer is played without bearing the weight of a club's history or carrying 'the-honour-of-the-parish'. Soccer is less local, less confrontational. Macroom soccer teams were initially composed mostly of 'townies' but this changed gradually, and allowed local GAA adversaries play together in the same team.

Referees seem to have more control in soccer and this too facilitates a less confrontational sport. The last years of the century saw a vast improvement in soccer facilities this is true of soccer in Macroom. These advances further facilitated soccer attractiveness in rural Ireland.

The history of soccer in Macroom reflects the interplay of tradition, nationalism, politics, demographic changes, the effects of television and the liberalisation of society, success at international level, urbanisation and increased prosperity that combined to mould the narrative.



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Drawn: 12 - 22 - 35. No Winner. €40 Anna O'Riordan/Ger Carey. €20 Liam Field. Alan Buckley (Yearly Ticket). John O'Carroll (Yearly Ticket). Cian O'Herlihy.

Coachford AFC:

Lotto Results 19/10/2020. Jackpot: €2,800. Numbers Drawn: 22 - 31 - 32. No Winner. €40 John Hogan Jnr. (Online Ticket). €20 Donal O'Callaghan (Yearly Ticket). John Murphy (Yearly Ticket). Danni Madden. Sophie O'Shea. Lotto Results 27/10/2020. Jackpot: €3,000. Numbers Drawn: 10 - 23 - 36. No Winner. €40 Dympna Crowley (Online Ticket). €20 Tim Hallissey (Yearly Ticket). Chrissie Murray. John Tarrant (Yearly Ticket). Ollie Riordan.

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Macroom GAA Lotto:

Macroom GAA Lotto Results :- 20-10-2020. No's 2-5-19-23. No Winner. €70. Gerard Kelleher, Gortnalicka, Clondrohid. €20. Denis Quinlan,

Umera, Macroom. €20. Julia Crean, Blackrock, Co. Dublin. €20. Sinead Minehane, Sleaveen West, Macroom. €20. Mary Hayes, Enniskean, Co. Cork. €20. Colman Corrigan, Glen Park, Macroom. Jackpot €5750.

27-10-2020. No's 4-25-27-29. No Winner - €70. Kevin J. Kelleher, Oakwood, Macroom. €20. Mgt Lucey, Gortnalicka, Clondrohid, Macroom. €20. Aidan O'Brien, €20. Connie O'Riordan, Sleaveen East, Macroom. €20. Ella Goold, Gurteenroe, Macroom. €20. Orla Deasy, Sunnyside Macroom. Jackpot €6000.

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Rylane lotto results on Monday Oct 19th, 2020. RCPA (Rylane Community Park Association) Lotto results: 19/10/2020 Jackpot €1,500. Numbers drawn: 4 -34- 39: Winners. Elisa & Alison Carroll (Rylane) Lucky Dip winners €20: Mary Savage (Rylane); Dylan, B., C. & C Kelleher (Aghabullogue); Joe Barrett (Rylane); Jerry Grimes (Rylane - Online) Rylane lotto results on Tuesday Oct 27th, 2020. RCPA (Rylane Community Park Association) Lotto results: 27/10/2020 Jackpot €1,000. Numbers drawn: 20-22- 36: No Winner. Lucky Dip winners €20: Chris Murray (Rylane); Bill & Alan O'Sullivan (Knockrour); Annette Archer (Rylane); Ava Crean (Rylane - Online)



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Macroom Juvenile GAA

Section Report 31 October 2020.

2020 will be long remembered in GAA folklore for disruption and curtailment of activities. The juvenile committee continues to be active and is examining what transpired last year and looking at ways to improve. Other items on the agenda include the grading of next year's teams, how to combine age-groups to the best advantage of players and to appoint management teams. A Child-Protection course will be held on-line probably in November.

A highlight of the year during the first lockdown was the 'Around-the-World' Walk organised by Shane Dunne and Tony O'Sullivan. The idea was to keep players and parents active, give them a focus and to donate money raised to charity. Macroom Special Olympics Club and the Children's Ward, Cork University Hospital are the beneficiaries. The final deadline for donations is this weekend and the monies will soon be presented. The club is very grateful to the participants and the sponsors.

Reports of various age groups are coming to hand and I thank the writers for forwarding. The U-16s are our oldest group and Diarmuid Holland submitted a comprehensive report.

Under-16's: The U-16 season began in the middle of the January 2020 in the Macroom Leisure Complex and the squad remained there for three weeks before heading out to pasture. Despite getting two matches under our belt, we found it difficult to get momentum, with miserable weather and unplayable pitches, and then the country went into lockdown for 3 1/2 months.

We were delighted to get back playing on the 29th June, when pitches and weather are at their best. We had to juggle matches, which wasn't easy, as we needed 3-4 U-14 players and 6-7 of



Macroom GAA U-16s, 2020.

our players were involved with the minor squad. We also had to consider three playing hurling with Laochra Óg, who normally play hurling matches on alternative weeks to Gaelic football. Our last competitive match was against Mayfield at home in the shield semi-final, a game we were unlucky to lose. After a few early scores and playing with the wind, we went in at half time down 1-5 to 5-1. After a few switches and a number of lads upping their game, by the end of the 3rd quarter, we were up 6-2 to 5-9. Unfortunately, we lost our way in the closing 5 minutes, whereby we were turned-over a few times inside our own 45-metre line. The final score was 9-3 to 5-11 in favour of Mayfield, who went on to win the shield. Scoring was not a problem as in two previous competitive games, against Grenagh and Whitechurch, all six starting forwards scored. Despite the difficulties we played eleven matches, and every player who attended, got a minimum of 20 minutes game-time, unless injured.

Squad: Jonah Dervin, Rowan Mullane, Ben

Herlihy, Liam McSweeney, Ryan Sabas, Brian Healy, Cian Noonan, Conor O'Donovan, Robert Lucey, James Slattery, Liam Holland, Ronan Morey, Conor Coleman, Mark Hunt, Rian Coughlan, Oisín O'Sullivan, Darragh Hogan, Joel Akakpovi, Cormac Bourke, Jamie Murphy, Dylan Wenger, Dylan Molyneaux and Cian O'Sullivan. Selectors: Diarmuid Holland, Tadg Sheehan and Kieran Creed.

The club appreciates the efforts of players, parents and mentors.

On a personal level I would like to compliment the Macroom Ladies for reaching the Junior County Final and particularly Erica O'Shea who gave a wonderful display in that match. She was harshly sin-binned which possibly contributed to Macroom's narrow loss. What a fine footballer she is.

We hope everyone had a pleasant Halloween, and by the time you read this more than a third of the six-week Level 5 restrictions will have passed.

Con Kelleher, PRO Macroom GAA Juvenile Section.

MACROOM FC

Macroom FC are delighted to announce the arrival of a new set of U14 schoolboys away jerseys, kindly sponsored by Macroom Opticians. Macroom Opticians based at Fairgreen Plaza (alongside Dunnes Stores) offer patients an excellent service for eye care and eye examinations. The staff also provide a tailored service to suit the needs of each individual.

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As always Macroom FC would ask our club members, supporters and parents to always support our sponsors. Many thanks to Macroom Opticians for their support of the club. Sponsorship is vital for the club and is always very much appreciated.



John Roche of Macroom Opticians making presentation to David Neville with Luke Madigan (left) and coach Vivion Madigan (right).



John Roche of Macroom Opticians (left) with Rhys Hopkins (coach and schoolboys secretary Macroom FC).



Jersey presentation to Macroom FC U14 team. On far left is Aaron Dewey and far right William O'Riordan, both from kit designer Gaelic Sports Technique (GST).



A Word of Victory

Welcome back dear reader the days we are living in are overwhelming - anxiety and depression have escalated and many people feel they cannot take much more. King David wrote this psalm during a time of great turmoil in his life;

O God, listen to my cry!
Hear my prayer!

From the ends of the earth,
I cry to you for help
when my heart is overwhelmed.

Lead me to the towering rock of safety,
for you are my safe refuge,
a fortress where my enemies cannot reach me.

Let me live forever in your sanctuary,
safe beneath the shelter of your wings! (Psalm 61:1-4).

