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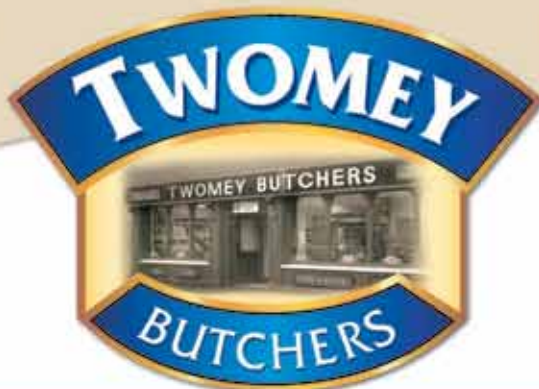
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# Editor's NOTE

It's that time of year, where Santa and his elves are busy working away. The good news is, Santa doesn't have to quarantine this year, so is still on course for a bumper year of deliveries. The bad news is the Christmas markets won't take place this year. But Macroom and its environs have made the most of the festive season and 'decked the halls' with beautiful Christmas lighting and

shop displays. We had a lovely stroll through town the other night, to take in all the wonderful displays. The children enjoyed it immensely, the Christmas tree was a particular favourite, lit-up like a 'beacon of hope' after a tough year. It costs nothing for you and me, to stroll around and soak up the good cheer. But remember our local businesses have put a lot of thought and money into making the town and villages, look pretty at this time of year. Where possible, shop

local, support local jobs, grab a coffee, order a takeaway, buy the book and keep locals in business.

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*Sarah Kate Murphy*  
EDITOR

## Christmas in Macroom 2020



Social Distancing at the turning on the lights in Macroom, Cllr Michael Looney, Marie O'Leary, Macroom Municipal District Officer, Cllr Martin Coughlan, Chairman Macroom Municipal District, Jo Lovell, Lee Valley Enterprise Board, Pat O'Connell, Chairman Lee Valley Enterprise Board, Cllr. Ted Lucey, Lily Healy, Flower of Macroom. © Peter Scanlan

### Macroom's Christmas Lights were switched on at the Town Hall on Friday November 27th by Lily Healy, Flower of Macroom.

Pat O'Connell Chairman of the Lee Valley Enterprise Board said that this was the 20th year the lights were being erected. The lights were first purchased in 2000 as a millennium

project and this year the board have spent in the region of €10,000 in the purchase of new festoon lighting and street crossings. He also thanked Macroom Municipal District Council for their financial support towards the erection of the lights and Martin Coughlan who co-ordinates the whole project and all the workers who help

with the erection of the Christmas Lighting. He also appealed to everyone in Macroom and the Lee Valley to support their own shops in order to help keep businesses open.

Martin Coughlan Chairman of Macroom Municipal District Council stated that this year's event had to take a different format due to Covid 19. Our Christmas Market and fun and entertainment for children all had to be cancelled but he said it was great we were able to erect the Christmas Lighting and hopefully it will give the businesses and the people of the Lee Valley a lift as we head into Christmas. Martin also thanked the Municipal District Council for purchasing new Christmas Lights and all the workers who were engaged in the erecting of Christmas Lights.

Lily Healy said she was delighted to be asked to switch on the Christmas lights and thanked all those who were involved in putting the lights together. She also said that despite the Covid 19 restrictions Santa has got permission to deliver all the presents to the children of Macroom this Christmas.

Cllr Michael Looney and Cllr Ted Lucey stated that it is vital the people shop local this year as businesses have had a difficult year due to Covid 19 lockdowns and they wished everyone a Happy Christmas.

## Macroom Artist Feature

### Sora's Story – Young Jeweller.

Sora is a young entrepreneur who started jewellery-making seventeen years. Her business, La Zuli Jewellery, sells beautiful bespoke jewellery pieces, using silver, gold and gemstones.

Having finished Youthreach, Sora attended a PLC course in Art, Craft and Design at St. John's College, Cork. Although she excelled in many subjects, jewellery-making was the craft that most attracted her.

Lockdown provided a perfect opportunity for her to set up her studio and spend time making her collection. She called on friends for help when needed, such as Jack Carter who designed Sora's website.

If you're interested in seeing some of Sora's creations head to [www.lazulijewellery.com](http://www.lazulijewellery.com)

Sora Barnett left mainstream school at 15 to study at Youthreach, and she completed her QQI3 and QQI4 – ses in two years – this is the equivalent of taking the Junior and Leaving Certificate courses in just two years. She



graduated with distinction and progressed on to St John's College where she successfully completed a QQI5 Course in Art Craft and Design. By Ms Ann O'Riordan, Director Youthreach, Macroom.

The meaning of Sora is sky. True to her name, Sora draws inspiration from the sky and all things natural.

Luckily, I was privileged to see some of her

work, and it is fine, exquisite, pretty, different, and very attractive.

Her pieces include rings, earrings, bracelets, and necklaces, with some matching sets. My favourite pieces were two silver bracelets. Sora also works with gold and gemstones. Among her collection are silver necklaces featuring images of a hare, and a dolphin; the hare image was featured on an Irish pre-decimalization coin

By Con Kelleher.

Photos right: Some of Sora's creations



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# Macroom Tidy Towns

Nostalgic photographic collection - Muskerry through the Mac Suibhne lens - to raise significant funds for Macroom Tidy Towns' Riverbank Project



Watching the UDC Count in Macroom in 1985



Tug O War at Ballingearry Show in 1988



Iveleary GAA with their trophies in 1985

A much-anticipated photo book featuring a collection of images cataloguing life in the entire Muskerry Region from 1983 to 1989 is due out in the coming days with all proceeds going to Macroom Tidy Towns' Riverbank Project.

The 160-plus page Muskerry through the Mac Suibhne Lens photographic collection features nostalgic images taken by local photographer, Seán Mac Suibhne, over that era. It includes GAA, soccer and basketball teams, images of local characters and sports stars as well as pictures taken in local schools, at election counts, musicals, of scouts and guides, social gatherings in parishes in the region, hunts, St Patrick's Day parades and so much more.

A brief synopsis of key local and national events compiled by Seán's late wife, Máire Mac Suibhne, is also included, making the long-awaited publication a fascinating social history of the extensive mid-Cork area and a timely trip down memory lane as the Christmas season approaches.

The fund-raising publication, which is supported by the IRD Duhallow LEADER Programme, has taken over a year to compile and every cent raised will be ploughed into the Macroom Tidy Towns' Riverbank Project.

The entire €20 charged per book will help finance the widening of the pathway from the carpark at Macroom Bridge towards the Woodland Amenity area containing Fairy Garden, Sensory Garden and Biodiversity plot. The proceeds will also help fund the development of permanent seating in the area and the erection of a fitting memorial to the men and women of the locality who perished here along the riverbank as they were turned away from the workhouse during the Famine era.

It's Seán Mac Suibhne's first time to publish a book of his own images. Several years ago, he and Máire worked voluntarily together for a number of years to publish an extensive

collection of the late Dennis Dineen's images. It sold out within weeks, raising significant funds for Macroom Senior Citizens in the process.

Speaking ahead of the launch of Muskerry Through the Mac Suibhne lens, Seán Mac Suibhne paid tribute to his late wife, adding that this collection was all her idea. Both Seán and Máire worked side by side as voluntary Editor and Photographic Editor of the Lee Valley Outlook for over 17 years.

"This was very much Máire's project. It's a publication we worked on together as a family for over a year. It's heart-breaking that Máire is not here to see its publication and that we didn't get to have an official launch. But we know she's with us in spirit and we're delighted to remember her and pay tribute to her in this book and to raise funds for such a worthy project which was so close to her heart. Máire loved books, loved history and she loved Macroom and the Muskerry region and both will benefit from this publication."

Macroom Tidy Towns' Committee Secretary, John Lyons, said copies of the book will be distributed across the Muskerry region over the coming days. He urged everyone to support the initiative. "We all know the value of shopping local and supporting local this Christmas. We're urging people from across this region to buy this book and support a very worthy local project. The images are fascinating and several of the scenes captured will never be repeated.

"Seán and Máire spoke to us on several occasions about their wishes for the funds this book will raise. Work is already underway to make these plans a reality. The riverside area leading to the Woodland Amenity area containing Fairy Garden, Sensory Garden and Biodiversity plot is a fantastic resource in the heart of our town and we're delighted that the Mac Suibhne family chose our project as the beneficiary of the entire funds from the sale of this book. We are also very thankful to IRD Duhallow LEADER Programme for their



A 10K run passes through Macroom



Martin Coughlan, Sean MacSuibhne and John Lyons on the riverbank in the heart of Macroom

financial support and guidance," Mr Lyons added.

IRD Duhallow LEADER Programme CEO Maura Walsh said: "We're pleased to support the social history that is Muskerry Through the Mac Suibhne Lens and to help finance a publication that will benefit the Riverbank Project in Macroom. This is a development that will improve the quality of life of local people as well as visitors to the town and when complete, it will encourage even more families to walk, to appreciate the flora and fauna of this area and to use the picturesque and magical amenity area just below Macroom Bridge."





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# McEgan Musings

## COLLEGE AWARENESS WEEK

College Awareness Week took place in McEgan College recently. All Subject departments participated in the event. Many students got to investigate college courses related to the different subjects they are studying at school. In normal times, it is a week where the school community look forward to welcoming back past pupils to share with students their experience at the various colleges. However due to covid, past pupils returned 'virtually' sharing their experiences and many challenges of online learning. Students heard online presentations from past pupils studying in Cork Institute of Technology, Colaiste Stiofain Naofa, University College Cork, University of Limerick among many more. Much of the advice highlighted the importance of following your passion and how it is possible to succeed with supports such as The Higher Education Access Route (HEAR) regardless of what barriers may be presented to you along your journey. Many of the presentations highlighted different advice to all year groups. There was great evidence too of the benefits of taking PLC courses after the Leaving Cert. We heard from one student who began her studies doing a PLC in Colaiste Stiofain Naofa and who has progressed through the QQI route and currently studying an Arts degree in UCC. First-hand information was given by past pupils to current students on their areas of current and previous study, college accomodation, The HEAR programme, SUSI grants, deferring a course among much more. It is hoped that students got as much from this as the teachers did who felt great admiration as to growth in not only the academic but also personal development of the school's alumni. Much focus this year was put on the growing opportunities in the area of Apprenticeships especially now that so many new ones have been introduced such as Accounting Technician, Auctioneering and Insurance Practioniner. Those students who feel they would like to enter the workforce immediately on completion of the Leaving Cert were encouraged to look at this area as combining such work with study will increase not only ones qualification status but earning potential into the future.

All teachers throughout the week shared their own college experiences with their classes, something which is always a highlight for the students. The advice for parents is that they have a major role in influencing their childs educational progression and it is never too early to start having the conversation at home.

## POP UP SHOP

McEgan TY students look forward each year to

## NATIONAL RECOGNITION OF INDEPENDENCE MUSEUM KILMURRY

Independence museum Kilmurry was delighted to learn that they were chosen as the 1st runner up in the 'Best For Families', and the 'Best In Ireland' Categories, in the



McEgan College Pupils who fundraised for the Charity Alone



The students were presented with their Junior Cycle Profile of Achievement (JCPA), The Junior Cert Schools Programme certificates (JCSP) and a certificate to recognise their completion of the Junior Cycle at McEgan College.



