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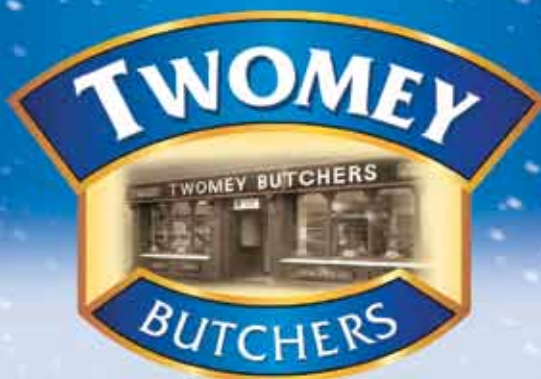
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It has been a year unlike any in living memory. Hopefully, with all of our continued efforts, it will be soon consigned to just that.

We would like to thank all of our patients and customers for their support, patience and understanding this past time.

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Editor's NOTE

I took over editing the magazine at the worst possible moment in March 2020, just as the COVID Pandemic hit the world. I'd would like to thank those who gave me the opportunity to do this, and your constant encouragement and patience as I learned the ropes. I wouldn't have managed without the ongoing support and good humour of Peter Scanlon. Peter organises all the contributors' photographs, which is no easy feat, let me tell you and has supplied lots of beautiful photos from his

own achieve too.

A special thank you to Con Kelleher, Sean and Maire MacSuibhne (who sadly passed away this year), previous editors and contributors of the Lee Valley Outlook.

And to you all our readers & regular contributors, a massive thank you! Some of the regular contributors who won't like to be mentioned, you know who you are. Your time and effort has not gone unnoticed and it is greatly appreciated, especially in these crazy times. To all the new contributors, well done! It was great to have you on board.

We are always welcome to new

contributions, submissions can be made via email on leevalleyoutlook@gmail.com

To those far away in these strange times, the Lee Valley Outlook is available online.

2020 editions are available on <https://www.outlookmags.com/archives/lee-valley-outlook/>

Years prior to this can be viewed by going to www.macroom.ie and searching under News.

Sarah Kate Murphy

EDITOR

MESSAGE FROM LEE VALLEY ENTERPRISE BOARD CHAIRMAN – PAT O'CONNELL.

2020 was a very difficult year for the Lee Valley Enterprise Board beginning in February when a virus called Covid 19 arrived in Ireland. At this point in time the board had all arrangements in place for the Annual St. Patrick's Week Festival. The Flower of Macroom contest took place on Saturday March 7th in the Castle Hotel with Lily Healy being crowned Flower of Macroom after a great night's entertainment.

On Thursday March 12th the Woodland String Band arrived in Macroom with a strong party of 167 American visitors from Philadelphia this was the same day that the Government issued a statement that all St. Patrick's Day Parades were to be cancelled due to Covid 19. This group were here for 10 days which proved a major headache for the Enterprise Board

but thanks to the Castle Hotel, Donie Mc Carthy Coaches and all those involved - the group enjoyed their stay and all returned to the U.S.A. Covid free. In June the Board erected forty flower baskets on premises belonging to our members and also maintained these baskets in conjunction with Macroom Tidy Towns. Our very successful Food Festival and our Christmas Market could not take place this year but hopefully they will be back in 2021. In October a decision was taken to make every effort to erect the Christmas Lighting in order to give the town and the businesses a lift heading into Christmas. This year the Board spent €10,000 on the purchase of new festoon lighting and new street features and the lights were switched on by the Flower of Macroom Lily Healy and Cllr. Martin Coughlan, Chairman of Macroom Municipal District Council on

Friday November 27th.

I would like to thank everyone involved in the erecting of the Christmas lighting and the Crib in the Square and a special work of thanks to Martin Coughlan for overseeing the whole project. I would also like to thank Marie O'Leary Municipal Officer for her help in securing a new Christmas tree and features for the Town. I would also like to congratulate all the business for the way they decorated their premises this year and comments for people visiting the town state that Macroom lighting display is top class.

I wish everyone a Happy Christmas and hopefully 2021 will be a more Normal and Prosperous Year.



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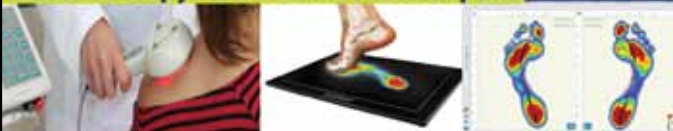


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- Inchigeela: 8.00pm

25th December

- Ballingearry: 10am
- Inchigeela: 8.30am and 11.30pm

26th December

- Inchigeela: 10a.m

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Kilmichael Catholic Church Christmas Mass Times:

24th December 7pm + Facebook Live

25th December 10am - Facebook Live

26th December 10am - Facebook Live

27th December 10am - Facebook Live

Kilmurry Parish Christmas Mass Times:

24th December

- Cloughduv: 5pm and 8.30pm
- Canovee: 10am and 6.30pm
- Kilmurry: 8.00pm

25th December

- Canovee: 10.30am
- Cloughduv: 9.00am and 11.30am
- Kilmurry: 10.00am and 12.00pm

Macroom Parish Christmas Mass Times

24th December

- 4pm, 6pm, 8pm and 10pm

25th December

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25th December

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Cill na Martra 5pm

Cill na Martra 7pm

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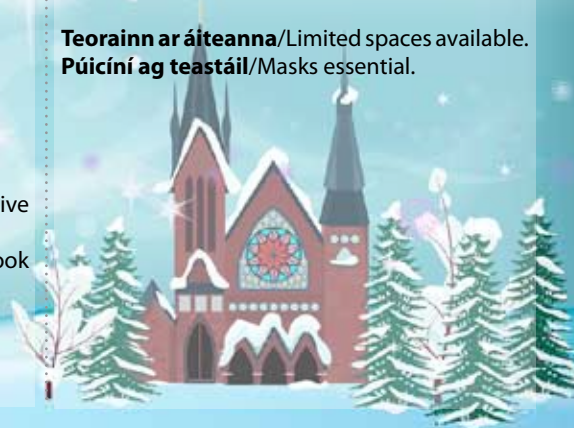
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Cill na Martra 11:30am

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Christmas Reflection 2020

Fr. John Keane, Macroom



The past year has been a year like no other. It has been challenging for all of us. Many have felt down hearted. As we celebrate Christmas it can be life changing if we open our lives to let baby Jesus be born into our hearts very intimately and begin to have a very personal relationship and life-giving personal friendship with Him where we chat to Him every day about our difficulties, our mental emotional and physical pain, our grief, our joys, our hopes, our dreams and our delights. This Christmas Jesus does not want to be born in Bethlehem or in our world but


powerfully and beautifully into our hearts. If we welcome Him warmly into our hearts in a personal encounter with Him it will give us a divine peace the world cannot give us, it will fill our hearts with a precious joy that will be life giving and enriching like never before. It will give us a new heart and a new hope that will uplift our spirits from the rages of the storm of the past year. This Christmas and the years ahead can fill us afresh with a life transforming positive experience and put a genuine smile on our face as we let the awesome baby Jesus be born

in our hearts. I had the corona virus and its horrific side effects and I was filled with deep inner joy as Jesus very lovingly carried me every-day through it in that personal intimate relationship. Let us open our hearts to let Jesus be born deep within our hearts this Christmas. It will uplift and change our lives positively and powerfully as we go forward, we will never be the same again.

Praise you Jesus Alleluia.


Fr. John Keane
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January

January saw the contracts signed by Cork County Council with two Irish firms to begin construction on Macroom Bypass. Macroom Ploughing Championships pulled out all the stops and Macroom Meals on Wheels won a

much-deserved certificate of appreciation From Cork/Kerry healthcare for all their 51 years of hard work. Preparation work was underway for St. Patrick's Week Festival.



Santa's Workshop in the Junior Room in Ballyvongane NS



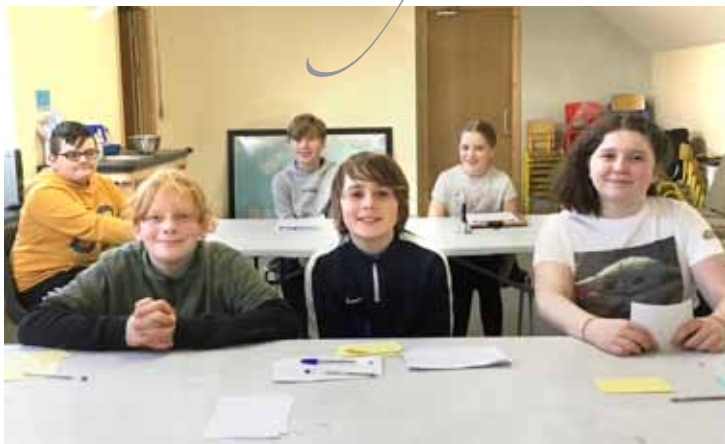
Amy Sheehan, Gemma Munro, Kirsten Bonnar, Muireann O'Sullivan and Natalia Raba, members of the Ardilaun Guide Unit, Macroom were presented with the Trail Blazer Award at the South West Region's National Guide Award Ceremony last month



February

February ushered in election results, and Eire Og Under 21 and Intermediate Teams celebrated their wins of the Muskerry Championship & County Championship at the Oriel Hotel. Another winner, Noreen Bradley of the National Finals of

the Credit Union Art Competition picked up her cheque from Marty Wheelan. What a day out that must have been.



The sixth class in Muinefliuch NS who recently won the first round of the Concern Primary Debating Competition.



The combined Eire Og Under 21 and Intermediate Football teams, winners of the Muskerry Championship and Cork County Championship, respectively, photographed with selectors and special guest, Tracey Kennedy, Chairperson Cork County Board, at the club's victory dinner and medal presentation function at Oriel Hotel. Picture: Mike English

March

The start of March saw final preparations under way for the biggest St Patrick's Week Festival ever, with Lily Healy being crowned the 'Flower of Macroom'. Macroom Tidy Towns giving a very informative

talk on Food Waste. In contrast to this, the second half of March, saw schools close, sports stop, pubs and restaurants closed and St Patrick's Day cancelled as Ireland went into level 5 lockdown due to COVID 19.



Socially distant support at Murrayfield.



Pupils from Rusheen N.S. enjoying their outdoor Christmas Carol Service

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April

As wonderful front-line workers battled the virus, the rest of the country ground to a halt. Shops and other essential services stayed open. Macroom Meals on Wheels was delivering up to 20 meals a day throughout the community. Dr.

Con Kelleher used his skills as a Doctor to provide a succinct written and photography accounts of what was happening with Coronavirus.



Eva Dennehy from Millstreet – pictured with her children Siún (age 4), Muireann (6) and six weeks-old Finn – was amongst 840 graduates from all 26 counties to graduate with Primary or Post-Primary teaching qualifications at a virtual online ceremony recently that coincided with celebrations to mark the 20th anniversary of Hibernia College's foundation.



Macroom U13s who entertained Corduff FC from Dublin at Murrayfield in the National Cup in January.

May

McEgan Transition years fundraised an impressive €800 for Fr. John Keane for the homeless, such fantastic work for such a needy cause. Lissaragh Cleaning Services gave the town a spring clean as part of Cork County Councils Project ACT.



Chloe & Amy pupils of Rusheen N.S. who won awards recently in the Macroom Library "Bling Your Bike" Colouring Competition



St. Mary's CHRISTMAS ELVES, EMILY MURPHY AND GRACE SCANLON in their Elves costumes

June

Sadly, Leaving certs ended their time in school, without the usual celebrations. Community spirit was again alive and well when Jim Cunningham of Carrig Inn, Carrigadrohid raised €1000 for Macroom Hospital.



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alcohol and gambling rehabilitation centre in Farnanes.



Laochra ÓG U-8s and U-6s training on Macroom's Astro in Dec. 2020 under Katrina Hickey. (C. Kelleher).



St. Mary's CHRISTMAS ELVES, EMILY MURPHY AND GRACE SCANLON in their school uniform

August



Laochra ÓG

August brought with it a socially distanced jumble sale for the Tiny Feet Fairy Garden, raising over €2000. The fairies were delighted with such a result, the garden was thoroughly enjoyed this summer by young and old alike. August also saw the 100-year anniversary of the Lissarada

Ambush being marked.



Macroom Mart as it operated during Level 5 Lockdown sales. Annette Collins is the auctioneer's clerk and John Leahy, the ringman. (C.Kelleher).

September



September brought with it, rain. As a result, our beloved Fairies had their Tiny Feet Fairy garden flooded. Communion and Confirmations started to trickle back to life, Coachford NS enjoyed their much-anticipated confirmation. Work on Macroom bypass is well underway, the pace and

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Transition Year Pupils at Macroom Christmas Market

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Rosary at Curra Grotto ©

November

Schools were busy in November. St Mary's in Macroom waved goodbye to principle, Mr. Cooke, St Joesph's enjoyed science week and the De La Salle prepped they projects for the BT Young Scientists.



De La Salle students Dylan Wenger, Fionn Crowley and Marcin Oleksy who will represent De La Salle College Macroom at this year's BT Young Scientist with a project titled 'Bike Blinkers'.



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

December

The Centenary of the Kilmicheal Ambush was marked in Kilmicheal. While the annual Christsmas marker was cancelled, the Lee Valley enterprise board, Macroom Municipal Council and businesses of Macroom went all out with their festive lights in an effort to shine a light on what has been a glum year for many.



Glen Park residents Jim Cooney and Tom Coughlan at their Christmas tree. (C. Kelleher).



Tomás MacCurtain's great grandson, and great-great granddaughter at the museum recently. (credit Niall Murray)



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Last sale of the season Sat 19th December
First sale of the season Sat 9th January

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McEgan Musings



Stand up week at Bishop McEgan College



McEgan College first year music students playing outdoors

Music is flourishing here at the college during these uncertain times. Students have fun trying out some body percussion, African instruments and ukulele playing during their weekly music classes. All first-year pupils study music at McEgan College.

Stand up week

McEgan College was delighted to join hundreds of second-level schools by taking part in Stand-Up Awareness Week against LGBTI+ bullying, November 16th -20th. McEgan college prides itself on creating a safe learning environment that is respectful and inclusive of all. The very powerful message for the week was one of understanding, acceptance and celebration of difference be that gender, ethnicity, religious beliefs, or sexual orientation. This was reinforced by the many educational resources, videos, and activities the students and staff engaged with throughout the week. It is important to note the positive outcomes when staff, school curriculum and school policies are inclusive of such initiatives. To mark the end of the week students and staff had a rainbow jumper day where each year was assigned a colour of the rainbow and dressed accordingly. As always, our students showed their generosity and thoughtfulness and managed to raise €241 which they donated to their local St. Vincent De Paul. Well done to all involved.

TY Enterprise – Macroom Christmas Market – 8th and 15th of December

Hats off to all the very hard working and dedicated TY Students who pulled

out all the stops for this year’s Macroom’s Christmas Market. Although there wasn’t an “official” Christmas Market this year in the Square, the enterprising Students had a fantastic array of Christmas gifts on sale. Equipped with the School’s new Marquee, the professional display and quality of Christmas ideas that the students had on display was second to none, and it was duly noted by the Customers who purchased their products. The Snow-Man candles were sold out in no time, while other products such as the Candle Selection sold very well also. The students were also delighted to introduce their new product, Macroom Brown Bread Mix. The Bread mix included the Walton’s Mill famous whole-meal flour as their main ingredient and the feedback to the Brown Bread has been tremendous. Congratulations to all the TY Enterprise Students of 2020 on a fantastic job!!!!

GRMA Day for School Staff

Friday 11th December was national “Go Raibh Maith Agat” school staff appreciation day to acknowledge and celebrate the work done in our school community in maintaining a safe and welcoming environment for students to learn. Our LCA 5 Hotel and Catering Students came up with a novel (and Covid safety) way to express their appreciation of all staff. They hosted a delivered coffee service with home baked treats to their teachers, SNAs, caretaker and secretary. The students showed exceptional organisational skills and coffee and treats were delivered with a smile. Thanks to all LCA 5 students for their lovely and much appreciated gesture.



Christmas Card Delivery

Well done to Tyrone in TY, for coordinating Christmas cards being written and posted to all residents in Sullane Haven & Care Choice Nursing Home. One of the traditions in TY is to go carol singing to local nursing homes and have a chat and with residents. Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions this was not possible. TYs decided to send Christmas cards as family and community are at the heart of Christmas. Christmas can also be a time of loneliness with the absence of loved ones. TYs hope that later in the New Year they will again be able to visit for music, chat and banter.