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"Cast your burden upon the Lord and He will sustain you. He will never allow the righteous to be shaken" (Psalm 55:22). Back-breaking burdens that the devil puts upon people of fear and distress dissolve in the Presence of God. But we have to first give those burdens to Him and leave them with Him for it is 'the anointing that destroys the yoke' (Isaiah 10:27). You come under the anointing of God through spending time talking to Him, studying His Word and being filled with His Holy Spirit. God is not some take-out window that you can drive up to and request your need like you order a hamburger. Good relationships take commitment and time, connection and intimacy. The more time you spend in God's Word, the more intimately acquainted you become with His love and His peace will stabilise every area of your heart and mind.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:6-7). Don't let fear destroy you dear one, because 'you can do all things through Christ who strengthens you!' (Philippians 4:13) Our prayer line opens Mon through Friday for calls 1-3pm 087 4471797, or text anytime.

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GAA - 2020 Cork County Championships

At the last Cork GAA County Executive meeting on Oct 21st 2020, it was decided to postpone the unplayed 2020 Senior and Intermediate County Finals (4 in football, 2 in hurling) until the weekend of March 5th-7th, 2021, at the earliest. It is planned to give adequate notice of games to clubs, with an appropriate window of preparation, in advance of finals.

2020 County Championships at Junior A, B and C level will resume on February 5th-7th at the earliest, with a brief period to be allowed for the completion of divisional championships in early February where required.

There will be no club games at adult or juvenile level permitted at County Board or Divisional level before Friday, February 5th.

Non-contact training for school children outdoors in pods of 15 is permitted for the obvious associated health benefits and should not be competition focussed.

Level 5 will be in place from midnight Wednesday, October 21st for 6 weeks, with a review after 4 weeks.

Gyms and leisure centres are closed.

No GAA matches should take place except senior inter-county games.

All minor and U20 Inter-County competitions are paused until further notice.

Club U21 competitions for 2020 will not be completed.

2020 BONS SECOURS CO FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Premier SFC:

Final: Castlehaven v Nemo Rangers

Relegation: Bishopstown relegated to SAFC

Senior A FC:

Final: Éire Óg v Mallow

Relegation: St Nicholas relegated to PIFC

Premier Intermediate FC:

Final: Knocknagree v Kanturk

Relegation: Gabriel Rangers relegated to IAFC

Intermediate A FC:

Final: Rockchapel v Mitchelstown

Relegation: Mayfield relegated to Junior

CO-OP SUPERSTORES CO HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

Premier Senior HC:

Champions: Blackrock (Glen Rovers)

Relegation: Ballyhea relegated to SAHC

Senior A HC:

Relegation: Kilworth relegated to PIHC

Premier Intermediate HC

Champions: Blarney (Castlelyons)

Relegation: Blackrock relegated to IAHC

Intermediate A HC

Final: Aghabullogue v Éire Óg

Relegation round robin (two teams to be relegated): Argideen Rangers, Meelin 1, Glen Rovers 1

Lower Intermediate HC

Final: Castlemartyr v Russell Rovers

Relegation: Ballymartle relegated to Junior COUNTY JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Junior A Football

A: Middleton v Iveleary B: Avondhu v Kilmacabea

C: Passage v Beara D: Carrigdhoun v Duhallow

Semi-finals: A v B, C v D.

Junior A Hurling

A: Avondhu B: Clonakilty 2-18 Kinsale 1-12

C: Dromtarriffe 2-18 Brian Dillons 1-8, D: Lisgoold

0-17 Inniscarra 2-10.

Semi-finals: A v Clonakilty, Dromtarriffe v

Lisgoold

MID CORK

Ross Oil Junior A Football

Champions: Iveleary (Kilmurry)

Ballincollig Credit Union

Junior B Football Championship

Champions: Kilmurry (Macroom)

Rochestown Park Hotel

Junior C Football Championship

Semi Finals:

1 Clondrohid or Dripsey v Béal Átha'n

Ghaorthaidh or Blarney

2 Donoughmore or Éire Óg v Ballincollig

MJK Oils

Junior A Hurling Championship

Champions: Inniscarra (Ballinora)

Oriel House Hotel

Junior B Hurling Championship

Final: Inniscarra v Blarney

Inter County

MUNSTER SENIOR HURLING

Cork hurlers lost to Waterford in the Munster semi final at a deserted Semple Stadium in Thurles and no one is denying that Waterford were fully deserving of their victory on a 1-28 to 1-24 scoreline. Cork did have injury problems but so did Waterford and the huge difference between the teams was attitude. Waterford wanted to win the ball and were prepared to fight for possession. Once again this Cork team had too many players who are looking for 'soft ball' and there is 'nothing for nothing' in Munster hurling championship.

Cork now play Dublin in the Round One qualifier, Clare play Laois, with Wexford and Tipperary waiting for the winners in Round Two qualifier. Limerick meet Waterford in the Munster final, Kilkenny face off against Galway in the Leinster decider, provincial winners going through to All Ireland semi final, runners-up to meet two qualifier winners.

The Cork team that lined out against Waterford was: Anthony Nash (Kanturk): Damien Cahalane (St Finbarrs), Chris O'Leary-hayes (Middleton), Seán O'Donoghue (Inniscarra): Christopher Joyce (Na Piaras), Robert Downey (Glen Rovers), Mark Coleman (Blarney): Bill Cooper (Youghal), Tim O'Mahony (Newtownshandrum): Seamus Harnedy (St

Itas), Conor Lehane (Middleton), Daire Connery (Na Piaras), Alan Cadogan (Douglas), Shane Kingston (Douglas), Patrick Horgan (Glen Rovers). Subs: Jack O'Connor (Sars) for Connery 40, Declan Dalton (Fr O'Neills) for Lehane 54, Luke Meade (Newcestown) for Cadogan 57, Billy Hennessey (St Finbarrs) for Joyce 63, Brian Turnbull (Douglas) for Harnedy 72.

Noteworthy: County champions Blackrock did not have even one player on the chosen panel of 26 players.

MUNSTER U20 HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP CORK 2-24 KERRY 2-10

Cork advanced to play Limerick in the Munster U20 Hurling Championship with an expected win over Kerry at Tralee. Kerry had moved up from the B grade for 2020 and can be proud of their performance against the 2019 All-Ireland runners-up at Austin Stack Park.

Kerry matched their opponents in the opening quarter, at which point Cork held a slender 0-4 to 0-3 lead. Two points from the excellent Tommy O'Connell and a fine effort from the wing by Shane O'Regan saw Cork edge in front, and they were never subsequently headed.

Cork returned from the water break with five unanswered points from Brian O'Sullivan, man of the match Dáire O'Leary (0-2), and one each from O'Connell and Eoin Carey and Cork by

half-time led 0-11 to 0-6.

Kerry stuck to Cork's coattails for long periods of the second half, 0-17 to 1-7 at the second water break, Brian Roche restarted with a goal and once Cork pulled clear with substitute Brian Hayes scoring 1-2. Cork had nine different scorers and their class was always going to see them.

Scorers for Cork: B Roche (1-3), B Hayes (1-2), T O'Connell (0-5, 3fs), D O'Leary (0-4), S O'Regan (0-3), B O'Sullivan, E Carey, C O'Brien (0-2 each), A Connolly (0-1).

Cork: 1. Eoin Davies (St. Catherine's): 2. Conor O'Callaghan (Dromtarriffe) capt 3. Eoin Roche (Bride Rovers) 4. Aaron Walsh Barry (Carrigtwohill): 5. Kevin Moynihan (Na Piaras) 6. Ciaran Joyce (Carrigtwohill) 7. Dáire O'Leary (Watergrasshill): 8. Sam Quirke (Middleton) 9. Brian O'Sullivan (Kanturk): 10. Brian Roche (Bride Rovers) 11. Tommy O'Connell (Middleton) 12. Eoin Carey (Kilworth): 13. Shane O'Regan (Watergrasshill) 14. Alan Connolly (Blackrock) 15. Colin O'Brien (Liscarroll/Churchtown Gaels). Subs: Jack Cahalane (St. Finbarrs) 41, Ethan Twomey (St. Finbarrs) 46, Brian Hayes (St. Finbarrs) 46, Daniel Hogan (Sarsfields) 50, Luke Horgan (Glen Rovers) 53 and Donal Maher (Douglas), Darragh Moran (Castlemartyr), Liam Ryan (Inniscarra), Owen McCarthy (Inniscarra).

Mid Cork GAA Board Changes

There will be major changes in the officer board in Muskerry for 2021. Officers must stand down after serving five year terms and many outgoing officers will not seek election to any new position. Outgoing Cathaoirleach Pat Malone, William Buckley the Leas Cathaoirleach, Kevin Murphy PRO and John Crean, Development

Officer, are not seeking re-election.

