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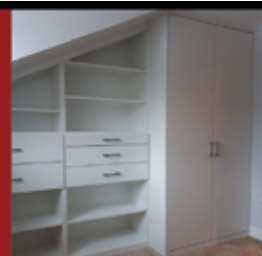
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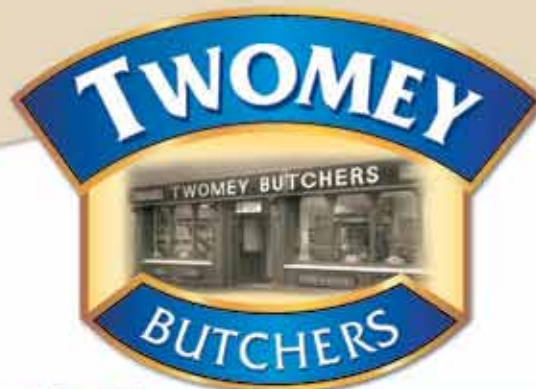
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I've been struggling to think of something to write this week, COVID means things have been quiet, I have been quiet. I think like most Macroompains, we now know the town inside out from our daily walks. And how lucky we are to live where we are, with the Castle Grounds, the Town Park, the Fairy Garden, and the Gearagh at our disposal. Many a red squirrel I've spotted back the castle and I'm thoroughly enjoying the beautiful birdsong that accompanies these walks. We did manage to spot two ducks by the weirs this week, perhaps the ducks released by the Tidy Towns during the summer, who knows! Speaking of Tidy Towns, they are looking for volunteers, so if your available to help, check out the article in this edition to learn more.

The article about local walks which featured in the last edition of the LVO was well received, and we were lucky enough to get a reader's contribution this week for a number of walks in



beautiful Inchigeela. More suggestions on walks are welcome. Our readers are from all over the Lee Valley and may wish to share their best walks within their 5km zones, that the rest of us might enjoy once lockdown has finished. If you have some good news you'd like to share, it might be a birthday, or learning a new craft or

discovering a new walk, please do share with us at [leevalleyoutlook@gmail.com](mailto:leevalleyoutlook@gmail.com)

*Sarah Kate Murphy*  
EDITOR

## DE LA SALLE

### Finn Brady's success in the BT Young Scientist Exhibition

Transition Year pupil, Finn Brady, was awarded third place in the 'intermediate, individual social and behavioural science' category at the BT Young Scientist Virtual Exhibition, for his project, 'The Psychological and Social Impact of Face Masks/Face Coverings on Society'.

Finn investigated how our society has evolved to overcome the social challenges of Face Masks & Face Coverings. He investigated what adaptations we have adopted as a culture and how these changes have impacted our mental health and society on a psychological level. Finn conducted many hours of research into the psychological and social sciences. He used a combination of surveys and intriguing social experiments through video and interview as his methodology.

His study has formed much needed research and data for the field of psychology, and vital information for the general public during the current pandemic. His study found that there has been a significant shift in how we socialise; from a change in the way we focus our eyes and body when speaking, to how we are beginning to adopt methods of socialisation similar to that of Eastern



Societies. He also discovered that there has been a rise in anti-social & Psychological behaviours and a great strain on our mental health. He has theorised that these behaviours could lead to significant damage on not only our health, but on our economy and healthcare system. He hopes that others will learn from his study and use it to try and reduce the negative impact of Face Masks/Face Coverings, and the Covid-19 Pandemic as whole, on our society. Furthermore, he believes that the government should be called on to improve the

current mental health support system and to lead a nationwide campaign to educate and help the people of Ireland to deal with and support mental health illnesses.

Here at De La Salle College, we are extremely proud of the work Finn has carried out and of his great success at the BT Young Scientist. It is an extraordinary achievement. A big thank you to teacher Ms. Aisling Kelleher, who provided valuable guidance to the boys throughout the process. Well done to all.

#### Return to school and remote learning

January marked the return to school for the students, and also their return to remote learning. The students have been logging on to all their daily classes online, and are following their normal school timetable. It is so important students don't miss out on any class time and continue to engage every day. They have been doing so well so far. A big thank you to their teachers for all the extra effort and time that comes with distance learning. We hope all students and families are doing okay. If parents have any concern do not hesitate to contact the school, 026 - 41832.



Golden's Pub, South Square on New Year's Day Night: 'all painted up and no-one to serve'. (C. Kelleher).



A quiet Main St, Middle Square on New Year's Day Night: (C. Kelleher).

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# St. Mary's Musings



Our btyse zoom party with Ms Butler, Ms Foley and our 4th year btyse competitors.



Orla Lynch and Sadhbh Bourke whose young scientist project won a highly commended award in the competition this year



Our successful Irish debaters - clockwise Sadhbh Bourke, Cara Moloney, Aoibhe Kelleher and Anna O Mahony

## GAEL LINN IRISH PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION.

Éacht den scoth déanta ag an gceathrar seo i gComórtas Óráide an Phiarsaigh.

Irish public speakers Anna O Mahoney, Aoibhe Kelleher, Cara Moloney and Sadhbh Burke have qualified for the next round of the Gael Linn Irish Public Speaking Competition. They did a fantastic job in the first round of this National Competition speaking 'as Gaeilge' about assigned motions, these motions included: "The Irish Government are dealing correctly with Covid 19", "A Students life is a great life", "TG4 are successful in reaching their aims and objectives" and "The most valuable things in life are free". St Mary's submitted six entries in total, three junior competitors and three senior competitors. They all argued for or against the above motions. From that, all three junior speakers were chosen to go forward to the next round along with one senior speaker. A special mention to 4th year students Abigail Kelleher and Aine Sheehan who did a fantastic job on their speeches for the competition too. Well done girls, we are extremely proud of you all, wishing you the very best of luck in the next round of this competition.

## BT YOUNG SCIENTIST AND TECHNOLOGY EXHIBITION 2021

The Virtual BT Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition took place from January 6th - 8th this year. The three judging sessions per group took place online via Microsoft Team meetings on Wednesday the 6th and Thursday the 7th. These judging sessions are gruelling at the best of times, but the girls did amazingly well, completing these on their own at home.

Friday was the awards ceremony, Ms Butler and Ms Foley hosted a Zoom party to live stream the awards with the girls as they could not all be together in person. We made the most of the situation given the current restrictions.

We were delighted to hear that Orla Lynch and Sadhbh Bourke's project "Code Red: A statistical

investigation of the attitudes towards menstrual health and environmentally friendly menstrual products in Ireland" won a Highly Commended Award. This is a fantastic achievement - very well done girls, we are so proud of you on winning this highly prestigious award! Well done to all of the girls involved, we are so proud of the amount of work and enthusiasm that you gave to your projects and huge thanks to Ms Butler and Ms Foley all of the help and support that they gave to you in preparation for the competition.

## TEACHER OF EXCELLENCE AWARD

As part of the Young Scientist Awards Ceremony every year, there is a special section dedicated to teachers to reward them for all of their hard work and dedication to the Young Scientist Competition.

After an interview and a rigorous judging process one teacher wins an award from each of the four categories. This year, Ms Jennifer Butler won the award for Teacher of Excellence in the Social & Behavioural Science Category. This is so well deserved as she is so dedicated to preparing our students for the competition every year and she promotes the competition so well in our school. Ms Butlers enthusiasm is second to none and she is an inspiration to her students. This is Ms Butler's second time winning this award in the last four years! Well done Ms Butler we are all so proud of you.

## TY WORKSHOPS

Transition Year students had two days of workshops before going home for their Christmas holidays.

All students presented their Science projects which they entered for the BT Young Scientist competition this year to the year group and their teachers, Ms Butler and Ms Foley.

Then they had a very lively and entertaining afternoon with a Sign Language Teacher, Richie O'Mahony who managed to keep the whole year group engaged for two hours on his personal story of being born to parents who were deaf,

as well as teaching the girls several phrases and greetings in Sign Language.

A number of students took up on the opportunity to "Teach their Own Course". This was a new initiative in this year's TY programme. Orla Lynch delivered a course on "Car Mechanics". Together with videos and PowerPoint, she taught the group how to change a wheel and many other practicalities when driving a car. Oliwia Sobol demonstrated her absolute enthusiasm and fascination for Ancient Greek Philosophy and Mythology, when she astounded the group with her in-depth knowledge of Greek philosophers. Oliwia and Patrycja Wyka gave an exceptionally entertaining class on Polish language and Culture. Like all good teachers, they employed several strategies to keep all their "students" engaged!

Several girls also gave presentations on their affiliations with countries outside of Ireland. Keeva Murphy Healy told the group about her life in Australia, Charmaine Ngwenga educated us on Zimbabwe, Marissa Duarte informed the group about Mexico, while Amanda Marcinkevica and Alina Lina Kalniete gave a presentation about their home country, Latvia. Elvira Mendez Gomez had taught us about Granada earlier in the month. The first term ended with the class groups doing Zumba Dancing with Danny Payne and a General Knowledge Quiz organised by Roisin O Donoghue. Well done to all of the girls involved.

## ONLINE LEARNING

As we return to online learning, we would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all of our students and their parents for engaging so well with remote learning. Our girls have been very engaged and attendance at Zoom classes is excellent across all year groups. Assigned work is being completed to a very high standard and all students seem to be happy and learning is taking place. Thanks, so much, girls, keep up the good work. Hopefully it won't be long until we are all back in our classrooms together again.



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### Macroom's progress hampered by lack of Volunteers.

In a very interesting interview, John Lyons, Secretary of Macroom Tidy Towns highlighted how Macroom is failing to reach its potential and will continue to do so as a result of lack of volunteers in certain areas.

An example of this is the need for a school's liaison person to link in with the schools on a regular basis in relation to their various initiatives. This can be a win-win, with benefits to both sides.

Another area is project management, to assist with the various projects from application stage through to completion. This is an ongoing and increasing part of each year's work.