Christmas Raffle

The Transition Year mini company class under the supervision of their teacher Mr. O’Driscoll tasked our Pat Relihan to bake a cake to raffle in aid of Fr. John’s charity Helping Corks Homeless. Tickets are on sale now €2 for one or three for a €5 and the draw takes place Thursday 17th December.

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De La Salle Doings

The school would like to wish teachers Aisling Hutchings and Aisling Kelleher the very best of luck as they take on Dublin in the All-Ireland Senior Ladies Football final on December 20th. We are extremely proud of these two women lining out for the Cork senior ladies. Ms. Hutchings club team is Fermoy while Ms. Kelleher is one of our own, playing for local club St. Vals. Cork have put away an impressive 6 All-Irelands in the last ten years, with Dublin on 4 having dominated for the last three years in a row. With two of the most impressive, skilful and dominant ladies football teams on display, Sunday's game should not be missed. The game will be aired on TG4 at 15.30, December 20th. Rebels Abú!

First, second, and third year religion classes have been making Christmas cards for the local nursing homes. Their cards consisted of beautiful artwork and heartfelt messages which will be sent off after a period of isolation. The displays can be seen on our Facebook and website. Well done to the boys and to their teacher, Mr. Raymond Murphy, for organising it.

As the year comes to a close, we would like to thank everyone in the school community for helping the school get through the last few weeks. Teaching staff, management, cleaners, caretaker, secretary, students and their parents have worked tirelessly over the last four months ensuring the continuation of an excellent education in a safe environment has been possible. It has not been easy, but it has been so important. We hope everyone enjoys a well-earned break. We wish everyone in the De La Salle Community a safe, happy and healthy Christmas and we look forward, more than ever, to a 'Happy New Year'.



Junior Cycle students in De La Salle College present a display of Christmas cards to local nursing homes.



The book *Along The Right Path* had generated €3,052 for various charities up to 12th November 2020.



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We were very busy recently recording for the public speaking Gaellinn competition. Well done girls! Great work done over the past few weeks. Best of luck in the first round of the competition. Thanks to Ms Queally for preparing the girls for this competition.

Junior Team: Aoibhe Kelleher, Cara Moloney, Anna O Mahoney

Senior Team: Aine Sheehan, Abigail Kelleher, Sadhbh Bourke

Camogie Training

We are delighted that Camogie training has started again for our girls. Huge thanks to Ms McSweeney and Liam Slattery for giving their time to train the girls. Training will continue on Wednesdays from 1.30 - 2.30. All girls welcome.

Congratulations Erika

Cork are back in an All-Ireland decider on 20 December against old rivals Dublin. Well done Erika. You are unreal, we are so delighted for you.

#Thinklanguages

#ThinkLanguages is an initiative to help students to discover a world of languages and cultures in school. This initiative invites all students to celebrate all the fun and benefits of foreign language learning. Our TYs delivered a presentation to first years as part of ThinkLanguages which celebrated foreign language learning. Well done girls, you gave fantastic presentations and promoted the importance of languages very well.

Christmas Day In St Mary's

We celebrated Christmas Day in St Mary's in a slightly different way this year. All classes watched a Virtual Carol Service in their classrooms followed by a fun Table Quiz. Santa and his Elves visited each classroom, informed the girls that they were all on the nice list and gave them all some sweets to enjoy. There were prizes for the best Christmas outfits, the winners were Ms Foley (Best dressed Teacher), Rachel Bradley (Best dressed Junior) and Carol Ann Casey (Best dressed Senior Student). There was a Charity Raffle, all proceeds from the raffle are going to Fr John to help the homeless. The girls raised over €250 for Fr John and they were delighted that the winner of the raffle was Trish. Trish cooked a fantastic Christmas Dinner for all of our Leaving Certs. Thanks so much to Mrs O Donovan and the Student Council (Marion Creedon, Fey Healy, Rowen Moore, Marissa Duarte, Niamh Deasy, Niamh Murray, Leanne Healy, Gemma Monroe, Rachel Bradley, Geraldine McCarthy, Emily Cronin, Eugenie Kelleher, Saoirse Twomey) for organising the day's activities, we had a fantastic day.

Virtual Catherine McAuley Awards



OUR STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS, MR MCLAUGHLIN AND MRS O DONOVAN PRESENTING HER PRIZE TO TRISH



MS FOLEY GIVING THE PRIZE TO EMILY JONES, THE WINNER OF OUR INSTAGRAM COMPETITION

Our Virtual Catherine McAuley Awards went live on our Social Media on Friday the 11th of December. Congratulations to all of our award winners. Thanks to Elaine Lynch and Arlene O' Donoghue for organising this event. Thanks to Emma Lynch Photography and to John O' Sullivan Videography.

Presentation Of Junior Cycle Profile Of Achievement Award

Our Transition Years had a lovely day of celebration on Friday the 11th of December to celebrate receiving their Junior Cycle Profile of Achievement awards. They watched a Christmas Movie, had a surprise Sweet Trolley and Hot Chocolate. Thanks so much to Ms Collins and Ms Donovan for helping the girls to organise this lovely occasion to mark the end of their Junior Cycle. Congratulations girls.

Information From Two Of Our Bt Young Scientist Projects

Brigín Kelleher got thinking during lockdown about how some children might be at a disadvantage learning from home if their parents were working. Her project is titled "Stay at home mothers vs working mothers. How are their children raised?" Brigín's project aims to find out if there is a difference in children's values, gender stereotypes, behaviours and attitude towards education in children raised by stay-at-home mothers' vs working mothers.

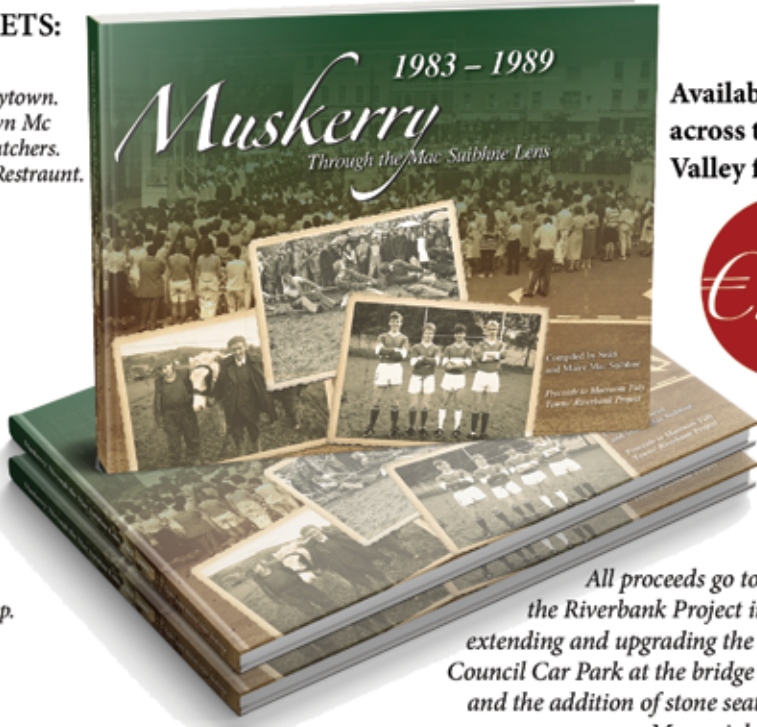
Ava Ronan and Ruby O' Shea's project is titled "Does music effect your heart rate while sleeping?". The girls both have an interest in music and also wear smartwatches that help track sleep, steps and heart rate among others. They wondered if you listen to music while asleep will this have an effect on your heart rate. The girls will be carrying out their experiment on number of participants and it will involve a variety of music genres e.g. pop, rock, jazz, country and classical. Best of luck with your projects' girls!

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Christmas Opening Hours

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Children’s Activities: Macroom Library are running a **Christmas Colouring Competition** for their patrons, from now until the **19th December** (we have extended the date).

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As part of **Family Time at your Library** during the month of December 2020, Cork County Library & Arts Service is hosting a special Online event.

Author Natasha Mac a’Bháird & illustrator Audrey Dowling will present an **Online Story Workshop**, based on their picture book “Reindeer Down”.

Join them at home on Saturday, December 19th at 11.00am, when they will read to you, show you how to make-a-picture book, and guide you in a fun draw-along. Most importantly, find out who will pull Santa’s sleigh when Dancer hurts her leg.

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We also have a great selection of Christmas Books for Adults & Children in the Library. Also new titles are constantly being added to our stock.

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The Staff in Macroom Library would like to wish all our patrons a happy & peaceful Christmas & bright & healthy new year.
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Macroom Girl Guides

Macroom Guides achieve highest Guiding Award

Amy Sheehan, Gemma Munro, Kirsten Bonnar, Muireann O’Sullivan and Natalia Raba, members of the Ardilaun Guide Unit, Macroom were presented with the Trail Blazer Award at the South West Region’s National Guide Award Ceremony last month which was held online. a first for IGG. We were joined by the other 46 Guides in the SW Region: our National President, Maureen Murphy, Chief Commissioner, Amanda O’Sullivan and Honorary Ambassador Shirley McCay, a member of Ireland’s international hockey team and the most capped female athlete in this country.
The Trail Blazer is the highest award that can be achieved by Guides and our Guides have been working toward this for the past four years, achieving all other programme awards along the way. Challenges which the

Guides completed included many outdoor activities such as day and night hikes, backwoods cookery, kayaking, attending many camps, helping with the Ladybird Unit and spending a week at our World Centre in Switzerland to take part in a seminar “Action on Body Confidence” with trainers from many different countries around the world. During 202, they planned and carried many activities for our online Guide meetings when we could not meet in person.
All these activities contributed to the personal development and leadership skills that the Guides achieved as they join the list of forty Ardilaun Guides who have achieved this Award to date – a fitting number for the Guide Unit which is celebrating its 40th anniversary. Macroom Guiding is very proud of Amy, Gemma, Kirsten, Muireann and Natalia.





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Macroom Tidy Towns

2020, An outstanding year for Macroom Tidy Towns and Macroom

While many will see 2020 as a year to forget, this past year is arguably the greatest year ever for Macroom Tidy Towns achievements since the group came together in 1983, almost 38 years ago. This is a remarkable achievement considering that the majority of regular volunteers are over 60 years old, and early in the year we were saddened by the loss of one of our very popular regulars, Bill Barry RIP. Covid has restricted the work of others. There is no denying that current levels of activity cannot be sustained without an injection of young blood since the 3 officers on the top table, Martin Coughlan, John Lyons and Judy O'Sullivan are in situ since 1985, for the past 35 years.

In January, a 6 metre by 12 metre concrete slab was built by volunteers with some help from asylum seekers from Riverside Park for our new shed. Temperatures as low as minus three degrees on one morning did not deter the volunteers. The new steel-clad shed was erected in February to store all our tools and equipment and this is now used as the Tidy Towns base to work from. During the year, internal shelving has been erected and security lighting, etc.

In February 2020 a public meeting was organised in the Castle Hotel and a presentation by Donal O'Leary on 'Food Waste and Composting'. During this month also the Tidy Towns had a stand in the Leisure Complex as part of 'Meet the Clubs' day.

The Church gate collection in March raised some funding. The main funding for Tidy Towns comes each year from the Co. Co. and the largest expenditure goes on the flower in town and the grass cutting in the estates. In future it is considered that an envelope collection, reaching on all residents and businesses is more appropriate than the church gate collection which was held every year. Various other sponsorships were received, the main

one being Optimal Chiropractic, who sponsor work on the Sensory Garden.

In the sensory garden the plastic tunnel was removed following damages and antisocial activity but is now turned into a new amenity area using recycled pallets as seating and with further work planned for 2021. A very attractive natural old stone wall has been built bordering the mill stream and steel door made and fitted here also. Dead evergreen Lawson Cypress trees were cut out and holly and ash are now returning naturally. Shrubs were transplanted out of the large circular bed in order to use this bed for sensory planting. A new concrete path was laid down weaving its way through the garden. The popular stepping logs for kids were made safer, with a covering of artificial grass. Two new 'tunnels' were built for kids to crawl through and proving to be most popular. A new elderly friendly colourful seat was also installed here.

In the Fairy garden itself extra recycled plastic seating was fitted, maintenance was ongoing, cleaning, treating benches, replacing items, etc and coping with the aftermath of two major floods that submerged the garden, in February and in August. A sale of goods took place on two weekends to raise funds also.

New seating was installed by the riverside. These multicoloured recycled plastic seats were sponsored by the Neville Family and Riverside Park Hotel and Sleaveen Montessori School.

Murals were painted on walls near the Greyhound Bar on Leary's lane leading to the Mart. The Tidy Towns helped out with power washing, with paints, and co-ordinated the painting. Various artists all contributed freely of their time to carry out these and enhance this area which is admired by people near and far.

Biodiversity now has taken centre stage. We watched the swift tower at the mart being actively used by sparrows to make their nests in. Further swift nesting boxes will be erected in 2021. Ducks were provided by the Gun

Club and 50 were released into the river from Castle Demesne side near the bridge and were a wonderful sight as they swam about in groups. Good to see a few of them in this area at the beginning of December, while many of them had moved downstream sometime after release and resided near the towns' sewerage treatment plant. Four large fruit trees were donated by McEgan College and planted in the biodiversity garden in March. In December students from McEgan again returned and planted a horse chestnut tree under the guidance of Tidy Towns. Various initiatives are ongoing in estates where large amounts of grass were being cut and now these are managed differently. IRD Duhallow have support a training initiative for Tidy Town in advising on different aspects of biodiversity and potential projects. Two days were spent with Gortbrack Organics who came to Macroom and advise the group. Macroom has also been selected by Cork Co Co as a pollinator town, and an ecologist has been engaged to draw up a plan together with the Tidy Towns and the local council. A petrol engine mulcher has recently been purchased and this will help in disposal of branches and cuttings and provide chippings/mulch that can be used to good effect elsewhere.

While all of these specific tasks and projects were being carried out, the regular work was also ongoing, the litter picking, the emptying of doggie poo bins, pruning of shrubs and roses, some street sweeping, flower bed cleaning, etc. Trailer loads of rubbish were taken to the Civic Amenity Site on Killarney Road. All the large hanging baskets were erected using volunteer help and hire of a teleporter machine. These baskets required ongoing maintenance, with regular early morning watering and feeding at intervals. The shrubs at Oakwood had outgrown the tubs and were planted in the ground. Other ornate concrete tubs were put out at Coleman's Park entrance and at Gurteenroe. The management of the grass



Science week at St Josephs Primary School



Macroom Voting Centre St. Colman's Boys' N.S. staff: L> R Norma O'Connor, Pauline O'Leary, Pauline O'Regan and Antoinette Cullinane. (General Election Feb. 8th 2020). (C Kelleher).



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Macroom Tidy Towns cont.

cutting in all of the estates continued to be done also. A Heritage Brochure for Macroom is in the making and Tidy Towns are liaising with Cork Co Co. on this draft and hope to see it in print in 2021.

The town has never looked better this Christmas, and many business have contributed to this also.

Covid19 has had its influence on all activities but has left many positive legacies in relation to the town centre upgrade and inputs from the Council. The cobble stones at the Castle Gates were re-pointed in June. The Town Hall itself was cleaned, windows and doors painted, some wiring and signs upgraded, railings painted, pump and nearby street furniture painted, using local contractors. Two new canopies with the tables and willow surrounds have added to the street-scape also. New additional Christmas lighting has been erected this year together with a new tree on the square, again with the

help of several volunteers who worked many nights with the hire of a teleporter. Likewise, the crib beside Town Hall was erected with the help of Volunteers.

This Christmas, the Tidy Towns are working with the MacSweeney family, Killarney Road, in the promotion of the book of photographs from the 1980's 'Muskerry through the Mac Suibhne Lens'. This was compiled by Seán and Máire and the profits will go towards the upgrading of the path from the council car park at the bridge to the Fairy Garden, and the erection of memorial on the riverbank in memory of those who could not gain admission to the workhouse and died here on the riverbank.

Macroom in General.

There are other major works of interest happening in Macroom that make this an exceptional year, work on the bypass, housing developments along Millstreet Road, in Meadowlands and Oakwood as well as work

on the Hospital and the Garda Divisional HQ in Gurteenroe. Major works have also taken place on riverbank stabilisation and car park upgrade at the bridge.

Macroom has also been selected as a service town for the Gaeltacht which will benefit the town and surrounds. Overall, the future looks bright.

Thanks to our loyal Tidy Towns volunteers and to so many other people who contributed in their own way, the council, those on schemes, all that have contributed in any way to making Macroom beautiful. We are lucky to have such a nice town with such wonderful natural amenities, something that was commented on by many while in lockdown earlier this year.

Keep up the good work.....Ní neart go cur e céile. Fan Slán and Nollaig Shona.