McEgan College pupils during College Awareness Week

the Christmas Markets in Macroom Town Square, where they promote and sell their products. But due to COVID restrictions, this very popular event has now been cancelled for 2020. However, the enterprising students have decided (with the cooperation of the Macroom Municipal Council) to have their own "pop-up" shop on the run up to Christmas with the support of their teacher Mr O Driscoll. It will be situated in the Town Square on Tuesday the 1st, 8th & 15th of December and a number of other dates also (to be announced). There will be numerous gift ideas on display, but the students are particularly excited about their "Brown Bread Mix" which they have developed recently. Using the famous "Whole meal" flour from Waltons Mills on the Colehane Road, the students have come up with a delicious recipe for Brown Bread. So why not drop by to the students Pop-up shop' for Christmas, you won't be disappointed.

## BLOODY SUNDAY AND THE KILMICHAEL AMBUSH

First year history students in Ms Condon's History class took a break from learning about Ancient Ireland and focused on the importance of two key historical events Bloody Sunday and the Kilmichael Ambush during the War of Independence. The pupils were eager to learn about these pivotal events in our nation's history.

Unfortunately, due to Covid, we were unable to visit the historic site of the Kilmichael Ambush but watched archives from RTÉ explaining the importance of both events in the history of our state. We watched the GAA's commemoration video on YouTube and learned about the victims of Bloody Sunday. The pupils learned about the bravery of Commandant Tom Barry and his men who defeated the Auxiliaries. Many thanks to SNA Marie O Riordan who did a great job teaching the class the chorus of the "Boys Of Kilmichael", which could be heard throughout the corridors of McEgan.

## JUNIOR CERT 2020 CELEBRATION IN MCEGAN COLLEGE

The Junior Cert Class of 2020 of McEgan College finally got to celebrate their Junior Cert recently. The Covid lockdown in March effectively ended the Junior Cert State Exams for these pupils. They engaged with online learning throughout the rest of the academic year and completed their end of year exams online also. Unfortunately, they did not sit the formal State Examinations in June 2020. The students were presented with their Junior Cycle Profile of Achievement (JCPA), The Junior Cert Schools Programme certificates (JCSP) and a certificate to recognise their completion of the the Junior Cycle at McEgan College.

## Kilmurry HAA:

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# St. Mary's Musings

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**TRANSITION YEARS** students participated in a fun afternoon recently. Both class groups enjoyed a dance lesson with Aideen Johnson and played cards (covid style) in the canteen. Thanks to Ms Collins for organising this for the girls they really enjoyed the afternoon.

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The shop will sell crested gear through the O'Neill's website [www.oneills.com/shop-by-team/education/schools/st-mary-s-macroom.html](http://www.oneills.com/shop-by-team/education/schools/st-mary-s-macroom.html). Thanks so much to Ms Queally and our Student Council for organising this for all of us, we can't wait to start shopping.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our own Erika O'Shea and the Cork Ladies Football team who had a fantastic win over Cavan recently. Well done Erika, we are so proud of you. Best of luck in the rest of the Championship.

D'eagraigh 4A1 lá iontach as Gaeilge do dhaltai sa cheathrú bliain inniu mar chuid de Gaeilge24. Thosaigh na daltaí le bricfeasta ag 11.15, agus ansin imeachtaí ó 12.15 go dtí a 3 - rince, ióga, tóraíocht taisce, tráth na gceist agus i bhfad níos mó. Chríochnaigh siad an lá le scannán fáisnéise as Gaeilge bunaithe ar an gcróí (chun cheangal a dhéanamh leis an Seachtain Eolaíochta atá ar siúl ar scoil faoi láthair) agus go leor milseáin. Fuaireamar an seans chun cúpla port a fháil ó dhaltai ceolmhara chomh maith! Maith sibh a chailíní - lá den scoth a bhí ann!! Ná déan dearmad - lean orainn ar Instagram @ gaeilgeag\_scoilmhuire



MUSIC STUDENTS WHO ARE RECORDING SONGS AND MUSIC FOR OUR CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE



1ST YEAR ART STUDENTS MAKING CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS FROM CLAY



**ON THE 11TH OF NOVEMBER** Sisters Katie and Siobhan Cronin, Sadhbh Bourke and Orla Lynch performed another Zoom concert for CareChoice residents. Well done girls, it so lovely of you to give back to your local community in this way. Thanks to Elaine and Ms Queally for organising the concert.

Four music students, Órla Lynch, Sadhbh Bourke in fourth year and Katie Cronin, Méabh Bradley in third year, played beautiful music for the Macroom Hospital Memorial Mass which took place in the church last week. It was streamed to the hospital. Thanks so much to Ms Donovan and to the girls for being so giving of their time and talent.

First year art classes are really enjoying making their own Ceramic Christmas Decorations. The girls came up with their own unique designs before making them in clay. They are excited to see how the finished product will look when they've been glazed fired in the kiln. Well done girls.

**INFORMATION ON 2 OF OUR BT YOUNG SCIENTIST PROJECTS:**

Donna McCarthy, Emma Cahill and Roisin

O'Donoghue are in the middle of preparing for the BT Young Scientist with their project Misogynistic Minds. It is an investigation into what levels of sexism are experienced by girls in our local area. They have surveyed many girls aged 13-18 to discover their experiences and encounters with misogyny in sports, at school, at home and in any other public area to enlighten others as to how prominent sexism against women really is in our local vicinity. Elina Wanitschke, Charmaine Ngwenya and Amanda Marcinkevica's project is titled "Does the temperature of where a battery is stored effect the electric current?" The girls got thinking about this at the start of the year when the Young Scientist was mentioned in class and wondered if batteries were stored in temperatures above/below room temperature, would it cause the current flowing through a circuit to be different. The girls will store 9V batteries in various household locations at different temperatures and build an electrical circuit to test their theory! Best of luck with your projects girls!

## MACROOM LIBRARY

Level 5 restrictions have lifted for the libraries and we will be reopened to the public on Tuesday 1st December for book selection, internet use and printing but with time constraints. We would like to take the opportunity to thank our patrons for their support & good wishes over these last weeks. Patrons will be able to request books/items from other locations. Patron memberships are renewed until the 1st April 2021, all borrowed items/books are renewed until the 19th January.

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For further details on other services online, please check our social media for updates and the library notes in the Lee Valley Outlook.

**CHILDREN'S COLOURING COMPETITION CHRISTMAS 2020**

There are three categories (Under 7 years, 7-9 years and 10 - 12 years) with two winners in each category, so you have plenty of chances to win!

The colouring sheets will be available for collection at the library counter and completed

entries should be returned by Thursday 17th December.

All winning artwork will be displayed in Macroom Library for Christmas 2020. Any queries, please contact 026/42483 or email [macroom.library@corkcoco.ie](mailto:macroom.library@corkcoco.ie).

**CHRISTMAS WINDOW DISPLAY**

The Christmas window display is sure to be special this year as the Macroom Purlies Knitting group have excelled themselves once again. It will be going in our window shortly so keep an eye out in the run up to Christmas. Thank you always for supporting your local library.

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## Leabharlann Bhaile Bhúirne

It's beginning to look a lot like... we're open again although not quite like before! It's lovely to be able to welcome our customers back to the library in person this week. I'm sure you are all happier to be able to select your own books rather than me making random selections for you as would have been the case if we were only allowed offer an order and collect service. So you are welcome to come and choose your own books, but we do ask that you keep your visit short. To allow for social distancing there is a limit on how many people can be in Leabharlann Bhaile Bhúirne at one time. Please check with the librarian from the door to make sure that it is okay to enter. If you have to wait please do not block the doorway, keep it clear so that those inside can exit safely. Please sanitise your hands on entering the library before you make your book selection. All children have to be supervised and are requested not to enter the adult section of the library. Things have changed a little at the desk too so please follow the librarian's directions on how you should scan your books on return and when checking books out too. Unfortunately, the public access computer is not available.

Ag am athoscailte, iarr cead dul isteach ón leabharlannaí ón doras le do thoil. Ceadáítear ceathrar ar a mhéad i rannóg na ndaoine fásta agus teaghlach amháin i rannóg na leanaí ag aon am amháin. Coimeád do chuairt chomh gearr agus is féidir le do thoil. Lean rialacha na deighilte sóisialta agus tú ag roghnú leabhair agus ag an gcuntar. Tá athrú beag tagtha ar rudaí ag an deasc chomh maith agus mar sin lean treoracha an leabharlannaí maidir le conas leabhair a scanadh. Tá brón orainn, níl ríomhairí poiblí ar fáil. Ná déan dearmad do lámha a ghlanadh ag teacht isteach. Táim ag tnúth go mór le bualadh leat.

Cork County Council has launched Operation ARCC! A Real Cork Christmas!! One of the aims of this is to explore Christmas traditions. Cork County Council would love to hear about Christmas traditions from all over the county and would particularly love to hear about the old traditions of Christmases past. So please share your Christmas memories, traditions, stories, photos or songs so that they can be shared throughout the community of County Cork. Any contributions can be emailed to [agefriendly@corkcoco.ie](mailto:agefriendly@corkcoco.ie) or posted to Age

Friendly Office, Floor 5 (The Tower), County Hall, Cork. Or submit them through your local library. Please include your name, address and telephone number so that your contribution can be acknowledged. We are really looking forward to hearing about all those real Cork Christmas traditions.

Seachtain Leabharlaine Na hÉireann 2020 ón 30 Samhain go dtí 6 Nollaig.

An fód á sheasamh ag leabharlanna: Leanúnachas i ngéarchéim.

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Dé Sathairn (Saturday): 10.00am - 1.00pm\*

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General Practice Dress in Covid Times (November 2020), Ballyvourney Health Care Centre; Locum Dr Con Kelleher, Practice Nurse Margaret Lynch. (Nora Gallagher)



New Garden in Ballyvourney - developed by the Ballyvourney Tidy Towns Association. (C. Kelleher)

## Coachford Calling

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Due to the success of the local car run for Penny Dinners, we are delighted to follow up with a Christmas run. Penny Dinners require all types of food and your help with this is greatly appreciated.

### COACHFORD DROP OFF

Helena Moynihan Merrigan and Leonie Merrick, will be opposite Dairy-gold in Coachford for the next two Saturdays. The 5th of December and the 12th of December from 10 am to 11.30 am. Dripsey Drop Off

Trisha McCullagh will be outside Feeney's in Dripsey on the 5th and 12th of December from 10 am to 11.30 am.

You can drop food to Coachford Post Office anytime during the week. And Kathleen's shop is creating up hampers. If you'd like to donate to this, cash donations are welcome.

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## Clondrohid Notes

**CHURCHES:** Great to see churches reopening for Masses etc this week.

Mass will be celebrated in Carriganima at 6pm and Clondrohid at 7.30pm on this Saturday. Sunday Mass will be celebrated in Clondrohid at 9.30am, and in Carriganima the following weekend. Mass will continue online.

Special prayers, Rosary, Confessions, and Benediction will be held on the 1st Saturday of every month for 5 months from 12 to 3pm. Please feel free to drop in during this time and stay for as long as is possible or tune in online. All Covid regulations will be in place for all ceremonies in the churches. Sanitize on entering, collect the disinfectant wipe to clean

your seat on leaving, wear a mask and keep your distance at all times.

A big Thank You to Fr. Joe and all who helped at the memorial Mass for the Holy Souls. The Holy Souls were well remembered and prayed for in the Parish during November. Thank you, Fr. Joe. There will be no outdoor collection for St. Vincent de Paul this year, but envelopes are available on the racks at back of both churches, and donations can be put in same and left at Healy's Spar.

Please remember all donations will be kept locally.

**CARRIGANIMA FUN RUN WALK:** Due to Covid this will not take place this year, but the

hard-working committee are doing a collection for the Penny Dinners. It commenced on Sunday Nov 29 but will continue up to Dec 12/13 approx.

There will be a red van parked outside the pub in Carriganima from 3 to 5pm. Items can be dropped into the van, there will be someone there to give a hand.