A further area relates to the environment and biodiversity that there is a need for a group of interested people to focus on this area alone, facilitated by the Tidy Towns. Currently there is funding approved for various initiatives, and there is potential in every residential area of the town to pursue local initiatives, in addition to the public

areas, parks and approach roads.

These are some examples of interesting tasks that can be done largely from home in a person's own time. We know there are people out there, including many young people that can contribute to all these areas and would enjoy working with others on such projects and develop knowledge and skills. If you are interested and have ideas for Tidy Towns then we would love to hear from you. To register your interest please text 086/8175859 for a follow up conversation.

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## Leabharlann Bhaile Bhúirne

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Cork County Library staff are busy either working from home or working behind closed doors, while adhering to all the health and safety guidelines attached to working during the Covid 19 pandemic. We've been busy promoting our online services and adding to them with online story-times, craft workshops, writing workshops, and interesting podcasts. Now we are also delighted to be able to offer free access to a new service for students of all ages – TTRS. TTRS stands for Touch-type, Read and Spell.

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#### Working From Home

*Blast!! I think the Wi-Fi has gone down again, either that or all my work colleagues are participating in The Mannequin Challenge but no one included me in that memo. I wonder if I have time to put the laundry in the machine? Better not, if the children notice that I have moved away from the laptop there will be trouble. One of them will want the laptop and one of them will want me. I'll log off and try logging back on again, that worked the last time.*

*Well to be honest I didn't actually log off the last time, the power cable got snagged on Katie's scooter as she passed and everything just went flying. I barely caught the laptop before it hit the ground and I definitely did something to my shoulder the way I fell trying to save it. When I logged back on there were a few raised eyebrows because the last sight the rest of my colleagues on Zoom had of me was as I launched myself off the space hopper that doubles as my office chair.*

*"No Katie that's not what I meant when I said I was Zooming!"*

*I log in to the office zoom meeting again now to find that they are just winding up. It appears that I am going to read over the complete project and make any necessary changes before having an online meeting with the Project Manager in an hour, to sign off on the*

*work.*

*Oh no!! In an hour the TV teachers will be finished, and I will have two, under tens, vying for my attention. I shoot off a quick email to Ted, the Project Manager, "Any chance we could put off the online meeting to 1.30pm?"*

*I feel confident that I can bribe the children with their favourite lunch and gain about half an hour to do the hand over. Almost immediately there is a ping from my inbox,*

*"Sorry, I'm taking over Home School duties from my wife at 1pm so I can't do meetings then, that's why I was hoping I'd have the project to work on 'during school'?"*

*I gently open the door of the box room, stand on my tippy toes to see over the stack of storage boxes and pleadingly ask Hugh, my husband, if there is any chance, he could keep an eye on Seán and Katie for the next two hours. He tentatively pushes back the toy tractor he is using as a chair, his laptop wobbles precariously atop the tower of books that is his desk. I know I'm saved when he smiles.*

*"Go on so, I'll keep an eye on them if you promise to keep them quiet while I'm on my Teams Meeting to New York after lunch"*

*I agree, blushing furiously. The last time he was in a video meeting to New York Seán had decided he*

*needed one of the books that was propping up his Dad's laptop. In my effort to reach him before he reached the book and dislodged the laptop, I hurled myself over the storage boxes, the video call connected just as I landed in Hugh's lap. To make matters worse I was in my Late Late Toy Show pyjamas which created an awkward impression. Poor Hugh could only smile weakly at his colleagues and explain that we were only playing, before hurriedly adding that he meant we were just playing with the children! Awkward!! I happily head back to the kitchen to do some serious reading of ... The Project.*

*"Seán, what are you doing on my laptop!?"*

*"Mum, Mum the TV Teacher says we can make chocolate cakes, all we need is flour and cocoa and, and....."*

*I turn around to see Katie balancing on the linen basket with a large bag of flour in one hand and the tin of Cocoa powder in the other. I watch, as in slow motion, the bag of flour tips over and sends a snow shower of flour over Katie, who reacts by throwing up her other hand to balance the bag of flour and manages to put the cocoa tin flying across the kitchen. This results in the entire room being covered in a fine dusting of flour and cocoa powder.*

*I automatically reach for the Dyson and glance at the clock. It's 10.47 am.*

### Clondrahid Notes

**ACTIVE RETIRED:** As everyone is well aware by now, we are all in level 5 lockdown. The advice is still the same, wash your hands, sanitize, keep your distance, wear your mask, and if at all possible, stay at home. Contact family, friends, neighbour, shopkeepers, if you need help with shopping, medicines etc.

We did this back in March and it worked, so everybody needs to put their shoulder to the wheel to keep everyone safe. The vaccines are being rolled out, and hopefully this will be our lifeline. This virus has taken its toll on us all, but brighter days are ahead.

Exercise is very important for everyone, but especially for the elderly, your usual walk and shopping has been curtailed, as the main advice is to stay at home if at all possible. Simple exercises

should be done every day. Just sitting down and getting up several times a day is helpful. Those who attended the exercises in Community Hall, if you can remember any of them, please try them. Walk within your 5km as often as you can. Most importantly keep in touch with each other, send a text, or make a call, it can mean a lot to those who are feeling isolated at the moment. We are all in this together, and by keeping our distance and wearing our mask wherever we go, we will succeed.

**CHURCH CEREMONIES:** As happened previously, all church masses are back online, Mass in Clondrahid Church is at 9.30am every morning including Sundays.

New Mass booklets are available at a cost of €5 which covers all masses for 2021

Churches remain open for private prayer only.

Adoration is back again on Mondays from 10.30am to 6pm. There will be no public prayer except a blessing by Fr Joe at 6pm.

Sunday devotions continue online.

Anyone looking for an anniversary Mass for a loved one, needs to book nearly 3 months in advance. As of now Jan and Feb are booked out.

The statues in the Church are in need of repair and to be painted. The Crib figures need to be upgraded as well. The cost of this work is €1,300, and if anyone would like to make a contribution to this cost, it would be appreciated. Put it in an envelope and mark it statues and leave it at Post Office. Anyone wishing to make their weekly contributions to the church, please continue to do so, either in the church, or at the Post Office. Unfortunately, the usual bills have to be paid.



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# Tragedy at Dripsey 28th of January 1921

By William O'Brien

The 28th of January 2021 marks a centenary since 10 young men were captured in a gun battle with British forces near Godfrey's cross on the Dripsey-Coachford road, which became known as the Dripsey Ambush.

Much has been said and written over the decades since that fateful January day when volunteers from local companies laying, in wait to ambush Crown Forces, who passed there on a regular basis. The companies who formed the Donoughmore battalion were: Blarney; Coachford; Courtbrack; Donoughmore; Grenagh; Inniscarra and Rylane.

The companies in the battalion became very active from 1918 onwards, training became more intense and by 1920 the war with Britain had intensified, the Black and Tans were already in the country threatening and intimidating people, taking pot shots at people working in the fields, and burning people out of house and home. They had to be stopped and the volunteers were prepared to put their lives on the line in doing so.

Good intelligence work in the Coachford-Dripsey area reported to their superiors that two lorries, and sometimes three of auxiliaries passed each Friday from Macroom to Ballincollig via Dripsey at approximately 11.30 am, so a plan was put in place to ambush them. When choosing the site Jackie O'Leary Battalion O.C. Frank Buateed, vice O.C. and Sean O'Hegarty Brigade Vice O.C. (who resided in Cork City) visited the area as well as senior officers from Coachford Company, and plans were put in place for an ambush on Friday January 28th 1921. The 6th Battalion who had been in a training camp in Kilcullen on the Donoughmore-Rylane boarder since early January were billeted in a discussed farmhouse at Carrig-na-Muc near Peake, here about a dozen Volunteers acted as scouts while the Flying Column rested for the night while as many as 20 more went to the Ambush site to dig a deep trench and an escape route about 30yards from the road. They also had to prepare a tree for blocking the road by sawing it practically the whole way through and tying it with a rope to ensure it did not fall before the right moment. All work was completed by around 5am.

The Flying Column were in the trench before 7am, the remaining Volunteers and scouts taking up strategic positions, so now all was in readiness. They stayed in their positions for hours on end on a cold, showery day.

Meanwhile, word of the planned Ambush was common knowledge in the villages of Dripsey and Coachford and surrounding area. It was indeed while shopping in Coachford that the news of the proposed ambush reached the ears of one Mary Georgina Lindsay. Mrs. Lindsay a Mayo native and her husband John, who hailed by Banbridge in Co. Down purchased Leemount house near Coachford in the early 1900s. The Lindsays who were extreme unionists were well known for hosting lavish parties and frequently entertained the gentry from far and near at their mansion in Leemount. On hearing the news of the planned ambush, Mrs. Lindsay was reported to be very disturbed and met with Fr. Edmund Shinnick who was curate in Coachford at the time and left him in no doubt that she was going to inform the military in Ballincollig, and inform them she did, which was to have



Photo taken at the Golden Jubilee in 1971.

devastating consequences for the 6th battalion and eventually for herself and her chauffeur, James Clarke.

In the interim, Fr. Shinnick, who incidentally was no friend of the volunteers and who frequently denounced all ambush activities from the pulpit, warned his congregation that anybody involved in such behaviour would risk excommunication by his Lordship, the bishop.

Yet it is fair to say Fr. Shinnick did send word to the Volunteers through an intermediary, that the military in Ballincollig were informed of their plan at Godfrey Cross. On hearing the news, most of the officers in charge were convinced that the said cleric was up to his old tricks and antics again trying to scare them off, they seemed to take no notice of him, but, on this occasion it was for real. It's easy to be wise in hindsight, but the decision to stay had disastrous consequences for the Flying Column. The Volunteers stayed steadfastly in their position, one can only imagine what it was like having been in the trench since before 7am, as well as the young scouts who were on the lookout and maybe with poor communication with one another.