Macroom Community Hospital

Extension and Excavation

Macroom has possibly never seen as much concurrent building as before. Apart from the Bypass, there are four new estates/estate extensions under construction – two new estates in the Millstreet Road, and extensions in Oakwood and Meadowlands. As well, work on extending Macroom Community Hospital has begun and that of itself is brilliant news. When preparing the foundation, many walls and other structures were found and these were part of Macroom Union Workhouse, 1843-1921.

The hospital was developed on the site of the old Macroom Union Workhouse which first opened in 1843, just before the famine. The workhouse was burned-down in 1921 by the IRA to prevent possible use by British Forces. Later the damaged building was used by the Free State army. In the late 1920s most of the old structure was demolished and the only surviving section is the one that now houses the ambulance crews and storage area. The Dental Clinic operated from that building.

A new hospital extension is being built on a site behind the current hospital and adjacent to the extant portion of the old workhouse. Early work revealed existing underlying structures, and these include walls, recesses, pits and passageways. Because of the finds, archaeologists were called, and they are now examining the site, and recording all

relevant details.

The work of the archaeologists is aided by plans, drawings and photos from the time of the workhouse. More than 400 workhouses were built in Ireland before and during the Great Irish Famine (1845-1852), and were geared to cater for 1% of a population of more than 8 million people. Macroom Union (roughly seventeen surrounding parishes) had a population of about 58,000 and the capacity of Macroom Workhouse was 600. The vast majority of all workhouses were built to a set plan and varied mostly in size and site; capacity ranged from 200 to 1,200. Some original plans survive. Thus, the archaeologist will be able to work out pretty accurately where the various sections were. For example, at the back there were three sections for what the authorities termed 'The Infirm, Lunatics and Idiots', and these section are readily identifiable on the current site.

Hopefully the archaeologists will make their findings known and available. We would thus have a better record of what occurred in Macroom Union Workhouse and the fate that befell our ancestors.

I thank Matron Bernie Buckley, John Nash, the archaeologists and the on-site workers. Con Kelleher.



Site of Macroom Community Hospital extension with exposed structure from Macroom Workhouse times



Denis and Ellen Carroll with their children Ger and Richie at the site. Denis, originally from adjacent Glen Park, is working on the site.

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Macroom Mart and Covid (2020)

by Dr. Con Kelleher

Last Saturday Macroom Mart allowed sellers and buyers into the premise again for the first time in seven weeks. While adhering strictly to guidelines, both the staff and attendees were delighted to see a return to a more normal way of doing business.

Macroom Co-operative Livestock Sales Yard Ltd. (1962) was its first manifestation, and later it became Macroom Co-operative Mart Ltd. Uniquely the beginning of the mart was a joint venture between town and country with ten members from each side making up the first committee, with Harry Murphy, Chemist, R.I.P., and Dan Murphy, R.I.P., Coolalta, Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively. The late Jerry Cotter, Main Street, exchanged land to facilitate the introduction of the mart. Later again it became part of Cork Marts. Apart from the Foot-and-Mouth outbreak (2001), the mart has never been as restricted as during the current pandemic. During the Foot-and-Mouth outbreak, cattle were the source of contagion: now it is people who carry and spread the sometimes nasty and fatal Corona virus.

Very kindly Macroom Mart allowed me to take some pictures and they are, I think, of interest and may be of more interest in times to come. Hopefully with appropriate behaviour and the effect of vaccines, and the hope of improved and novel treatments, these scenes will not recur in the future.

The Mart has been a very important facet of Macroom life for the past fifty-six years and like almost every other person, business and institution

in the country, Covid has interfered. However, after the initial shock of the first lockdown, the mart adapted and coped. First, they matched buyers with sellers and the latter went to farms to do the deal. As there was only one buyer, this was advantage to the dealer/buyer. Online sales then came into play and this was much better for the farmer. Fortunately, the price of cattle held up and Bord Bia's turnover is even set to increase a little this year. Farmers' profit margins are thin and luckily the end of the pandemic's worst effects is in sight. Of course, that other 'monster' Brexit is rearing its head and Britain and Boris Johnson's actions are truly bewildering. But that is a topic for another day. No doubt Irish farmers and marts will find a way and flourish.

While principally a business, the mart serves a very important social function. Farming can be a lonely and tough world and the mart provides a very important social outlet. Life is more than about money, as the Bible has it 'Man does not live on bread alone'. On re-opening the farmers, buyers and staff were thrilled to get out and meet again and get back to something approaching normality. With the prospect of early safe vaccines, hopefully the end is nigh for the pandemic

Finally, I would like to thank Manager John O'Mahony for allowing access, and to acknowledge the great help provided by Tim McSweeney, Patricia O'Sullivan, Eleanor Lucey, Jerh O'Sullivan, Annette Collins and John Leahy and everybody else.



Macroom Mart ring sales on 5 December, Level 3



Macroom Mart ring sales on 5 December, Level 3; Auctioneer, Jerh O'Sullivan, clerk Mike Sinclair and ringman, John Leahy. (C.Kelleher).



Alastair Earley entry entitled 'Big Frog' in the 53rd year of the Competition, held in 2007, as a pupil at Berrings National School.



The Bealnamorrive Christmas Tree in Ballyvongane NS


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'Foreign Games' in Macroom 1900-1999, Hockey

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Cusack, co-founder of the GAA in 1884, decried hurling as 'antiseptic' as opposed to 'the dash of hurling'. 1880s' Ireland had the mix of Land Agitation, possible Home Rule and the beginning of the Irish-Ireland movement. In England the Hockey Association was formed in 1886 to codify and control the game. As Trinity's ethos was Protestant and Unionist, a hockey club was formed there in 1893, firmly in the tradition of being Irish but within the UK and the British Empire. Paterson's example of forming a club was shortly followed by King's Hospital, a Dublin Protestant school, and others. The Irish Hockey Union was formed in 1892 and the Irish Ladies Hockey Union (ILHU) in 1894, in Alexandria College, a Protestant girls' school. Like tennis, hockey in Ireland was as an elite, establishment and imperial game. It was played mostly in Trinity, Dublin and other Dublin clubs, later in Belfast, and then in provincial towns. The advent of railways facilitated the spread of all sports. Associational culture in the second half of the eighteenth century saw an explosion of the numbers of sports clubs of many types - including cycling, swimming, golf, tennis, hockey and GAA clubs. Upper-class women played golf, hockey and tennis and enjoyed cycling and competitive swimming. Rouse notes that non-GAA clubs in provincial towns had overlapping membership which often shared religion, facilities, interests, loyalties and social life, and clubs were frequently places where people met partners. Hockey was gradually adopted by some schools - secondary education then was for the privileged few - and underscored hockey's elitism. Irish boarding schools were modelled on English public schools and copied their structure, ethos and games, and hockey fell within this cachet. Elite Catholic schools were founded to 'match' Protestant ones, to provide secondary education for children of socially advanced Catholics, and to train priests and religious. Often schools used games to inculcate good habits and to open pathways to social advancement. In *Where Finbarr Played* Murphy remarks that the 'similarities in ethos between rugby and ladies hockey in UCC were striking'. Hockey, rugby, cricket and soccer were 'banned' by the GAA as 'foreign' games. This forms the background of hockey in provincial Irish towns.

Macroom is a rural town but had a hockey club and Macroom hockey was referenced in March 1902. North Muskerry beat South Muskerry 2-1 in a ladies' match in Macroom with teams composed of Mrs and Misses: Colonel Broderick was the referee. A subsequent *Southern Star* article contains the following:

Since its introduction to Macroom hockey has evoked some curious freaks and men of the greenest hue have undergone, chameleon-like, a complete change of colour through its influence. Some people forget that this is Ireland, and that the present revival makes for nationalisation in

all our surroundings, and to set up an alternative pastime, which, to say the least of it, is not racy of the soil, for the modification of the youthful generation is to aid in the process of Anglicisation, and to undermine nationality.

The next fixture reported was a Church of Ireland-Macroom tie in April 1923. Macroom's 1923-24 season opened with a 3-1 defeat in Clonakilty. Cork Independent Ex-Service Men's Club was scheduled to play senior and junior matches in Macroom on St Stephen's Day. The club held a Fancy Dress Ball, (tickets were 10/6 each), the following month. Photos of Mallow and Macroom mixed teams, together with names, appeared in the *Weekly Irish Times*. Macroom beat Mallow 2-1 in the Charity Cup semi-final, with Hannoefy and Shea scoring. The club arranged another Fancy Dress dance in 1924. Macroom recorded a win when a mixed XI overcame Youghal 4-0 in the Bolster Cup, first round. Mallow and Macroom drew 2-2 in 1926, and a Macroom team-photo was in the *Leinster Express*. After a Bolster Cup win over Waterford 3-2, the writer regrets that Macroom was 'not as representative of the town as I would wish it to be'. Just 2.2% of Macroom's population in 1901 was Protestant. Macroom Hockey Club is last mentioned when it lost a final to Church of Ireland, which 'boasted not a few internationals'.

A picture captioned 'Macroom Hockey Club' appeared in the *Cork Examiner* in 1998. The 'club' operated from Macroom Sports Complex, never affiliated and never played a competitive game. Due to injuries, it ceased within months. Local schools did not feature hockey and the only Macrompian hockey players thereafter attended hockey-playing schools or played at university or with outside clubs. Bandon and Cork-city hockey clubs were nearest to Macroom.

Mary Purcell (now Quain), Macroom, played twice for Ireland's senior hockey team in 1973 and was a substitute on other occasions. Instead of receiving 'caps', she received a silver brooch to mark the achievement. Mary boarded in Ursuline Convent, Cork, where hockey was the main winter game, and played on successful teams there and at University College Cork. She played with the Combined Universities and regularly with Munster. Good play with successful teams brought her international selection. Having qualified in UCC she attended Loughborough, England, for her Physical Education degree, but as a non-resident in Ireland, it ended her Irish career. On return to Ireland she taught P.E. at her alma mater, coached school hockey teams and played successfully with Old Ursulines. Mary regained her Munster place and played for several more years. Many teammates subsequently played golf. Mary's sisters Veronica, Elizabeth, Jean and Deirdre attended Ursulines and were accomplished players. Deirdre played hockey for Munster.

Mary O'Sullivan, North Square, Macroom, played



Mary Purcell with a successful Ursuline Convent team. 1969, (Mary Purcell Collection).

with UCC and was on an Irish hockey team that toured Holland in 1956. She qualified as a doctor and was the daughter of Dr Timothy O'Sullivan, a General Practitioner in Macroom.

Traditionally hockey was a niche sport in Ireland, played within Anglo-centric circles and by the upper-classes. The sporting revolution in Ireland coincided with late nineteenth-century Land Agitation, and the Home Rule and Irish-Ireland movements. Cusack's abilities as a journalist and polemicist exploited the situation by forming the nationalist GAA but this ensured politics and sport in Ireland were thereafter inevitably entwined. Divisions in sport were on confessional, political, loyalty, economic, class and status lines. They caused antipathy between Catholics and Protestants, and within Catholicism, between the socially advancing and those lagging behind.

Despite Irish Hockey's attempts to broaden its base, divisions persist in Ireland, North and South, as evidenced by many fee-paying and Protestant-run schools featuring hockey and rugby rather than GAA games or soccer.

Hockey ceased in Macroom because of the changed political climate after 1922 and the reduced numbers, status and profile of Anglophiles who played. Macroom girls' schools featured sports very little until the middle-late twentieth century, and then they played/did principally Gaelic games, athletics and basketball. Hockey was not played as far as I can establish. Protestant and some Catholic schools, and clubs feeding-off them, maintain hockey in the Twenty-Six Counties. There were insufficient numbers to support hockey in Macroom.

Macroom internationals are rare, and it is a great achievement to represent one's country. Mary Purcell's feat was not acknowledged publicly in Macroom. Attendance at a hockey-playing school allowed her talent to blossom and governed much of her life. Mary's sporting and teaching career reflect the interaction of class, education, gender, employment and sport. This section captures some aspects of life and sport in Macroom in the twentieth century.

Photo above: Mary Purcell's brooch, awarded for being selected for the Irish Senior Ladies Hockey team, (Mary Purcell Collection).



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Johnny Creedon

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Apology - The Editor would like to apologise to the Creedon family & Paddy Corkery for failure to include the second part of this wonderful story in the last edition.

Competing with the Best: Although residing in London Johnny made regular trips home to play in the Senior championship. This generated great excitement in Clondrohid and when we young enthusiasts saw himself and his friend Tony O'Shea outside the church after first Mass on Sunday morning, we knew that Johnny had a big Score that afternoon.

Success came quickly and in 1960 he was crowned County and Munster champion defeating Donie Lehane in the Final on a very wet day at The Miles Road near Clonakilty by three bowls of odds. He won all of his five Scores that year by at least two bowls of odds. This was the most convincing victory ever in those championships. Ten months later on Sunday August 13th, 1961, a huge crowd assembled at Crookstown to see Creedon defend his Title against Mick Barry. Barry had won the Senior championship in 1955 and 1959 so the stage was set for the battle of champions. This Score was over two miles in length with each player throwing a total of 29 shots. Some incredible bowling by Barry powered him into a lead of nearly three bowls of odds at the halfway stage. It was from here that Creedon showed his lion heartedness to fashion a remarkable victory and win an enthralling contest. Barry and his followers were stunned by Creedon's comeback. It was his backer's darkest day. They lost more in this Score than they had won in any Score before that. They lost the substantial stake the "bets on two bowls", "on one bowl", "on the lead again" and even some of them "on the three bowls.

Unfortunately, two weeks later Creedon was involved in a car accident which put an end to his championship aspirations in 1961.

Johnny won his next Munster Senior championship in 1968 defeating Denis Scully in the Semi Final and Mick Barry in the Final, both Scores played at Nadd. The All-Ireland championship was now in place and Danny Mc Parland from Armagh provided the opposition again at Nadd. Creedon won this contest at ease by three bowls of odds.

That 1968 victory is recalled by author Brian Toal in his excellent book "Road Bowling in Ireland". "The 1968 Senior campaign in the South resulted in John Creedon Clondrohid and Mick Barry Waterfall coming through to contest the Munster Final. It was the first Munster Final to be played at Nadd in the North East region and Creedon emerged with a fully deserved win in a year during which he was bowling better than at any period since he last won the Provincial Title in 1960. The All Ireland Final that year, on Sunday 1st September, was also played at Nadd and it provided John Creedon with a home venue

advantage. It was an All-Ireland Final Danny Mc Parland will have no wish to recall. Only once in the lead, and that on the first shot, the former National Title holder never looked like winning as the consistent Creedon with few errors apart from his opening throw continually added to his lead to win by three bowls of odds".

In 1979 Johnny won his third Munster Senior championship beating Donie Coveney in the Final at Beal Na Blath on July 22nd by three bowls of odds. However, he had to give best to Pat Mallon of Armagh in the All-Ireland Final played on the Blackwatertown Road on 5th August. 1979 was a great year also for the young Pat Creedon who defeated Doire O'Duinin An Gaeltacht at Toghher Cross and later Ciaran Hennessy at Ballyshonin to capture the Munster Title. Again, we quote for Brian Toal "Guided by the intuition and practical experience of his father John Creedon Clondrohid All Ireland Senior champion 1968, it was obvious that Blackwatertown Road would pose few difficulties in his quest for National Juvenile honours on 4th August. Pat Creedon adapted perfectly to the course. It was probably his best ever performance to then and with it he gave little hope to Philip Rafferty who was very soon into a shot deficit and struggling to prevent further loss. Pat Creedon went on to win rather easily and gained the All-Ireland Juvenile Title for 1979".

Finally, in 1987 Creedon beat Tim O'Halloran to capture the Munster Intermediate Title at Ballyshonin and went on to again play Pat Mallon in the All Ireland Final on the Tassagh Road Armagh on Sunday 2nd August. Johnny was 60 yards "hind bowl" for the last shot up a very steep hill. However, he unleashed a bullet-like shot covering over 220 yards to win the Score by 30 yards. This was a fantastic result for Creedon and his supporters and it was also sweet revenge for 1979. The following extract from the Southern Star newspaper describes Creedon's last shot "They'll talk about Creedon's last bowl at Tassagh for years to come and its certainly one for posterity to recall. It is only those of us who know Tassagh can fully appreciate what a difficult bowl it is and where the Cork man got the strength of speed to deliver this exceptional throw left us all completely puzzled".