Nomination for 2021 are: Cathaoirleach: John Feeney, Dripsey Leas Cathaoirleach: Ed Warren Kilmurry Runaí: Enda Linehan Inniscarra Cisteoir: Stephen Lyons Ballincollig Oifigeach Caidrimh: Ann O'Riordan Cloughduv Oifigeach na Gaeilge: No nomination Oifigeach Forbartha;

Dave Lee Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh.

The prevailing Covid 19 pandemic regulations will influence the format of the Annual General Meeting of the board this year but the Muskerry AGM must be held before county AGM on December 7th next.



Cork Minor Hurlers Win

THE Cork minor hurlers, with three young men from Ballincollig and one from Ballinora in action, were impressive in the last quarter at Semple Stadium and thus qualified for a Munster semi-final clash with Limerick.

The opening exchanges were even, 0-3 apiece, with points by Ben Cunningham (a sideline) and Tadhg O'Connell the highlights. Then Cork started to motor, Colin Walsh raised a green flag, followed by points for Mark Howell and Brian Keating to lead 1-7 to 0-3 after 11 minutes but Clare hit back and it was 1-9 to 1-3 at the water break. Clare regrouped for the second quarter, and it was 1-10 to 1-8 at half-time, with Cork glad of the break.

Cork relied on scores from out the field, midfielders Brian Keating and Sam Quirke landed 0-2 apiece, and Cork opened up a

four point lead, 1-15 to 1-11 at the second-half water-break. In the closing period, Cork got a massive return of six points from subs Jack Leahy (4) and William Buckley (2) to pull away. The platform for success was laid in the half-back line and midfield in the second half. Captain Eoin Downey, James Dwyer and Ben O'Connor shielded the rearguard effectively, helped by Cork's deep-lying midfielders and forwards, as they deployed four in attack.

Scorers for Cork: B Cunningham 0-9 (0-3 f, 0-2 65, 0-1 sl), J Leahy 0-4, C Walsh 1-1, A Quirke, B Keating, W Buckley 0-2 each, T O'Connell, E Downey, E O'Leary, M Howell 0-1 each.

CORK: Brian Saunderson (Midleton); Cormac Smyth (Midleton), Shane Kingston (Ballinora), Kevin Lyons (Ballygarvan); Eoin Downey (c), James Dwyer (Ballincollig), Ben O'Connor

(St Finbarr's); Brian Keating (Ballincollig), Alex Quirke (Midleton); Tadhg O'Connell (Ballincollig), Mark Howell (Douglas), Michael Mullins (Whitechurch); Ben Cunningham (St Finbarr's), Colin Walsh (Kanturk), Eoin O'Leary (Glen Rovers).

Subs: Darragh O'Sullivan (Ballinhassig) for Kingston (36), Jack Leahy (Kiltha Óg) for O'Connell (38), William Buckley for Mullins (45), Diarmuid Healy (Lisgool) for O'Leary (54), and Eoin O'Neill (Blarney), Ben Nodwell (Sarsfields), Dáire Burke (Douglas), Sean O'Riordan (Youghal), Tommy Walsh (Kanturk).

Selectors: Donal Óg Cusack, Seán Óg Ó hAilpín, Tom Kenny, Grenagh.

Allianz National Football League

Cork footballers finished their Div 3 league season unbeaten, defeating Louth and receiving a walk over from Longford, to gain promotion to Div Two for 2021. Cork finished the only unbeaten team in the entire 2020 Allianz National League.

Cork play Kerry in the Munster Championship semi final on Sunday November 8th in Cork and this semi final game is an old style knock out encounter.

The Cork Senior Football Team which defeated

Louth was: 1. Micheál Martin (Nemo Rangers) 2. Kevin Flahive (Douglas) 3. Maurice Shanley (Clonakilty) 4. Paul Ring (Aghabullogue) 5. Kevin O'Donovan (Nemo Rangers) 6. Mattie Taylor (Mallow) 7. Cian Kiely (Ballincollig) 8. Ian Maguire (St. Finbarrs) Captain 9. Paul Walsh (Kanturk) 10. Ruairí Deane (Bantry Blues) 11. Killian O'Hanlon (Kilshannig) 12. Kevin O'Driscoll (Tadhg Mac Carthaigh) 13. Damien Gore (Kilmacabea) 14. Colm O'Callaghan (Éire Óg) 15. Paul Kerrigan (Nemo Rangers) Subs:

16. Anthony Casey (Kiskeam) 17. Sam Ryan (St. Finbarrs) 18. Nathan Walsh (Douglas) 19. Daniel O'Mahony (Knocknagree) 20. Tadhg Corkery (Cill na Martra) 21. Sean Meehan (Kiskeam) 22. Aidan Browne (Newmarket) 23. Niall Hartnett (Douglas) 24. Eoghan McSweeney (Knocknagree) 25. Jack McCarthy (Carrigaline) 26. Mark Collins (Castlehaven)

Fifty Years Ago

Muskerry 3 - 10 Nemo Rangers 4 - 6

The first County Senior football Championship title to go to the Mid-Cork division could hardly have been won in more extraordinary fashion at the Cork Athletic Grounds. Hail mighty Muskerry, trailing for almost 50 minutes before they recovered dramatically to snatch a sensational victory in lost time but spare a thought for Nemo Rangers.

They were the unlucky losers in a game which throbbled with excitement all through before it exploded into a thrilling climax as Muskerry goalied to lead for the first time, conceded a goal immediately but rallied for match-winning points which shattered Nemo and silenced their near-jubilant supporters.

Seldom if ever, has a County final produced such a cliffhanger of a finish. Nemo were the more stylish footballers they had great strength behind a winning midfield pair and their forwards had the ability to find gaps in the Muskerry defence. But on reflection, it is obvious that Nemo failed to annex their first title because of lost scoring chances in the periods before and after half time when they led by 2-4 to 1-1 and because a gallant Muskerry side played with such determination all through.

Nemo stunned their opponents with their third goal straight after the resumption of the second half-when smoke from behind the Muskerry goal might have clouded the goalkeeper's view of the ball. But just when they should have pushed home their advantage when Muskerry

Muskerry take first County Senior Football Championship title in dramatic style



County Senior Champions Muskerry 1970; Front left: Jimmy O'Donoghue, Canovee, John Dunlea, Canovee, Francie Long, Kilmurry, Jim Curtin, Kilmurry, Seamus McCarthy, captain, Kilmurry, Connie Kelly, Canovee, Denis Murphy, Kilmurry, Mick Scannell, Naomh Abhan, Seanie O'Mahony, Canovee, John Fleming, O.L.H. Back left: Frank Cooper, O.L.H., Noel Dunne, Canovee, Niall Cronin, Kilmurry, Colman Twomey, Naomh Abhan, Jerry Lucey, Naomh Abhan, Mick Mehigan,

struggled to get into the game, without ever panicking, Nemo conceded scores which allowed the divisional players to get nearer them on the scoreboard.

And in view of the fact that Nemo scored just one point, after Denis Allen's opening goal of the second half, in over 25 minutes, they must realise they had the winning of the game but allowed it to slip from their grasp.

Nemo were given a decided edge at midfield by Donal Barrett who tackled hard and worked tremendously well while Mick O'Donoghue fetched very well and distributed the ball well.

Denis Murphy did have success from limited chances and this was typical also of the Muskerry forwards and their ability to capitalise on less possession proved a deciding factor in their win.

Nemo sparked in the opening 15 minutes. Frank Cogan had won the toss and had decided to play into the Blackrock end. Jimmy Barrett opened the scoring after two minutes, from a free, after he was fouled himself, and Nemo had scored four points inside eight minutes before Muskerry forced an attack. Quite apart from their advantage at midfield, Nemo's defence looked solid under occasional pressure and right halfback and



captain Frank Cogan was a masterly figure as he covered off the entire half back line.

Muskerry did well to be only four points behind at the end of the first quarter with their full back line able to minimise the threat from Nemo's full forwards. Nemo frequently worked the ball, cleverly and constructively, down the middle, but they did not have such success on the wings. Der Cogan on the right was closely shadowed by John Dunlea, after he had scored two great points in the sixth minute, while twin brother Billy on the left had got no change from Donal Buckley and later switches did not help.

In the 10th minute Nemo came very close to snatching the goal they badly wanted. Donal Barrett dropped a high ball into the Muskerry goalmouth and goalkeeper Sean O'Mahony did very well to punch the hopping ball away from Billy Cogan. But after Connie Kelly, Muskerry's best forward, had worked his way through for an opportunist point in the 16th minute, Nemo had their goal.