In the meantime, a convey of lorries drove out of Ballincollig military barracks shortly after 4 O'clock heading for Dripsey. On board were dozens of well trained, well fed, warm clothed military who now had the element of surprise on their side. Having travelled via Canons Cross and along by Inniscarra Dam and on to Dripsey from the east they took everybody by surprise.

Two lorries stopped at Dripsey Cross where they dismounted, while two more lorries drove along the Mill Road towards Peake where they entered the fields and headed for Godfrey's Cross soon, the ambushers were almost completely surrounded.

As soon as the British were sighted, the signal to withdraw was given. They were almost completely surrounded and outnumbered and were it not for the bravery of the cover party, commanded by Captain Jim Barrett who took on the British and slowed down the advancing troops long enough a blood bath would surely have ensued.

In the gun battle 10 men were captured and those who were seriously injured were taken to

Sisk's Public house at Dripsey Cross where the publican provided food before they were taken to Ballincollig Barracks and later to Victoria Barracks (now Collins Barracks). The uninjured made good their escape, and their knowledge of the local countryside as well as falling darkness was of paramount importance.

Two of the men captured namely Eugene Langton and Denis Sheehan who were working in a nearby field and had nothing to do with the ambush were released. Jeremiah O'Callaghan from Aghabullagh was found not guilty and released. Seven men in the prison cells were court-martialled and sentenced to death by firing squad on the 28th February 1921 they were named, as Thomas O'Brien and Daniel O'Callaghan from Dripsey; John Lyons, Aghabullough; Timothy McCarthy Fornaught Donoughmore; Patrick O'Mahony, Derry Berrings; Captain Jim Barrett of Firmount Donoughmore who was Battalion Quarter-Master died of his wounds in Cork military prison while still a prisoner on the 22nd of March 1921. Press reports at the time said that Captain Jim Barretts funeral took place from Cork Cathedral at 11.30am on Monday March 24th. There was a military party present, and the officer-in-charge informed the relatives that a crowd of no more than 30/40 people would be allowed to follow his remains as the cortege began, the military took up their positions near the mourners' cars and accompanied the funeral to Donoughmore, despite the threat of the British to curtail numbers, Jim Barrett's funeral was reputed to be the longest funeral ever witnessed in Donoughmore.

The remaining volunteer who was seriously injured and sentenced to death was Denis Murphy, Vicarstown. Denis had his death sentence commuted to 25yrs penal servitude and was released in the General Amnesty in January 1922. Denis went on to live a long and healthy life, and 50yrs on laid a wreath at the monument in honour of his fallen comrades at the Golden Jubilee celebrations on the 28th February 1971.

Meanwhile the remaining volunteers discovered that Mrs. Lindsay was the person who had supplied the military authorities with information about the ambush and, following the sentencing of the



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men involved in that operation, they decided on a course of action that they hoped would prevent the executions taking place. On the 17th February the volunteers surrounded Leemount House and abducted Mrs. Lindsay and chauffeur James Clarke, 11 days before the planned executions and used them as bargaining power to free the seven volunteers. When this failed and the executions were ahead, Mrs. Lindsay and James Clarke were executed.

There were many appeals for leniency and among those to make a case was the Bishop of Cork Dr. Daniel Coholan, who in the wake of earlier ambush activity in the county, denounced all such behaviour from the pulpit, and warned his flock that those involved themselves in such activity would be excommunicated.

Yet, with all his utterances and threats of excommunication, it is only fair to point out that the Bishop made a strong appeal to General Strickland, commander of the sixth Southern Division to use his influence to overturn the death sentence but his Lordships appeal went unheeded.

Having got no response from Strickland the Bishop wrote to Strickland's superior - Neville Macready,

Commander in Chief of British Forces in Ireland, but again to no avail. Telegrams sent by Cork Corporation and business people in Cork City as well as business people in the Battalion area and beyond, pleading for leniency, as well as prayers at all Masses and still the British would not budge.

A report in 'The Freeman's Journal' on 1st March 1921 state "All appeals and acts of intervention on behalf of the seven young men, whose approaching execution was announced from Cork on Saturday evening, proved of no avail. They were shot in Cork Military Barracks yesterday morning. Their ages ranged from 21 to 27 years. They faced the firing party in twos at intervals of fifteen minutes. They faced them bravely and with absolute calm" said Canon O'Sullivan who attended them to the end".

An impressive scene was enacted outside the Barrack walls where many friends accompanied the parents and other near relatives of the prisoners and with them prayed as on the stroke of 8am the short sharp rattle of rifle fire rang out. John Allen from Tipperary Town, who was sentenced to death having been found guilty in another situation, was executed with Daniel O'Callaghan a few minutes after 8, at 8.20 they were followed

by Thomas O'Brien and Patrick O'Mahony and at 8.35 by John Lyons and Timothy McCarthy. Canon O'Sullivan assisted by Fr. O'Brien, accompanied and prayed with them and administered the Last Rights immediately after they had fallen.

Claims made by the families of the executed men for the bodies of their loved ones to be handed over for burial in family plots or local graveyards were refused by the British, instead they were taken to Cork Jail on the Western Road where they were buried in quick lime.

The men we commemorate at the monument every year without fail were typical of the average officer and man in the volunteers of the period. They set a high standard of unselfish loyalty to one another even under the supreme test of death itself. They were representative of the youth of that era and were willing to fight and die for Irish Freedom. Their immortal names were inscribed 'As Gaeilge' on the memorial forever, thus ensuring that the sacrifice of these six young men will never be forgotten.

**P.S. A souvenir Booklet will be on sale in the lead up to the Centenary celebrations. Price €5 each**



The inscription on the main monument. © Peter Scanlan



The monument freshly refurbished for the centenary of the Ambush. © Peter Scanlan



Nollaig na mBan at 4.30pm. 'A different type of January Blue.' Photos by Cecily Ní Loinnigh



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# Tom and Dennis (Dinny) Counihan; a son remembers his father *By Dr. Con Kelleher*

Tom Counihan was born in Macroom and has always lived there. Listening to him talking about Macroom is like hearing Macroom's history for the last seventy years, and longer if one includes his parents' and grandparents' eras, extending to before 1900. He worked in Coughlan's Mineral Waters, often with Dan 'Basky' O'Callaghan, O'Farrell's Butcher shop, the Creamery and was an apprentice electrician with Arthur's, Cork. Later he worked in the Tapes Factory, was a state-driver for the late Donal Creed and worked in Neville's Bakery. He was involved with the CYMS, Macroom Youth Club, Macroom Golf Club and Macroom Mountain Dew Festival. Politics was another interest and Tom served as a town councillor and Mayor. Ann, née Walsh, his wife, is also a true-blue Macroomian; she and Tom have numerous relatives and connections, with many living nearby. Because of his affable nature, Tom was associated with many organisations over many years.

Further Tom's father Dennis (Dinny) captained Macroom to its fifth senior county title in 1926 when he was only twenty years, probably the youngest of Macroom's nine winning-captains; (Denis 'Muttie' O'Brien captained two winning-sides). Tom's memories and experiences, and stories about his father give great insights into life in Macroom from 1900-2020. The initial purpose of the chat was to ask Tom about his father, the 1926 campaign and his football career, but many other aspects were discussed, and these were as fascinating as the football tales. Tom has been wonderfully diligent in sourcing information; he has spoken to many people inside and outside Macroom, and he is a great source of knowledge and insight about the town.

Born in 84 New Street in 1949, Tom was the only child of Dinny and Ellen (Eily), née Foley. Ellen's parents were Paddy and Margaret Casey, (Mountrivers, Rylane was her home). Dinny's parents were Thomas and Julia O'Leary, (Macroom). Paddy, from Kilmichael, was not only a stonemason but was a gifted musician and teacher, and had his own band, The Gay Timers and he had also been part of a previous band The Syncopators ('syncopé' is the fancy medical name for 'faint'). The Gay Timers played for four-penny hops, mostly in Macroom Town Hall, and occasionally in Reinaniree Hall. Other members were Paddy's son, Charlie, and

Mansell Nash, a bank clerk. As far as Tom knows, the band played ballads, waltzes etc. and céili music, and dances were important if infrequent social occasions. Among Paddy's pupils was the late Jim Kelleher, Chapel Hill. The name Paddy is carried on because Charlie's first son, Paddy, also bears that name. On the Counihan side, Dinny's father was called Tom and he was a calf- and cattle-dealer. Unfortunately, he died accidentally, aged forty-seven, in Kealkil when walking home from Bantry Fair and when Dinny was only nine – about 1915. This was an absolute tragedy as the cushion of social welfare was not available and life was tough for Julia, his young widow who had to fend as well as possible for her family. She was from Macroom and she had three children. The two girls were Nellie who married Charlie Leonard, and Nan married Bob Barrett. Both Nan and Nellie worked in the old O'Leary's (and later Neville's) bakery in New Street. Nan was a long-time secretary for Harry O'Leary, the vet, whose grandfather, Connie 'The Drummer', owned the New Street bakery. Bantry Fair was big, and due to lack of transport, many dealers and sellers walked there. Other big local fairs were Knocknagree and Castleisland. Often men set off at three or four in the morning and returned sometimes twenty-four hours later. Farmers drove their stock to market and the animals were tied to poles etc. If lucky, dealers got lifts along the way; as dealing was associated with drinking, the way home could be slow. Sometimes dealers bought from farmers on the way to the fair and 'shortened' the day for all.

Dinny was born in 1906 and married Ellen Foley in 1948, with Tom their only child. Born and reared in Down Street, Dinny later lived in New Street, Barrett Place and finally in High Street. As a child he attended the convent and the Boys' National School and probably left education at fourteen. De La Salle and McEgan were not established in Macroom until the 1930s. As far as Tom knows, Dinny was always involved in cattle-dealing and had no other job or trade. In cattle-dealing you live on your wits and try to extract a living as well as you can.