Hand Sanitizer is very welcome this year. Due to Covid no clothes can be accepted, and all toys must be new. Other than that the usual items are ok.

Social distancing and Covid guidelines must be adhered to at drop off point.

## Uibh Laoire Notes

### *"Those Brave Boys so Gallant and True..."*

The Kilmichael ambush centenary has come and gone and much continues to be written about it. I had the great honour once upon a time to have met the heroic few who as the song says "fought 'neath the green flag of Eireann". When I was young, on Ambush Sunday, the volunteers of Kilmichael held their commemoration Mass at Castletown-Kinneigh and afterwards Tom Barry would march them along the road at the site of the ambush. Then after speeches and National Anthem, they headed for Creedon's Hotel in Inchigeela where, along with families and friends, they dined, sang, danced and reminisced for the evening. My friends and I being young did not appreciate the significance of the special day, nor that without knowing it "we walked among giants" although now they were old and some limped along. And, strangely, though we lived 5 miles or less from the site, at school we were not told about the ambush, that historians now regard as a most significant turning point in our history. The state, the Dept of Education or the media gave little credence to its importance. I still don't know why. And even TG4 news coverage of the centenary, on the day( on the 28th day of November) gave it about 3 minutes, although a reporter and camera spent all day interviewing and filming at the ambush site and in Inchigeela. Strange also though, that

in recent years, the crowds thronging to the commemoration from all over Ireland have increased dramatically "So, forget not the Boys of Kilmichael ...".

#### **CROI NA LAOI**

The Inchigeela development group are at present preparing the end-of-year newsletter. Having got a preview of it I can say that it is a credit to them to have done so much in a year that presented one difficulty after another. We hope that next year will be kinder to them. They have received a tree and some Christmas lights for the village, from Cork Co Council in recognition for their efforts in recent times. And the group have bought more lights to give the village a festive atmosphere in these hard times.

#### **MASKS**

Joan O Neill, Capanclare, Inchigeela, continues to make face masks, as she has done all summer and autumn. From the proceeds, Joan has given €500 to the Pieta House Fund, €1,000 to Sulane Haven, €1,000 to Friends of Dunmanway Hospital and this week she donates €500 to Marymount Hospice. Well done Joan!

#### **SUPPORT FOR SENIOR CITIZENS**

This service, giving advice and reassurance to senior men and women is available 7 days a week, 8am to 8pm by calling 0818222024. You may not need this service but you may be able to convey the details to somebody who might benefit from it.

#### **SUNDAYS WALK**

This "tidy" walk is number 4 in the walks marked

out by Croi na Laoi and is my favourite stroll. We begin at the centre of Inchigeela and head southwards over the Lee bridge or better known as the Big Bridge by local people. Shortly, having crossed into Capanclare ( meaning the flat potato ridges), turn left on the Dunmanway road where the road rises gently until you are past Cooroloch Lake. At the next cross-roads (Bohanes Cross) Turn right and onto a lovely narrow quiet road or bótharín, which will take you to the south Lake Road. This little road winds through unspoiled wooded countryside of mainly oak trees giving us a glimpse of what Ireland once must have looked like, although the present oaks may not be as impressive as their majestic ancestors. The walk is nicest when the leaves are on the trees. Next the village, the Cork /Kerry mountains and the western part of our parish comes in view. Follow a gurgling stream downhill at Céim Daunt and you are out on the south Lake road and head right for Inchigeela to complete the loop. Some more energetic people may take in the River Island loop on the return route to Inchigeela. The walks are well marked by signposts. Enjoy.

#### **BAILIÚCHÁN ÉADAÍ**

The national school in Ballingearry holds its annual fundraising clothes collection on Sat/Sun 12th and 13th of Dec. Collection will take place in the yard of Coláiste na Mumhan on each of these 2 mornings.



Mothers of Kilmurry 1st Holy Communion pose for the camera.



Margaret O'Sullivan, Rylane, who received her B.A. (Hons.), degree at the November 2020 Conferings.



## Margadh na Nollag ar líne i nGaeltacht Mhúscraí

Tá rudaí álainn ann don Nollaig – togha gach bídh, rogha an cheoil, cístí gleoite agus blasta agus hata i gcomhar do chat! Chuir Comharchumann Forbartha Mhúscraí tús leis an bhfeachtas seo de dheasca nach mbeadh na margadh Nollag traidisúnta áitiúla ag dul ar aghaidh i mbliana. "Tuigimid go léir go raibh bliain uafásach ag na mhiondioltóirí agus táimid ag iarraidh tacú leo. Tuigeann pobal na háite, agus pobal na tíre cé chomh tábhachtach is atá sé seasamh taobh le taobh le na gnólachtaí áitiúla i mbliana. "Ach anuas air sin is údar broid é go bhfuil tairgí álainn sa cheantar, lámh dánta, agus saothair éalaine den chéad scoth", arsa Caroline Ní Nualláin, Bainisteoir an Chomharchumainn.

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## Christmas goes online for the Múscraí Gaeltacht!

All the ingredients for a Nollaig Shona – food, cakes, drink, music, and a hat for your cat! Spearheaded by the local community Co-operative, Comharchumann Forbartha Mhúscraí, grew this plan as a response to help crafts people and traders affected by Covid 19, especially during the Christmas period.

"Who doesn't feel for the artists and local producers during this time?" asked Caroline Ní Nualláin, manager of the Community Co-op. We are so lucky to have such talented people working in the area making beautiful unique handmade products. This is a great opportunity to showcase them and to show support for each other by shopping locally this Christmas.

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# MY GRANDMOTHER AND THE KILMICHAEL AMBUSH

By Bridget Goulding, KHAA

Born in 1889, my grandmother was Ellen (Nell) Cahalane from Ahakeera, Dunmanway. In May 1918, she joined the Aulagh Branch, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Cork Brigade of Cumann na mBan and was, shortly after, appointed Treasurer. Amongst the many duties of the women of Cumann na mBan were practical activities such as knitting socks and scarves for the Volunteers, fundraising, purchasing shirts and cigarettes to supply the men. As Treasurer, Nell carried the extra responsibility of keeping money and first aid supplies hidden in safe places due to frequent raids by the RIC. She was also involved in helping the Flying Column 'which were often billeted in the area.' Cumann na mBan were also engaged in potentially dangerous duties such as carrying dispatches, concealed weapons, intelligence gathering and send food or clothes parcels to the men in prison.

In the months leading up to the Kilmichael Ambush, as the Cahalane home was situated near headquarters, my grandmother catered for active service units, providing meals and clean clothing for the Column who were regularly in ambush positions on the Manch Road. For instance, on the 12th May 1920, arrangements were made to ambush a military cycle patrol. Approximately 40 Volunteers, nearly all armed with shotguns, took up position behind a roadside fence north of the road and were extended over a distance of about 100 yards. They remained in position from 2 am to 7 am but the patrol did not arrive. Amongst those present was Nell's brother, Jeremiah Cahalane. In her thesis in Local History, Mary O'Mahony of Independence Museum Kilmurry, demonstrated the familial links between the Volunteers and Cumann na mBan, i.e. girls who had brothers actively involved in the armed struggle, were most likely to share their political and military views and to join the women's wing. The Cahalanes were typical in that respect. O'Mahony drew attention to the escalation of the 'gender specific roles' of 'catering, nursing, fundraising and providing food parcels for volunteer prisoners' to much more dangerous activities. Delivering dispatches between the Brigade and Battalion Headquarters was a risky duty, as was concealing and maintaining weapons and ammunition and providing and equipping safe houses for volunteers on the run from British forces.

Kilmichael Ambush itself has been well documented so I am not going to go into the details of the controversial engagement, except as to my grandmother's role on that historic but tragic night. 'Our three casualties were taken away on improvised stretchers,' Volunteer Patrick O'Brien in his Witness Statement recalled and that 'Jim Sullivan, ... was killed instantly, Michael McCarthy who died soon after and Pat Deasy who lived only a few hours. They were taken out of the Company area to the townland of Ahakeera. The local Company there took charge of the dead and they were temporarily buried. When coffins were provided in Inchigeela, Charlie Hurley, Brigade O/C, came immediately to the area and took charge of the dead. He also had the local Company armed to defend the area in case of reprisals during the three



Daniel and Ellen Healy (nee Cahalane) on their wedding day September 1921

following days of the ambush. He arranged the funeral and for a priest to be at the burial at Castletown.....where it was carried out at night' Nell's account is very similar and her words are quoted from her military pension applications: 'On the night of the 28th November, volunteers were continually calling during all hours for food and bedding.' Following the ambush, she was summoned to a farmer's house three miles across country to where the dead and wounded had been taken. On her arrival, 'the bodies of Jim O'Sullivan and Michael McCarthy were there and young Pat Deasy was in a critical condition.' She and other local Cumann na mBan did all they 'possibly could for him but he died within an hour of our arrival'. In Kilmichael Through The Ages, it is stated that Pat Deasy died at 10pm on the night of the ambush. Nell then assisted the local volunteers in 'preparing the three bodies and confining them for removal, then accompanied them to the place of concealment about two miles through bogland.'

At least two members of the Boys of Kilmichael had close connections to the Cahalane family. Nell's brother, Nelius, married Anne Cotter of Curradrinagh in 1929. Anne was the sister of Nelius Cotter, one of the Boys of Kilmichael. Indeed it was in the family home of the Cotter's mother, Collins of Kilnadur, where the planning for the ambush took place with Tom Barry. Following the ambush, it was Nelius Cotter who was assigned the responsibility for removing the injured Pat Deasy and the bodies of the dead to Buttimmers of Gortroe, where they were later buried in the bog. It was Tim O'Connell, a neighbour and close friend of the Cahalanes in Ahakeera, who initially organised temporary hastily made coffins from Bill Good of Shanlaragh and a couple of nights later, he and Nelius Cotter retrieved the bodies from the bog and placed them in coffins bought from Casey's of Inchigeela for burial at Castletown.

Eamonn de Valera was a frequent visitor to the Cotter home and amongst Nelius Cotter's possessions was a wheel of a Crossley Tender from Kilmichael. He also had a bicycle which Leslie Price - future wife of Tom Barry - had left in Cotters when visiting the local Cumann na mBan of which she was a leading member. Which would suggest that my grandmother would have met Leslie Price on one or more of those visits to the area and, most likely Tom Barry, also, as my granduncle, Jeremiah, was at times a member of the Column.

One Sunday in July, just four months short of a century since the Kilmichael Ambush,

I was amongst a group which gathered to visit a number of sites associated with the ambush. Organised by the Coppeen Historical, Archaeological and Cultural Society (CHACS), it proved to be an extraordinary day. Led by local man, Denny Healy, so mesmerized was everyone present, by his unequalled knowledge of the events and places central to that 28th day of November, that hours slipped by in the blink of an eye. So, too, did the intervening one hundred years. Denny has been listening to the stories of the ambush since a small child, speaking to those in the know, learning and absorbing every minute detail and in so doing we found ourselves travelling narrow boreens, familiarising ourselves with lookout areas and buildings central to the ambush.

Maybe it was fitting to end our unforgettable day at Buttimmers, Gortroe. It was arriving into the old farmyard that became, for me, the most emotional of all. There was the farmhouse and the short flight of steps leading to the doorway my grandmother entered that night, little changed in the intervening century. The scene she witnessed was all too tragically easy to imagine, the dead bodies of O'Sullivan and McCarthy and young Pat Deasy's lifeblood streaming from his body as she and her Cumann na mBan comrades battled to save his life. Shortly after her arrival, young Pat Deasy's battle was lost. It is astonishing that the small building across the yard, opposite the dwelling house, has been restored. This was the car house where the Buttimmer's kept the horse car when not in use and across it that dark November night were lain the three bodies of their fallen comrades. Standing in the farmyard and imagining the traumatic scenes imprinted in the very stone of those buildings, I became acutely aware of the palpable presence of my grandmother and granduncles as if standing with us in remembrance. The past and present blended into the recreated reality of that awful winter night 100 years ago and the privilege I had been granted to now whisper a silent prayer in their memory.