Again Donal Barrett had a hand in this as his lobbing ball from the middle of the field was punched clear by the Muskerry keeper but Nemo full forward Sean McGann got his fist to the ball as it hovered about in mid air to punch it to the net. Surprisingly, this score seemed to benefit Muskerry more than Nemo. Mick Scannell, the under 21 full back, came from the left corner to swop with Jerry Lucey and as Nemo slackened off the pace Muskerry came gradually more into the game and in the 22nd minute they were rewarded with a goal. Connie Kelly was fouled going through - Nemo conceded 15 frees in the first half, eight more than Muskerry - and midfielder Denis Murphy ran in to punch Buckley's 35 yards kick past a bewildered Billy Morgan.

Nemo brought their tally of first half wides to ten as they failed from a few frees and a succession of chances from play. But they had the great boost of a minute before half time. Denis Allen just managed to get fist to a ball which had bounced awkwardly for him on the left wing and he placed it into the hands of Jimmy Barrett who took it confidently on the run before goaling from about 30 yards. This score gave Nemo an interval lead of six points 2-4 to 1-1

Nemo resumed in determined fashion. Mick O'Donoghue was awarded a free from the throw in and he found Jimmy Barrett who switched the ball out to Sean McGann on the wing. The full forward crossed from the left and Denis Allen met in the flight to punch it to the left corner. Nemo conceded two frees from which Noel Dunne

pointed in the second and third minute, but held their grip at midfield until the three quarter stage when there was a noticeable slackening off in Nemo pace and in between they wasted invaluable scoring chances.

Jimmy Barrett pointed a free in the sixth minute but significantly Nemo did not score again until Der Cogan pointed 20 minutes later. Muskerry had still a lot of leeway to make up on the scoreboard but they increased their challenge at a time when it should have faded. Gerry Lynch at left half forward and later at midfield, Connie Kelly and Denis Murphy were the dominant figures as Muskerry worked them into a steady rhythm and they worried the Nemo defence with their improved play.

Dunne pointed Muskerry to success and as space began to tell on Nemo, Seamus McCarthy and Dunne again, with further scores reduced Nemo to four points. Then in the space of four minutes Muskerry now playing with greater confidence and showing more penetration had drawn level.

Billy Morgan was beaten for the goal in the twenty minute, which went all the way from John Dunlea free 50 yards out. A rampant Muskerry were level a minute later from Denis Murphy.

Three minutes later Jimmy Barrett missed a vital free in front of the Muskerry goal, but in the 56th minute Der Cogan, now operating in the left corner, restored Nemo's lead with a point from Allen's pass.

Then, quite remarkably, Muskerry goaled in the 57th minute to take the lead for the first time and go two points in front. Denis Murphy dropped a free into the goalmouth, and after Billy Morgan came off his line to challenge, the ball broke loose to Noel Dunne, who first timed it on the ground into the net.

Nemo's third goal, which came after the kick-out, was even more astounding. Left corner back Ray Twomey was fouled as he tried to work the ball up field, but he was allowed the advantage and a brilliant inter passing movement between Billy Cogan and Sean McGann, saw Noel Morgan flash the ball past the Muskerry keeper.

This surely was the end for Muskerry, but amazingly, they showed great reserves of energy and enthusiasm to stage a dramatic recovery. In the 29th minute Michael Mehigan missed the chance to level the game, but a minute later left corner back Mick Scannell hovering in the middle picked up a loose ball and from 50 yards shot the equalising point.

A minute after lost time after Nemo had defended desperately, Jerry Lucey made the winning score

with another highball from midfield. Full forward Seamus McCarthy was fouled in possession and free taker Noel Dunne a dominating influence in Muskerry path to the final, sunk Nemo with his free from the 21

Muskerry: Seán O'Mahony (Canovee): Niall Cronin (Kilmurry), Denis McCarthy (Kilmurry), Michael Scannell (Naomh Abán, Baile Mhuirne) 0-1: Donal Buckley (Ballincollig), Jerry Lucey (Naomh Abán), John Dunlea (Canovee) 1-0: Jim Curtin (Kilmurry), Denis Murphy (Kilmurry) 1-1: Gerry Lynch (Naomh Abán) 0-1, Connie Kelly (Canovee) 0-1, Mick Mehigan, (Canovee: Frank Copper (Our Lady's Hospital), Seamus McCarthy (Kilmurry) 0-1, Noel Dunne (Canovee) 1-5, (0-5 frees). Subs: Colman Twomey (Naomh Abán) for Mehigan, Mehigan for Curtin. And the other panel members were: Frank Long, (Kilmurry), Jimmy O'Donoghue (Canovee), Jerry Murphy (Kilmurry), Sean Mullane (Naomh Abán), Brendan O'Connor (Our Lady's Hospital), Joe McCarthy (Our Lady's Hospital), John Fleming (Our Lady's Hosp).

Selectors: John Joe Hinchion (Canovee) trainer, Jack Fitzgerald, (Kilmurry), Myles McSwiney, (Kilmurry), Neil Moyihan (Canovee) and John Weir (Naomh Abán)

Nemo Rangers: B Morgan, B Murphy, E Brophy, R Twomey, F Cogan (Capt.), S Buckley, J O Leary, D Barrett, M O Donoghue, D Cogan (03), J Barrett (1-03) 03 from frees), B Cogan, N Morgan (1-0), S McGann (1-0), D Allen (1-0), sub D O Driscoll

Referee: Frank Halbert, Glenville

The Chairman of the County Board Mr Jack Barrett presented the Andy Scannell Cup to the winning Captain Seamus McCarthy, Kilmurry

Team Captain Seamus McCarthy remembered the occasion years later: 'Muskerry had a brilliant team that year and every player wore the Cork jersey at some stage of their careers. We were ten points down at one stage but we just kept chipping away at the lead. I remember catching a ball near the end and soloing through which led to the final free. Noel was a brilliant free taker so we had every confidence in him.'

Kilmurry village was the place to be on the night of the final as Seamus and his history making Muskerry team mates brought the county cup back home to a rapturous reception. Sadly, Seamus died five years ago and is hugely missed by his family and all who knew him.

Noel Dunne writing in a 'Celebration of Games in Muskerry' in 2013 remembers:

'In the annals of Muskerry GAA 1970 will always have a special place and for those of us involved with the Muskerry footballers, that year provided



Muskerry Team 1962



Muskerry Football Team 1970



an unforgettable experience when the county football title was won for the very first time by a very talented group of footballers. Kilmurry and Canovee had won county junior titles in the preceding years and Naomh Aban were soon to follow suit and these three clubs formed the backbone of the Muskerry team. A remarkable feature of the divisional team was that the players who had battled so fiercely against one another in the Muskerry junior championships were to form such a close bond over the course of the senior campaign, this team spirit and camaraderie never more evident than in the county final when Muskerry came from three goals down in the second half to take the county title in a dramatic finish. This never-say-die spirit owed much to the inspiration of the McCarthy brothers, Seamus and Denis, and Donal Buckley, survivors of the Muskerry team beaten in the county final of 1962, and to the leadership of great players like Gerry Lucey, Mick Scannell and Johnny Dunlea, men who never knew the meaning of the word 'defeat'. The championship campaign opened on a quiet note with a victory over Seandún at Coachford on a score of 1-12 to 1-10, the highlight of this win being a superb goal from Gerry Lynch of Naomh Aban in the second half which revived Muskerry's fortunes when they seemed to be heading for defeat. Seventeen year old Jerry was to play a vital part in the campaign subsequently. In the second round, Muskerry played really well in the second half to defeat a good Avondhu side and helped by two goals from Frank Cooper (Our Lady's Hospital) and one from Mick Mehigan (Canovee), Muskerry won by 3-14 to 2-8 and the players began to realise that theirs was a team which could trouble any opposition. Muskerry's opponents in the semi final were a talented Beara side and the Mid Cork side did well to gain a draw from the first encounter between the teams at Clonakilty on a score of 0-8 each. Seanie Mahony had saved a Beara penalty in the first half and Gerry Lucey, Niall Cronin and Johnny Dunlea were outstanding in a hard pressed defence. In the replay, again at Clonakilty, Muskerry started well but allowed Beara back into contention and only a couple of points separated the teams in the closing stages until a fine Mick Mehigan goal ensured a Muskerry victory on a score of 1-13 to 1-8. All in all it was a great win for Muskerry and the team performance was such as to give the team every hope of doing well in the final against an up and coming Nemo Rangers side. For the first time that season the team went into training with J. J. Hinchion as trainer, Dineen's