To say Dinny's childhood was tough is an understatement. As well as the poverty of the times vagaries of an unreliable family income and his father's early death, his childhood/teenage years spanned the war Independence and the Civil

War. He was ten in 1916 and from then to 1923 he experienced the background violence of both wars. Stephen Brady in *The Briar of Life* describes curfews and people being shot on sight in Macroom. After Kilmichael Ambush (1920), Macroom barely escaped burning, and schools remained closed for a week. Macroom was a very active hub in the War of Independence with Daniel Corkery and Charlie Browne leading the local volunteers, and the area suffered the resultant repression. Both Macroom Union Workhouse (1921) and Macroom Castle (1923) were burned at this time. While football hardly featured, Dinny was always a good footballer and pursued his football career after the Civil War. Due to his father's early death, Dinny did not have a mentor and Mick Murray, an agent for Egans, Portlaoise, took the young Dinny under his wing. Mick Murray's brief was to ensure a regular supply of calves and cattle which were traded on to Midlands and Northern farmers. Outside forces dictated prices: wars were good for business, but recessions and economic wars were very bad. Dinny was also a big-buyer and assisted Neilus Healy, New Street and taught Mika, his son much about pig-buying. Judging and assessing weight by eye were essential and Dinny was an expert.

Macroom lost to Nils (Cork city) in 1919 and Youghal in 1920 and there was no formal club in 1921. Though drawn against Newmarket, there is no record that that game was played. In 1922, Millstreet qualified to meet Youghal in a senior final that was never played; only two matches were played in a championship that never finished. In 1923 Millstreet reached a semi-final but some players were late for the match. The referee refused to delay the start and Millstreet lost. An altercation followed, and Millstreet GAA Club was suspended. Millstreet disbanded with some players going to Macroom and others to Nils. Macroom lost to UCC in Round 1 in 1924 and the county final to Nils in 1925, and Dinny played both years. 'Muttie' O'Brien asked Dinny to be captain in 1926 and the team regained the senior football championship last won in 1913. Not a tall man, Dinny was powerfully built and, according to Georgie McNamara, he was nicknamed 'The Bull'. At full-back, not many passed him. The team contained four Millstreet players, and one each from Cullen, Kiskeam and Kealkil. Ironically many Millstreet players won

Macroom Senior County Football Champions - 1926



Seated L to R: Jack Murphy, John Cronin, Jer O'Leary.  
Middle Row L to R: Michael Walsh, George McNamara, Denis Counihan (Capt).  
Rev Fr. Jack Fitzgerald C.C. Denis 'Muttie' O'Brien, Jack Vaughan, William Fleming.  
Back row L to R: Denis O'Mahony (V. Pres), Jackie O'Brien, Danny Mike Murphy, Dan Dennehy, Jer. Murphy.  
Inset: Roger Kiely, James O'Sullivan, Denny O'Mahony, Denis McSweeney, Tommy O'Leary (Treas.), J.A. Kelleher.  
Insets L to R: Jer. Cooper, Dan Noonan, Jim Graham.



Tom Counihan at a Youth Club presentation. Tom is third from left, back row between Denis Cronin and Con O'Callaghan. (Dennis Dinneen, c. 1969).





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senior county medals with Macroom and Nils but not with their home team. Apart from proximity, Georgie's friendship with Jerh O'Leary, Millstreet, through cattle-dealing, butchering and football drew the Millstreet contingent. Jerh O'Leary's grandson, also Jerh, was a fount of information on the Millstreet and Duhallow players. Dinny continued to play until 1931. Macroom lost the 1929 county to Collins on an objection but were again victorious in 1930 and 1931, captained both years by 'Muttie'. Dinny won a medal in 1931. In one match, possibly in 1930, a heavy football kicked at speed sandwiched his hand against a post and broke three of his fingers, and badly damaged ligaments and tendons; he needed an operation, and he was hospitalised for three weeks. Luckily, he made a good recovery. Many Macroom players represented Cork and Dinny was on the Cork Senior panel from 1925-1931. As well as playing, Dinny was secretary in 1929 and he is last mentioned as a Macroom player in 1932, according to O'Brien's Macroom G.A.A. Club History. As was common practice, Dinny spoke little of his playing days to Tom, and much of Tom's information came from contemporaries such as Georgie Mac, and from Jerh O'Leary's tales as recounted by his grandson, also Jerh. Willie O'Leary son and father of the two Jerhs' played senior football with Cork. Card-playing was an important social outlet in those days and was played in houses and the CYMS hall. Whist and thirty-five drives were held in halls. Bridge was associated with hotels and golf clubs. Solo was a popular game and Dinny was very good, one of the best local players.

Dinny's football days were long over when Tom was born. The mid 1950s witnessed tough times in Ireland. While post-war Europe experienced a boom, economically Ireland was a laggard. Ireland relied on agriculture to boost the economy, but this failed to materialise, and industrial development was almost confined to the cities. Over the decade almost 500,000 emigrated, many with national school education only and unskilled; on the emigrants' boats, women's numbers equalled

men. One book wrote of 'the vanishing Irish'. Cattle-dealing at this stage involved buyers going to farms or more importantly to fairs. Most towns had fairs and Bantry, Knocknagree and Castleisland were especially important for Macroom-based buyers. The late and great journalist Con Houlihan's father was a Castleisland buyer and his friendship with Dinny facilitated Tom meeting and becoming well acquainted with him in Cheltenham trips in later years. The Palace Strand Hotel, London, was a meeting place. Accompanying his Dad to fairs became a big treat for Tom. Cork cattle sales were held on Saturdays in Marsh's Yard, roughly where the current fire station is, near Copley Street. Going to Cork was very exciting and Tom became very well known to many buyers and farmers. He remembers the dealings, how dockets were used and sellers were paid in cash or had to go to the bank with the buyer, who withdrew the cash. Often deals were 'blessed' in the pub. The cattle trade in Ireland had a pecking order. The bigger families/firms such as the Murphys and Horgans, Cork exported live cattle to Britain. These families often had local buyers, and transport from rural towns was by train to the main ports from where the cattle were almost exclusively sent to Britain. At a lower level, buyers bought for Irish factories such as Crowley's in Roscrea. 'Below' these again were 'jobbers' who bought and sold often at the one fair, or sometimes 'held' in attempts to 'turn a bob' and 'tangles' were go-betweens, try to 'match-make' deals between farmer and buyers. As a lad Tom often got tips and sometimes, he brought home more money than his father. Woolworth's first came to Cork about 1950s and it was like an Aladdin's Cave with all sorts of 'goodies' on permanent display. Tom was a frequent visitor and recalls their array of sweets and magical toys. More prosaic items were also available and Tom's and my father, Jerome, bought similar strength glasses, which were, maybe, more akin to magnifying lenses. The similar strength of the glasses facilitated spectacle exchange in times of necessity. Dinny was a frequent visitor to our house and was a good storyteller. At points in the tale, he

would ask 'Do you 'folly' (follow) me now?' He was almost always smoking and almost always wore a gabardine coat.

The Counihan finally settled in High Street and Dinny continued to cattle-deal. However, cattle-dealing was also changing. The last fair in Macroom was held in 1962 and Macroom Co-operative Sales Yard opened that year; farmers brought cattle and deals were done individually. Later the Sales Yard became Macroom Mart, where cattle were sold on the open market in the ring. Macroom Mart was later again incorporated into Cork Marts.

Unfortunately, Dinny's health deteriorated and he died a relatively young man. No doubt his early tough life and the cattle-dealing lifestyle, and its loss, were no help. However, because of family connections, his football exploits, his lifetime of cattle-dealing he has left an indelible mark on the history of the town. In particular Dinny is just one of nine men to captain Macroom Senior Football-winning teams.

Marie, Tom's daughter is married to Welshman Rhys Hopkins, and their children, Thomas, Charlie and Aled Hopkins are enthusiastic young Macroom footballers. Perhaps someday they might help to achieve glory in the green and white, just like their illustrious great grandfather, Dinny Counihan. Tom's son, Denis, is a garda in Limerick and his very young son, Daniel, seems to be interested 'in the ball'. You'd never know!

Off the field Tom has made a made a notable impression on Macroom, and his story of working in Coughlan's, Neville's, Tapes etc. is fascinating and will be recorded at a later date.

In collecting his information, Tom got great assistance from Jerh O'Leary, Millstreet, pharmacist Matt Murphy, whose two uncles played with Dinny in 1926, and John O'Mahony, Cork Street, long-term Macroom GAA Club stalwart, who gave valuable background information. Other sources were The Southern Star, Barry O'Brien's Macroom G.A.A. Club's History 1886-1997 and Seán Mac Suibhne's Muskerry Through the Lens of Dennis Dinneen.



Photo containing Dinny probably taken in the forties. Dinny is in the centre of the front row. (Tom Counihan's collection).



Paddy and Margaret Foley, Tom's maternal grandparents. (Tom Counihan's collection).

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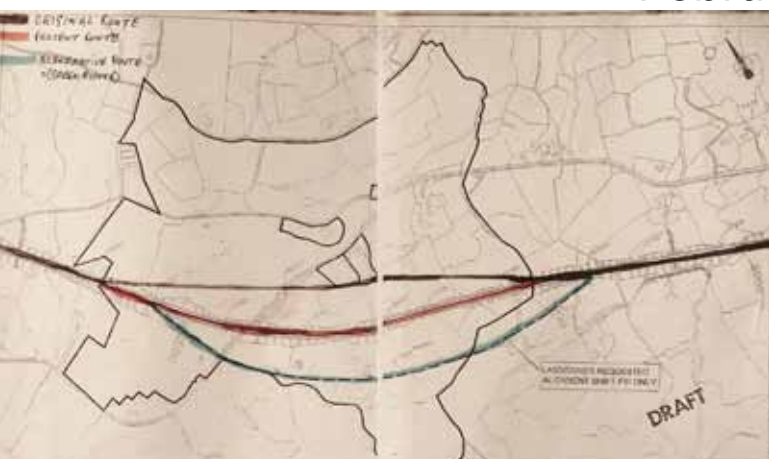
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## Coolnacaheragh; Ambush, 25 February 1921: Ambush-Site Damage? February 2021



Map of proposed and alternative route, marked in green (Supplied by Donncha Ó Sé).