I regularly think of my Cahalane great grandparents and the trouble their revolutionary children could have brought to their door. Another son, Dan, the youngest of the eleven siblings, was also active. He was interned for over a year at Newbridge during the Civil War, aged just 17 years. Of course it is also possible that their children developed their nationalistic views right there in that Ahakeera home. Either way, Cornelius and Mary Cahalane must have been possessed of great courage and conviction in those days and weeks after the Kilmichael Ambush. This pivotal event in the War of Independence was right on the family's doorstep and locals lived in fear of retribution. The consequences of the Volunteers actions on that night were extremely serious for everyone in the area. Should any of those actually involved been apprehended by the British forces, they faced being shot on sight. If afforded an actual trial, it was highly likely they would die by execution, having first endured severe beatings and torture.

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Auxiliaries burnt the homes of the O'Donoghue and Kelly families, adjacent to the ambush site, and struck terror into the local population. By then the ambush party were hiding out in a pre-prepared abandoned house at Granure, having marched cross-country at night, seeking to put a safe distance between them and the Auxiliaries bent on revenge. Nell spent the night following the ambush catering for members of the Column who had mobilized quite close to her home at Ahakeera to resist reprisals expected after the ambush.

On the previous night, the bodies of the three men were removed from Gurtroe bog, placed in coffins and shouldered to a furze brake at Hourihan's, Curradrinagh. The following night the graves were opened at Castletown. The coffins were again shouldered from Hourihan's to Cotter's lane where they were placed on waiting horse and carts. The route to Castletown took them through Ahakeera. On reaching the Chambers house in Ballaghanure, there the horses were stabled, the Volunteers shouldered the coffins the remainder of the sad journey to Castletown, arriving there at midnight, where Very Rev. Fr. O'Connell, PP of Enniskeane, was waiting. 'Sean Murphy, Commanding Officer, was present with a full muster of the Ahakeera Volunteers – the Buttimers, O'Neills, the Cahalanes, the O'Connell brothers, Hourihans, Jim Buttimer, Johnny Healy, the Cotter brothers of Curradrinagh, Pat Buttimer, Ardcahan, Jerome Hourihan, Neaskin.'

My grandmother's pension application continues: 'several men from the local Company were on the run during this period, sleeping in

an unoccupied cottage in a mountain about a mile across country from my home. I supplied them with bedclothes and all necessities to keep them as comfortable as possible.' Eventually the dug-out was discovered by the Black and Tans and burned as were the clothes which she had provided them.

On the 4th January 1921, Tim O'Connell, a neighbour and friend of the Cahalanes in Ahakeera, was arrested near Coppeen and taken by the Auxiliaries to the British Headquarters in Dunmanway for interrogation. He endured horrific brutality inflicted on him while in custody and was beaten unconscious. It took a month before Tim could even swallow food. During the several months he spent in various detention centres, he was subjected to severe beatings, sustaining head, face and eye injuries, lifelong hearing loss and health issues. When the Auxiliaries pulled out of Dunmanway after the Truce, they left behind a notebook which contained the name of Tim O'Connell. Like the Cahalanes, Tim found himself on the losing side of the subsequent Civil War and felt he had no option but to emigrate. It appears likely that was the reason, too, that my granduncle, Jeremiah Cahalane, left Ahakeera to join his brothers and sisters in Boston. The fledgling Free State became a cold place for anyone who had vehemently disagreed with the terms of the Treaty. Jeremiah Cahalane and Tim O'Connell are examples of how ideals can turn to conflict, pitting comrade against comrade. Yet, they loved their country too.

In my grandmother's collection of very old photographs is one of Tim O'Connell taken

when Jeremiah returned to Ahakeera on holiday from Boston in 1933, an occasion when old friends, neighbours and IRA colleagues were briefly reunited. During the Truce, many of those involved in the armed conflict took advantage of the ceasefire and married. As did Nell, in September 1921, when she married Daniel Healy, a shoemaker, and moved to his home in Coolduve, just outside Kilmurry village. She died in August 1981, aged 92 years.

The subsequent decades following the War of Independence would see the role played by women largely written out of history. In recent years this situation has finally been rectified and the essential role which these brave women undertook is the subject of in-depth research and a wealth of publications. The women of Cumann na mBan were an extraordinary political and military movement whose vision for freedom and equality was, sadly, greatly suppressed by both state and church. But that's a story for another day.....

A newly released 45-minute film by Coppeen Historical, Archaeological and Cultural Society called Kilmichael – 'A Story of a Century' is available to view at [www.coppeenheritage.com](http://www.coppeenheritage.com) where the story of the Kilmichael Ambush is told and you too can see the farmyard at Buttimers of Gortroe and imagine the tragic scenes of that cold and wet November night of 100 years ago. Photo: Daniel and Ellen Healy (nee Cahalane) on their wedding day September 1921.

*The above and other stories will feature in 'Fallen Leaves' by Bridget Goulding which will be published in 2021, detailing the lives of her ancestors' as they journeyed through history.*

## Johnny Creedon

### All Ireland Bowling

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In Clondrohid there are great Bowlers and in Carriganima too. But tonight is about Johnny Creedon who comes from sweet Mullenroe. A devil may care sort of fellow that might have been you or me. Who poured his young soul out for Bowling, I saw him beat Pat Sullivan at Renaniree. The years are going quite fast now, and sure we can't stop the clock. But I saw him win another great score against Dermot Sullivan, on the road coming in to Danganasillagh. I'll take you back to his younger days when I was a boy just of ten. When he won his first Senior Final its spoken of again and again. His opponent that day was Donie Lehane, a man that could bowl with great style. But he had to give way to Johnny that day on a road they call The Miles. He was a son of Clondrohid, in fact to me a God, and every score that he threw that year he won be over two bowls of odds. Against Barry he defended his title on the road up from Crookstown Cross. And at the half way stage it looked shady, as he was down almost three bowls of odds. The first mile of road was windy, some paid their bets and thought he was beat. But they should have waited longer to see how he bowled in the straight. At this stage Barry was well in the straight and Creedon had peeping



The Irish Team at Cork Airport in 1969

sight don't you see. And Barry's supporters were shouting "Barry to win it by three". But Timmy Cronin put his hand in his pocket and a big ball of notes he pulled out. And his brother Denis followed suit and between them they took up every bet that was out. Creedon was hitting the bowl on the road and he rose to his feet with a grin. Saying Creedon "I'm not here three bowls for to save, I'm here the score for to win" They disputed the shot at the next turn, some said play it wide, while others said play it tight. But Joe Buckley said "Blast it any way Creedon, come out here and see who is wrong and who is right". Creedon then said to the crowd and he wasn't very polite "For God sake please cross the road I'm going to play this bowl very tight"

He played the shot to perfection and it covered half a mile of the straight. Then he turned to Barry and said "Now you have a bowl for to beat" I was up on the ditch with my father in a short pants and so very shy. Yet I can hear Paddy Callaghan and Sean Jersey shouting "I would'nt doubt you Creedon old boy". The Autumn leaves they were falling, the background was amber and green. The cattle were grazing contented and the bowling it was supreme. It was Barry's turn to deliver, how far it went, I don't have a clue. All I could hear was Pat Shea throwing his cap in the air. Saying "Johnny the odds are down under two" Now it was Barry's turn to throw and see what odds would be with the bowl. His backers were



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# History

not very happy as soon they would hear the night owl. He just covered Creedon's long shot and then there was a bare bowl. Creedon's next shot was like a bullet, it was like it came out of a gun. It covered six telegraph poles, so we knew the odds would drop under one. Barry took two bowls to cover this throw, there was five feet between the two Kings. So with three shots left in the score it was Creedon's turn again.

Come on Creedon!!!!

Creedon lined up for the next bowl, he played it with courage and speed. And the roars they could be heard down in Brinny, for we knew that he would take the lead. Barry was "hind" for the first time, the excitement then it grew higher. It was dusk, and the bats were flying over our heads, the height of the telephone wire. Micky Tom was sold out in his mobile shop and he had all the money in a biscuit tin. I saw him myself, he counted it out, and he put it all "down" on Creedon to win!!!!

Micky Tom he doubled his money because Creedon he won the score

The rumble in the jungle was over and Barry's backers were sore

Why? Because they lost the bets on the "three bowls", the "two bowls", the "one bowl", the "lead" and the "score"



Friends congregate for a special Tribute to Johnny Creedon on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2014 at The Bell Inn. FRONT ROW L to R: Dan Joe Cronin, Tim Cronin, Paddy Corkery, Con O'Riordan, John Creedon, Claire Creedon, Pat Creedon, Michael Creedon. BACK ROW L to R: Denis Lucey, Eileen O'Connor, John Kelleher, Michael Lucey, Diarmuid O'Connell, Seamus Sexton, John O'Callaghan, Dan Kelleher, James O'Leary, Pat Kelleher and Andrew O'Connell.



Johnny Creedon on his triumphant homecoming after winning the Munster Title in 1960. Also on stage are Eamon Carroll and Flor Crowley. Seated is Eddie Kenny.



Johnny Creedon, "The Mullinroe Boy" By Derry and Rosie Healy

Creedon's backers were delighted sure they could'nt ask for much more  
The celebrations then they started, they lasted a month and that's true

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## 'Foreign Games' in Macroom 1900-1999, Hockey



A mixed Macroom Hockey team, 1926



Mary Purcell in Irish Hockey Team, c. 1974, (Mary Purcell Collection).

By Con Kelleher

Association football (soccer), rugby, cricket and hockey were banned by the GAA as foreign (= British) games and it admirably suited Cusack's efforts to publicise the infant nationalist GAA organisation. The entwining of politics and sport reverberates in Ireland even to the present day. The GAA games/foreign games dynamic forms a useful framework for examining sport in Macroom over the century. Apart from cricket, hockey, rugby and soccer were played in Macroom in the twentieth century. Competitive hockey and rugby were played before 1925 and 1959 respectively and soccer after 1964. Macroom Hockey is discussed here.

### Hockey in Macroom in the Twentieth Century.

*The similarities in ethos between rugby and ladies hockey in UCC were striking.*

#### John A. Murphy, Irish Historian.

The quotation is taken from Professor John A. Murphy's *Where Finbarr Played*, a history of sport in University College Cork from 1911 2011 and refers to the social class of students who played rugby and hockey in UCC.

While sport has been practised for millenia the development of modern sports, as we recognize

them now, was primarily a product of the second half of the nineteenth century'. Hockey's evolution in Ireland is part of that story.

Like tennis, hockey was an upper-class game played by men and women. In Ireland it remained mostly so for the twentieth century and was part of Ireland's Anglo-centric section of society. Along with rugby, soccer and cricket it was 'banned' by the Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA).

The origin of hockey in Ireland is interesting, sharing so much in common with hurling's beginning that Dagg's *Hockey in Ireland* introductory chapter 'Hurling and Hurley', could preface hurling's history. He notes that 'stick-and-ball games were played the world over from time immemorial', but developed along different paths. A French silver cup (1333), in Copenhagen's National Museum is evidence that hockey was played in fourteenth-century Europe. Burton's *The Anatomy of Melancholy* (1660) mentions hurling as one of the common recreations of English country-folk. Hockey was played in fourteenth-century Ireland, as it was forbidden in the Statutes of Kilkenny in 1366 – as were 'horlinge' (hurling), football, handball and other games. It underlines that hockey and hurling were distinct games.