Brian Toal describes that Final as follows: "In 1987 Pat Mallon Grangemore went one better than 1986 when he won the Ulster Title over Paul Grimley and that provided for a repeat pairing of the 1979 National Senior Final when it was learned that Johnny Creedon had won the Munster Intermediate crown. He had beaten Tim O'Halloran by a bowl of odds at Ballyshonin in the Provincial Final and the All-Ireland Final contest was scheduled for Tassagh on Sunday 2nd August. Creedon had been showing renewed resilience and dedication during that season and he needed it at Tassagh. Pat Mallon had a 60-yard lead for the final throw and with Creedon bowling first he unleashed a tremendous shot against the rising ground. Despite an excellent final effort Mallon fell short of the mark by 30 yards".

Throughout his career Johnny threw numerous exhibition Scores with other top-class bowlers. One of the most famous of those was a Gold Medal Tournament at Skibbereen. Creedon and Denis Scully played Mick Barry and Derry Kenny who were a bowl of odds with two shots to go. However, Creedon with a tremendous shot knocked the bowl of odds and Scully with an unbelievable throw of 500 yards secured victory.

Wearing the Green: 1969 was a landmark year as it featured the first International Bowling Series which was played in the Netherlands. It featured teams from Ireland, Northern Ireland, Holland plus two German teams. The competition was divided into three different sections Road Bowling, Moors Bowling and a Lofting competition. Johnny had the great honour to Captain the Irish team and also don the Green Jersey in 1970, 1972, 1974, 1977 and 1980 a total of six years.

In 1972 he threw a record shot of 550 yards. This was along a narrow track of roadway with canals of water running along both sides. In doing so he won the International Title for Ireland which was truly a magnificent achievement. Injury finally brought an end to his illustrious career in 1989.

Celebrations: Back in those days of Johnny's long bowling career, to be in his company for the after Score celebrations were great occasions full of stories, songs and high spirits. We recall great evenings at The Tavern, The Bell Inn, The Mons Halfway House, O'Regan's Ballyshonin, The Diamond Bar and many more.

On Friday 28th February 2014 a day of celebration to honour the achievements of bowl player Johnny Creedon was organised. It began with a trip to Crookstown to revisit the scene of his famous victory over Mick Barry. That evening The Bell Inn Tavern at Church Cross Clondrohid was full to the rafters where supporters and bowl players from all over Cork County gathered for a night of nostalgia, song and story. Local poet Con O'Riordan composed a poem in Johnny's honour and an appropriate song entitled The Mullenroe Boy, with words and music by Derry & Rosie Healy was launched. This song was played many times on the airwaves including on the programme of his namesake John Creedon of RTE.

Conclusion: Despite his many successes over the years Johnny always remained loyal to his own neighbours and friends. When he stepped out on the bowling road he was always representing his family and the Parish of Clondrohid and throughout his long career he never forgot his roots. He will always be remembered as one of the greats of the game and the legend will live on as long as people discuss the game of bowl playing.

Footnote: In compiling this article I received much support from the Creedon family especially Pat and Michael, both of course are steeped in the bowling culture and both were "Road Showers" for their dad from the tender age of 12 years.



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It is not those who inflict the most, but those that endure the most, that shall prevail

A most powerful and striking viewpoint that is quite relevant to the year 2020. The above headline is taken from the former lord mayor of Cork Terence Macswiney, it is also the first phrase that welcomes you to Independence Museum Kilmurry, Co. Cork. Covid 19 is now the enemy and has hit society and people's lives and turned the world we live in today upside down and inside out. Many people up and down Ireland have felt loss and pain and a sense of shock towards how everyday life has changed in 2020. 2020 is definitely seen as a year of reflection, to slow down and pause. A re-evaluation of life and probably more than ever identity, values and behaviour are key to "What is important".

Kilmurry Historical and Archaeological Association main goal in 1965, when the organisation was founded was to preserve and protect historical and archaeological sites and artefacts. To quote Terence Macswiney "The liberty for which we today strive is a sacred thing". The items the museum preserve are key to yours and Irelands Independence. The museum story tells the extraordinary struggles and endurance that your ancestors fought and won, ordinary people doing extraordinary things.

Former president South African Nelson Mandela and Terence Macswiney have a lot of comparisons. Both men endured a lot of pain and suffering to see freedom for their respective countries. Mandela once remarked "Real leaders must be ready to sacrifice all for the freedom of their people". This sums up Terence Macswiney life, as on 25th October 1920, Terence met his ultimate faith by taking his last breath and sacrificing his life for the freedom of Ireland by going on hunger strike for 74 days.

Macswiney's hunger strike had a huge international effect. The British government was threatened with a boycott of goods by the America's, countries in South America pleaded with the pope to intervene. More than 30,000

people paid their respects, at MacSwineys funeral. Terence MacSwiney coffin against the wishes of the MacSwiney family was brought directly to Cork instead of the planned Dublin route. Even in death the British government interfered with the wishes of the family. Terence MacSwiney funeral was one of the largest funerals ever seen in Cork City.

The MacSwiney family to this day have, a close and deep connection with Kilmurry museum. Maire Brughda MacSwiney (Terence MacSwiney's daughter) officially opened Kilmurry museum in 1965. Independence Museum Kilmurry holds a wide range of items belonging to Terence Macswiney.

On 28 November 1920, an ambush was carried out in Kilmichael by the IRA during the war of Independence. Thirty-six local IRA volunteers commanded by Tom Barry killed seventeen members of the Auxillary division "They had gone down into the mire to destroy us and our nation and down after them we had to go" famously quoted by General Tom Barry. The Kilmichael ambush was seen a major blow to the British armed forces. The wheel of the Crossley tender is in place in the museum, alongside Tom Barry's suitcase, which Tom Barry presented to the museum.

As we head into 2021, there is light at the end of the tunnel, although it could also be an oncoming train. Seamus Heaney simply put it "If we winter this one out, we can summer anytime". There will be summer days ahead, where we can meet family, friends, go to events and get our freedoms back. Theses freedom have been hard fought by our fallen hero Lord Mayor Terence Macswiney and General Tom Barry. The hunger strike in Brixton prison by Terence Macswiney and ambushes in Crossbarry and Kilmichael lead by General Tom Barry were key events which lead



Tomás MacCurtain's great grandson, and great-great granddaughter at the museum recently . (credit Niall Murray)

to the freedom and Irish Independence. Independence Museum Kilmurry is solely run by volunteers. In normal times the community gets behinds and supports our fundraising events like concerts, bag packing and coffee mornings. These events would pay for the running and maintenance of the museum and community space. This year a Gofundme page has been setup which is very straight forward to donate <https://www.gofundme.com/f/independence-museum-kilmurry-fundraiser>. These donations will help the community space and museum maintain the artefacts which tell your story of independence.



Dromleigh N.S., Kilmichael pupils and teachers December 1917, three years prior to Kilmichael Ambush.

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Then the birds began to show a little interest in this delicacy that nature provides for them, as winter becomes harsher. At first their interest seemed to have no impact on the abundance of berries but then, almost overnight, during a short cold snap the berries were devoured! Once more the holly bush is uniform prickly green!

It's been wonderful over the past couple of weeks here in Leabharlann Bhaile Bhúirne. The Christmas decorations are up and the Christmas themed books are on display and available for borrowing. It is so good to be able to welcome back our customers even though we are encouraging you to keep your visits short.

The library experience has changed over the past months but one thing that hasn't changed is how excited all the children are as they look forward to Christmas. They have been busy writing letters to Santa and drawing pictures for him and they've been telling me what treats they will leave out for Santa and the reindeers when he visits them for Christmas. The general consensus is carrots or a variety of fruit and veg for the reindeers. Santa's treats vary greatly from mince pies, biscuits, cookies, chocolate, sweets, rocky-road, and homemade apple tart are amongst many other offerings. Drinks include milk, orange, coke, whisky, brandy, beer (Stag

Bán, of course!) and one young customer ensured me that she is going to leave him a cheese sandwich and a flask of tea as he'll be sick of all the sweet stuff! I'm sure Santa is going to be delighted with all the treats and may even take some home to the elves and Mrs Claus.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported Leabharlann Bhaile Bhúirne over the past year. I'm really looking forward to welcoming you all in 2021 and hope that you will renew your membership. Leabharlann Bhaile Bhúirne will be CLOSED on Thursday 24th December and will re-opening on Saturday 2nd January 2021 at 10am.

Anois ba mhaith liom buíochas a ghabháil le gach duine a thacaigh le Leabharlann Bhaile Bhúirne le bliain anuas. Táim ag súil go mór le fáilte a chur romhaibh go léir i 2021 agus tá súil agam go ndéanfaidh tú do bhallraíocht a athnuachan. Beidh Leabharlann Bhaile Bhúirne DÚNTA ar an Deardaoin 24ú Nollaig agus ag ath-oscailt ar Dé Sathairn 2ú Eanáir 2021 ag 10.00 r.n.

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cruinneog sneachta agus maisiúcháin na Nollag ar scoil. Beidh cúpla dos na comhlachtaí áitiúla ag glacadh páirte sa dea-gníomhacht seo. Beidh na pacáistí tugtha amach dos na sean daoine atá ina gcónaí ina n-aonar timpeall ár gceantar.

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6pm in Carriganima Christmas Eve is full
The extra 4.30pm in Carriganima has limited spaces

The 7.30pm in Clondrohid is full

The extra 9pm Mass in Clondrohid has limited spaces.

The 9.30 am Mass in Clondrohid on Christmas Day has limited spaces

An extra Mass at 11am either in Clondrohid or Carriganima will be celebrated if the numbers require it.

Strange times but let's all celebrate together, being mindful of social distancing, and wearing our masks.

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MACROOM PLOUGHING: On another year this Club would be in full swing preparing for their Annual Ploughing match, which was always held on the 1st Sunday of January weather permitting.

Unfortunately, as with many other events, the Annual Match has been cancelled due to Covid. Next year was going to be a special one for Macroom as it marked their 50th anniversary. Events to mark the occasion have been put on hold. All going well Macroom Ploughing will renew activities early in 2022.

They would like to wish all their sponsors, supporters, and friends a very Happy Christmas and best wishes for 2021.

CLONDROHID LOOKING BACK ON 2020

KEEPING FIT: Operation Transformation recommenced in Jan, as did Boot Camp with Darren, and set dancing with Alan, Line dancing also returned.

The St. Stephen's Day match went ahead as usual raising €1280 for Motor Neurone, Shane Creed won the competition 'Last Man Standing' and donated his winnings to Motor Neurone as well

CLONDROHID DEV GROUP: Held their annual Party in Jan, and once again a great day was had by all, music, dancing, singing. Thanks to

Tim Joe and Ann, and Margaret and Peter for their superb food. It was great to see so many young people helping out on the day.

The Group are grateful to all who contribute to them financially and otherwise, and in appreciation they cut the hedges down the Curragh Road twice this year a favourite haunt for walkers from the village and surrounds. The Council did some repair work, and it proved a life safer to people when Covid invaded our shores.

The Group are very grateful to Con their CE worker who continued to keep the village tidy during lockdown. The Group with the help of others did their best during restrictions to arrange flowers and shrubs, hanging baskets, cleaning and weeding. When restrictions were lifted in the Summer, the Group were delighted that the flower containers, beds, hanging baskets were all coming into bloom.

Clondrohid and surrounds are now under the umbrella of Millstreet County Council and the Group would like to thank Macroom County Council for all their help and assistance over the years. Much appreciated. They welcome Millstreet Co. Council and look forward to working with them. They already have been active strimming the graveyard regularly during the year and were involved in hedge cutting as well. Thank you.

CCM ACTIVE RETIRED: They resumed their activities in January with a coffee morning and social get together, followed by great exercise classes. They held a local Scoraiocht with Fear a Ti Teddy which was a great success. They continued with projects helping people to understand their iPhones a bit better, and explained the art of card playing for fun, which was very popular, and of course the Sing along with Fintan was always in the limelight. And any of it couldn't happen without the cuppa.

AN TATHAIR PEADAR: There were great plans by Carriganima to commemorate an Tathair with guided tours, musical entertainment, Concelebrated Mass, and a special launching of A Sceal Fein.

Unfortunately, this event did not happen as Covid 19 arrived on our shores and 'Sin Sceal Eile'

CARRIGANIMA FUN RUN WALK: This committee have been collecting goods (no clothes and only new toys) for the Penny Dinners. Well done.

CORPUS CHRISTI: This is usually a big day in all parishes, but this year it was celebrated slightly differently. In Clondrohid Fr. Joe celebrated it in the Church car park, with rosary and prayers for all in the parish, no procession this time. It was the first time for people to come together in the church grounds in 15 weeks and despite the rain a lot of people enjoyed a little chat from a distance after the ceremony.

There was great joy when churches opened again, though numbers were limited for services. So, all ceremonies in Clondrohid continue online to cater for everyone. The link

is www.churchmedia.ie/st.abinas-clondrohid-macroom

A beautiful ceremony for all those who passed away in our Parish in the past year, was celebrated in November. Candles were lit and brought to the altar.

CREDIT UNION ART COMPETITION: Noreen Bradley of Muinliuch NS received her prize for her beautiful picture at the National Finals in Dublin. Marty Whelan was on hand to do the honours.

Pupils in Muinliuch were very busy with their Bookclub, from peer reading sessions to designing their own bookmarks.

CLONDROHID COMMUNITY HALL: The hall was selected as a venue for the Blood Transfusion Service. A great boost to the local area, and some help to the coffers, which are very depleted this year. Despite no income for a number of months, new windows and doors were installed, grant aided by Cork Co. Council and IRD, with a shortfall of €6,300. Insurance was €2,000, just some of the expenses. A lot going on, the hall will be very mod when events take off again. Thanks to the far-seeing committee under the guidance of Peter.

LOCAL HEROINES: Muireann, Sinead, and Denise Kelleher rescued a toddler from a pond down by Pairc Uí Caoimh, as they were out for a stroll during lockdown. The news broke on the Neil Prenderville show. Well Done

COVID 19: Covid arrived and everything in the Parish changed. It all became 'you can't do this, and you can't do that. But Clondrohid held strong and all the organisations stepped up to help out.

The Active Retired set up their own messaging group, passing on bits of info, anecdotes, poems, prayers, etc. They encouraged people to light a candle in their windows and to send texts to each other and to make a phone call.

Healy's Spar were doing home deliveries with many willing to call to the elderly as they were all housebound in the initial stages.

The GAA also had messaging service and had the slogan 'We need Team Players', and Team players they got. They appointed contacts for each town land, so if anyone needed assistance with whatever, all they had to do was make a call. Fr. Joe put all church activities on the Internet.

All the businesses and individuals in Clondrohid and surrounds who worked tirelessly during the first lockdown providing essential services deserve our appreciation.

Great to see our Creche and schools seeing after all our young folk in a safe environment, giving their parents the opportunity to return to work if required.

Hopefully one of the 'Good' side effects of Covid might be that we have created some better life values and appreciate the simpler things of life.





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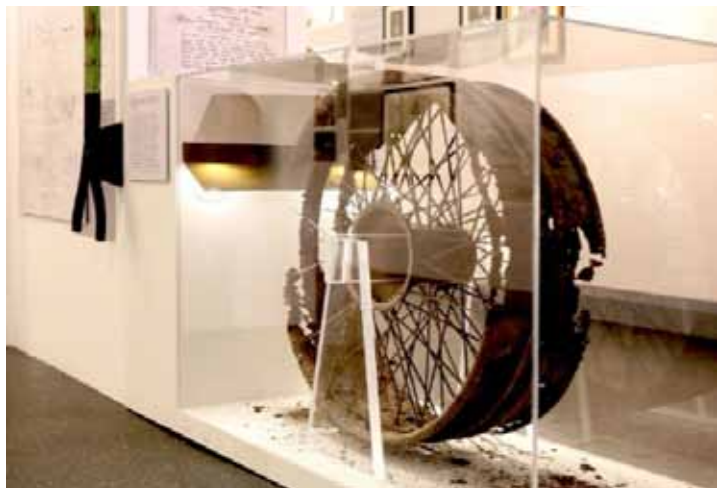
Our museum is open to visitors once again, with Covid 19 protocols in place, including the requirement to wear a mask. Our very successful exhibition, The Lissarda Ambush, is on display, a wonderful collection of stories and photos, not only featuring Lissarda Ambush but also local activities from that time.

We were privileged to have, Tomás MacCurtain's great-grandson and great-great-grand-daughter, Tomás MacCurtain and Leah Hartnett-MacCurtain, visit the museum recently. They saw Tomás MacCurtain's revolver, used by Cork IRA members in the August 1920 killing of RIC District Inspector Oswald Swanzy. The killing of District Inspector Swanzy, in revenge for MacCurtain's murder by police after he was held responsible by a Cork inquest jury, took place in Lisburn in August 22, 1920 - the same day as the Lissarda ambush in which IRA Kilmurry Company Quartermaster Michael Galvin (whose framed photograph is in

the same display case) was killed. Photo credit: Niall Murray.