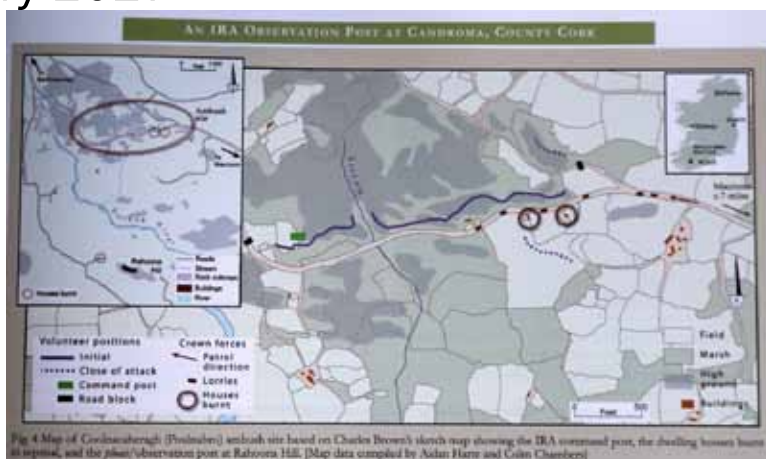


Diagram of Coolnacaheragh Ambush (Atlas of the Irish Revolution).

Coolnacaeragh Ambush was highly significant in Ireland's War of Independence (W. o. I.) but never achieved Kilmichael Ambush's fame or notoriety. This could be because of several reasons. There was confusion of the numbers involved, killed and injured. The presence of a spy in the IRA ranks was a source of embarrassment and subsequent quietness about the episode and, of course it was part of the propaganda war, fought as bitterly as the conflict itself.

1920 was the second year of the W. o. I. Ireland's exclusion from the post-WW1 Versailles Peace Conference left Sinn Féin/IRA with few options. Instead of lying down, it decided to fight. The last few months of 1920 had seen, in rapid succession, the death of Terence Mac Swiney, the hanging of Kevin Barry, Bloody Sunday, morning (assassinations) and afternoon (Croke Park), Kilmichael Ambush and the Burning of Cork city. Clonbannin and Crossbarry ambushes were to follow soon after. The country was on edge and violence was rapidly increasing. Britain insisted that the 'disorder' was internal and not a war. Because of the hostility of the nationalist community, often expressed through boycotting, IRA attacks and depletion of numbers, the RIC abandoned many rural stations and concentrated their forces in more defensible, bigger centres such as Macroom. As

rank-and-file RIC members came from Catholic rural families, many, but not all, were sympathetic to the 'nationalist cause' and disagreed with the actions being taken. Many but not all resigned their jobs. Crown control of surrounding areas was exercised by police/military raids into nearby villages and countryside. Macroom and district's IRA units (7th and 8th Battalions) were very active at this time. Macroom's Seventh Battalion was ably led by Daniel Corkery and Charlie Browne and Ned McSweeney was O.C. of the 8th.

Although a week late, a military convoy set out from Macroom on 25th February 1921, and was spotted by IRA lookouts in Candromey/Rahoona Hill sited in an pluais, the cave. Because of a spy in the flying column, the British forces almost certainly knew what lay ahead. Often on their sorties, patrols took innocent civilians as hostages and lorries were fitted with mesh-wire to keep out grenades, enabling them to advance further. Further a volunteer crossed the road from south to north and alert the convoy before it had reached the IRA's ideal position. Later suspicion fell on O'Conner. According to Harte and Chambers, Atlas of the Irish Revolution, pp. 571-3, the British suffered nine casualties. 'Cruix' O'Connor was the informer and was in charge of one of two IRA Lewis guns – of

course he did not operate it properly, supposedly jammed; later, when examined, the gun was in good working-order. Despite the strength of the opposition, the IRA, under Seán Hegarty, recorded no casualty and killed several enemy soldiers, including Major Grant. Very importantly the action curtailed patrols west of Macroom for many following months. The intelligence, bravery and the few injuries sustained increased the IRA's and the local people's confidence and morale.

The IRA kept sotto voce about the ambush as it was highly embarrassed because the column had been penetrated by a spy. McCarthy was subsequently assassinated in New York by a hit squad. However, the higher echelons of power in the IRA recognised the skill and significance of the operation, and the desired effect it had. The ambush's occurrence and outcome was notified to the British Cabinet. In this way it was a small but important component of the struggle and hastened the July Truce. In due time, the event was, and continues to be, commemorated.

Presently the site is marked by a headstone, a notice board and flags which indicate the positions of various people and sections who participated in the encounter. This has been done mostly voluntarily with some Council and state aid.



Cúil na Cathrach viewed from Rahoona Rock.  
N1 = Lewis Gun 1  
N2 = Lewis Gun 2  
CP = Command Post  
M = Macroom Company's initial positions

Coolnacaeragh Ambush site as seen from look-out at Candromey/Rahoona (Memoirs of an Old Warrior re Jamie Moynihan).



Some members of Coolea Company.  
Front row: Dan Sullivan, Jamie Moynihan. Second row: Éamon Mac Suibhne, Neilus Moynihan, Michael Sullivan. Third row: Micheál Mac Suibhne. Back row: Nonie Moynihan.

Old IRA Volunteers (Memoirs of an Old Warrior re Jamie Moynihan).



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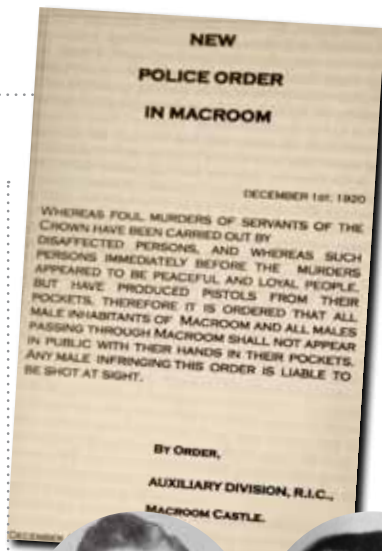
However, the ambush site is under threat. The much needed and very beneficial Macroom-Ballyvourney by-pass is progressing rapidly and goes from east of Macroom to west of Ballyvourney. The expectation is that it will be in use by 2023. Unfortunately, the proposed route will transect the ambush and will change irreversibly the contours of the current site and thus destroy a part of our history and heritage. Many locals such as Donncha Ó Sé and Peadar Ó Riada have argued their case and submitted another option – see map. Many historians including the renowned Dr John Borgonovo, UCC, an expert on the Irish Revolution, has given evidence as to the historic importance of the site. According to him, the ambush was important psychologically, strategically and militarily. One observer fears that the constructors (or in this case destructors) may be working on the site on the 25th February 2021, the centenary of the battle. Instead of commemoration, honour and glory the dull thud of diggers, JCBs and machines at work may be heard.

Progress and respect for the past are not mutually exclusive but unless there is a change of heart, in

this case, 'progress' will trump respect for the past. In Coolnacaheragh Ambush local volunteers from Ballyvourney, Kilnamartyra, Clondrohid, Ballinagree, Macroom and Cork city put their lives at risk, ultimately to free the country. As evidenced by the treatment meted out to unmarried mothers and children in residential homes in the twentieth century, what at one time is regarded as pragmatic and sensible fails miserably when seen through history's lens. The fate of the Coolnacaheragh Ambush site looks like it is following in that ignoble tradition.

Even at this eleventh hour, could this piece of state-sponsored 'despoliation' of an historic site be stopped? Brilliant descriptions of the Colnacaheragh Ambush are available in Dónal Ó hÉalaithe's *Memories of an Old Warrior- Jamie Moynihan's Fight for Irish Freedom 1913-1923*, Micheál Ó Suilleabháin's *Where Mountainy Men Have Sown - War and Peace in Rebel Cork in the Turbulent Years 1916-21* and Charlie Browne's *The Story of the Seventh*.

Other sources used were Donncha Ó Sé, *The Examiner*, 12 January 2021 and *The Corkman* 14 January 2021. Con Kelleher, Macroom; January 2021.



British Forces Public Warning, December 1920 (Charlie Browne's *The Story of the Seventh*).



Daniel Corkery, O.C. Macroom Battalion, participant (Memoirs of an Old Warrior re Jamie Moynihan)



Participant Paddy McSullivan, Ballinagree (Memoirs of an Old Warrior re Jamie Moynihan).

## Looking Back in Time



Paddy Foley's band, The Syncopants; Paddy is far right as you look and Jerry Cronin (Railway View) is second from left in the front row (supplied by Tom Counihan and Margaret Moussett). The date is uncertain but possibly the 1920s, 1930s.



Fair Day in Macroom in the 1950s. (Dennis Dinneen).




Paddy Foley, his son Charlie and Mansell Nash playing at a Four Penny Hop in the 1940s/1950s. (Dennis Dinneen).



Macroom sales Yard, 1962 and features the late Denis James Murray. (Dennis Dinneen).





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# Local Walks

As we are back in lockdown again, I thought it might be nice to explore and discuss some of the various walks within our region. And boy are there many. If you have a walk you'd like to share with our readers, just email [leevalleyoutlook@gmail.com](mailto:leevalleyoutlook@gmail.com)

## Knacknakilla Stone Circle



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Knocknakilla really is something else, roughly 3500 years old, a Bronze Age beauty from 1600bc to 800bc, the purpose of this standing stone (the other has fallen) and cairn can only be speculated. As a scared place of worship Knocknakilla itself means 'hill of the church'. Its placement aligns with standing stones further down the hill and

solar and lunar patterns. The remaining standing stone is phallic in stature, leading one to assume linkage to fertility worship. In fact the whole area is rich in Megalithic monuments and well worth an exploration.