Hurling and hockey sticks dictated whether the ball could be 'carried' on the stick and marked a key difference between hurling and hockey/shinty. Lord Barrymore arranged hurling matches in Kennington Common, London, around 1816. Blackheath Hockey Club was formed in 1840. Hockey, like rugby and association football, was codified in the late nineteenth century, with the formation of the Hockey Union in 1876. Hockey, hurley and hurling were chips off the same 'ball-and-stick' block, but location and history changed their evolutions.

Trinity College Dublin Hurley Club published rules in 1870 which allowed hitting from one side of the stick only, restricted catching of the ball, and had an 'on-side' rule. The stick was called a 'hurl'. An Irish Hurley Union was formed in 1879. However 'hurley as played by these rules had practically ceased to exist' by the mid 1880s 'but a few years later (1892) the game was revived in the form of hockey'. At a meeting of Dublin Hurling Club in 1883 a set of hurling rules was drawn up. While similar to hurley's rules, it allowed 'lifting and striking', carrying the ball on the stick, though there is no mention of points.

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Group in trench coats and an Auxiliary uniform at Kilmichael Ambush site on Centenary Day, 28 November 2020. (C. Kelleher)



Joe Kelly, Tadhg Dennehy and Lucy Kelly at Kilmichael Ambush site on Centenary Day, 28 November 2020. (C. Kelleher)



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## AGHINAGH MACRA

Aghinagh Macra has had a busy few weeks. Congratulations to Sheila Lynch who made it to the national final of impromptu public speaking which was held over Zoom. Best of luck to our team public speaking cohort of Dermot O'Callaghan, Sheila Lynch and Matthew McCarthy who have also reached the national final. Over to agricultural next where Eibhlis Kelleher will represent Aghinagh Macra in the national final of sheep stock judging which will also be held over Zoom. Aghinagh Macra members have been growing moustaches, running and walking 60km while raising money for Movember. The club has already raised over 1200 for this fantastic cause. Donations can be made through our Facebook page (Aghinagh Mac) or through our Instagram page (aghinaghmacra). All donations are greatly appreciated.

## FUNDASIER FOR MACROOM MEALS ON WHEELS

Aghinagh Macra members are also raising money for a fantastic local cause this Christmas, Macroom Meals on Wheels. We have created a calendar with beautiful scenic photos taken by our members within the parish and the surrounding areas. The calendars will be on sale for €10, please message or Facebook, Instagram page or content our club chairman John Lynch (086-2666789) to book your copy.

## MUSKERRY MACRA

The national final of Macra na Feirme Impromptu Public Speaking took place on Saturday the 28th of November on Zoom. Sheila Lynch represented Muskerry Macra fantastically in the national final. Each contestant gets 3 topics and must talk about each of their topics for 3 minutes. Sheila's topics were film, life lessons and slacking off. Sarah



Cover of the Aghinagh Macra Calendar in aid of "Macroom Meals on Wheels"



Donoughmore Macra won the national final of the Macra na Feirme "Know your Ag" competition sponsored by the Irish Farmers Journal. The competition was held online. The winning Donoughmore team was Diarmuid O'Connell, Sinead Nee, Brian O'Reilly and Alan Twomey.

Beirne from Athboy, County Meath won the final. Aghinagh Macra will represent Muskerry Macra in the national final of team public speaking this coming Saturday the 5th of December with the final being broadcast on Facebook Live on Macra na Feirme's national page. Sheila Lynch, Dermot O'Callaghan and Matthew McCarthy will represent Aghinagh. The men of Aghinagh have just completed Movember and raised over a thousand euro and counting for men's health charities. Elsewhere in the region Donoughmore Macra have just launched their Christmas lights campaign for the Irish Cancer Society. They are looking for people to share pictures of their Christmas lights to spread Christmas cheer and to raise funds for the charity.

Donoughmore Macra sports nights will also return on Tuesday nights. Spaces are limited due to government guidelines on a first come first served basis. More information on can be found on Donoughmore Macra's social media accounts. Crookstown Macra won the regional round of 7 a side football just before the latest level 5 restrictions under lights in Stuake. They now proceed to the national final in the new year. Muskerry games nights will continue to happen virtually on Zoom every Thursday night from 8 to 11pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## LOTTO RESULTS

### AGHINAGH GAA:

Results 16th November 2020

The jackpot was €4,600. The numbers drawn were 11, 16 and 39. There was no jackpot winner. Consolation prizes: €50.00 to Mike Joe & Kitty Corkery, Drombeg. €20 each to Julie Carroll, Dromduve; Kathleen & Seán Shannon, Aughinida; Frank & Ann Keating, Coolkisha; John O'Leary, Dromduve.

### RESULTS 23RD NOVEMBER 2020

The jackpot was €4,750. The numbers drawn were 17, 38 and 42. There was no jackpot winner. Consolation prizes: €50.00 to Thomas Cotter, Bawnmore. €20 each to Noel Lynch, Coolgarriff; Donal O'Callaghan, Rusheen; Gerald and Elaine O'Sullivan, Annagannihy; Kathy O'Callaghan, Ballinagree.

### CANOVEE GAA:

November 14th 8,11,12 ,26 no winner of €5,100 Euro. €50 Euro Connie O'Keeffe Dooniskey. €25 Euro Gus Murphy, Carrigadrohid. €25 Euro Kathleen Hayes, Aherla. €25 Euro online ,Mary Creedon

November 8th, 1,9,16,27 no winner of €5,000. €50 Euro Deirdre Carroll Aherla. €25 John o Sullivan Ballincollig. €25 Mary Boyle canovee. €25 online Rita O'Brien

### COACHFORD AFC:

Results 23rd November 2020

Jackpot: €3,800. Numbers Drawn: 21 - 25 - 26. No Winner. €40 The O'Connell Family. €20 Mary

Sullivan. Nick Martin. Geraldine Daly. John Manley. Nick Martin (Yearly Ticket).

### RESULTS 30TH NOVEMBER 2020

Jackpot: €4,000. Numbers Drawn: 2 - 14 - 23. Winner: Tina Herlihy. €40 Dermot O'Toole. €20 Leahy Girls c/o Ger Daly. Tim & Kate Bradley. John Hogan Jnr. (Online Ticket). Stephanie Forde (Online Ticket).

### CLONDROHID G.A.A.:

Results for Nov 18: €70 Con O'Keeffe Lissarda €20 Adrian Martin c/o Brian Kerins, Raymond McCarthy Bealnamorriev, Paul Renniger Macroom, Brendan Kelleher Ballinagree  
Results for Nov 25 Jackpot €9,800  
€70 Nelius Murphy Clondrohid  
€20 Denise Ahern Aherlamore, Ollie Plunkett Macroom, Anne O'Mahony The Village, Colin Kelleher Mounlahorna

### MACROOM GAA LOTTO:

Rylane Community Park Association/RCPA:

Results Nov 23rd, 2020

Winning numbers: 18, 20 & 39. Jackpot - €1,400. No Winner. Lucky Dip winners who received €20 each: Avril O'Rourke (Rylane); Mags & Yvonne (Coachford) Enda O'Sullivan (Rylane ) & Ian McSweeney (Knockrour- Online)

Next week's Jackpot will be €1,500

### 17 November 2020

No Winner - €70. Gobnaith O'Driscoll, Sullane Weirs, Macroom. €20. Ber Kearney, Town Hall, Macroom. €20. Dave Martin, Rahalisk, Macroom. €20. Alan Buckley, Online. €20. Paul Kelleher, Dromree, Macroom. Online €20. John Ryan, Laois na Faoi, Macroom. Next Week's Jackpot €7000.

### 24 November 2020

No Winner - €70. Gobnaith Mc Sweeney, C/O Evelyn McSweeney. €20. Tadhg O'Driscoll, Sullane Weirs, Macroom. €20. Paddy Horgan, Kilmichael, Macroom. €20. Mary Ellen & Mia Murphy, St Colman's Park, Macroom. €20. Danielle O'Brien, 8 The Walk, Laois na Faoi, Macroom. Online €20. Conubhair Murray, The Hermitage, Macroom. Online - Next Week's Jackpot €7250.



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Lord Mayor of Cork City, Joe Kavanagh, launched Times Past, Journal of Muskerry Local History Society, in Ballincollig Gunpowder Mills. (L to R) Dermot Lucey, Editor, Liam Hayes, Chairperson Muskerry Local History Society, Lady Mayoress, Stephanie Kavanagh, Lord Mayor, Councillor Joe Kavanagh, Councillor Derry Canty (Photographer: Michael English)



Exploring the theme of Winter in Aistear at Muinefliuch NS. © An Scoil



Ted Cook has undertaken written reports for a number of events and these are available to view on <https://www.corkcoco.ie/en/nature-articles-ted-cook>



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# CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

*from Tim Sarl*

*"Myself and my family are doing a Christmas light display at our house in Donoughmore, we are doing this in Aid of the Mercy Cork Cancer Unit. My father passed away in 2015 after a battle with cancer, the care he received in the Mercy was amazing and we will be forever grateful.*

*Our house is just outside Stuake village in Donoughmore. Eircode is P32 XH36. Lights will be switched on this coming weekend ( 4- 6 Dec.) and every evening- 5 pm to 10 pm right up until the 9th January- All donations will go directly to the Mercy Cancer Unit Co Cork - thank you "*



## A Real Cork Christmas

"One thing that has sustained us throughout a difficult year has been our sense of community. We applauded our frontline workers, we kept apart when we only wanted a hug, and we hoped for something that would bring normality back to our lives. From deliveries to neighbours, to checks on friends, to Zoom quizzes with family, County Cork communities have managed to make the best of a very challenging year. From early on in the crisis, Cork County Council has been helping communities across the county to respond to rapidly changing needs. Through Project Act, the Council provided supports for businesses and took action where needed to deal with a new reality. Now, as we head towards Christmas, let us celebrate that which has drawn us together. We turned on the lights a little early this year to bring a little extra joy to our streets and towns. Our walkways have ribbons to



power the Christmas spirit as we pound the footpaths with a newfound love of the outdoors. Our school children have been designing postcards that will be sent across the world to those who cannot make it home this year. And our local businesses have shown resilience they never thought was possible by trading in new and innovative ways, when they cannot meet their customers. Despite all the challenges, there is a great hope that this will be A Real Cork Christmas. Cork County Council has been encouraging everyone living in the county to discover the sparkle on their doorstep, and the magic on their main street. Support the businesses run by your neighbours and

friends by shopping locally. Despite the challenges, our traders have done amazing work to sell by phone, click and collect and on-line. There is an incredible range of Cork businesses who can provide you with inspiration for that extra special gift. The one that is really deserved this year, of all years. Teams from Cork County Council will be working throughout Christmas, providing essential services but also supporting our citizens in different ways (and that includes ensuring that Santa Claus can deliver all his presents on time). This Christmas will be different. However, it will also be special. Let's use the opportunity to really celebrate that which has gotten us through this year - each other. *That's A Real Cork Christmas."*

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## GAA - 2020 Cork County Championships

Cork GAA County Executive has decided to postpone the playing of the outstanding 2020 Senior and Intermediate County Finals (4 in football, 2 in hurling) until the weekend of March 5th-7th, 2021, at the earliest. 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.

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

Club U21 competitions for 2020 will not be completed.

At the most recent meeting of Cork Co Board, An Rúnaí spoke about the county championships. He said there would be no change in the resumption dates of the 2020 championships in early 2021.