With the Lissarda exhibition, and many artefacts photos and stories from the Irish Revolution years on display, a visit to the museum is a wonderful experience for family or friends. We also offer a variety of books, Christmas Cards, post cards and other mementoes for sale, ideal Christmas presents, with proceeds going to the upkeep of the museum. Opening times Thursday-Sunday, 2-5pm, and other times by prior request.

The museum will be closed on 24th, 25th and 26th December, re-opening on Sunday 27th December. We will also be closed on 31st December, but will reopen on 1st January 2021



Wheel of Crossley Tender at Independence Museum Kilmurry from Kilmichael ambush



Some of the items on display at the Independence Museum Kilmurry

Rusheen N.S. Records Song for Charity

The 6th Class pupils of Rusheen N.S. have recorded a song and video for charity.

It all came about after we were lucky enough to tie up with the Tribarac Recording Studio located in the old creamery in Rusheen. Our 3rd & 4th Class teacher, Katrina O'Mahony, wrote the original song last year and the present 6th class recorded the vocals in early March, just in the nick of time before lockdown as it turned out! Aidrian in the Tribarac studio was a great help to us as he came to the school prior to recording and did a workshop with the children and helped us with the song.

We really wanted to do something worthwhile and make our efforts count and so we decided to use the song as a fundraiser. The children were anxious to help those in need in the lead-up to Christmas and Cork Penny Dinners were chosen as Fr. John Keane runs a "Mission of Love Project" for the homeless in Cork and many parents in the community help out. The pupils were also anxious to help other children, so they also chose the Children's Ward in the C.U.H. We are so excited, following what has been a challenging year for all, that we can play a part in helping others, particularly at this most special time of year. We are delighted

that the song has raised almost €2,500, far in excess of our target of €1,000. If you would like to contribute to this worthy cause you may do so as follows:

'It's Christmas Time' on YouTube! Click on the following link:

https://youtu.be/_YN-YaqbVcg

The following link will bring you to the GoFundMe page:

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It has been a fantastic experience for all involved and the pupils especially loved recording the song in the studio and recording the video in our school garden.



Chloe & Amy pupils of Rusheen N.S. who won awards recently in the Macroom Library "Bling Your Bike" Colouring Competition



Rusheen 6th Class pupils in the recording studio together with Mrs. O'Mahony and Aidrian Lacey Porter, Lead Engineer, Tribarac Recording Studio



Pupils from Rusheen School enjoying the video recording

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Uibh Laoire Notes

Festive Times

Inchigeela village looks good at present, with everybody making an attempt to raise the spirits in these dark times. A few houses are ablaze with bright lights for some time and I imagine more will join in with the traditional candles in the windows. The tidy town folk have invested in twinkling lights, strewn at random on trees around the village. They have also created festive decorations of candles and snowmen which look quite attractive. The large tree in the square is looking great. It's such a pity that there cannot be carol singing beside it this Christmas. Well done all.

News Letter

The end –of –year news-letter has gone to print now. Croi na Laoi wish to thank all those, adults and children, who contributed different articles and photos to the letter and gave their view of the year and the unusual year it was. The booklet is free and will be available in the local shops and other businesses

Club AGM.

Iveleary GAA had their AGM through the internet this year and the following officers were elected for 2021: Denis Cronin, Chairman; Ciara O Riordan, Secretary; Daniel O Riordan, Treasurer. Go neirí go geal libh.

Extension

Creedon's Hotel have built an extension on to the bar area and it was recently opened. The new area is modern and bright and was approved of highly by its first visitors. Congrats and best of good luck with it.

Presidential Race.

Inchigeela has lost interest in the American Presidential shenanigans and are turning their interest to a contest far more sensible and gentleman-like. Local man Dermot Kelleher is running for the office of president of the Irish Cattle and Sheep Farmers Association. Dermot or Derry as he's better known, has been our postman for 38 years until he retired recently. He is also a highly respected suckler farmer and prize cattle breeder and is the present vice chairman of the Munster ICOSA. He has spent most of his life fighting for the rights of farmers locally and nationally. We are proud of him and wish him every success.

Fly Tipping

Dumping rubbish is not a very admirable activity but never before has

such a new low been reached as depositing bags of domestic refuse in a graveyard, as witnessed recently at the old cemetery in Inchigeela. The shameful activity is offensive to local people and reflects poorly on the person or persons who do it. Other areas have been used for dumping as well. If anyone has information relating to this please tell the authorities. Most of the dumped material that we have seen will be accepted in Macroom amenity centre for free. In comparison there is a fine of up to €3,000 and a stretch in prison awaiting the persons caught dumping rubbish.

Photo Competition

Congrats do Caitriona Ní Chéilleachair a fuair an chead duais sa chomórtas ghriangraifadóireachta sa chumann camera. Do bhron Síle Ní Dhonechú corn Velerie Donoghue ar Chaitriona. Fiair Damhnait Uí Argáin an tarna áit agus fuair Tadhg O Duinnín an triú áit.

Festive trees and lights

For a few years now Béal Átha has decorated the street with many decorated trees much admired and appreciated by everyone. This year there may be even more as the gloomy year need some brightening up.

Good home wanted for gain gauge

For ¾ of a century a Met Eireann rain gauge has been in Scoil Mhuire and has contributed data that helps forecast the Irish weather back through the years. Now a new home, in a safe place, is sought for it within a Mile of Ballingearry. If you are interested contact An Coiste Forbartha.

Whose Birthday?

In the middle of the hustle and bustle of Christmas time, I sometimes think of a teacher I once had, who gave us his own view of the festive time. He said, supposing you organised a birthday party and all the guests came. And in the middle of the feasting, the drink and the noise, the main guest was ignored completely what would we think of that? I wonder at Christmas time do we sometimes forget or ignore whose birthday we are celebrating?

I would like to wish all readers and staff of Lee Valley Outlook a very happy and peaceful Christmas



Old and new constructions; Carrigaphooka Castle and Carrigapooka Bypass junction.(C. Kelleher).



A modern digger frames old Carrigaphooka Castle at Carrigaphooka.(C. Kelleher).



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Aghinagh Macra:

Aghinagh Macra has created the perfect Christmas gift which also supports a fantastic local charity. We are delighted to be fundraising for Macroom Meals on Wheels this Christmas. Members really wanted to support a local charity and many members knew of the incredible working being done by Macroom Meals on Wheels. Our members had taken part in a photography competition ran by Muskerry Macra earlier in the year and really enjoyed it so we decided to use the fantastic photos our members had taken throughout the year to create our calendar. The photos have been taken by our members around Aghinagh parish and the surrounding areas. Club chairman John Lynch explained "The idea was brought up at one of our club meetings that we have been holding through Zoom. Everyone really liked the idea and many members sent in photos to use in the calendar. We took suggestions from members as to what charity to raise money for and Macroom Meals on Wheels was a clear favourite". They are on sale for €10 and can be gotten from Evelyn McSweeney's shop Macroom and from McCarthy's fruit and veg stall in the square, Macroom. They can also be gotten through our Facebook page (Aghinagh Mac), our Instagram page (aghinaghmacra) or by contacting our club chairman John Lynch (086-2666789).

December has been a busy month for competitions for our members. Our Team Public Speaking group consisting of Dermot O' Callaghan, Sheila Lynch and Matthew McCarthy recently came second in the national Team Public Speaking final. Sheila was also awarded the title of "Best Speaker" in the final. The winning team came from Callan in Co. Kilkenny. This is a huge achievement for our club, and we are very proud of our members. Eibhlis Kelleher represented Aghinagh and Muskerry Macra in the final of Sheep Stock Judging which was held over Zoom.

Keep up to date with all of our activities through our Facebook page (Aghinagh Mac) and our Instagram page (aghinaghmacra). New members always welcome!

Clondrohid G.A.A.:

G.A.A. SUMMARY OF EVENTS FOR 2020: In the most-strangest of years all GAA activities were cancelled from mid-March until July due to the pandemic situation.

Clondrohid Junior A Football team played championship first round on 26th July versus Ballingearry resulting in a narrow defeat. In second round versus Kilmichael 3 late goals gave Clondrohid a decisive win. However, in the quarter final Clondrohid were no match for Kilmurry.

In Under 21 Football Clondrohid defeated Ballingearry in championship first round with the competition being unfinished due to Covid Clondrohid minor football team played 5 competitive games with 2 wins to qualify for league semi-final versus Macroom which was again unplayed.

Clondrohid Under 16 team won 3 games to reach league cup final versus local rivals Aging. In a most competitive game 2 late goals were decisive in a Clondrohid win.

Clondrohid Under 14 team played 4 competitive games to qualify for league playoffs.

In semi-final Clondrohid defeated Carbery Rangers but lost out to a strong Caheragh team in final.

After playing 5 competitive games Clondrohid under 12 team reached the Shield Final.

In a dramatic game Clondrohid defeated St. Colums by one point.

From July onwards all other club underage teams had a busy schedule with blitzes, matches and coaching sessions being organised. Club player Sean Desmond played with Cork under 20 football team which won the John Kerins Cup and reached the Munster final. Former club player Dr. Aidan Kelleher continued in the role of medical doctor with the Cork senior football team. Club referee Tim McCarthy continues to umpire at inter county games. 2020 is the 25th anniversary of Clondrohid winning the 1995 Muskerry junior A football championship for the first time. The passing of Declan Kelleher during the year was an occasion of great sadness. Declan was a prominent member of that team and is a great loss especially to his family, local community and Clondrohid GAA Club where he was an underage coach and trainer. May He Rest In Peace

Kilmichael G.A.A.:

Kilmurry GAA review 2020

Kilmurry GAA started the year with the purchase of 10 acres of land in Crookstown. Crookstown is seen as the ideal location as a training facility for the ever-expanding underage section of the club. Due to the high numbers and availability of the pitch, we see it an investment for the future of the players in the club. Kilmurry GAA fields teams from Under 6 right up to Junior A with a membership of 250. On the field Kilmurry GAA had a very successful year winning Under 12, Under 16 and Mid Cork Junior B Championship. The Junior A team were narrowly beaten in Mid Cork Final by Iveleary by 1-11 to 0-13 and also our under 14 were defeated in the final. We would like to thank everyone who helped the club. To our groundsmen for keeping the pitch and facility up to a high standard, Thank you. To all our trainers, coaches, and selectors for all the unseen work undertaken, Thank you. To all lotto committee, Thank you for all the work through the year. Our lotto is our main source of revenue, which keeps the club going. To our sponsors and to everyone who generously contributes and donates and helps, Thank you. To our supporters and parents, thanks for your continued support. We hope the GAA entertained you through the madness of 2020. Finally we would like to thank all our players for putting in a massive effort for 2020. We look forward to 2021 and wish you and your family a happy Christmas and prosperous New year.

Laochra Óg Notes :

Laochra OG are hoping to start our first Ladies adult Camogie team in our catchment areas of Macroom, Ballyvourney Kilnamartyra, Clondrohid, Coolea, Reenaniree and Carriganima. If you have played Camogie before or would like to dust down the boots and give it a go contact 087 9437272 for further details. First training session Colaiste Ghobnatan, Ballyvourney Saturday December 12th from 11:45 to 12:45pm provided there is enough interest, if there is enough taking part training times will be at the same time every Saturday. Please like and share and get the word out there. Laochra Og your local Hurling and Camogie Club.

Laochra Óg Hurling and Camogie club Christmas Draw tickets are now available to purchase with €1200 worth of prizes to be won, don't miss out and get your ticket before they are sold out.

Tickets can be purchased from any club committee member or trainer and or by contacting 0838303807.

Tickets are also available at the following community outlets.

Evelyns Shop Macroom, Michael Twomey Butchers Macroom, Healy Spar Clondrohid, Glenmill Restaurant Clondrohid, MJK Oils Clondrohid, Ó Luasa shop Ballymakerra and Dromey Centra Ballymakeera .

Super prizes of €500 cash for first prize with MJK Oils Clondrohid very kindly sponsoring prize No 2. of 500 litres of home heating oil and Calor Gas kindly sponsoring prize No 3. a €250 one4all voucher. Prize No 4. a seasonal hamper worth €100 from Michael Twomey butchers Macroom and 5th prize is worth €100 a club 50:50 draw yearly ticket.

If you're not in, you can't win

We are pleased to publicise Lee Valley functions, fundraisers, sports events etc. in this fortnightly Diary. We may include commercial events that are also being advertised simultaneously in the magazine. Back issues of the Lee Valley Outlook at www.macroom.ie



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A Word of Victory

Welcome back dear reader "glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men" (Luke 2:14). As we approach Christmas and the end of this year look closely at this Scripture friend. Jesus was born as an innocent child, lived His life loving and ministering to the lost, the sick and the hurting; endured a horrific death on the cross and was resurrected from the dead for this - to give God glory and to bring peace to mankind. We pray that you may experience God's peace in your life, and with your family this Christmas and always.

God's peace is different to the world's peace. His peace transcends all understanding - meaning there is nothing like it from an earthly perspective. Many people do not have peace in their hearts and spend their lives trying to get peace through physical means. This can lead some to depend on drugs, alcohol, illicit affairs or other addictions to alleviate their pain but there is nothing to compare the peace that a right relationship with God brings.

God extended His love to us by sending His Son Jesus to make the way for us to be forgiven and saved and come to know Him (John 14:6; John 3:7-21). His feelings toward us have never changed because He does not change (Malachi 3:6; Hebrews 13:8). His peace and joy is as real today as it was the night the angels announced that Jesus was born. God has never withdrawn His love from mankind. People might let you down, but God will never leave you or forsake you (Hebrews 13:5).

2020 has been a tough and stressful year. But through all the turmoil I can honestly say I have seen God's love steady me and He has brought me through in peace. Yes there have been difficulties, but the peace in my heart based on knowing that God is with me and that He loves me, has kept me joyful and full of hope. And God has no favourite's friend! There is nothing special about me so the same can be true for you.

How do you get to that place of having peace in your heart no matter what? The answer is to be found in God's Word the Bible which is our manual for life, full of God's promises. Let's pray together aloud.... Dear God, I need peace. I ask You to forgive me of my sins and restore me to right relationship with You through Your Son Jesus. Lord Jesus, please come live inside my heart and heal me. Baptise me with Your Holy Spirit and fill me with Your peace. I give You my life. Reveal Your love to me through Your Word and use me for Your glory. I will follow You always, in Jesus name I pray, Amen.

Wishing all our readers
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Fitz-Gerald's Funeral Directors Macroom are delighted to announce that another family member, Mary Fitz-Gerald is joining our team of Funeral Directors. A native of Donoughmore, Mary and Husband Bill have three children, and she has extensive experience in hospitality/ customer care sectors. Also pictured are Barry Kelleher, Martin Fitz-Gerald and Bill Fitz-Gerald



JM Energy Savings

Powering The Way Forward

John Moynihan at JM Energy Savings has been saving money for the residents, farming community and businesses throughout Ireland since 2008. Despite 2020 being a year like no other, JM Energy Savings has grown and John has, like many others, had to find new ways to keep the business running smoothly.

Working with all the major gas and electricity suppliers, John has been helping people get the best deal by switching electricity and gas providers. John has developed a strong and trusted relationship with his customers and they return to him year after year to ensure continuing savings.

Keeping up with changing technology, concerns about climate change and reacting to customers desire to have more control over their power supply costs, JM Energy Savings began offering solar panels for residential, commercial and dairy farms to generate their own solar power with the latest generation solar PV panels, an environmentally friendly tool for saving money and reducing energy costs.



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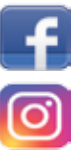


John and his family have long standing ties with the recently crowned 2020 county champions Naomh Fionnbarra LGFC and JM Energy Savings have recently become the very proud club sponsor providing the club with new jerseys.

JM Energy Savings wishes to thank all of their customers, old and new, for their continuing support and best wishes for 2021.



JM Energy Savings John Moynihan, Ballingearry - 086 374 2260 - www.jmenergy.ie



IRELAND'S POSITION AS ISLAND NATION MUST BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT BY ANY EU REVIEW OF ANIMAL TRANSPORT RULES - KELLEHER

Ireland South MEP, Billy Kelleher has said that any review of animal transport rules at EU level must take into account Ireland's status as an island and the unique challenges that it brings.

Kelleher was speaking after he questioned the European Commission for Agriculture, Mr. Janusz Wojciechowski on his thoughts on animal transport and welfare at a recent meeting of the Parliament's Committee of Inquiry into Animal Transport.