To get there, pop Knocknakilla in your sat nav. Park your your car at Milstreet Country Park and

take the short walk (2.3KM) down the road to Knocknakilla. Walking through well-established evergreens, the scene parts in places to reveal stunning views of Mt. Clara and Mullaghanish.

*Inchigeela – Cooleen, Silvergrove, Toon Road Loop 11km*

This one I haven't done but was sent in by one of our readers. There are some wonderful loop walks in Inchigeela, this particular one advises you to drive east on the Macroom Road R584m, passing

the Rossmore Grotto on your left. Take the first left turn after this grotto and following this route northwards and clockwise you will pass by old oakwood grove, home to many red squirrels and

beautiful views of Mushera and Mullaghanish. You can park the car in the village or the Grotto depending on how far you wish to walk.

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<p><b>2. DERRENGANAN LINEAR 10 KM / 2 HOURS</b></p> <p>Head up Derrenan past the LAA grounds and follow the signs – ascending 200m. When you reach the Ben return past the river to open up to wonderful views of Mullaghnaigh and Reemane in the distance. The route opens up to spectacular views, however long coffee, autumn leathers and spritzed with winter wines. If it's downhill on the return to the village!</p>
<p><b>3. ROSSBORO/SHEVENEARADHANC LINEAR 10 KM / 2 HOURS</b></p> <p>Starting from the old cemetery heading east on the Macnoone road R584 for 1 km when you turn right along the old road to the village. The road is at the highest point at Kilbilly hill (170m) which is 5 km from the village. The views from this vantage point are spectacular – on a clear day – looking north across the Toon Valley home to the first Irish buffalo farm with Mullagh, Mullaghnaigh and the Paps on far horizons and the Glenties glimmering to the east. The return route has panoramic views westwards to Inchigoeelgal, Lush Allua and Shelly while Carriguesma Castle and the River Lee can be seen through the trees on 30 miles.</p>
<p><b>4. CEM DAIUNT / BILAND LOOK 4 KM / 30 mins</b></p> <p>Leave the village to the south on the Donemurry road L862 past Crevin's terry park on the right about 4 km east. Before you approach an often seen area of the old oakwood grown on your right past Cooonagh lake. The ISLAND is a hidden gem in the village – signposted – first discovered as a local amenity in 1962. Swims, swims, waterfowl and herons are resident while visiting egrets and avocets (kingfishers) may be glimpsed from time to time.</p>
<p><b>5. SOUTH LAKE ROAD / MEAL LOOK 16.4 KM / 2 1/2 HOURS</b></p> <p>This 5 km loop is a more strenuous walk than the others. Drive to the layby at the Healy View (170m) for a further 2 km to the forest entrance on your left. En route you pass the well maintained Paval Mass which hosts an annual race at Mass. Lush Allua is on your right as you begin and when you rear left before Inchicolliey bridge the road gradually grows steeper (170m). There are great views of hills, farmland and forest all along this route with seasonal flora and fauna flourishing.</p>
<p><b>6. SOUTH LAKE ROAD LINEAR 16 KM / 2 1/2 HOURS</b></p> <p>Start at the Healy Tree Creek on a path and continue along by the lake on the level for 5 km. The large black slacks often seen on the rocks in the lake are ancient cavers' routes. The crossing – a medieval lake dwelling – circular and woodcut – may be seen towards the northern shore in line with the former Parsonage house at Timadapogha.</p>
<p><b>7. COOLEEN, SILVERDUFF, TOON ROAD LOOK 11 KM / 2 1/2 HOURS</b></p> <p>Drive east on the Macnoone road R584 – passing the Rosemore Grady on your left. The walk begins at the first left after the Grady. Following this route northwards (and clockwise) you will pass by old oakwood groves with resident red squirrels and great views towards Mullagh and Mullaghnaigh.</p>



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Children enjoying their Santa visit with teachers, Patrice and Sarah at Bright Beginnings Preschool, Dromleigh NS Kilmichael Macroom.



Children from the Senior Room Ballinagree NS, visiting the village Crib



Children wearing their Christmas jumpers at Ballinagree NS..



Children of Ballinagree NS raised €375 for Crumlin Children's Hospital Research Foundation on their Christmas jumper day in December



Christmas Jumper Day at Muinefliuch NS.



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Cork County Council has launched the 8th installment of its heritage publication series "The Archaeological Heritage of County Cork"



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# The Great Famine, Songs, Poems and Stricín

An tAthair Peadar O'Laoghaire grew up in the 1840's in his family home at Liscarrigane. He experienced the ravages of "An Gorta Mór" (The Great Famine) in the immediate surroundings. In his book "Mo Sceal Féin" he relates the plight, sufferings and final days of the Buckley family, who lived nearby at "Stricín" in the townland of Derryleigh. "The famine came and Sheila and her father Jeremiah, and mother Kit, and little brother Jeremiah, had to go down to Macroom, into the poorhouse". All four contracted the resulting fever and died in tragic circumstances.

The poet Eavan Boland was obviously intrigued by their story, and penned the following poem which was published in 2008.

## Quarantine (A Poem for Ireland)

*In the worst hour of the worst season,  
Of the worst year of a whole people.  
A man set out from the workhouse with his wife,  
He was walking -  
they were both walking - North.*

*She was sick with famine fever  
and could not keep up.  
He lifted her and put her on his back.  
He walked like that West and West and North,  
Until at nightfall  
under freezing stars they arrived.*

*In the morning they were both found dead,  
Of cold, of hunger, of toxins of a whole history.  
But her feet were held against her breastbone.  
The last heat of his flesh, was his last gift to her.*

*Let no love poem ever come to this threshold.  
There is no place here for the inexact,  
Praise of the easy graces  
and sensuality of the body.  
There is only time for this merciless inventory.*

*Their death together in the Winter of 1847.  
Also what they suffered,  
how they lived,  
And what there is between a man and woman,  
And in which darkness it can best be proved.*

The singer Declan O'Rourke in his album "Chronicles of the Great Famine" released in 2017, includes the following song words also related to the tragedy.

## Poor Boy's Shoes

*When he met her at the dance,  
she had flowers in her hair  
There was no girl in this land that  
could have stood next to her there,  
And there everyone could see,  
how he loved her instantly,  
Though he had nothing to give her  
but his poor boy's hopes and dreams.*

*Well he danced with her that Summer 'til  
it showed on her sweet face,  
And she was taken by the warmth of him,  
and all his gentle ways.*

*Then he swore his love was true,  
And he married here in poor boy's shoes.*

*Well not many years had passed through  
the grip of his strong hands,  
When a great unyielding hunger  
drew it's veil across this land.  
His young love soon took ill and  
with little mouths to fill,  
It took all he could to keep them  
from the poorhouse down the hill.*

*But when his pockets had run dry  
from crying tears that rang like bells,  
And their home drew in the wind, like an old seashell.  
Then he gathered everything he had to lose,*



And he walked them down in poor boy's shoes.

*First God took the little boy,  
then He took the little girl.  
Soon their little souls were free  
from all the sadness in the world.  
Their father lifted up his love  
for she could no longer walk alone,  
From the poorhouse down the hill,  
he took her on the long walk home.*

*There he felt the cold upon her,  
as he laid her down to rest,  
And so he knelt down in her bed  
and drew her feet up to his chest.  
Then he tried to warm her cold feet through,  
And they found him there in poor boy's shoes.*

On Sunday April 5th 1992, Afri Famine Relief Group organised an eight mile walk from the ruins of the Buckley residence at "Stricín" to Macroom. It was led by the noted broadcaster Donncha O'Dulaing and took in a Corn Grain Supply at Clondrohid, the Famine Graveyard at Carraigastyr, the Workhouse at Macroom and the bank of the Sullane river also at Macroom. While it was a poignant occasion, it was well supported and highly successful.

On a lighter note while the song "The man who came home from Pretoria", written by local poet George Curtin, includes many verses, it is quite possible that a few more were added by other

budding poets. One such verse was popular in the local area:

*This charming young Damsel,  
they call her Nell Ring.  
The first time I met her,  
I thought her a Queen,  
As she danced 'round the lawn,  
like a Fawn by Stricín,  
Said the man who came home from Pretoria.*



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## LOCAL SNIPPETS

### Coachford AFC Lotto Results

11/1/2021. Jackpot: €2,000. Numbers Drawn: 15 - 22 - 28. No Winner. €40 Courtney O'Connell. €20 Sam Murphy. Peggy Enneguess. Evelyn Tarrant (Yearly Ticket). Mairéad Cremin (Online Ticket).

### RCPA (Rylane Community Park Association) Lotto results:

#### Monday Jan 4th 2021

Winning numbers: 7, 9 & 13 Jackpot - €2,000  
No Winner. Lucky Dip winners who received €20 each: Gerard Scannell (Rylane); John O'Brien

(Rylane); Danny Leahy (Ballinagree) & Donna Duffy (Dublin - Online)  
Next week's Jackpot will be €2,100

#### Monday Jan 11th 2021

Winning numbers: 3, 5 & 33 Jackpot - €2,100  
No Winner.

Lucky Dip winners who received €20 each: Dermot & Joan (Rylane); Teresa McCarthy (Union Hall); Debbie O'Donovan (Rylane) & Jerry Grimes (Rylane - Online)

Next week's Jackpot will be €2,200

### Monday Jan 18th 2021

Winning numbers: 5, 13 & 17 Jackpot - €2,200  
No Winner.