Bar in Coachford was team base for the final and there was tea and sandwiches every night after training- a rare treat indeed in those times! Extra footballs were procured to augment the solitary football the team had up to this! The final in late October was a thriller. The young city side threatened to run Muskerry off the pitch in the first half when Nemo had the benefit of the strong wind and they led by 2-4 to 1-1 at half time. Nemo increased their lead to nine points early in the second half but Muskerry never gave up and gradually they worked their way back into contention with Jim Curtin, Denis Murphy and Connie Kelly controlling the midfield area. Undoubtedly the wind was a factor but it was the spirit of the Muskerry players which was the major influence on the game, allied of course to the fact that the Muskerry team had quality players who were men of great character and fine physique. Three minutes from time Muskerry went two points clear with their third goal but from the kick out Nemo went up the field and their fourth goal restored the advantage to the city side with time running out. Back came Muskerry and corner back Mick Scannell advanced out of defence and from over 50 yards range fired over an equalising point. The drama was not yet finished and in the dying seconds a Muskerry attack yielded a free which produced the winning point and gave Muskerry their first county title. For the players and their astute mentors, Jack Fitzgerald and Myles McSwiney (Kilmurry), JJ Hinchion and Neil Moynihan (Canovee) and Seán Weir (Naomh Abán) it was a glorious occasion and the satisfaction is still there for all involved, though many years have now passed and there is sadness that some of those involved are no longer with us. Those who remain carry happy memories of a great campaign and enjoy the special bonds of friendship woven that year which have stood the test of time.'

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Pato Galvin Muskerry Gaels, Daithi McSweeney Kilmichael: Kevin O'Sullivan Canovee, Seamus McCarthy Kilmichael, Donal Murphy Cill na Martra. Subs; Ted O'Mahony Canovee and Donal McSweeney Cill na Marta.

1995 Final: Muskerry lose to Bantry Blues 0-10 to 0-8, after beating Carrigdhoun, Seandún, O'Donovan Rossa and Nemo Rangers on their way to the decider.

Muskerry: Eddie Carey Ballinora: Kieran Creed Clondrohid, Tadhg Dineen Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh, Conor Murphy Kilmurry: Seamus Coughlan Macroom, Gary McPolin Macroom, John O'Leary Kilmurry: Peadar Concannon Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh, Paul Coleman Grenagh: Shane Prendeville Kilmichael, Jonathan McCarthy Naomh Abán, Aidan Dorgan Grenagh: Tim Joe O'Leary Kilmurry, John O'Driscoll Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh, Noel Twomey, Macroom. Subs: Eddie Burke Kilmurry and Ger O'Leary Aghinagh.

2005 Final: Muskerry lose to Nemo Rangers 1-14 to 0-7 after accounting for Seandún, Imokilly in the divisional section and then Castlehaven, Clonakilty and Dohenys, each by one point margins, en route to the decider

Muskerry: David Moynihan Aghabullogue: Colm O'Leary Cill na Martra, Eoin O'Mahony Macroom, Cathal McSweeney Cill na Martra: Tom Kenny Grenagh, Noel O'Leary Cill na Martra, Conor Lucey Aghabullogue: Peadar Concannon Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh, Niall Buckley Aghabullogue: Cathal Sheehan Ballinora, John Russell Grenagh, Diarmuid Dorgan Grenagh: Gary O'Halloran Ballinora, Donal Keane Éire Óg, Pat Dunlea Canovee. Subs: Alan O'Shea Macroom, Olan Murphy Macroom, Dan O'Connell Inniscarra.



Seamus and Denis McCarthy



Muskerry Team 2005



Colman Twomey, Michael Scannell, Jerry Lucey and Jerry Lynch.



Ross Oil Mid Cork Junior Football Championship Final 2011

Donoughmore 1-7 Dripsey 1-3

It took Donoughmore seven games to reach the Mid Cork final, Dripsey only played three to get to the same final stage and Donoughmore learned a lot on their lengthy journey. They needed all the experience accumulated along the way to stay strong in their Mid Cork Final joust with Dripsey as their opponents had them on the ropes for long stages but Donoughmore held in, soaked up the pressure, eventually broke free and finished in a blaze of glory to deservedly take the title for the first time since 1998. Spare a thought for Dripsey who have now lost three Mid Cork finals in four years and have yet to win the title.

A very strong wind favoured Donoughmore in the first half but it was Dripsey who scored first when Stephen Murray pointed in the eight minute. Three minutes later Dripsey struck a heavy blow when David O'Sullivan parted to John Carey near to the Donoughmore goal and the wing back was fouled. A penalty was awarded, David O'Sullivan drove the ball low to the Donoughmore net and Dripsey were jubilant with a four point lead, playing against the wind and carrying the game to their opponents. Stalemate ensued subsequently and in fact the next score did not come until the 24th minute when Donoughmore at last got on the score board with a point from Aidan O'Shea. Conor Kelleher added another point to their tally immediately and Dripsey missed a couple of very scorable free kicks, which proved costly in the final analysis. Deep in injury time Shane Sexton pointed a Donoughmore free to further improve their situation and at half time there was only a point between the teams, Dripsey leading by 1-1 to 0-3, a situation which on the run of play flattered Donoughmore but which was still satisfactory from a Dripsey viewpoint as they would now have the benefit of the strong wind in the second half.

On the restart Dripsey went on the attack and missed a glorious opportunity of scoring a goal but two forwards fluffed the chance between them and the ball was cleared by goalkeeper Evan Forde who advanced off his line to save the day. In the 36th minute Aidan Buckley pointed a free for Dripsey and repeated this exercise five minutes later to open up a 1-3 to 0-3 lead in favour of Dripsey. Donoughmore were now beginning to enjoy a greater share of possession than before and were clearly getting ready for a stirring finishing stage just as they had done in their semi final win over Kilmurry. The goal they needed to ignite their rally came in the 42nd minute. Aidan Corkery drove forward out of defence, parted to Tom Day who in turn fed through to Aidan O'Shea. The latter sent the ball across the goalmouth and as Ray Moynihan advanced Darren Barrett hurled himself forward to fist the ball to the corner of the net. The teams were now level and Donoughmore had the scent of victory in their nostrils. Aidan Corkery kicked Donoughmore into the lead in the 46th minute and Shane Sexton finished a sweet movement with another point a minute later as the momentum gathered apace. Donoughmore went three points clear ten minutes from time when Aidan O'Shea took a pass from

Brian O'Connell and sent over the bar but the Donoughmore surge was temporarily halted when Gary Murphy pointed a '45' for Dripsey in the 52nd minute. Donoughmore had the look of winners now and Shane Sexton set up Kevin Kearney for a quick reply and only the crossbar denied Conor Kelleher of a goal in the 54th minute. There was to be no further scoring in the final seven minutes of normal time plus some added time but Donoughmore were now in control and playing with a dash that Dripsey could not match and the final whistle was greeted with scenes of joy by Donoughmore players, mentors and supporters alike. Donoughmore: Evan Forde: Denis O'Connell, James Honohan, Dan O'Sullivan: Aidan Corkery, Patrick Murphy, David Lee: Daniel Forde, Tom Daly: Colm O'Callaghan, Conor Kelleher, Shane Sexton: Aidan O'Shea, Darren Barrett, Brian O'Connell. Subs: Kevin Kearney, Oliver Murphy and Stephen Golden. Trainer/Coach: Tomas Golden and John Crowley. Selectors: Paul Crowley, Barry Holland, Philip O'Callaghan and Barry Twomey. Dripsey: Ray Moynihan: Jeremy O'Driscoll, Conor Hayes, Liam Buckley: John Carey, Pat O'Riordan, Daniel Buckley: Thomas Ahearne, Diarmuid O'Riordan: Stephen Murray, Gary Murphy, Dave Buckley: David O'Sullivan, David Forde, Aidan Buckley. Subs: Shane Burke and John Buckley. Referee: Mr Ted Hayes (Eire Og) who made a major contribution to a fine sporting final witnessed by a big crowd at Coachford.

Semi Final:

Dripsey 0-12 Clondrohid 0-8

Dripsey won this championship semi final and a place in the Mid Cork final for the third time in four years but unfortunately the talk after the game was all about the disgraceful violent general melee which erupted after the final whistle, a melee which had been preceded by another bout of fighting on the field minutes earlier which ended with two players, one from each side, getting red cards. Dripsey facing the wind scored first through David O'Sullivan who then added a second point but Clondrohid had drawn level by the tenth minute with points from Mark Creed and Declan Kelleher. Dripsey responded with a point apiece from John Carey and David Buckley but Shane Creed had a Clondrohid point from a free to leave the minimum between the teams at after the opening quarter. Five minutes before halftime Declan Kelleher levelled the scores for Clondrohid but Gary Murphy restored the point advantage at the other end. Two late points from Paddy Lynch, one from a free gave Clondrohid a 0-6 to 0-5 interval lead.