"Previously, the Commissioner has stated, when he was a Parliamentary rapporteur on this issue that he believes there should be an eight hour maximum travel limit for live animals.

"Clearly, the Commissioner, when writing that report, took no heed of Ireland and the challenges we face in getting our animals to mainland

European markets.

"There's an assumption out there, an incorrect assumption, that Ireland doesn't need to export its excess animals. Nothing could be further from the truth.

"Every year, nearly 300,000 animals leave Ireland for foreign markets adding hundreds of millions to the Irish economy and supporting hundreds if not thousands of jobs in rural communities.

"We do not have the population needed to sustain such an additional input into the domestic market.

"Put simply, it's the same as asking France to drink all the wine it produces every year instead of exporting it. It's just a non-runner from the get go.

"Obviously, we can and must improve animal welfare standards, but that starts with

implementing the existing rules, and sanctioning those who break them. Proper veterinary oversight must be part of the entire supply chain. "Investment is also needed in terms of the vehicles being used to transport these animals also. I think farmers and exporters are willing to go the extra mile but what is not acceptable is an arbitrary time limit that would destroy this really important part of the Irish economy," concluded Kelleher.



Shop Local for Christmas

2020 was a very difficult year for small to medium sized businesses and also the difficulty for farming businesses with the ongoing Brexit talks. The Covid pandemic has turned all our lives upside down and it must be particularly upsetting for people living alone and without company. It must at times feel very isolating. On a positive note the news of a vaccine is very welcome.

A little poem to remember all those who left us too soon.

*In memory of all those who left us too soon,
We remember you in the morning,
in the night, when we look at the stars,
a song, a place, a smell, you are always with us.*

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Catherine's 'Old Time Recipe Book', selling like HOT CAKES!!!

Catherine Murphy has put together recipes which she learnt from her beautiful mum Eileen. She has also included wonderful recipes which she learned National and Secondary School back in the 60's.

The book is called Catherine's Old Time Recipe Book. It's available in

- Matt Murphy's Chemist.
- Supervalu.
- Macroom Pet Shop.
- Lynch's Bakery.
- Computek.
- Healy's Spar Clondrohid
- Be U Hair Salon
- Directly from Catherine

Catherine says "I wanted to be able to do something for the less fortunate of Macroom.

To make sure their Children are fed, have Santa call, to have enough clothes and heating in their homes. Just to be able to help in some small way to bring a bit of cheer and happiness. If I can help to do this, it would make my Christmas complete. At my age i don't need anything. Time to help others now in any way I can. Let me thank all the people who have purchased my cookbook.

You're are an incredible lot. Macroom and surrounding areas have always come up trumps for Charities in the past, and it looks at this stage that you have done it again.

Donations will be revealed Friday Dec 18th. Every penny counts!

The book can be purchased for only €10, with €5 from every sale is being donated to the local Macroom SVP Charity.



Macroom FC Annual Report 2020.

Like every other club, society, business and individual, Macroom FC had an unprecedented and strange year. The beginning of 2020 feels like an awful long time ago now. The following is a summary of the some of the club highlights from a year like no other.

Of course not a huge amount has happened across 2020 but the Springtime was a very busy time for the club. In January we were involved in two massive cup games. First up the U13s took center stage when they reached the last 32 of the National Cup. Corduff FC from Dublin were the visitors to Murrayfield for a truly memorable occasion. A fine visiting side ran out 4-1 winners but Macroom gave a spirited, skilful and honest display in front of a large enthusiastic crowd. Coaches Peter Coleman, Gearoid Griffin and John Neville were delighted with the display. New sponsors Castle View Chinese looked after the catering post game and our Dublin visitors were very complimentary of the Macroom FC welcome. Thanks also to Macroom Community Leisure Centre for the sponsorship of this team. Macroom A (adult first team) travelled to Dooradoyle, Limerick on a bitterly cold January afternoon for a Munster Junior Cup last 32 tie, losing 5-4 on penalties. Macroom had a host of chances in this fixture. It finished 1-1 after extra time and the locals Regional Utd emerged from the shootout. A disappointing end but again it was a memorable day out with big numbers supporting the team.

We were delighted to have a lotto jackpot winner in January when Eliz Golden c/o Golden's scooped the €1,800 sum.

In February the U14 schoolboys were delighted to receive a new set of jerseys sponsored by Billy Murphy Taxi Services and this is greatly appreciated by the club. The schoolgirls awards night was held at Murray's Bar function room. Player of the year, most improved and top scorer trophies were given out to U11, U13 and U15 girls. It proved to be a memorable night for players, parents, coaches and supporters. Thanks to Denis and Tina Murray for their use of the function room and their continuing support of Macroom FC. Goalkeeper Molly Murphy represented the Cork U15s in a 3-0 win over Limerick while Peter Murphy was the goalkeeping coach for the Cork U11 girls. Another promising goalkeeper, Olan Buckley played for the Cork Schoolboys League U12s and gave a fine performance v Waterford in Carrigaline. Fixtures began to pile up as Storms Ciara and Dennis made their appearance—storm clouds of another kind were gathering as the first case of Covid 19 in Ireland was confirmed on Feb 29th.

Nothing could have really prepared us for the arrival of a global pandemic. All club activities were paused in March—no matches, training, committee meetings or lotto to name just a few activities. It was new territory for all. Plans for our fundraising race night were shelved and with the National lockdown announced on March 27th no one really knew what the future held. Macroom FC continued to provide supports for the local community. This was done in a

discreet way with no fanfare. Members of the community who required assistance received it or were pointed in the right direction. As a leading club in the local area Macroom FC were and still are delighted to help out where we can. For assistance email MacroomSoccerClub@macroomfc.ie or contact a club member. We would also like to compliment other groups and clubs in the locality, who did great work in looking out for people—the Macroom community spirit certainly shone through.

In May it was confirmed that all league seasons for 2019/20 in the Republic of Ireland were cancelled. As a club we began holding committee meetings through the online Zoom platform which was a new and interesting departure for most. These meetings proved very successful and are nowadays an excellent way to keep in contact with one another.

The FAI released the excellent 'Safer return to Training Protocol' in June and this has been a great help to clubs throughout Ireland. The protocol offers direction on how to prepare club grounds for training during Covid 19. It has been regularly updated depending on Government advice and advice regarding matchdays has been subsequently added. We also began our 'Like and Share' free lotto which saw thousands of people engage with our club Facebook page. Random weekly winners received €50 and in total €1,000 was won by the lucky prizewinners. Macroom FC announced in July the decision to switch affiliation from the Cork Athletic Union League to the Munster Senior League. Our two adults' teams would now take part in the senior and junior grades of the MSL. It brought an end to a 43-year association with the Cork AUL. Training (under strict guidelines) for all teams returned in July and this was hugely welcomed by our 500+ players in all age groups.

In August the new 2020/21 playing season began with plenty of games keeping dedicated club coaches busy. To comply with guidelines, risk assessments were carried out at club grounds. Covid 19 compliance officers were present (and continue to be) at all training and games. Our lotto also restarted, and Macroom Seniors played our first ever MSL game, beating Lakewood 6-0 at Murrayfield. Goalkeeping coaching with Sean McDermott from the League of Ireland took place. These ongoing sessions are a fantastic experience for all involved.

September and October continued to be

busy with all teams playing regular matches. Academy teams in particular saw loads of action with those from U7 to U11 having great fun. The girls club continued to go well with an U17 side now entered along with U11, U13 and U15. With more demand a new team for U9 girls has now been formed. There is massive work ongoing at schoolgirls level and well done to all coaches involved. The girls' teams have received great support from Railway View Pharmacy and Life Pharmacy, Macroom.

With cases rising nationally, matches were once again paused towards the latter end of October. Non-contact training is allowed to continue under strict conditions. A good number of Macroom FC teams are continuing to train. Some teams remain paused and each coaching group have decided whether it is possible for them to train safely or not. The top priority is the safety of everyone involved and ensuring full compliance at all times.

In November the U14 schoolboys team received a new set of jerseys sponsored by Macroom Opticians, many thanks for this.

As we approach Christmas, Macroom FC would sincerely ask our members and supporters to always support all of our club sponsors. It has been a truly difficult year for business with many still not allowed to reopen. We wish them all good luck and thank them for their invaluable support of Macroom FC. Thanks also to everyone single volunteer who contribute their time to run our successful club.

The club lotto will also recommence on 11th Jan 2021. The jackpot currently stands at €4,400. Paper tickets are now on sale in our usual outlets and online at www.macroomfc.ie or the Macroom FC Facebook page—Pick 3 numbers for just €2. Bundles and discounts are also available online.

Macroom FC would like to pay tribute to all frontline workers who have done an outstanding job in difficult circumstances. The work you do every day is an inspiration to us all.

Finally, to all our club members and supporters who have lost loved ones in 2020, Macroom FC wish to offer our sincere sympathy. We hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable Christmas as we look forward to the dawn of the year 2021.



Macroom Seniors prior to first Munster Senior League game in Aug.

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Macroom GAA Club: Juvenile Section; Report 13 December 2020.

Macroom U-12s, 2020

At the start of the year, we re-graded to Division 1. The management thought the team was good enough to participate at this level and would benefit more by playing at the higher level. The season was short but went well; the boys enjoyed training, challenge games and league games. Highlight of year was finishing second in Division 1 and qualifying for the Plate final. Unfortunately, we lost the final to Kinsale by a single point.

Good numbers attended trainings and games and all players improved throughout the year. There was good support from parents throughout year, and both parents and children adhered well to Covid requirements. Twenty training sessions were held and they played 8 games. There was a panel of 28, with an average attendance of 86%.

The coaches would like for parents to respond better to texts. Parents must be aware of the importance of replying to texts promptly. Next year, there will be an intensity to training, and general overall fitness will be improved.

Aim for next year: Try and do well in the Feile.

Conclusion: Despite Covid, it was a great year when a group of great boys and everyone involved enjoyed their year.

Coaches: Chris Donovan, Alan O'Shea, Seán Cronin, David O'Leary, Tim O'Sullivan and Tony Healy.

Macroom U-11s, 2020.

Due to Covid the season was short. The squad trained 20 times and played 8 matches. All players got equal playing time, and all have improved. They were involved in some really good games, the highlights were games v Bishopstown in the Town Park on a miserable night when lads worked ferociously hard and came out on top, and two games against Clonakilty. The numbers for games and training were very good.

There was a very good relationship between all those involved - parents, coaches and players. Parents were very good to update health status. Brendan and Ninidh joined as coaches and have been great additions. Three new players were added, and one player returned, which meant we rarely had to use U-10s for games.

The coaches would like: More involvement from adult players, maintain our numbers and improve each player.

In conclusion this was a group of really nice boys who had great fun and improved their football skills.

The coaches were Shane Dunne, James Duggan, Brendan Cregan and Ninidh Twomey.

Macroom U-6s, 2020

Started on July 11th with about 13 players from a list of 18 and ended the season 13 weeks later with perhaps 21 - 22 players.

Each session was organised along the following lines: 1. Begin with having the players go around a circle and shout their names 2. Warm up with 'boss whistle' - coach shouts instructions to players - high jump, freeze in a funny position etc 3. Bulldog 4.

Split into three groups and go through three game type drills. Introduce one new drill each week so they have a chance to learn and

improve. Each game was covering one basic skill. 5. Split into two groups and play small-sided games. Award points for passes, bounces, tackles etc 6. Photo for COVID record.

1. Generally good atmosphere with the coaches; everyone gets on well with each other and the kids. 2. Having lots of Mams as well as Dad coaches is great in terms of engagement with the kids 3. Having under-age helpers was fantastic. The kids seem to listen to and respond to them better than they do the adults. 4. Coaches came early to go through the set-up which was essential.

1. Need to have 4:1 ratio of coaches to kids or better. It's chaotic even at that. 2. I would get a few more 'props' if I could such as obstacle course material, big hoops etc. 3. Lighter balls - lighter even than the Quick touch. Small plastic balls and sponge balls help with kids who are afraid of getting a ball to the face and so on.

Recommendations for next season: 1. Props and a selection of lighter balls. There are things like velcro fastening 'tails' that you can use for chasing games. They might be useful. 2. Every coach needs to know the set-up of the session in detail, so coaches need to meet 10 minutes before. With pauses in the session you can lose small kids' attention and might not get it back.

Conclusion: It was a good if truncated season. It was a pity to end abruptly when they were just starting to look like playing a little bit of football, but everyone went home smiling so no complaints.

Juveniles' Sponsored Walk Around the World Trip - beneficiaries Muskerry Special Olympics Club and The Children's Ward, CUH.

May 16th Macroom Juvenile GAA and its wide circle of friends embarked on an ambitious quest - to walk around the world (its equivalent distance) - to raise money for two great causes: Muskerry Special Olympics and Cork University Hospital Children's Ward. The marathon adventure was started by club legend Ritchie Graham and his two granddaughters Lily and Maisie in the fantastic setting of the Castle Grounds. Over the first week the group went from Macroom to Londonieres in Northern France, to Assisi, then across the Mediterranean through the Suez Canal and into the Red Sea. The walkers, runners, rowers, canoeists and cyclists clocked up the kilometres and made their way across the Middle East visiting Yemen, Dubai and into India. From there, the intrepid voyagers traversed South East Asia stopping in Mandalay, Bangkok, Laos and Vietnam. One of the highlights of the journey was the stop off in the "Cork" of China, Guidong County which is widely regarded as the most beautiful county in China!!!! The fantastic athletes never stopped

regardless of the weather and crossed the wide expanse of the Chinese countryside and made it to Shanghai. They crossed The Yellow Sea to South Korea and onto Japan. The most difficult part of the journey was ahead as the seafarers had to make their way across the vast and seemingly endless Pacific Ocean to Hawaii where welcome respite was found with Macrompian Tom 'Spar' Murphy. Reinvigorated following this stopover the explorers made for San Francisco, then crossed the United States to Washington, New York and Boston where they met Mickie Dunphy of 21 Pound Lane who was goalkeeper on the senior county winning team of 1962. The final leg of the journey involved an unscheduled visit to Reykjavik after some wayward navigation due to a late night at a wedding in Boston!! After 37 days and 41057 kilometres the crew from the Rebel County (mostlly), was glad to see Mount Brandon. They were granted safe passage over the bounds and arrived back into the Castle Grounds on the 21st of June around 6.00 p.m. for well-earned ice-cream and cake.

The people of Macroom and beyond (at home and abroad) responded magnificently to this initiative and heartily supported it, with athletes, young and old, covering an average of 1,100kms each day!! In addition to this they donated an incredible €9250 for the two worthy charities in a time where many were out of work and unsure of what lay in ahead. Huge thanks to everyone who walked, cycled, rowed, ran and swam. Thank you also to those who donated and redonated!!!! (after an administrative error), It was a fantastic community effort. Maith Sibh!!!

Con Kelleher, Macroom GAA, Juveniles' PRO.



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Review Of Year in Mid Cork GAA

Muskerry GAA Awards Dinner

Muskerry GAA honoured the 2019 Mid Cork Championship Junior Hurling Team of the Year, Mid Cork Championship Junior Football Team of the Year, and the Mid Cork Intermediate Football Team of the Year at the annual Muskerry GAA/Auld Triangle Awards Gala Dinner at the Oriel Court Hotel in Ballincollig in January. The teams had been selected by a panel of judges drawn from the Mid Cork Board executive, local match reporters and a referee's representative.

William Buckley, Chairman Awards Committee, acted as MC for the evening and introduced the speakers during the evening: Pat Malone, Cathaoirleach, Mid Cork Board, Marc Sheehan, Leas Cathaoirleach Coiste Chontae Chorcaí CLCG and Ms Eileen O'Flynn of the Auld Triangle Restaurant, Macroom, sponsors of the monthly awards scheme. Michael Scanlon of County Sound 103FM interviewed the Sports Star of the Year and comedian Aidan Tierney lightened the mood throughout the dinner with some brilliant pieces. Over 300 guests attended from all over the Mid Cork division and the evening was by common assent a wonderful success.

During 2019 the awards panel of judges had nominated eight monthly winners of the Auld

Triangle Sports Star of the month and from this group of outstanding performers one was named as overall Muskerry GAA/Auld Triangle Sport Star for 2019. The eight individual monthly winners were: Jack Murphy (Éire Óg), Noel O'Leary (Cill na Martra), Eimear Scally (Éire Óg), Liam Twohig (Aghinagh), Paul Ring (Aghabullogue), Colm Casey (Inniscarra), Brian Verling (Cloughduv), Daniel Goulding (Éire Óg) and the judges chose Daniel Goulding as the Muskerry GAA/Auld Triangle Restaurant Sports Star Of the Year 2019. Daniel, an All Ireland winner with Cork senior footballers in 2010, was captain of the Éire Óg team which won the Cork Premier Intermediate Football championship for the first time and made a massive contribution to the historic victory which led to Éire Óg participating in the county senior football championship in 2020.