Lucky Dip winners who received €20 each: Martin Murray (Donoughmore); Aiden Healy (Rylane); Celina Buckley (Rylane) & Dan Shine (Aherla - Online)

Next week's Jackpot will be €2,300



## ARE SOME MEMBER STATES MORE EQUAL THAN OTHERS IN EU VACCINES PROGRAMME? - MEP KELLEHER

- EU COMMISSION HAS MORE QUESTIONS TO ANSWER ON EU VACCINE SCHEME -

Fianna Fáil MEP Billy Kelleher has said that the European Union Commission has a number of serious questions to answer in relation to its Vaccine Purchase Programme.

Kelleher was commenting, as it was alleged that some Member States were obtaining higher levels of certain vaccines relative to the agreed distribution agreement and that decisions regarding which manufacturers to enter into advance purchase agreements with was being influenced by certain larger Member States.

"In an article in the German news magazine, Der Spiegel it is alleged that Germany will receive a disproportionate amount of the recently approved Moderna vaccine, and that France and Germany will also receive a larger proportion of the Pfizer

BioNTech vaccine.

"What is also deeply concerning is the allegation that larger Member States have attempted to influence the overall buying strategy with France putting pressure on the Commission to buy the French-produced Sanofi vaccine, with the German government equally favouring the German-produced Pfizer BioNTech vaccine.

"Of major concern to me is the allegation that Germany has struck a deal, separate to the Commission agreement, to purchase its own supply of the Pfizer BioNTech vaccine. This simply flies in the face of the concept of European solidarity in my opinion.

"All of these allegations are quite serious, and require urgent answers. There may be legitimate reasons

for these things happening but at this stage, I am worried that Vaccine Nationalism is damaging the overall EU response.

"If Member States other than France or Germany attempted to do some of the things alleged in this article, there would be rightly serious repercussions. I really hope

it is not the case that, in the eyes of Germany, France, and the Commission that, "All Member States are equal, but some more equal than others," concluded Kelleher.



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### CORK COUNTY COUNCIL ANNOUNCES €1.8M FUND FOR COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY GROUPS

Following a challenging year for the community and voluntary sector, Cork County Council is delighted to announce funding to the value of over €1.8million to support local communities in 2021. The Council's Community Fund Scheme provides financial support to a range of groups and organisations right across the county and will open for applications on Monday, January 11th.

The scheme is administered locally by the Council's eight Municipal Districts and provides financial assistance to a wide variety of community, sporting and voluntary organisations under three distinctive fund types; the Capital Fund, Community Contract and the Amenity Fund. Each year, these funding schemes support a range of projects and initiatives, such as supporting the work of Tidy Towns groups and Community Associations, as well as providing much needed assistance for local infrastructural

works and sports and leisure facilities.

Mayor of the County of Cork, Cllr. Mary Linehan Foley, welcomed the announcement of the 2021 fund, noting that Cork communities have demonstrated huge resilience and innovation over the past year,

"I am continually impressed by the works carried out by community groups under this scheme. The Council's Community Fund supports many worthwhile projects and initiatives every year and I am delighted to announce that this support will continue in 2021. This year's fund will be a lifeline to many groups, following the many challenges that the Covid-19 pandemic has posed for our communities".

Chief Executive of Cork County Council, Tim Lucey, noted that this is Cork County Council's seventh year providing the Community Fund Scheme,

"In 2021 we are making over €1.8million available to communities through our General Municipal Allocation. Cork County Council's annual commitment to supporting community and voluntary groups across the county has never been more important. I am delighted to confirm that despite the challenges of Covid-19, we are able to continue to provide significant financial support to our communities this year and in doing so, a welcome boost for our towns and villages".

Application details and guidelines for the scheme will be available online at [www.yourcouncil.ie](http://www.yourcouncil.ie) from Monday January 11th 2021 and will close at 4pm on Friday February 19th 2021. Further information is available in the Guidelines for The 2021 Community Fund.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Given the continuing impact of Covid-19 all of the following are virtual events:**

**Date/Time:** Wednesday 27th January 2021 at 19:30

**Event:** Illustrated Lecture: The Burning of Cork

**Location:** Contact Kieran (kierangroeger@mac.com) if you wish to attend any or all of the talks. A link will then be posted to you the night before each talk. All talks are on Zoom and are free.

**Additional Information:** Michael Lenihan, "The Burning of Cork" - Michael has written a well-researched and beautifully illustrated book on the burning of Cork. His presentation, with lots of photographs, brings to life that fateful night. Event Organised by Youghal Celebrates History.

**Date/Time:** Thursday 28th January 2021 at 20:00

**Event:** Illustrated Lecture: The Castles of West Cork

**Location:** Registration details for this lecture will be sent out by emailing [duchaslecturesandfieldtrips@gmail.com](mailto:duchaslecturesandfieldtrips@gmail.com)

**Additional Information:** The first Dúchas Clonakilty Heritage Zoom lecture of 2021 is sure to be of interest to all from West Cork and beyond, and especially now when we are all seeking out our local history and archaeology while confined once more to our 5km. The talk is titled 'The Castles of West

Cork' and will be given by Finola Finlay at 8pm on Thursday 28th January 2021. -

What do we call a castle in West Cork? Who built them, when and why? How were they constructed? What was their role in West Cork history? Where have some of them gone and what's the future for the ones we have left?

Finola Finlay studied history and archaeology at UCC. After spending most of her adult life in Canada she is back in West Cork, picking up where she left off. Finola and her husband, Robert Harris, write the popular arts and culture blog, Roaringwater Journal (<https://roaringwaterjournal.com/>).

Registration details for this lecture will be sent out by emailing [duchaslecturesandfieldtrips@gmail.com](mailto:duchaslecturesandfieldtrips@gmail.com). Meanwhile, why not check out <https://maps.archaeology.ie/HistoricEnvironment/> or [www.heritagemaps.ie](http://www.heritagemaps.ie) to see what archaeological sites are on your own doorstep, or look further to see what adventures await once the covid restrictions are eased.

**Date/Time:** Wednesday 3rd February 2021 at 19:30

**Event:** Illustrated Lecture: Florence Newton, the Witch of Youghal

**Location:** Contact Kieran (kierangroeger@mac.com) if you wish to attend any or all of the talks. A link will then be posted to you the night before each talk. All talks are on Zoom and are free.

**Additional Information:** Dr. Andrew Sneddon, "Florence Newton, the Witch of Youghal" . Dr. Sneddon has recently examined the diaries of Robert Boyle and looked at Boyle's relationship with Valentine Greatrakes, one of the key people in the trial. He presents his findings on the trial of Florence Newton. Event Organised by Youghal Celebrates History.

## 'PUTTING TOWN CENTRES FIRST'

The Heritage Council have launched its first ever podcast series 'Putting Town Centres first'. This new series aims to raise awareness and understanding of key issues now confronting our historic town centres and explores the antiquity of our towns in a time of Covid-19. Further information available at <https://www.heritagecouncil.ie/projects/podcast-series-putting-town-centres-first>





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Cork County Council is committed to supporting local communities across County Cork. Financial assistance for community & voluntary groups and local organisations is available through the Community Fund Scheme 2021. This scheme is administered by the 8 Municipal District Offices around County Cork and there are three separate funding streams depending on the nature and cost of your proposal.

1. Capital Fund Scheme
2. Community Contracts
3. Amenity Fund Scheme

Further information about this funding is available online and you can also apply online from 10 a.m. Monday 11th January 2021 at [www.corkcoco.ie](http://www.corkcoco.ie) or [www.yourcouncil.ie](http://www.yourcouncil.ie)

The closing date for receipt of completed applications is 4pm Friday 19th of February 2021.

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## MACROOM GAA

Macroom GAA held its first ever virtual AGM on Monday 21st December 2020. This went very well with our members tuning in virtually from home, due to the current Covid-19 restrictions. Nominations of officers and voting was completed prior to the AGM with our 2021 officers as follows: President – Pat O'Connell, Chairperson – Noel Twomey, Vice Chairperson – Chris Cronin, Secretary – John Ryan, Treasurer – Una Horgan, Assistant Treasurer – Lynda O'Keefe, PRO – Sarah Horgan.

Membership for 2021 is now available for all ages and family packages are also available. Similar to last year, membership will be available with annual packages for membership and lotto available on Clubforce. This link will shortly be available on our social media. Funds received from membership and lotto are vital to help with the upkeep of our facilities and walkways in the Castle Grounds and Tom Creedon Park so would like to encourage existing members and new members to join early in 2021 so that we can strive to maintaining and improving these facilities.

Rebels' Bounty is a new initiative launched by Cork GAA to give clubs a significant opportunity to raise funds in these challenging times. There are great prizes to be won in 12 monthly draws throughout 2021 with prizes worth €500,000 up for grabs throughout the year. This is also a chance to support your local club when the usual fundraising methods have been greatly restricted due to Covid-19. Sign up online <https://rebelsbounty.ergogroup.ie/prod/rebelsbounty/join-draw>

Macroom GAA would like to wish all players and members a very happy and healthy New Year.

The club would like to wish all our members a Happy New Year and we look forward to seeing you back involved and supporting the club in 2021 once these restrictions lift, we hope in the interim you are all keeping safe and well.

*As we enter a new year Macroom GAA would like to highlight the following:*

### CLUB MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCIALLY SUPPORTING YOUR CLUB

Membership for 2021 is now available online for both Juvenile and Adult players as well non-playing members of the club. Also available online are membership and yearly lotto packages as well the ability to buy a Rebel Bounty ticket. Almost all of our membership money goes towards paying our county board affiliation fees and player medical insurance so by purchasing any of these additional lotto packages and Rebel Bounty (the draw will be explained further

below) you will be greatly facilitating our ability to run the club through your financial support after a challenging financial year in 2020.

To briefly explain why this is so important to our club, we have over 25 acres of playing pitches to maintain from our best-known pitch and spiritual home in the Castle Grounds to our three magnificent pitches in Tom Creedon Park all pictured below.