The 2021 championship draws would not take place until there was national calendar in place for 2021. He said the minor changes made in 2020 would remain in place for 2021, but the structure approved by the clubs in 2019 would remain in place for 2021.

### 2020 BONS SECOURS CO FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Premier SFC : Final: Castlehaven v Nemo Rangers

Senior A FC: Final: Éire Óg v Mallow

Premier Intermediate FC: Final: Knocknagree v Kanturk

Intermediate A FC : Final: Rockchapel v Mitchelstown

### CO-OP SUPERSTORES CO HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

Premier Senior HC: Champions: Blackrock (Glen Rovers)

Premier Intermediate HC: Champions: Blarney (Castlelyons)

Intermediate A HC Final: Aghabullogue v Éire Óg

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

Lower Intermediate HC Final: Castlemartyr v Russell Rovers

### COUNTY JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Junior A Football

A: Midleton v Iveleary B: Avondu v Kilmacabea

C: Passage v Beara D: Carrigdhoun v Duhallow  
Semi-finals: A v B, C v D.

Junior A Hurling

A: Avondu 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

### Inter County

### MUNSTER SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

#### TIPPERARY 0-17 CORK 0-14

Tipperary footballers won the Munster Senior title for the first time in 85 years at Páirc Uí Chaoimh on what was a deeply disappointing day for Cork football. Cork lacked intensity and looked nothing like the team that had accounted for Kerry 14 days earlier. Their attacks were so often forced and their defence was slow and too loose, seemingly lacking the respect they had paid to the Kingdom. Seán Powter was absent through injury, fellow defender Kevin Flahive also disappeared off the panel and the team did not look as good on paper as the team against Kerry. Still Cork were strong favourites but were seldom in the hunt and Tipp deserved their victory.

Five points apiece at the first water break, it was 0-11 to 0-7 to Tipp at halftime when it was clear that Cork were in trouble. Cork lost their best forward Luke Connolly to injury at the break and failed to convert possession into scores in the third quarter. They cut the deficit to two points but then conceded two points and in the end the best team on the day won.

Captain Ian Maguire, spirited, brave, talented, was the outstanding figure in the Cork team. The three Muskerry players are all very young and surely will benefit from this experience in the years ahead.

Scorers for Cork: Luke Connolly 0-4 (0-2fr, 0-1 45), M Collins 0-4(0-4f) ; J O'Rourke 0-2; Colm O'Callaghan, B Hurley, S White, C O'Mahony (f), 0-1 each.

Cork: M Martin; M Shanley, Paul Ring (Aghabullogue), K O'Donovan; Tadhg Corkery (Cill na Martra), S Meehan, M Taylor; Ian Maguire (captain), K O'Hanlon; R Deane, Colm O'Callaghan (Éire Óg), J O'Rourke; L Connolly, B Hurley, M Collins. Subs used: C O'Mahony h-t, S Ryan 40, S White 44, M Keane 59, M Hurley 65.

### LADIES FOOTBALL ALL IRELAND SEMI FINAL

Cork Ladies will carry the hopes of all Cork supporters with them when they face Galway in the All Ireland Ladies Senior Football semi-final on Sunday December 6th. The hurlers, footballers and camogie teams have all suffered defeats in recent weeks, so the Ladies Football team are the last hope for senior honours. Champions Dublin await the winners in the All-Ireland final.



Lady footballer Erika O'Shea will be on the Cork senior panel for the All Ireland semi final against Galway on December 6th.

## Muskerry GAA 2020 Annual General Meeting

The 2020 AGM of the Muskerry GAA Board was scheduled for early December but due to Covid restrictions cannot be held as normal at present due to the limitation on numbers attending indoor gatherings.

What is certain is that the outgoing board members are all standing down, as per rule, each having served five years in their present positions. Cathaoirleach Pat Malone Éire Óg and Leas Cathaoirleach William Buckley Dripsey are not seeking re-election to any position, nor are PRO Kevin Murphy Ballincollig and John Crean Aghabullogue, the present Development Officer. The composition of the new Board for 2021 is as follows, all officers having been elected unopposed to their positions. Uachtarán:- Pádraig Ó Mathúna, Innis Cartha Leas-Uachtarán:- Aubert Ó Tuama, Baile an Chollaigh. Proinsias MacCarthaigh, Baile an Chollaigh. Iar Uachtarán:- Aibhistin O'Cruimin, Innis Cartha, Tadhg Ó Gealbháin, Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh. Outgoing Rúnaí John Feeney Dripsey is to be the new Cathaoirleach and Eddie Warren Kilmurry

will be Leas Cathaoirleach. The new Rúnaí appointed is Enda Linehan, Inniscarra and the Cisteoir will be Stephen Lyons Ballincollig. Anne O'Riordan, Cloughduv, will act as PRO and Dave Lee, Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh is to Development Officer.

Two CCC Members (Outgoing) -East:- Eddy O'Keeffe, Éire Óg

West:- Jophn O'Callaghan, Uibh Laoire

The report of Runaí John Feeney to the AGM reads:

Tá an Cruinniú Chinn Bliana buailte linn arís. Tionólfar cruinniú na bliana seo ar an Aoine, an ceathru lá de Mhí na Nollag, 2020.

The ninety fifth Annual Convention will be held on Friday 4th of December, at 8.00pm. This year it is being hosted by Cumann Éire Óg, and it is hoped that each club will be fully represented and takes an active part in the proceedings. Depending on Covid 19 restrictions in place at the time we may have to hold a virtual meeting but that decision won't be taken until nearer the time.

It is my pleasure to present my fifth and final report on the activities of the Association within Múscraí for the present year.

2020 was a strange year given the implications of a world pandemic on life in general in Ireland and had a major effect on sporting fixtures in particular. People had major doubts as to whether we would see any championships at all this year and the sense of joy and relief was evident in people once they did. The traditional championship calendar had to be totally altered but everyone was very co-operative from start to finish. The divisions were given ten weeks to complete our Junior A championships and these had to run in conjunction with the County championships. This led to a host of matches each weekend with 30 Hurling and 26 Football County championship plus the 8 Divisional matches played on alternative weekends. Clubs at County and Divisional levels became very focussed and fixtures ran like clockwork.

It was another fantastic year for Muskerry teams on the field of play with a County

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Title win for Blarney (Premier Intermediate Hurling). Aghabullogue and Éire Óg play in the Intermediate A County Hurling Final with the winner being promoted to Premier Intermediate for 2021 and Éire Óg will be vying for the double as they play Mallow in the County Senior A Football Final. Congratulations to all on a magnificent achievement.

This year was the sixth year that the awards for the Muskerry Junior Football and Hurling Teams of the year, were announced in Oriel House Hotel in Ballincollig. These Teams were kindly sponsored by Quish's Supervalu and O'Mahony Walsh. This year we added a new

team - Intermediate Football – kindly sponsored by Barry Holland of Europumps. This award brought a new cohort of players to the function and added greatly to the occasion. The evening was sponsored by the Oriel House Hotel, and the overall winner of the Auld Triangle Sports' Star of the year was presented to Daniel Goulding, Éire Óg, for his wonderful achievement of captaining Éire Óg to Premier Intermediate success. He was also Man of the Match in the County Final against St Michael's and it was a fitting tribute to a player who has given tremendous service to both his club and county. The individual award winners were chosen from Football, Hurling,

Camogie and Ladies Football. Nominations for each month were brought forward by a number of media reporters and committee members, who closely monitor the games. Each monthly award winner, along with family and friends, was invited to attend the presentation function at the Auld Triangle in Macroom.

In all, the Board ran 15 Competitions in 2020, 79 championship games were played in both Football and Hurling plus 25 league games – severely restricted due to the covid virus.

## 2020 Cumann Reiteoiri Mhuscraí – Report of Richard Aynsley, Runaí

2020, the strangest of years, is now ending. Cumann Reiteoiri Mhuscraí have officiated at a significant number of games, not just in our own division but throughout the county even in this shortened season.

The Cumann held its Annual General Meeting at the start of 2020. At this meeting our officers of 2019 were re-elected to their posts unopposed :-

Colm O Mochain – Caithoirleach

Risteard Aynsley – Runaí

Eoghan O Buachalla – Leas-Caithoirleach

Diarmuid O Ciardhubhain – Leas-Runaí

We held our annual Christmas meal at the Auld Triangle on 7th December 2019. We were pleased to welcome representatives from the Muskerry Board to this event. Our thanks go to the Board for their generous contribution to the cost of this event.

On the night we presented our annual Cumann Reiteoiri Mhuscraí Hall of Fame award. The very popular recipient was Gene Buckley. This award and recognition of Gene was extremely well deserved. It was appreciated and acknowledged by all in attendance, including Gene who for once was speechless. I would like to thank the Awards Committee for their work and their ability to keep a secret!

Our annual in-service course was held in

Coachford in late January and was extremely helpful in respect of the new football rules – our thanks to our Inter-County colleagues for their input on this.

Once again, a huge thanks to Aghabullogue GAA for the use of their facilities to hold our meetings in the early part of the year, and a special thanks to Sheila and Mary for providing the refreshments.

Unfortunately, as events unfolded, we were unable to continue our regular meetings, nor were we able to hold our annual Pitch & Putt outing in Kilmichael in March. We trust that this will come back onto the calendar in 2021.

As usual the appointments for the Muskerry Finals were evenly distributed and we compliment the Muskerry Board for their fairness in this regard. Our congratulations go to:

Ted Hayes – Junior A Football Final

Jerry Masters – Junior B Football Final

Brendan Barry Murphy – Junior A Hurling Final

David Murnane – U21 A Football Final

Hopefully the outstanding championships will be completed at some point in the future.

We would like to place on record our thanks to the outgoing members of the Muskerry Board, Pat Malone, Willie Buckley and John Crean. Their support for referees during their years in

office was greatly appreciated.

We would also like to wish the incoming officers the best for their tenure and we look forward to working with them into the future.

Unfortunately, the Cumann Reiteoiri Mhuscraí Hall of Fame award has been postponed, as has our Christmas event. We hope 2021 will bring this back to the calendar.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to remind the Muskerry Clubs that abuse of referees will not be tolerated. Referees are being strongly encouraged to report all instances of abuse.

There was at least one serious issue in this shortened season, and incidents like this must be prevented from occurring. Mentors and players will not always agree with refereeing decisions, but referees play a vital role within the organisation. No referees = No games.

The number of people taking up refereeing continues to be alarmingly low and this needs to be improved. On that point I would ask clubs to seek out any members from within their own ranks who are interested in becoming referees. Then advise myself or Colm of names and contact details so we can register them for the next refereeing course.

Risteard Aynsley

## Review of Championships

Our Junior A Football Championship with 14 teams is still the number one attraction. At last year's Convention I raised the possibility of a two-tier championship due to the large gap in standards in this grade. Having given my suggestion careful consideration, the clubs opted for the status quo. A look at this year's results show the gap is wider than ever. Iveleary played 4 matches to get to the final and their winning margins were 5 goals, 5 goals, 7 goals and 5 goals. Kilmurry also played 4 matches to get to the final and won two of these by 6 goals. This is a frightening statistic and is something that needs to be addressed. Maybe we should consider a format similar to the County Championships ie 12 teams in 3 groups of 4 so each team has at least 3 matches.

The Junior B Football championship had 12 teams competing this year and produced some very close matches with Kilmurry full value for their win against Macroom in the final. This grade has benefitted from the Boards decision to regrade a number of the weaker teams to C. The Junior C Football championship had 10 teams entered but this competition fell foul of the October closedown as only 3 matches had been played.