Aidan Buckley equalised for Dripsey on the restart but Paddy Lynch pointed to put his side back in front again. With Diarmuid Riordan and Mark O'Sullivan now on top at midfield for Dripsey the balance was swinging in their favour and Mark O'Sullivan brought Dripsey level once again in the 33rd minute at 0-7 each and Gary Murphy pointed two successive frees to put Dripsey two points clear by the end of the third quarter. David Buckley kicked another Dripsey point in the 47th minute and his brother Aidan added another a minute later to open up a four-point gap and Dripsey looked like winners

as they were now totally dominating. David O'Sullivan kicked another Dripsey point in the 51st minute to which Paddy Lynch replied with a point from a free to end the scoring if not the talking points. Clondrohid: Brendan Kelleher: Oliver Kelleher, Jeremy O'Sullivan, Lorcan Lynch: Trevor O'Brien, Denis Desmond, Conor Desmond: Fergal Kelleher, Neilus Murphy: Martin Kelleher, Paddy Lynch, Mark Creed: Declan Kelleher, Aidan Kelleher, Shane Creed. Subs: David O'Leary, Daniel O'Mahony and Neil Corkery. Referee: Mr Hugh Kelleher, Canovee.

Donoughmore 0-12 Kilmurry 0-11

This semi final at Coachford was a very exciting affair and it was a pity that there had to be a loser after both sides had given their all. Kilmurry will feel that they let victory slip from their grasp as they had led by two points entering the home stretch and had the wind behind them but Donoughmore did mount a magnificent late rally and scored four points in a row to turn impending defeat into glorious victory. Donoughmore had suffered injuries during the game but the substitutes introduced played a significant part in the win and showed the strength in depth of the panel with its fine mixture of young and more experienced players.

Donoughmore went in front from the throw with a point from Aidan O'Shea. William Buckley equalised for Kilmurry in the 6th minute but Shane Sexton pointed a free to put Donoughmore back in front. They were playing with a very strong wind and needed scores and Conor Kelleher and Shane Sexton had made it 0-4 to 0-1 by the end of the first quarter. Donoughmore lost Kevin Kearney and Paul Crowley to injuries and Aidan O'Shea had another point in the 20th minute. Dave Lee came up to score a point five minutes before half time but Kilmurry hit back with a point from William Buckley and another from Alan O'Sullivan. Conor Kelleher's point gave Donoughmore a 0-7 to 0-3 interval lead.

Kilmurry were on level terms within six minutes of the restart with points from William Buckley, Eoin Creedon, Dave O'Halloran and Dominick Creedon. Stephen Golden now had to be carried off injured for Donoughmore and his replacement Brian O'Connell put Donoughmore back in front in the 42nd minute. Dominick Creedon equalised five minutes later and Creedon pointed a free in the 52nd minute to put Kilmurry in front and they were on top at this stage. James White then doubled their advantage with a superb point from play and Donoughmore introduced two further substitutes for the closing stages. Brian O'Connell pointed to cut the deficit to the minimum and then set up Dave Lee to kick over the equaliser. Donoughmore had the bit between their teeth now and further points followed from Daniel Forde and a punched effort from Sean Murphy. Kilmurry had a late free which yielded a point from William Buckley but they could not get the equaliser as time ran out on them.

Conor Kelleher started for Donoughmore in place of Brian O'Connell but O'Connell came in and along with fellow substitutes Stephen



Golden, Tom Daly, Sean Murphy and Stephen O'Connor played a very significant part in this victory.

Kilmurry: Pat O'Callaghan: Liam Long, Kevin

Barrett, Eoin Barrett: Liam Buckley, David O'Leary, Stephen Down: Eoin Creedon, Finbarr Crowley: Dominick Creedon, James White, Dave O'Halloran: William Buckley, John O'Leary, Alan

O'Sullivan. Subs: Michael Linehan and William Barrett. Referee: Mr. Ted Hayes, Eire Og.

2011 Ballincollig Credit Union Junior A Hurling Championship Final:

Cloughdub 2 – 12 Grenagh 1 – 14

Cloughdub hurlers made it 3 in-a-row Mid Cork Junior A hurling titles when they came from behind to defeat Grenagh by a single point in what was ultimately an enthralling final at Blarney. Cloughdub looked out of contention at half time when Grenagh led by 1-10 to 0-5. Grenagh, also last year's defeated finalists, had beaten Cloughdub in the league final at the end of last year, Cloughdub had lost some experienced players to retirements and it seemed that their young brigade were not yet ready for the power of the hungry Grenagh men, desperate for a run in the county championship. Grenagh simply blasted Cloughdub off the park in the first half and were full value for their big interval lead. As in their semi final victory, Cloughdub used their panel to good effect and there was a transformation in their display in the second half, inspired by the introduction of Tom O'Mahony (can he be described as a veteran?) at full forward who scored one goal and then made the second for Daragh Ring, to throw his side a lifeline which they grabbed to pull themselves to safety in dramatic fashion. It was all Grenagh in the first half with Tom Kenny inspirational on the '40' and the team in very determined mood, fore and aft. They had the first three points and led by 0-6 to 0-2 after 17 minutes. The Cloughdub attack was making no progress but the introduction of Tom O'Mahony gave a hint of better things to come as the big Aherla man fired over a point with his first touch of the sliotar. John Russell then banged in a goal for Grenagh and when DD Dorgan added a point the Grenagh men were in a happy frame of mind at half time with an eight point lead after a display of powerful hurling. Charles Kenneally and Tom O'Mahony gave Cloughdub hope with a point apiece on the resumption but Tom Kenny replied for Grenagh after Cloughdub had been twice denied a goal by fine goalkeeping. Nothing however could deny Tom O'Mahony in the 40th minute when he lashed in a ferocious drive to ignite the Cloughdub challenge. Team captain Donal Corkery struck a point and when Daragh Ring added another there was only a goal between the teams and Cloughdub were in hot pursuit of the Grenagh men. It was all square (1-12 to 2-9) in the 45th minute when Tom O'Mahony dispossessed a Grenagh defender and Daragh

Ring fired a low shot to the Grenagh net. The final quarter had enough excitement to satisfy even the most demanding! DD Dorgan edged Grenagh ahead, Seán O'Connor levelled for Cloughdub. John Russell sent Grenagh back in front and Ring again pointed a free to restore parity in the 53rd minute. Brian Ahern landed a golden point to put Cloughdub in front for the first time in the game in the 55th minute and even though Grenagh had time (and four golden opportunities) they failed to land an equaliser and so Cloughdub took the Mid Cork crown for the third year in a row after a brave display.

Cloughdub: Colm Ryan: Andrew Cronin, Paul O'Sullivan, Liam Long: James McCarthy, Jerry Lucey, Mark Verling: Donal Corkery, David O'Leary: Brian Ahern, Andrew Kenneally, Gerard Ahern: Con Dunne, Daragh Ring, Sean O'Connor. Subs: Tom O'Mahony, Tadgh MacCarthy and Tony Dineen.

Grenagh: Martin Barry: Ray Dorgan, Niall O'Doherty, Paul McCarthy: Colm O'Neill, Kelvin Cummins, Aaron McCarthy: Jerry Russell, Diarmuid Dorgan: Shane Dorgan, Tom Kenny, Patrick Sexton: Kevin O'Neill, John Russell, Conor Fitzgerald. Sub: Dean Dalton.

Referee: Mr Diarmuid Kirwan, Eire Og.

Semi Finals:

Cloughdub 1 – 14 Ballinora 0 – 6

Champions for the past two seasons and now through to their third final in a row, Cloughdub served notice to any title aspirants that they are still a very formidable force in Mid Cork hurling. Granted that they were strongly fancied to get the better of Ballinora and allowing for the fact that they started lethargically, they proved over the hour that they have an abundance of good hurlers on their panel and are still a very determined group of players who will not give up the quest for honours easily. Ballinora gave a spirited performance and stayed with the champions for most of the game but they were hampered by a lack of thrust up front and Cloughdub always looked the most likely to succeed.