The Muskerry Junior Hurling Team of 2019, sponsored by O'Mahony Walsh Auctioneers: Conrad Crowley (Cloughduv): Donal O'Callaghan (Inniscarra), Donal Cronin (Cloughduv), Jordan Murray (Ballincollig): Seán Curzon (Cloughduv), Conor Brosnan (Ballinora), Alan O'Shea (Ballinora): Conor Cotter (Kilmichael), Aidan O'Mahony (Inniscarra): Ciarán Canty (Cloughduv), Daire McCarthy (Éire

Óg), Michael O'Shea (Éire Óg): Mark Cremin (Blarney), Eoin Lyons (Éire Óg), Dan O'Connell (Inniscarra).

The Muskerry Junior Football Team of 2019, sponsored by Quish's Super Valu Ballincollig: Joe Creedon (Iveleary): Patrick Buckley (Canovee), Fionn Warren (Kilmurphy), Ciarán O'Riordan (Iveleary): Fenton Denny (Ballincollig), Seán O'Leary (Iveleary), James O'Mullane (Kilmurphy): Barry O'Leary (Iveleary), John O'Callaghan (Inniscarra): Eoghan O'Reilly (Ballincollig), Declan Ambrose (Aghinagh), Donal Corkery (Aghinagh): Mark Healy (Canovee), Brian Cronin (Iveleary), Liam Twohig (Aghinagh).

The Muskerry Intermediate Football Team of 2019, sponsored by EuroPumps Ireland: Eoin Kelleher (Éire Óg): Graham Ó Mocháin (Cill na Martra), John Mullins (Éire Óg), Paul Ring (Aghabullogue): Nollaig Ó Laoire (Cill na Martra), John Cooper (Éire Óg), Diarmuid Dineen (Éire Óg): Mícheál Ó Deasúna (Cill na Martra), Ronan O'Toole (Éire Óg): Eoin O'Shea (Éire Óg), Jack Murphy (Éire Óg), Colm O'Callaghan (Éire Óg): Daniel Goulding (Éire Óg), Daniel Ó Duinnín (Cill na Martra), Mathew Bradley (Aghabullogue).

Macroom Motors Mid Cork U21 Football Championship 2020

The Macroom Motors Mid Cork U21 football championships commenced in early February and the intention was to have the three competitions, A, B and C, completed by mid-March with the winners of each proceeding on to the county championships. Before the restrictions imposed as a consequence of Covid-19, the divisional A championship was concluded, with Éire Óg as winners, the B championship reached the semi-final stage, and in the C competition, Iveleary had reached the final stage with the second semi-final still to be played. There will not be any county competitions in U21 for 2020.

U21 A Football Championship – 4 teams – round robin

Round One: Éire Óg 1-10 Inniscarra 1-8

Ballincollig 0-10 Aghabullogue 0-9

Round Two: Éire Óg 1-11 Aghabullogue 0-10:

Ballincollig 2-12 Inniscarra 0-4

Final: Éire Óg 1-11 Ballincollig 1-4

B Championship – 8 teams

Round One: Blarney 2-3 Naomh Abán 2-16, Cill na Martra 2-11 Canovee 2-14, Aghinagh 1-8 Kilmurphy 4-16, Ballinora 3-10 Grenagh 2-8

Round Two: Blarney 1-6 Cill na Martra 1-13: Aghinagh 1-9, Grenagh 0-6 replay

Quarter Finals: Ballinora a bye, N Abán 0-11 Cill na Martra 0-8, Kilmurphy a bye, Canovee 3-10 Aghinagh 2-4

Semi Finals: Ballinora v Naomh Abán, Kilmurphy v Canovee

C Championship – 7 teams

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

Round Two: Kilmichael 4-8 Éire Óg 3-7: Béal Átha 4-11 Blarney B 1-6

Quarter Finals: Iveleary a bye, Kilmichael 1-3 Macroom 0-12, Clondrohid a bye, Béal Átha 4-2 Donoughmore 0-7.

Semi Finals: Iveleary 1-9 Macroom 1-4, Beal Átha v Clondrohid

Final: Iveleary v Béal Átha/Clondrohid

Ross Oil Mid Cork Football Championship 2020

The Ross Oil Mid Cork Junior Football championships did not start until late July with all seven 1st rounds games played on the same weekend without any spectators allowed at venues.

The Round One results were:

Ballincollig 0-14 Blarney 0-3, Éire Óg 1-7 Grenagh 0-12, Canovee 4-11 Aghinagh 1-5, Clondrohid 0-9 Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh 1-9, Cill na Martra 1-6 Kilmurphy 3-17, Inniscarra 1-3 Iveleary 2-15, Kilmichael 0-13 Donoughmore 2-13

Pre-season joint favourites Iveleary and Kilmurphy showed that they were well focussed for the campaign, Ballincollig and Canovee were impressive winners, Grenagh back in junior ranks, had a good win, as had the Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh second team and Donoughmore after a difficult 2019 season were thrilled with their victory.

In the Round Two, (Losers round) games

Aghinagh played a 2-13 to 3-10 draw, after extra time, with Éire Óg but won through on a historic and dramatic 5-4 penalty shootout; Clondrohid overcame Kilmichael 3-10 to 0-11, Cill na Martra defeated Blarney 0-15 to 1-9 and Inniscarra received a bye.

In the 3rd round, Inniscarra left their first-round form far behind them and defeated Béal Átha 0-9 to 0-6, Iveleary impressed in beating Grenagh 4-14 to 0-11, as did Kilmurphy in disposing of the strong challenge of Ballincollig 0-16 to 1-6.

The quarter finals produced no surprise results with Inniscarra just getting over the Aghinagh challenge on a 2-11 to 0-14 scoreline in what was the best game of the round, Canovee got a severe test from Cill na Martra before winning by two points, 1-14 to 1-12, Iveleary were clearly too strong for Donoughmore (3-19 to 1-5) as were Kilmurphy against Clondrohid (3-18 to 0-9).

The semi-finals saw Iveleary maintain their form with a comfortable win over Inniscarra, 1-23 to 1-8, and Kilmurphy getting the better of neighbours Canovee, 1-12 to 1-10 after a magnificent game.

Mid Cork Final: Iveleary 1 – 11 Kilmurphy 0 – 13

This was the final pairing which promised much and duly delivered! Iveleary, the champions of the past two seasons, Kilmurphy champions before that for two years, were the form teams all through this 2020 championship and their final meeting produced a contest worthy of what was at stake. Spectator numbers at Macroom were restricted and Covid 19 regulations were observed. Kilmurphy were short three regulars through injury, (Kyle Kelleher, Marco Healy and Seán Warren), lost Dave McCarthy to injury after only three minutes, yet still had the talent, spirit and determination to give the champions

a real testing hour. Iveleary looked the better team at times but never could kill off the challengers. Managing only one point in the last twenty minutes, that a superb effort from Chris Óg Jones on 55, they were desperately hanging on in the closing stages. This victory was a significant milestone for the Uibh Laoire club, their first three in a row and their first final win over Kilmurry at the Macroom venue.

It was 0-3 each after ten minutes but in the 12th minute Iveleary struck for what was the vital score of the game, a goal from Seán O'Leary who took a pass from his brother Barry before running on and sending a bullet like drive into the roof of the Kilmurry net to break the deadlock and give his side a lead they were not to lose again. Iveleary were ahead 1-5 to 0-3 at the water break and led by 1-8 to 0-7 at the interval.

It was 1-10 to 0-8 in the 37th minute, William Buckley pointed a Kilmurry free on 41, Liam Wall repeated this exercise a minute later and

when Pádraig Berhanu had another point on 45 it was 1-10 to 0-11 with the thrilling final quarter to come. Berhanu cut the Iveleary lead to a single point in the 51st minute, Iveleary kicked some wides and desperately needed a simply brilliant point from Chris Óg Jones five minutes from time. Kilmurry had to be content with a Tomás Collins point in time added which left them still a point adrift at the final whistle of a game which was a credit to both clubs.

Scorers: Iveleary: S O'Leary 1-0, C Óg Jones 0-4, C Vaughan 0-3 (fs), B Cronin 0-2, B O'Leary and K Manning 0-1 each. Kilmurry: Js O'Mullane 0-3, P Berhanu 0-3, Wm Buckley 0-3 (fs), T Collins 0-2, L Wall 0-2

Iveleary: Joe Creedon: Daniel O'Riordan, Finbarr McSweeney Jnr, Barry Murphy: Kevin Manning, Seán O'Leary, Ciarán Galvin: Ciarán O'Riordan, Seán O'Riordan: Barry O'Leary, Cathal Vaughan, Brian Cronin: Conor O'Leary, Chris Óg Jones, Ian Jones. Subs: Darren Kelly 20/21 blood, Aaron O'Donovan 42, Darren Kelly 55.

Kilmurry: Jason McDonnell: William Ronan, Kevin Barrett, Fionn Warren: Pádraig Hinchion, Liam O'Sullivan, Brian Hinchion: Liam Wall, Greg Barrett: Tomás Collins, James O'Mullane, William Buckley: Dave McCarthy, Pádraig Berhanu, Seán Curzon. Subs: John O'Mullane 3, Jonathan Buckley ht, Denis Dullea 46, Seán Warren 55.

Referee: Mr Ted Hayes, Éire Óg.
Man Of the Match Award: Barry O'Leary, Iveleary

In the Ballincollig Credit Union Junior B Football Championship, Macroom defeated Dripsey and Kilmurry accounted for Iveleary in the semi-finals and Kilmurry won the final on a 1-11 to 0-9 scoreline.

In the Rochestown Park Hotel Junior C Football Championship, little progress was made before the imposition of restrictions. Ballincollig are in the semi-final, awaiting either Donoughmore or Éire Óg: Clondrohid or Dripsey will play either Blarney or Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh.



U-8s and U-6s training on Macroom's Astro in Dec. 2020 under Katrina Hickey.(C. Kelleher).



Macroom FC supporters at Dooradoyle, Limerick for Munster Junior Cup in January.





County Championships 2020

Senior Football: Final: Nemo Rangers v Castlehaven

Ballincollig v St Finbarrs lost 1-13 to 0-10, v Clonakilty won 2-17 to 1-10, v Carrigaline won 2-8 to 0-11, lost to Nemo Rangers 5-7 to 0-14

Senior A Football: Final: Éire Óg v Mallow

Éire Óg v Bantry Blues Won 0-13 to 0-7, v Mallow lost 0-14 to 0-7, v Kiskeam won 2-13 to 1-10, QF v St Michaels won 3-12 to 0-4, SF v O Donovan Rossa won 2-10 to 1-8
Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh v St Michaels lost 3-16 to 0-14, v O Donovan Rossa lost 0-17 to 1-10, v St Nicholas won 1-15 to 1-13

Premier Intermediate Football: Final: Kanturk v Knocknagree

Naomh Abán lost to Cill na Martra 0-11 to 1-6, drew with Knocknagree 0-14 each, v St Vincents lost 2-13 to 2-12

Cill na Martra v Naomh Abán won 0-11 to 1-6, v Knocknagree won 7-11 to 0-13, v St Vincents won 4-14 to 0-9, SF lost to Kanturk 0-12 to 0-11
Macroom v Kanturk Lost 1-11 to 1-10, v Gabriel Rangers won 1-15 to 2-10, v Nemo Rangers

won 4-13 to 5-8

Intermediate Football: Final: Rockchapel v Mitchelstown

Aghabullogue v Kildorrery won 2-7 to 2-6, lost to Kilshannig 0-10 to 0-7, defeated Glanmire 2-10 to 1-5, v Millstreet won 2-17 to 0-9, SF lost to Mitchelstown 2-13 to 0-7

Ballinora v Glenville won 2-12 to 3-7, lost to Millstreet 0-8 to 0-5, defeated St Finbarrs 0-14 to 0-10, QF lost to Rockchapel 2-14 to 1-11

Senior Hurling: Champions: Blackrock

Senior A Hurling: Champions: Charleville

Premier Intermediate Hurling: Champions: Blarney

Blarney v Inniscarra won 1-23 to 0-12, v Castlelyons lost 1-20 to 1-14, v Blackrock won 2-23 to 1-13, QF v Carrigaline won 4-20 to 1-12 SF v Ballincollig won 3-14 to 1-19, Final: v Castlelyons, won 1-20 to 0-15

Ballincollig v Watergrasshioll lost 1-22 to 1-18, v Valley Rovers won 2-16 to 0-15, v Ballinhassig drew 0-13 each, lost to Blarney 3-14 to 1-19
Inniscarra v Blarney lost 1-23 to 0-12, v

Blackrock won 2-14 to 1-16, v Castlerlyons lost 3-18 to 1-21

Intermediate A Hurling: Final: Éire Óg v Aghabullogue

Éire Óg v Sarsfields won 0-20 to 2-9, v Douglas won 4-21 to 0-11, v Meelin won 1-28 to 0-13, SF v Sarsfields drew 1-20 each, won on penalties
Cloughduv v Aghabullogue lost 2-20 to 2-9, v Midleton won 0-21 to 1-16 v Glen Rvrs won 4-19 to 1-19, QF v Sarsfields lost 0-21 to 0-16
Aghabullogue v Cloughduv won 2-20 to 2-9, v Glen Rvrs won 0-21 to 1-15, v Midleton won 0-21 to 1-15, QF v Mayfiels won 1-16 to 1-14 SF v St Catherines won 1-25 to 2-13

Lower Intermediate Hurling: Final: Castlemartyr v Russell Rovers

Grenagh v Dripsey drew 1-14 to 0-17, v St Catherines lost 1-15 to 0-11, v Tracton lost 5-12 to 2-13

Dripsey v Grenagh drew 0-17 to 1-14, v Tracton lost 1-24 to 3-12, v St Catherines lost 1-17 to 1-12



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The impressive New Stand at the Éire Óg GAA Club Ovens



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LOTTO RESULTS

Aghinagh GAA:

Lotto Results – 30/11/2020

The jackpot was €4,900. The numbers drawn were 07, 14 and 20. There was no jackpot winner. Consolation prizes: €50.00 to Thomas Cotter, Bawnmore. €20 each to Jerry Hubbard, Inchalea; Michelle Dennehy, Coolinea; Michael & Catherine O'Connell, Coolnadane; Patsy, C/O The Shop, Ballinagree.

Lotto Results – 7/12/2020

The jackpot was €5,050. The numbers drawn

were 04, 15 and 34. There was no jackpot winner. Consolation prizes: €50.00 to Noel Lehane, Ballinagree. €20 each to Ger K & Grandkids, Horsemount; Linda Lehane, Ballinagree; Donnacha Twohig; Kay Mac & Phyllis, C/O Noreen's Shop.

Christmas Hamper: Patsy O'Donovan, Barryroe Twomey Butchers Voucher: Don McCarthy, Bealnamorrive

Bottle of Whiskey: Tara Grace Twohig, Ballinagree

Coachford AFC:

Lotto Results 7/12/2020 - Jackpot: €1,000. Numbers Drawn: 7 – 13 – 35. No Winner. €40 Marguerite Dineen (Online Ticket). €20 Mark Ward. Zach Newstead. Brian McCarthy. Danni Madden.

Lotto Results 14/12/2020 - Jackpot: €1,200. Numbers Drawn: 3 – 11 – 18. No Winner. €40 M. McElroy. €20 Shirley Cotter. Martin O'Connell. Anna O'Riordan. Dolores O'Shea.

Macroom GAA Lotto:

8/12/20: Numbers: - 10, 13, 22, 34. No Winner - €70. Danny & Lynda O'Keefe, The Hermitage, Macroom. €20. Bridget Relihan, Dan Corkery

Place, Macroom. €20. Catherine Hennigan, Clonfadda, Macroom. €20. Dawn & Cameron Murphy, Cork Street, Macroom. €20. Liam Walsh, Sally Gardens, Macroom. €20. Mary Kate O'Keefe, Cork Street, Macroom. Next Weeks' Jackpot €7750.

1/12/20: Numbers: - 3, 6, 10, 12. No Winner - No Winner - €70. Mary Cooney, Greyhound Bar, Macroom. €20. John Lucey, 9 Cork Street, Macroom. €20. Clare Mungovan, Middle Square, Macroom. €20. Eileen O'Brien, Toons Bridge, Macroom. €20. Pat Buttimer, Coolcower, Macroom. €20. Concubhair Murray, The Hermitage, Macroom. On-Line. Next Week's Jackpot €7500.