Naomh Abán U21 footballers who have qualified for the 2020 Mid Cork U21 B Football championship final

In U21 A Football we had 4 entries with Éire Óg and Ballincollig contesting the final before Éire Óg came out on top in a closely contested game. The county section never got off the ground due to the pressure of fixtures once play resumed which is a pity for a very strong Éire Óg team. The U21B and U21C competitions, both with 8 entries, were not completed due to the closedown in March. We have 1 semi-final and final to play in each

event, so we plan to complete these in 2021. Junior A Hurling is probably our best championship with most of the ten clubs competing fancying their chances. This is best illustrated by the fact that both the finalists, Inniscarra and Ballinora, were beaten in their respective first rounds. Also, last year's winners, Cloughduv went out of the competition in round 2. With 6 of the 10 teams being club second teams the standard is very even and



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augers well for the future.

Junior B Hurling with 9 entries is starting to be dominated by the third teams of the stronger clubs. We were down to the final between Blarney and Inniscarra when the October closedown came in so, with the county championship still to be played in early 2021, we will need to play the final as soon as we can. However, there is a problem coming down the line as the gap between the stronger and weaker clubs means that we will need to consider splitting this grade or creating a Junior C event.

In U21 Hurling, we had planned a Premier competition in Muskerry with 6 clubs due to the problem at county level with this grade. We also had 8 teams entered in the U21B which, I think, was a record for this competition. However, once club competitions ceased in early October both these competitions fell.

Gate receipts and attendances were down on last year due to the covid 19 restrictions. However, the finances of the board are kept in a reasonably strong position due to the support of a dozen or so loyal sponsors. The board are very thankful for their continued support and this is vital to the continued well-being of the board's finances.

Scór is still struggling, with fewer clubs competing, which is a pity. It appears that this side of the GAA activity is now being neglected by clubs and performers. With the introduction of new rule changes, it should be easier to get more people involved. There are plenty musicians, singers, dancers and other knowledgeable people within the various clubs.

#### MUSKERRY TEAMS

Due to the new championship format where most clubs were playing for six consecutive weeks before the Inter Divisional section was scheduled, we took the decision to withdraw our teams for this season to be fair to the players and the clubs

#### CHAMPIONSHIPS

Junior A Hurling: In Junior A Hurling, ten teams competed in this championship, with some good matches being played. There was a nice mixture between the club first and second teams with Inniscarra's second team beating Ballinora in a very closely contested final. This was a remarkable achievement for Inniscarra as it was forty-five years since they last won this competition.

Junior B Hurling: Nine teams were entered in this Grade, with Blarney and Inniscarra's third teams in the final. This is due to be played early in the new year. The failure of two teams to field is worrying even though the tight schedule may have had a major bearing on this.

Junior A Football: Our Junior A Football Championship is still the number one attraction with fourteen teams entering the draw. Pre-season favourites Ivelary and Kilmurry reached the final with Ivelary creating history by becoming the first team to win three in a row in this grade since 1948.

Junior B Football: Twelve teams were in the draw for this one, with Kilmurry and Macroom reaching the final, played in Kilmichael. Kilmurry went on to win a keenly contested final.

Junior C Football: Ten teams entered this competition, with only three matches being played before the October closedown.

U21 A Football: With four teams in U21 A Football, Éire Óg and Ballincollig contested the



Éire Óg - Mid Cork 2020 U21 A Football Champions

final before Éire Óg came out on top in a closely contested final.

U21 B Football: Eight teams entered this competition, and all teams were guaranteed two matches. When the March closedown came, we were left with 1 semi-final and the final to play.

U21 C Football: Eight teams entered this competition and each team was guaranteed two matches. When the March closedown came, we were left with 1 semi-final and the final to play.

#### REFEREES

I would like to thank all our referees for their wonderful service and commitment to the Coiste during the past year, and to me during my five years as Rúnaí. They have always been very obliging and helpful when needed. They do a great job and without them there would be no games played. Our referees are highly respected at county level, getting nearly all the high-profile county finals in recent years. Also, 'Thank You' to Aubert Twomey, our referee administrator this year, for his contribution to the CCC in the appointments for Championship matches.

#### VENUES

My thanks to all clubs who hosted our games during the year. Without your help, our championships could not run as smoothly as they do. Despite the huge amount of games that are now played, most clubs are always willing to accommodate this board.

#### MEDIA

My thanks to all our local media who do so much work to promote our games locally, especially, Brendan Kenneally, Lee Valley Outlook, Aubert Twomey, Southern Star and County, Kevin Murphy and John O'Shea, Echo, who all provide match reports also for website, and Michael Scanlon of C103, all of whom provide great coverage of Muskerry Divisional activities.

#### COUNTY BOARD DELEGATES

My thanks to Paddy O'Mahony and John Crean for representing Muskerry at the County Board for the past twelve months.

#### CONGRATULATIONS.

Congratulations to all players from the Muskerry division who represented Cork at any grade during the year, especially the Senior teams with Muskerry represented by Players Paul Ring (Aghabullogue), Tadhg Corkery (Cill na Martra) and Colm O'Callaghan (Eire Og) in Football and Sean O'Donoghue (Inniscarra), Mark Coleman and Shane Barrett (Blarney) in Hurling.

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#### TRIBUTES

Regretfully a number of members from various clubs within the division passed to their eternal reward since our last AGM: Our sincere condolences to the families of all those concerned.

We remember in our prayers all the deceased members from various clubs who passed to their eternal reward during the past year. Ar dheis láimh Dé go raibh siad.

A Novena of masses will be offered for all deceased members of the Association in Muskerry.

#### CONCLUSION

I hope I have covered all the happenings and events in the Division for 2020, but should any delegate feel that some items are missing, every opportunity will be afforded to him/her to raise the matter, and have a discussion on it, at this meeting.

In what has been a very strange year it is further compounded by the retirement of four officers. Chairman Pat Malone has given decades of service to the board and his experience will be sorely missed. Vice Chair Willie Buckley has served in three different officerships giving fifteen years-service. Development officer John Crean has been an officer of the board and our County Board delegate for decades and it is very disappointing that these three officers with huge experience are leaving the board at the same time. PRO Kevin Murphy has also completed his term of office and has decided to retire from the board after five years. We wish the four departing officers well in the future and I'm sure this is not the last we will see of them as they all hold key positions in their clubs. I would like to thank my fellow officers for all their help, also the Board delegates and the County Board Office, who have been very helpful and courteous to me during the year. 2021 is just around the corner and I would like to take this opportunity to wish all the clubs the best of luck for the year ahead.

- Sean O'Finneadhá Rúnaí



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O Most Beautiful Flower of Mt. Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendour of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist us in our necessity. O Star of the Sea, help us and show us the way. Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who turn to you. Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads, so that we can attain our goal. You who gave us the diving gift to forgive and forget all evil against us, and who are with us in all instances in our lives, thank you for all things, as you confirm once again that we are never to be separated from you in eternal glory. Amen MR

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O Dear Mother of God, Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Aparecida!

Oh! Saint Rita of Cassia and Saint Jude 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 ask Jesus to help me. (Here mention your request)

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The Saint of Miracles O holy St. Anthony, gentleness of saints, your love for God and charity for your neighbour made you worthy when on earth to possess miraculous powers. Miracles waited on your world which you were ever ready to speak for those in trouble and anxiety. Encouraged by this thought I implore of you to obtain for me my request...(mention request). The answer to my prayer may require a miracle. Even so, you are the Saint of Miracles. O gentle and loving St. Anthony, whose heart was ever full of human sympathy, intercede for me and the gratitude of my heart will ever be yours.

Amen.

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Our enemy the devil uses various tactics to get us off track. Fear, offence, sicknesses, lies and lack are but a few of the snares that he sets for us to fall into. But another trap that's often overlooked is the devil will do his utmost to break our confidence, thus causing confusion, stress and chaos as a result. The devil is called the father of lies by Jesus (John 8:44). He said Satan was a murderer from the beginning who will try (a) undermine our confidence in God by getting us to doubt that He is real; (b) undermine our confidence in ourselves through low self esteem and inferiority; and (c), undermine our confidence in others by getting us to be offended or bitter when we are hurt and build up walls through which we can never trust again.

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We are acquitted and declared righteous through our faith in Jesus (Romans 10:9). But we need to leave behind our old ways of being deceived by the lies of the enemy, because time is short and Jesus is coming back! When He comes back He will be looking for faith (Luke 18:1-8). Times may be a bit crazy, but hold fast your confidence in God. He is the Righteous Judge. Do not be overcome by lies, instead pursue and live in the freedom that Jesus won for you! (John 16:33)

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in 2019 had initiated Facebook and Instagram accounts. Truly the work done by Áine laid the very solid foundations for what transpired this summer when the Cloyne Virtual Pilgrimage came about. Over a two-week period in May a small group came together and organised a brilliant programme. Bishop William Crean and Fr Toby Bluitt organised all the different ceremonies to go ahead in different Churches- all being broadcast. Meanwhile a search for individual 'What Lourdes Means To Me' reflections was put out with an amazing response. Extensive Photo Memories were put together. A Virtual Choir came together where 25 singers sang and recorded 'As I Kneel Before You' in their own homes and these were brilliantly combined together with a stunning result. We weren't in Lourdes this year but the Virtual Pilgrimage was simply amazing and over 14,000 people viewed the Pilgrimage Programme online! There was an overwhelming feeling of joy and 'coming together while apart' and everyone involved derived a great deal from the experience. Now this Virtual Pilgrimage programme has been put together in a beautiful full colour book which contains hundreds of pictures and stunning images. All the ceremonies are recounted, all the memories recalled in a publication that run to over one hundred pages. The book also contains a unique QR code which means all the video postings, choral singing and 'What Lourdes Means to Me' items can be viewed again and again.



'Cloyne-Lourdes A Virtual Pilgrimage' will be published next week. The book costs €10 and will be available on Saturday week December 5th from 12 noon- 1pm in Parish Church Car-parks of Youghal (Holy Family Church), Middleton Parish Church, Cobh Cathedral, Fermoy Parish Church, Mallow (Church of the Resurrection), Kanturk Parish Church, Charleville Parish Church, Macroom Parish Church, Glanworth Parish Church, Rathcormac Parish Church, Mitchelstown Parish Church. When purchasing a book please abide by all the HSE guidelines, observe social distancing and wear a mask. The book has been compiled by Tom Conway, Grainne Ní Luasa, Marguerite Hanley, Donie Cahill, George McGrath and John Arnold.

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Denis and Cousins Jimmy, John,  
Noreen, Michael, Noel, Mary, Declan  
and Families.

**FIRST ANNIVERSARY  
AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**



In loving memory of

**JOAN  
MCCARTHY**

**Ard Mo Croi, Lomanagh, Coolea,  
Macroom, Co. Cork**

**Who Died on the 14th December  
2019.**

As we lovingly remember Joan on her first Anniversary, her Husband Willie, Sons Justin & Ivan, Daughters Leonie & Andrea, Daughters in Law, Lorraine & Catherine, Sons in Law Paul & Ruari. Grandchildren, Aoife, Cloe, Rachel, Alex & Aisling, Eugene & Andrew, Calum & Angus. Brothers Diarmuid & Declan, Sister, Deirdre & Best Friend Sheila. We wish to express our appreciation and Gratitude to all who sympathized with us on our sad loss.

Thanks to our extended family, neighbour's, and wonderful friends. We will be forever grateful for their support and generosity. We will never forget your kindness. Sincere thanks to all who attended Joan's Wake at home, Rosary and funeral. To those who travelled long distances to pay their respects, those who sent mass cards, those who provided lights, house directions and travel.