Ballinora had three points on the board before Brian Ahern opened the scoring for Cloughdub with a point in the 14th minute. Daragh Ring points levelled the scores and points from Sean O'Connor, Ring and Ger Ahern gave Cloughdub a 0-6 to 0-3 interval lead. Points from Daragh

Ring and two from Donal Corkery in reply to a Ben Ahearne point for Ballinora had Cloughdub five points clear at the three quarter stage and after Pat Fitton pointed for the losers, Ring fired over two further points for the champions. Con Dunne was introduced off the Cloughdub and made an immediate impact with a point in the 59th minute followed by a goal a minute later and another point from the puck out as the game went into injury time. Brian Ahern had a late point for Cloughdub to give them a comfortable win.

Grenagh 0 – 12 Donoughmore 0 – 9

Grenagh won this semi final at Ballyanley and deserved their narrow and hard won victory. Donoughmore will lament their lack of scoring power in attack as evidenced by the fact that Colm O'Callaghan accounted for all but one of their scores and seven of his points came from placed balls, including two pointed '65's.

Playing against the wind Donoughmore scored first when Conor Kelleher pointed in the first minute. Grenagh quickly drew level and led by two points after the opening quarter. Two points from frees brought Donoughmore level again but Grenagh replied with four unanswered points to enjoy that lead at the interval. Points were exchanged on the restart and Grenagh went five clear in the 41st minute. Colm O'Callaghan pointed two frees to reduce the deficit to three points by the 48th minute and three minutes later the ace marksman pointed another free and the margin was down to two! DD Dorgan now pointed twice for Grenagh to ease their situation somewhat and another point made the gap five points as time moved on. In injury time Colm O'Callaghan pointed two '65's for Donoughmore but they could get no closer and Grenagh moved on to the final.

Donoughmore: Kenneth Cullinane: Mark Foley, Barry Holland, Alan Twomey: Kevin Horgan, Shane Sexton, Aidan Corkery: Conor Kelleher, Alan Savage: James O'Connell, Aidan O'Shea, Phil O'Callaghan: Stephen O'Connor, Colm O'Callaghan, Shane Healy. Sub: Martin O'Connor.

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FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In ndíl chuimhne

MAIRÍN WISEMAN (NÍ SCANAILL)

**Cúil Aodha, Macroom
Died 11th November 2019**

Remembered, loved and greatly missed today and everyday by Billy, Andrew and Mairéad, daughters in-law Mairéad and Maig, son in-law Johnny, adored grandchildren and great grandchildren. The family wishes to acknowledge and offer our sincere gratitude for the many expressions of sympathy and gestures of kindness shown to us by family, neighbours and friends. A special word of thanks to Dr. Neville and Nurse Ellen O'Leary for their exceptional care and compassion. Sincere thanks to all of Mairín's home carers especially Noirín and Nóra who looked after Mairín so well. We wish to thank all staff and carers of Cahereen Nursing Home for the exceptional care and kindness shown to Mairín during her stay. Particular thanks to Fr. John Keane who attended to Mairín and sat with us in the early morning of her passing. Buíochas ó chroí leis an t-Athair Donal Ó Briain, Peadar agus Cór Cúil Aodha, na sacraisteoirí Gerard agus Nóra ar dhein gach rud chomh speisialta ar an lár. Thanks to Diarmuid and Breda de McCarthy Undertakers for their kindness sensitivity and understanding. Also remembering at this time our beloved father Bill whose 51st anniversary occurs on November 26th, ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dilis. While it is difficult to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our deepest gratitude to all. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.



Codladh Sámh i Suaimhneas Dé

FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

SHEILA KELLEHER (NEE JORDAN)

**"Launa View" Ballinagree, Macroom.
Tragically taken on 14th of November 2019.**

On the First Anniversary of Sheila's death, her Husband Tommy, Daughters, Sons, Son in laws, Daughter in laws, Grandchildren, Sister, Brothers and extended Family wish to Thank everyone who Sympathised in anyway. A special Thank you to those who attended the House, Prayers and Funeral Mass, and for all of those who sent Floral tributes and Mass Cards. A most sincere Thank you to our wonderful Neighbours, Friends and relatives who organised and brought refreshments, erected the Marquee and helped for hours on end with the traffic management over the days of the funeral. Your kindness will never be forgotten. We Deeply appreciate the Paramedics, Rapid Response Nurses and Dr. Jason Van der Velde, Garda Darragh Moore & Garda Ann-Marie Kelleher for all the hard work and help on the night. Our special Thanks to Fr. John Keane for his guidance and prayers for us all over the four days and for his continued support. Thank you also to Canon Donal Roberts, Fr Joe O'Mahoney and all local and visiting clergy for making Sheila's funeral Mass and services so personal. Special thanks also to Nora Mc Carthy Sacristin & Organist for all her hard work and help in celebrating the funeral Mass, to the choir and Garry O'Sullivan for singing so beautifully at the Mass. Thanks also to Fitzgerald Funeral Directors for their professional service and guidance. As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this Acknowledgment as a token of our sincere appreciation. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.



First Anniversary Mass will be celebrated at a later date due to current Covid 19 restrictions.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

DAN MURPHY
3 The Glenties, Macroom, Co. Cork
Who died on the 7th November 2019.

On Dan's First Anniversary, he is lovingly remembered and sadly missed by his wife Helen, daughter Andrea and son David. We wish to express our deepest appreciation and gratitude to all those who sympathised with us at the time of Dan's passing. To all those who called to the house, to those who travelled near and far to attend the rosary, removal and funeral mass, sent mass cards, enrolments and letters of sympathy, we thank you. To our close circle of friends, thank you for all your help, support and for always being there. Our sincere thanks to Dr. Shane Hurley his team and Dr. Con Kelleher who cared for Dan so well. To Dr. Marcus Kennedy, the doctors and the outstanding staff of Ward 5A at Cork University Hospital a big thank you for all your exceptional care and kindness to Dan over the past ten years of his illness. To Dr. Eimear Smith and all the staff of Dun Laoire National Rehabilitation Hospital, Dublin and Spinal Injury Ireland thank you for your excellent care and support. To all those who visited Dan during his final days, especially Dan's best friend Dan (Dingle) and all his loyal friends over the ten years of his illness, we will never forget your kindness and your help, it is truly appreciated. A very special thank you to Dan's niece Nora for her love and support. To Fr. Donal Roberts, our family friend Fr. Eamon Barry, Fr. Peader and all our priests of the parish who celebrated Dan's funeral mass as well as Teddy the Sacristan and all those who prayed for Dan, gave mass bouquets during his illness, we thank you. Our heartfelt thanks to all the staff at Carechoice Nursing Home, Macroom for their devoted care of Dan during his eight and a half years stay. We would like to thank June and Denis at Costcutter's whom delivered the newspaper daily to Dan. Thank you to Seamus and his staff at the Haven Pharmacy for their constant excellent customer service and also Eileen O' Flynn of the Auld Triangle for the beautiful meal after Dan's funeral. As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our sincere gratitude and appreciation. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

*We miss your smile, your joking ways,
We miss the things you used to say,
And when old times we do recall,
It's then we miss you most of all.*



Anniversary mass will be available on www.churchservices.tv/macroom on Saturday 7th November 2020 at 7.30pm

Ar dheis de go raibh a anam dilis.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

CARMEL MURPHY

**Shronegare, Clondrohid
Died 4th November 2019**

On the first anniversary of the death of our beloved mother, we her children Mary and Sean and our families, wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to all those who offered sympathy, condolence and support during our sad loss. Thanks to all our extended family, wonderful neighbours and friends in Clondrohid. Thanks to all who visited our home, attended Carmel's removal and funeral mass, sent mass cards, all who phoned, wrote or travelled long distances to offer sympathy and support. Thanks to the team of home help carers and public health nurses from Macroom Primary Care Centre for their help, care and kindness to Carmel in the months after the death of our Dad Tadg and particular thanks to all of the staff in Care Choice, Macroom who looked after Carmel so well during her short stay there. Thanks to all of the doctors, nursing and care staff in the Accident and Emergency Unit of Cork University Hospital and the ambulance crew for their care and support for Carmel. Our heartfelt thanks to Father Joe Rohan in Clondrohid for his prayers and funeral Mass. Thanks also to Micheál Creedon and the staff of the Abbey Hotel Ballyvourney and to Fitzgerald's Undertakers Macroom for their kind and professional service. As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our sincere appreciation.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for the intentions of all.



FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

MARY CRONIN

Dún An Óir, Ballygeary

Who died on 7th November 2019

On Mary's first anniversary we her family would like to express a sincere thank you to all those who extended their condolences, who attended funeral services and sent Mass cards perpetual enrolments, flowers and messages of sympathy.

We would like to sincerely thank our family, friends and fantastic neighbours for their support and generosity and those who travelled to be with us at that difficult time.

We wish to thank Casey's Funeral services for their professionalism and kindness, Fr. Anthony O Mahony and Cannon Martin O

Driscoll for their support and for officiating at the funeral Mass. Thank you to Nell Ni Chroinin for the beautiful singing.

We would also like to thank Martin and Emma Thomas for providing refreshments following the burial. As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually.

Please accept this acknowledgment as a token of our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation.

*We lost a mother,
With a heart of gold
How much we miss her
Can never be told*



In our thoughts and hearts forever
Lovingly remembered today and
always by her family Aileen, Geraldine,
Crothur, Colette, Christin and her adored
grandchildren and great grandchildren.

I Smaointe agus i bpaidreacha do chlann
i gcónaí.

2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

VALERIE O'DONOGHUE

Lyrenageeha, Ballygeary.

Whose second anniversary occurs on
the 8th of November 2020



Sadly missed by family and friends.

12TH ANNIVERSARY



Treasured memories today and
always of a dear niece and cousin

CATHERINE KELLEHER

Late of Rylane and Carriganima

*Deep in our hearts you will always stay,
Loved and remembered everyday.
A smile for all, a heart of gold,
One of the best the world could hold.
Never selfish always kind,
These are the memories you left behind.*

In Gods arms rest in Peace.



Aunty Mary, Connie, Trina, Sheila, Niall
and families.

12TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

CATHERINE KELLEHER

Late of Rylane and Carriganima
Who died on 5th November 2008

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



Loved and remembered by Mom, Ann,
Mort and Celina.

7TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

JERRY O'CALLAGHAN

Goats Hill, Dripsey, Co. Cork

who died on the
11th November 2013

*Beautiful memories
Silently kept
Of one that we loved
And will never forget.*



Recently Deceased, wife Nora
- together now in Heaven.

From your Loving Daughter, Sons and
Grandchildren.

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Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked many favours. This time I ask you this special one, (mention favour).
Take it dear heart of Jesus and place it within your heart where your father sees it.
Then in his merciful eyes it will become your favour, not mine. Amen.
Say this prayer three times for three days and your favour will be granted.
Never known to fail.
Must promise publication of prayer.

DM

THE MIRACLE PRAYER



Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked many favours. This time I ask you this special one, (mention favour).
Take it dear heart of Jesus and place it within your heart where your father sees it.
Then in his merciful eyes it will become your favour, not mine. Amen.
Say this prayer three times for three days and your favour will be granted.
Never known to fail.
Must promise publication of prayer.

MG & KM

8th ANNIVERSARY



With love we remember

OLAN COLLINS

**Coomaclohy Ballyvourney
Late of Aghavrin Coachford
Who's 8th Anniversary occurs on the
18th of November**

*A smile for all, A heart of gold,
one of the best, this world could hold.
Never selfish, always kind,
Those are the memories you left behind.
We speak your name with love and pride.
We smile through tears, we try to hide,
we thank you for the years we shared,
the love you gave, and all the way you care.
Deep in our hearts, you will always stay,
loved and remembered everyday.*



Lovingly remembered by Noreen,
Mairead, John, Molly, Daniel and Conor.

ANNIVERSARIES



In loving memory of

**CON & SHEILA
O'BRIEN**

**Coomaguire Ballyvourney
who's 33rd and 27th anniversaries
occur around this time**

*We cannot bring the old days back,
when we were altogether,
but treasured memories we have of you,
will stay with us for ever.*



Always remembered by your loving
family.

St Gobnait pray for them

DAN (DONAL) QUILL



**Mondaniel, Rathcormac, Co. Cork
and late of Macroom**

2nd Anniversary

- November 9th, 2018 -

In loving memory of my dear husband Dan (Donal). Dear dad to Don, Gavin and Orla, father-in-law to Owen Hickey, granddad to Kate and Olly Hickey. If we could walk to heaven, we would ask God to send you home again. There was no time for goodbye or farewell words. You were gone so fast, our hearts are broken and the tears still flow. What it meant to lose you, no one will ever know. A little prayer to Jesus say for him. Always missed and forever remembered by Mary, Don, Gavin, Orla and Owen, Kate and Olly.

Mass will be streamed online at 10am from Rathcormac church on Thursday, November 12th.

ANNIVERSARIES



In loving memory of

**FINBARR
MURPHY**

Died 21st October 2005

**NORA
MURPHY**

Died 4th November 2017

**TEDDY
MURPHY**

Died 30th April 1992

Tir na Spideoga, Inchigeela

*Will those who think of them today,
A little prayer to Jesus say.*



Fondly remembered by Kathleen and extended family

11TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**MICHAEL
DINEEN**

Oakville, Cloughduv

*Gone is the face we loved so dear
Silent is the voice we loved to hear
Too far away for sight or speech
But not too far for thought to reach
Sweet to remember him who once was here
And who, though absent, is just as dear.*



Loved and remembered always
Mary and Michael.

PRAYER FOR A SPECIAL REQUEST

O Dear Mother of God, Our Lady of Conception Aparecida!
Oh! Saint Rita of Cassia an Saint Jue worker of miracles and helper of impossible causes, pray for me.
St. Expeditus, Saint of urgent causes, St Edwiges, the Saint of the needy, you know how desperate I feel, please aske Jesus to help me.
(Here mention your request)
May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored and glorified for ever.
Pray 1 Our Father, Hail Mary, Gloria.
Pray for 3 days, Publish on the 3rd day.
See what will happen on the 4th day.

MK

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16TH ANNIVERSARY



Precious memories today and always of my eldest son and brother

ALAN HEALY

Late of 5 Belmont Place, Crookstown who died on the 7th November 2004, aged 31

*Sad are the hearts that loved you,
Sad are the tears that fall.
But living our lives without you Alan,
Is the hardest part of all.*



Sadly missed by his loving mother Noreen, sisters Christine and Caroline and brother in law Derek.

20TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

PETER O'LEARY

Carriganima, Macroom who died on 29th October 2000

*A light is from our household gone,
The voices we loved are still,
A place is vacant in our home,
That never can be filled.*



Always remembered by your daughter Hannah Mary, son in law Tadgh, granddaughter Gobnait and grandson Martin.

8TH ANNIVERSARY



Thoughts of our dearly beloved

LAURENCE BUCKLEY

Gurrane, Clondrohid, who died 10th November 2012

*Gone from our sights
but always in our hearts.*



Eileen and family

9TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

FLORENCE LEHANE

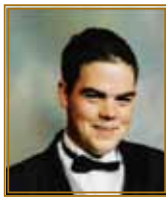
Monkstown and Railway View Macroom, Whose anniversary occurs on 5th November

*A daily thought,
A silent prayer,
A constant wish that you were here.
An empty place no one can fill,
We miss you today and always will.*



Forever in our hearts and always in our thoughts her loving son Pat, twin sister Mary, nephew Denis, daughter in law Carol, grandchildren Conor, Jennifer, Lucy and Richard.

16TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

EAMON HORGAN

Lyrenageeha, Ballingearry, Cork who died on 12th November 2004

*A smile for all, a heart of gold,
One of the best the world could hold.
Never selfish, always kind.
These are the memories
You left behind.*

*As you were you'll always be,
Someone special in our memory.*



Remembered with love by all his family & friends.

Ar dheis De go raibh a anam dhilis.

7TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

PADDY (BOBBY) COONEY

Gurthinaden, Kilnamartyra who died on 11th November 2013

*Gone from our home that smiling face,
the cheerful happy ways,
the heart that won so many friends,
in bygone happy days.*



Always remembered by his daughters Siobhán and Sheila, son in law Pat and grandchildren Hannah, Bobby and Julie

3RD ANNIVERSARY



Treasured & Loving Memory of

MARY TWOMEY

Ballymacorcoran, Clondrohid, Macroom Who passed away on the 5th November 2017

*Silent thoughts, sincere and true
From a family who thought
the world of you.
No longer in our lives to share
But in our hearts you're always there.*

Rest in Peace



Fondly remembered always by your loving family

9TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

RICHARD CAHILL

Crookstown, Co. Cork. Who died 5th November 2011

*Time and years slip quietly by;
But love and memories never die,
In our hearts you will always stay,
Loved and remembered everyday*



Fondly remembered by your wife and family

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