Rylane Community Park Association/RCPA:

Lotto results 30/11/2020 - Winning numbers: 17, 21 & 22. Jackpot - €1,500. No Winner. Lucky Dip winners who received €20 each: Ann O'Rourke (Rylane); Dan Shine (Aherla) Stephen Dennehy (Rylane) & Eileen Kelleher (Rylane - Online) Next week's Jackpot will be €1,600





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For further details, contact: Killarney Brewing & Distilling Holdings Plc.



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5TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

NOREEN WALSH

Who died on the
24th of December

*Thinking of you today
Always missed*



From Son David, daughter Victoria and daughter in law Mia, brothers, sisters, niece and nephews, family and friends.

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE



In loving memory of

PAT O'REGAN

Codrum, Macroom
Whose 19th Anniversary occurs on
St Stephen's Day

*THINKING OF YOU AT THIS TIME
AND ALWAYS*



From your brother Donal, Pauline and Family.

3RD ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

CAROLINE SWEENEY O'DONOGHUE

30/12/2017

*We're missing you a little more,
each time we hear your name,
we've cried so many tears,
yet our hearts 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 is a reminder
of how much we're missing you.*



Missing your smiling face and thinking about you always and in our hearts all the time.
Sadly missed by Jamie, Zara, Anthony, Mam, Michelle, David, Liz, Jer, Garry, Danny, Katie, Uncles, Aunties, Nephews, Nieces and goddaughter Katelynn

3RD ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

CAROLINE SWEENEY O'DONOGHUE

30/12/2017

*Mom we miss you so much, we wish you were here
But you are in our hearts everyday.
You were the best mom ever.*



*Missing you this Christmas,
another lonely Christmas without you.
Missing you, wish you were here.
Hope Santa brings Jamie, Zara and Baley presents.
Love you with all our hearts.
Jamie and Zara*

NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART



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29TH BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE



In loving memory of our dear son & brother

MARK DUGGAN

Moulnahorna, Macroom.
Whose 27th birthday occurs on
18th of December

*Happy Birthday Mark
Gone are the thoughts we used to share.
But in our hearts you are always there.
The gates of memory will never close.
We miss you more than anyone knows.
With tender love and deep regret.
We who love you will never forget.*



Lovingly and Fondly remembered by parents Eddie & Margaret, brothers Denis, Alan, Eddie, Luke & Owen, sisters Tracey & Niamh

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2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

DIARMUID (TIM) AGUS CÁIT Ó DUINNÍN

Cúil Aodha

*Those we love don't go away
they walk beside us every day;
unseen, unheard but always near;
so loved, so miss and very dear.*



Ar dheis Dé ar na hanamacha.

Fondly remembered by Tadhg, Michéal, Gearóid and Máire.

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7TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

PAUL MURPHY

Barrett's place Macroom

*Softly in the morning
You heard a gentle call
You took the hand God offered you
and quietly left us all.*



Always remembered
By his wife Mary
Children Angela and Noel
Grandchildren Lauren Scarlett and Alexander

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN



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

CM

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ST. JUDE NOVENA



May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be Adored, Glorified, Loved and revered throughout the whole world, now and forever.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, please pray for us. Saint Jude, worker of miracles, please pray for us.

Saint Jude, helper of the hopeless, please pray for us.

repeat this Novena two or three times and your prayer will be answered- publication must be promised.

It has never been known to fail.

MH

10TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of a wonderful father

MICHAEL MC SWEENEY

Dooniskey, Lissarda,
Who died on December 29th 2010

*Those we love don't go away
They walk beside us every day
Unseen unheard but always near
Time goes by without you,
Days turn into years
We have so many great memories
Of happy times we shared*

Sleep in heavenly peace Dad



Sadly missed by his loving family

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KB

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NOVENA TO ST. ANTHONY



The Saint of Miracles O holy St. Anthony, gentlest 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.

CM

ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

KATHLEEN HORGAN

Who died on 14th January 2004



In loving memory of

JOHN HORGAN

Who died on 11th December 2011

6 St. Gobnait's Terrace, Ballymakeera, Macroom

*When nights are cold
and stars are few,
I close my eyes and
think of u.
A silent hope,
a silent tear, a silent
wish that you were here.*



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by your loving family.**

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE



In loving memory of

DANIEL O'REGAN

MARY O'REGAN

PATRICK O'REGAN

whose 19th Anniversary occurs on St Stephens Day

Codrum, Macroom

*It doesn't take a Special Day
To bring you to our minds,
For days without a thought of you are very hard to find.
You always tried your best,
your hearts were pure and tender,
you simply lived for those you loved
and those you love remember.*



Always Remembered by Michael, Gobnait and Owen.

10TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**BERNADETTE
KELLEHER**

late of Codrum, Macroom.
Died 13th December 2010

*Fond and loving memories of
BERNADETTE.*



Always remembered by your loving
Husband Pat, son David and his family

13TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**AUSTIN
COONEY**

Carrigahooka, Macroom
Who died on the 29th Dec 2007

*They say that time will heal the pain,
But Austin that's just not true.*

*No matter how much time goes by,
our hearts still ache for you.*

*At first we counted days and weeks,
Today we're counting years.*

*We cannot count the memories, Nor
can we count the tears.*

*If wishes could be granted, And all our dreams
came true.*

*What we would wish for more than anything,
is to have more time with you.*



*We will never forget you, missed always by
your mother, heartbroken brothers & sisters-
Roger, Ann-Marie, Mary Frances, Mossy, Kay &
Edwina, aunts & uncles.*

**FIRST ANNIVERSARY
AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**



In loving memory of

**LARRY
DESMOND**

Aherlabeg Aherla Co Cork

In loving memory of our wonderful
father Larry Desmond who died tragically
on the 16th of December 2019,
as we lovingly remember our father Larry
on his first anniversary we the desmond
family would like to express our deep
gratitude and appreciation to all who
sympathized with us on our sad loss,
thanks to our extended family, thanks to
our wonderful neighbours 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 dads wake
at home, rosary and funeral. To those
who travelled long distances to pay their
respect, those who sent Mass cards and
flowers. Our sincere thanks to Gabriel O
Donovan undertakers for their kindness
and professionalism, we wish to thank Fr
Canon O Donovan for saying dads funeral
Mass, please accept this acknowledgment
as an expression of our deepest gratitude.

The holy sacrifice of Mass has been
offered for your intentions.

*We are missing you a little more
each time we hear your name,
we cried so many tears yet our hearts
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 have so many precious memories to
last our whole life through
each one of them reminders of how
much we are missing you.*



Sadly missed by his heartbroken
daughter Caroline, his grandchildren
and great grandchildren.

**FIRST ANNIVERSARY
AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**



In loving memory of

**PEGGIE
BUCKLEY
(NEE HEALY)**

Woodview, Farnanes, Co. Cork.
Who died on 12th December 2019

As we lovingly remember our dear Auntie
Peggie, we her nephews Denis and Noel,
niece Margaret and extended family-
in-law Teresa would like to thank most
sincerely all those who sympathised with
us and supported us in Peggie's passing,
those who attended the rosary, removal,
funeral and burial. To all who sent mass
cards, sympathy cards, letters, enrolments
and floral tributes, Thank you.

To all her wonderful neighbours and
friends and our neighbours and friends.
We cannot thank you enough for your
kindness and support. A special thank
you to Bina for being so good to Peggie,
also the Farnanes Gardai who came to
the house and stayed with Bina until
the ambulance arrived and gave her
a Garda escort to C.U.H. Thank you so
much. Thanks to the ambulance, her
doctors, nurses and staff at C.U.H. Her
GP Dr. Gerard Murphy and staff. A
special thanks to Cannon Bernard O'
Donovan who celebrated the funeral
mass. Thanks to Tessie Buckley (sacristan)
and the gravediggers. Special thanks
to Fitzgerald's undertakers for their
professionalism and kindness

As it would be impossible to thank
everyone individually please accept this
acknowledgement as a token of our
sincere appreciation and gratitude.
The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be
offered for your intentions.

*Deep in our hearts you will always stay.
Loved and remembered everyday.*

Rest in peace Peggie



Sadly missed by her nephews Denis, Noel,
niece Margaret and extended family.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**NORMA MCSWEENEY
(NEE HARTNETT)**

Ballinlough and (late of Kilmurray)
Who died on 18th December 2019.

*Silent thoughts sincere and true
of a sister who thought the world of you.
No longer in our lives to share,
but in our hearts you are always there.*



Also my mother
Mae Hartnett

who's 27th Anniversary is the 21st
December.

*Never more than a thought away.
Loved and remembered every day.*



Mary, Goalie, Martin, Mark, Julie and
their families.

12TH ANNIVERSARY



I-gcuimhne

**TREASA NÍ
MHUÍNEACHÁIN**

Gortnascairte, Cuil-aodha

Cuimhní grámhar ar Treasa a fuair bás ar
an 10ú de Mhí na Nollag 2008. Ar dheis
lámh Dé agus fé choimircé Ghobnatan
go raibh sí.

Ag breacadh an lae smaoinimid ort,
Agus ag titim gach oíche guimíd ar do
shon, Agus ar feadh ár saoil is cuma cen
aít, Istig inár gcroíthe atá tú go brách.



(Mam, Dad, Mairead, Seamus, Aindreas,
Nóra, Pádraig, Dónal, Máire, Gobnait, Lisa,
Rose, Kate, Andy)

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BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE



PADDY MC CARTHY

Just a prayer from the family who loved you, Just a memory fond and true, In our hearts you will live forever, Because we thought the world of you. 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. Seventh birthday away from home - in loving memory of our Paddy whose birthday occurs December 23rd.



Thinking of you and always missed by your loving wife Eileen, sons Noel and Brendan, grandchildren, relatives and friends.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

NORMA MCSWEENEY (NEE HARTNETT)

Ballinlough and (late of Kilmurray) Who died on 18th December 2019.

A sister is a friend forever, Your wings were ready, but my heart was not. I thought of you today but that is nothing new. I thought about you yesterday and days before that too. I think of you in silence, I often speak your name, all I have are memories and your picture in a frame. You memory is a keepsake from which I'll never part, God has you in his arms, I have you in my broken heart.



Miss you so much, love you always and forever your sister Anna

27TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

MAE HARTNETT

Clomacow, Crookstown, Macroom Who died 21st December 1993

Thinking of you always With love and fond memories Forever in our thoughts.



Your daughter Anna

4TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

MICHAEL A. COAKLEY

late of Mountmassey, Macroom, Co.Cork who died on December 27th 2016.

Just a prayer from the family who loved you. Just a memory fond and true. In our hearts you will live forever, Because we thought the world of you. Will those who think of Michael today a little prayer to Jesus say.



Sadly missed by his wife Bridget and family.

5TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

EILEEN MURPHY

Currabeha, Crookstown, Co Cork Who died on 3rd December 2015

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.



Sadly missed and always remembered with love by Mary, Niall, Dylan and Eoin.

40TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

WILLIAM (WILLIE) COTTER

Ballincollig and late of Carrignacurra, Inchigeelagh Whos 40th anniversary occurs on the 24th of December



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44TH ANNIVERSARY

2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**SEAN
ROCHE**

Coolnacahera, Ballymakerra
who died on 14th October 1976

*There is always a face before us, a voice we would love to hear,
a smile we will always remember, of a Mam and Dad we loved so dear.
Deep in our hearts lies a picture, more precious than silver or gold,
It's a picture of our Mam and Dad, whose memory will never grow old.*



Sadly missed by your sons Patrick, Gerard and Diarmuid, grand daughters Melaine and Shauna, great grandson Tyler John.

St. Gonnait, St. Aban, St. Colman, St. Jude, St. Anthony, St. Pio, St. Peregrine
Pray for them.



In loving memory of

**MARGARET
(PEGGY) ROCHE**

who died on
28th December 2018

28TH ANNIVERSARY

26TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**BESSIE
FREER**

Leicester and late of Coolnacahera
who died on the 23rd December
1992

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



Sadly missed by your nephews
Patrick, Gerard and Diarmuid



In loving memory of her Husband

**ALLEN JOHN
FREER**

Leicester
who died on the
2nd June 1994

ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**MICHAEL
TWOHIG**

18th Anniversary
Who passed away on 6th January
2003



In loving memory of

**JOAN
TWOHIG**

4th Anniversary
Who passed away on 7th January
2017

Fullerick, Crookstown
In loving memory of our dear Mom and Dad whose anniversaries
occur around this time.

Our Lady of Knock pray for ye both

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



Sadly missed but fondly and lovingly remembered

xx

CHRISTMAS
REMEMBRANCE



In loving memory of

**PEGGIE & D.D.
MC CARTHY**

Bealnamorrive

*Just a prayer from a family who loved you,
Just a memory fond and true.
In our hearts you will live forever,
Because we thought the world of you.*



Lovingly remembered by Mary, Joan,
Theresa, Martina, Ann, Denis and
Families

22ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**MAURA
TWOMEY**

Leicester
(late of Coolnacahera, Ballymakeera)
whose anniversary occurs on
3rd 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 your nephews Patrick,
Gerard and Diarmuid

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7TH ANNIVERSARY



Treasured memories of

**EUGENE
MC CARTHY**

Lower Bellmount, Crookstown.
Whose Anniversary occurs on 13th
December.

*Will those who think of Blondie today a
little prayer to Our Lady say.*



Lovingly remembered by
Nora and family.

17TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**JOHN
KELLEHER**

Clondrohid, Macroom,
Who died on
22nd December 2003.

*May the wind blow gently, and
whisper for you to hear,
How much we love and miss you
and wish you were still here.*



Always remembered with love by
your late mother Kate, brother Gene,
sisters Breda and Marie,
brothers in law, sister in law,
nieces, nephews, relatives,
neighbours and friends.

**FIRST ANNIVERSARY
AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**



In loving memory of

**SINEAD
PLUNKETT**

Poulanargid, Lissarda, Co.Cork
Who died 28th December 2019.

On the First anniversary of Sinead's
passing, her Parents, George and Anita,
sisters Aoife, Niamh and Ciara and
extended family wish to thank everyone
who sympathised with us on
Sinead's passing.

A Special thanks to those who attended
the house, rosary, removal and
Funeral and to all those who sent floral
tributes and Mass cards.

Thanks to Sinead's friends,
neighbours and CIT for the ongoing
support and kindness shown towards
our family.

A special thank you to Sinead's much
loved Clubmates and to all involved with
St.Val's Football Club as well as
Kilmurry GAA, The Independence
Museum Kilmurry and the Gardaí.
A Sincere acknowledgement of the
professionalism and kindness of
Fitzgerald's Funeral Directors,
The Castle Hotel, the Sacristan,
Ann O' Callaghan and Tracy Cronin.

As it would be impossible to thank
everyone individually please accept this
acknowledgement as a token of our
sincere appreciation.



Loved and Cherished by Mam, Dad, Aoife,
Niamh and Ciara.

**FIRST ANNIVERSARY
AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**



In loving memory of

**CHRISTY
BOYLE**

Coolnasoon Carrigadrohid, Co Cork
Who passed away on December
25th 2019

Remembering Christy on the first
anniversary of his death, loved & greatly
missed by his adoring wife Mary,
his children Annmarie, Mary &
Christopher & his extended family.

We wish to express our deepest
appreciation and gratitude to all
those who sympathised with us,
to all who called to the house,
to those who travelled near and far,
who attended the rosary, removal &
funeral Mass.

To our close circle of friends and
neighbours, thank
you for all you did and are continuing
to do.

A special word of thanks to our family
doctor Dr Peter Cronin Macroom,
to John for all you have done,
to Fitzgerald's funeral directors for
their professional service & guidance
and to the CUH.

As it would be impossible to thank
everyone individually please accept this
acknowledgment as a token of our
sincere appreciation.



May he rest in peace

4TH ANNIVERSARY



With love and pride we remember

**FINBARR
CORKERY**

Ballyvoigue, Kilnamartyra
Who died on 29th December 2016

*Just a prayer from the family
Who loved you,
Just a memory fond and true.
In our hearts you will live forever,
Because we thought the world of you.*



Lovingly remembered by Ann-Marie,
John, Noelle and Conor

8TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**MEGAN
MALONE**

Ballyduff, Barefield, Ennis, Co.
Clare. Formerly of Candroma,
Kilnamartyra, Macroom, Co. Cork.
18/12/12

*"Missing you Megan every minute of
everyday always.
Time keeps passing but the pain of losing
you lingers on, our sweet, brave princess!"*



Love from
Dad, Mom, Chloe, Dylan, Tristan, Robyn,
Nanny Connell & Granda, Nanna Kay &
Granda Milke.

Ar dheis De go raibh a hAnam!

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