Our sincere thanks to Cyril Casey Undertakers for his kindness and professionalism. We wish to thank Fr. O'Brien, Mons.O'Donnell and the Choir of Ballyvourney Church, and all who assisted with traffic. Our Thanks and Gratitude to St Joseph's Nursing Home, Kenmare for their wonderful care of Joan while in their care.

Please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our deepest gratitude.

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



**4TH ANNIVERSARY**



Indil chuimhne ar

**RENA  
BUCKLEY**

**Glounaghlough, Rylane, Co. Cork.**

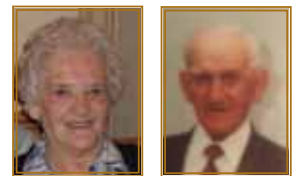
**A fuair bás ar an 8ú Mí na Nollag  
2016**

In loving memory of a dear mother and grandmother RENA BUCKLEY who passed from this life to the next four years ago.

Remembering also her dear husband JERRY who passed from this life in 1976.



**ANNIVERSARIES**



In loving memory of

**MARY & JOHN  
MC CARTHY**

**Shanadloon, Ballymakeera.  
Whose 2nd and 31st anniversaries  
occur at this time.**

*Your lives were a blessing.  
Your memory we treasure  
You are loved beyond words.  
And missed beyond measure*



Lovingly remembered by your family grand children and great grand children.

St Gobnait pray for them.

**7TH ANNIVERSARY**



In loving memory of

**JOHN HOARE**

**Cools, Kilnamartyra, Cork  
Who died on the  
14th December 2013**

*Gone is the face we loved so dear  
Silent is the voice we loved to hear  
Too far away for sigh 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.*



Fondly remembered and sadly missed,  
By family and friends

Our Lady and Saint Gobnait pray for John,  
his wife Maura and their son Seamus.

**ANNIVERSARY  
REMEMBRANCE**



In loving memory of

**TIMMY & JOSIE  
MURPHY**

**Cúil Aodha**

*Time and years slip quietly by  
But love and memories never die  
No longer in our lives to share  
But in our hearts you're always there.*



**31ST ANNIVERSARY**



In loving memory of

**PEGGY  
O'SULLIVAN**

**Knockshanavee, Farnanes  
Who died on 12th December 1989**

*Mam was taken so suddenly from us,  
all those years ago.  
Her love and dedication to her family  
will never be forgotten.*

Remember Her Today.



Lovingly remembered by her daughter  
Eileen & Family

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**3RD ANNIVERSARY**



In loving memory of

**TIM O'LEARY**

Rossmore, Kilbarry, Macroom,  
Whose anniversary occurred on 25th  
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.*



Lovingly remembered by your wife  
Margaret, Son: Gerard and Daughter in  
Law: Erika and Grandson Tim and all the  
family.

**22ND ANNIVERSARY**



In loving memory of

**MICHÁEL  
MURRAY**

45 Oakwood & Ballina,  
Who passed away on 5th December  
1998

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



Sadly missed by his wife Kitty and family.

**5TH ANNIVERSARY**



In loving memory of

**MARY DINEEN**

Knockroe West, Kilnamartyra  
Macroom, Co. Cork  
Whose anniversary occurred on  
29th November

*Silent thoughts sincere and true  
From a family who thought the world  
of you  
No longer in our lives to share  
but in our thoughts you are always there  
"If you think of Mary today a little prayer  
to Jesus say"*

May she rest in peace



Lovingly remembered and missed by  
Gerard, Margaret, Catherine, Joan,  
Andrew, Mary and their families.

**3RD ANNIVERSARY**



In loving memory of

**MARY CRONIN**

Candrome, Kilnamartyra, Macroom  
who died on the  
27th November 2017

*We think of you in silence,  
We often speak your name,  
But all we have are memories,  
And your picture in a frame.  
Your resting place we visit,  
And put flowers there with care,  
But no one knows the heartache,  
As we turn and leave you there.*



Forever in our hearts  
Colman, Bernie and Family

**FIRST ANNIVERSARY**



In loving memory of

**GUS RIORDAN**

Late of Ballykerwick Donoughmore  
Who died on 30th November, 2019.

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



Sadly missed by his niece Caroline Forde,  
Kenneth and family

Mass offered.

**4TH ANNIVERSARY**



Remembering

**MARTIN  
MC MANUS**

Masseytown and late of Sligo and  
Ballina Co Mayo

Who passed away 14th Dec 2016

*Looking back with memories  
upon the path you trod,  
We bless the hours we had with you  
and leave the rest to God.*



Sadly missed by Helen & Family  
& The Mc Manus family.

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REMEMBRANCE



In loving memory of

**MARY ROCHE**  
(NEE FINNEGAN)

London and Cooldrum,  
Carrigadrohid.

Who passed away unexpectedly on  
14th November 2020

*Speak to me as you have always done  
Remember the good times  
laughter and fun.*

*Share the happy memories  
we have made*

*Do not let them fade.*

*I will be with you in the summer sun  
and when the winters chill has come.*

*I will be the voice that whispers  
in the breeze*

*I am at peace now put your mind at ease.  
Although things will never be the same  
please don't be afraid to use my name.*

*Let your sorry only last a while  
then remember me with a smile.*

*I have lived a life full of joy and fun  
Live in now and make me proud  
of all you have become.*



Sadly missed by her family  
in Ireland and London.

Mass will be offered up for her in  
new year.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY  
AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

**SHEILA**  
**O'CONNOR**

Belmont Place, Crookstown.

As we remember Sheila on her first  
anniversary, her daughter Lisa, sons  
Danny, Tony Barry and Denis would  
like to express oyr heartfelt thanks and  
appreciation to all who sympathised with  
us on our sad loss.

A sincere thanks to all our family  
neighbours and friends who supported us  
in any way they could.

To all who sent mass cards, sympathy  
cards and letters we ate truly grateful.

Thanks to all who attended Mams  
removal mass and funeral.

Thanks to Fr. Bernard O Donovan and  
Tessie Buckley (sarcrisian) for their  
kindness and support.

Many thanks to Gabriel and O Donovan  
funeral directors Bandon for their  
personal attention and professionalism  
and care shown to us all throughout the  
funeral. Also thanks to the grave diggers.  
Thanks to the nurses in the lcu at Cuh for  
the care they gave mam.

Thanks to Dan and Ber Clifford for the  
lovely refreshments after the burial.

As it would be impossible to thank  
everybody individually, please accept  
this acknowledgement as a token of our  
heartfelt gratitude and appreciation.  
The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been  
offered for your intentions.

*If Roses grow in Heaven Lord,  
please pick a bunch for me.  
Place them in my mothers arms  
and tell her there from me.  
Tell her I love and miss her  
and when she turns to smile,  
place a kiss upon her cheek  
and hold her for a while.*



Always remembered by your loving  
family.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**SHEILA**  
**O'CONNOR**

Belmont Place, Crookstown.

*There is always a face before me  
A voice I would love to hear  
A smile I will always remember  
Of a sister I loved so dear.*

*Deep in our hearts lies a picture  
More precious than silver and gold  
Its a picture of my sister  
Whose memory will never grow old.*



Always remembered by your brothers  
Martin, Noel and Finbarr.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of our Nana

**SHEILA**  
**O'CONNOR**

Belmont Place, Crookstown.

*Though your smile is gone forever  
And your hand we cannot touch  
We have so many memories of you Nana  
that we loved so much*

*Your memory is our keepsake,  
with which we'll never part  
God has you in his keeping  
We have you in our hearts.*



Love and miss you  
From Ryan, Jayden and Dylan  
xxxx

FIRST ANNIVERSARY



In memory of

**SHEILA**  
**O'CONNOR**

Belmont Place, Crookstown.

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



Always remembered By  
Auntie Kitty and Uncle Pat

FIRST ANNIVERSARY



In memory of our Nana

**SHEILA**  
**O'CONNOR**

Belmont Place, Crookstown.

*A little tribute true and tender  
Just to show that we remember  
Time may pass and fade away  
But memories of you will always stay.*



Love you always  
Tommy and Dean xx

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**2ND ANNIVERSARY**



In loving memory of

**TADG MANNING**

Tirnaspeideige, Inchigeela,  
whose second anniversary occurs on  
6th December 2020

*'Gone from us, but leaving memories,  
Death can never take away,  
Memories that will always linger,  
While upon this earth we stay'*



Remembered always by Noreen, Miriam,  
Brian & Tadh

Ar dheis dé go raibh a anam dilis

**5TH ANNIVERSARY**



In loving Memory of

**NORA HERLIHY**

Gortnalicka, Clondrohid, Macroom  
who passed away on  
6th December 2015

*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.*



Always remembered and loved by  
Timothy, Matthew,  
Nora Theresa, P.J., Margaret,  
Miriam and extended families

**4TH ANNIVERSARY**



In loving memory of

**JEREMIAH O'DRISCOLL**

Whose Anniversary occurs at  
this time.

*As each day Dawns we think of you,  
As each Night falls we Pray for you,  
And throughout our lives no matter where,  
In our hearts you are Always there.*



Lovingly Remembered by your wife Ann,  
Son Flor, daughters Noreen, Tricia,  
Annette, Cathy, Pam and grandchildren.  
Son in laws Dan, Alan and Ridwan.  
Sister Mary and nephew and nieces.

Anniversary Mass in Ballinagree Church  
on Saturday night 19th December

**3RD ANNIVERSARY**



In loving memory of our dear Auntie

**KATHLEEN BUCKLEY**

'Cogito', Silversprings & Clondrohid  
Who died December 12th 2017

*Until we meet again may God  
hold you in the palm of his hand*



Fondly remembered by her sisters,  
nieces and nephews.  
RIP

**7TH ANNIVERSARY**



In loving memory of

**OLLIE CALNAN**

Tareltan, Macroom  
Who died 10th Dec 2013

*Missing you  
We're missing you a little more  
Each time we hear your name,  
We've cried so many tears  
Yet our heart's broken just the same.  
We miss our times together  
Things in common we could share,  
But nothing fills the emptiness  
Now you're no longer there.  
We've so many precious memories  
To last our whole life through  
Each one of them reminders  
Of how much we're missing you.*



Never forgotten, Always remembered,  
Forver loved. Siobhan, Donard & Mark xxxx

**16TH ANNIVERSARY**



Cherished memories of

**SEAN MULLANE**

Late of Toonlane,  
Ballymakeera, Macroom  
Who died on December 12th 2004

*We lost a Dad with a heart of Gold,  
How much we miss you can never be told,  
You shared our troubles  
and helped us along,  
If we follow your footsteps  
we will never go wrong.*



Always remembered and missed by his  
Wife Margaret, Sons Jerry and Johnathan,  
Daughters Lisa and Rachel, Son in law  
Kieran, Daughters in law Joan and  
Mairead, Grandchildren, Ciaran,  
Michael, Ellis, Patrick, Sean, Darragh,  
James, Shauna and Béibhinn.

**25TH ANNIVERSARY**



In loving memory of

**PATRICK J. MURPHY**

Liscarrigane, Clondrohid  
Macroom, Co. Cork  
who died on 10th December 1995.

*Time and years slip quietly by  
But love and memories never die  
In our hearts you will always stay  
Loved and remembered every day.*



Always remembered by his loving  
relatives and friends.

**8TH ANNIVERSARY**



Remembering with love our  
precious son and brother

**SHANE MURPHY**

Clondrohid, Macroom  
Whose Anniversary occurs on  
December 10th.

*Sad are the hearts that loved you  
Silent are the tears that fall  
Living life without you Shane is the  
hardest part of all.*



Loved and sadly missed always  
your loving family

Anniversary Mass - Sunday 20th  
December, St Abina's Church,  
Clondrohid at 9.30am or online on  
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