These magnificent playing pitches which are so well looked after by our volunteer grounds men which are there to be used by Macroom GAA players which range from 5 years of age to our oldest adult players. In 2021 our club will cater and coach players at u6, u7, u8, u9, u10, u11, u12, u13, u14, u15, u17, u18, u21, Junior C, Junior B and Premier Intermediate. And every team and set of mentors we put on the pitch will be provided and equipped as best we can, this is why your support is appreciated now as the cost increases to do so year on year. The club also provides the pitches and facilities to Macroom Ladies club so you are also supporting them by supporting us.

The club has also installed and bore the cost of maintaining the walkways and footbridge which go from the Castle Grounds in the centre of the town right down to the end of Tom Creedon Park and it is fantastic to see people of all ages in Macroom using these walkways but if you know of someone who is not a member of the club but enjoys this magnificent amenity please forward them this email and ask them to support the club by purchasing a yearly lotto ticket or Rebel Bounty Ticket so we can continue to keep the walkways and surrounds in the condition they are currently in.

So, in summary the club needs your support now more than ever and we thank you for any contribution you can make and by becoming a member and or supporter you will help/join a club with one of the oldest and richest traditions in the country but also a club who's aim it is to maximise our potential both on and off the pitch in its immediate future.

**The link to the purchase your membership and any other package is at the following link:** [https://member.clubforce.com/memberships\\_cart\\_m.asp?LL\\_ID=2128&CLB=1](https://member.clubforce.com/memberships_cart_m.asp?LL_ID=2128&CLB=1)

### PLAYING ACTIVITIES

Currently all club activities are suspended as the club adheres and supports the message from Government and the GAA to "stay at home and stay safe" This means all our playing pitches and clubhouse are closed and unavailable to any member. We will communicate with you all as soon as we have an update on when we can

reopen our facilities.

**OLD MATCHES:** The club is currently looking to get as many old Juvenile and Adult games as possible onto our club youtube channel so that we can ensure these memories are not lost, if anybody has any DVD's or old VHS tapes that need converting please let us know by responding to this email.

### NEW CLUB OFFICERS AND TEAM MANAGERS FOR 2021

The club held its Virtual AGM before Christmas and the officers were elected for 2021 as well as team managers confirmed. We wish them all the best of luck in their new roles for the year ahead. The list of club officers can be accessed at the following link: [http://macroomgaa.ie/content\\_page/349188/](http://macroomgaa.ie/content_page/349188/)

### REBEL BOUNTY

Rebels' Bounty is a new initiative of 'ONE CORK' to give clubs a significant opportunity to raise funds at a time when traditionally fundraising has been impacted by restrictions imposed to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

The benefits of purchasing a ticket have been previously outlined above but are summarised below:

- 100% commission to clubs above minimum targets
- €500,000 in prizes
- 12 monthly draws
- 360 chances to win
- Support your local club

### COMMUNITY SUPPORT DURING COVID 19:

Macroom GAA has a dedicated team of volunteers who have been and are continuing to support the elderly and vulnerable in our community during Covid 19 and we as a club are a member of the Cork County Councils Community Covid Support Group. If you know of anyone who needs a medical prescription picked up and delivered or their shopping picked up and delivered please let us know, we will aim to support any request possible as we have been doing for the last ten months all while observing Government Covid 19 protocols.

### AR DHEIS DÉ GO RAIBH A ANAM DÍLIS

Finally, sadly during the past year some of our club's members passed away as well as relatives and friends of our members and it was not possible to honour these people or sympathise with their families like we normally would.

The club would like to offer its sincere condolences to anybody who suffered a loss, the club is always there as an outlet and support to anybody who needs it so please don't be afraid to reach out to us.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis

## GAA

The plan for the 2021 GAA season has been laid out but, with the present Covid infection rate causing extreme anxiety, there must be every doubt that any present target can be achieved. At national level it was proposed to commence the National Leagues in February, with the provincial championships starting in April and May, and the All-Ireland Finals to be completed by mid-July. February now seems unlikely as a starting date as all teams are restricted in their training and preparations.

Cork County GAA Board Runai Kevin O'Donovan has contacted clubs to outline the season ahead as

presently envisaged. In relation to the completion of the outstanding 2020 competitions (Senior Football, Intermediate football and Intermediate Hurling Championships), it is clear, the runai states, that the dates previously advised for early March cannot be achieved and it is hoped to play these games in late June or early July, prior to the 2021 competitions commence but an even bigger window is needed to complete the 2020 Junior competitions.

GAA nationally has proposed a dedicated 12-week period for clubs, starting mid to late July, and Cork Co Board acknowledged that 12 weeks

is very tight in Cork especially for dual clubs. The Runai said the C.C.C were looking at provisionally starting championships 2 weeks early on the weekends of the All-Ireland Senior Finals if Cork were not involved and if Cork were in the finals then County Championship would be deferred. In relation to the county leagues, starting in April, the CCC are trying to preserve 50% with the amount of league games being played being halved. The Runai said he does not see 2020 County Under 21 county competitions being completed. In relation to the Junior B competitions, priority would be given to the





open Junior B county. The Rúnai said there will not be any County Junior leagues this year.

#### MUSKERRY PLANS

The new Runai of the Mid Cork Board, Ms Enda Linehan, has been in touch with the clubs in Muskerry with up-dated information but again all proposed starting dates are subject to HSE/Government/GAA regulations which are based on control of Covid-19.

The Mid Cork Board proposed starting leagues on the weekend of 3rd April, the same weekend as the county leagues.

The Mid Cork Championships as per the County Board plan are due to start in Mid-July depending on Corks progression in the All-Ireland series. The division will be hosting its championship games programme along the same weekends format much the same as last season. There is a tight window for the playing of these games so there

is not much room for movement especially for dual clubs.

The officers will not be hosting any divisional board meeting either physical or virtual for the foreseeable future as there is not anything definite for discussion. The Runai urges all clubs to continue to advise members, players young and old and supporters to stay safe and follow all the HSE/GAA guidelines, remembering

**'THIS IS THE GAME OF OUR LIVES'**

## Eamonn Ryan RIP

The death of Eamonn Ryan (1941-2021), Watergrasshill native but resident in Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh for many years past, has brought to an end a lifetime of superb achievement. Eamonn was Manager of Cork Ladies Gaelic Footballers for 12 years during which time they won 10 All Ireland Senior titles, 10 Munster titles and 9 National league titles. When Eamonn took over the Cork team in 2004, the county team had never ever won a Munster title but from 2005 to 2014 they were to lose only one championship, that in 2010, and many of the girls became nationally known figures.

Eamonn had played senior football with Cork, trained Cork seniors, coached Na Píarsaigh senior

hurlers to their first county success, Watergrasshill to a first Junior hurling county and Béal Átha to a first intermediate football county, played with UCC senior footballers and trained their camogie team to two Ashbourne inter-varsity titles.

Tributes to Eamonn have come pouring in from countless players and individuals he came in contact with over his lifetime and all have a common theme – in addition to being a superb manager, Eamonn was a wonderful person to know, with a deep interest in his players' welfare and their lives outside the game.

Deepest sympathy has been expressed to his wife Pat, children Jim, Deirdre, Michelle, Don, Des and Jackie, and the extended Ryan family.



Eamonn Ryan being interviewed after 2011 Cork LGFA All Ireland victory

## Ten Years Ago

*Unlike this Covid-hit January, ten years ago the December/ January period was one of much activity on and off the fields in Muskerry.*

### Cumnor Construction Mid Cork Junior A Hurling League 2010 Final

#### Grenagh 2 – 16 Cloughduv 0 – 12

Grenagh reversed the divisional championship final result and took the Junior A Hurling league title for the first time in seven years with a comprehensive win over Cloughduv at Ballyanley in the last game of the year prior to Christmas. Grenagh were clearly focussed for the contest and after an even opening period they got on top in the second quarter, led by 2-11 to 0-8 at the break and their lead could have been greater were it not for the alertness of Colm Ryan in the Cloughduv goal and hesitancy in the Grenagh attack which saw two great goals chances go a begging. In the second half the Grenagh defence put the clamps on the Cloughduv attack and the losers seldom looked like securing the goals they would need for victory.

## A look back to January 2011

Ground conditions at Ballyanley were very good but it was a bitterly cold afternoon and the small group of spectators found little shelter from an easterly wind. Pat Dunlea for Cloughduv and Grenagh's Tom Kenny had a shoot-out in the opening quarter after which the scoreline read 0-4 each, all scores coming from frees except a solitary point from play from John Russell for Grenagh, this one a goal bound shot which Colm Ryan deflected over the bar. A high ball in from DD Dorgan was then taken down but not gathered by Ryan and John Russell was on the spot to boot the loose ball to the Cloughduv net. Grenagh were on fire after this score and a string of points followed from Aaron McCarthy, Shane Dorgan and Tom Kenny to put Grenagh 1-9 to 0-4 in front after 20 minutes. Pat Dunlea scored a Cloughduv point and Colm Ryan came up to blast a penalty but saw his shot diverted over the bar by his opposite number Martin Barry. Dunlea and Shane Dorgan then exchanged points, John Russell (proving a handful at full forward for the Cloughduv defence) presented Conor Fitzgerald

with a glorious opportunity not availed of, and a further exchange of points followed from Dean Dalton and Donal Corkery. In the closing seconds of the half Tom Kenny centred a ball to John Russell and this time Russell took on the defence himself and buried the sloitar in the Cloughduv net to give his side a nine-point lead at half time. Grenagh were hurling well and with fire and did not look like losing at this stage.

Mr J.J. Long, elected Chairman of the Mid Cork Board two days previously, as his first official duty, presented Grenagh captain Gerry Russell with the Mid Cork league trophy after the game. Cloughduv: Colm Ryan: Tadhg McCarthy, Paul O'Sullivan, Liam Long: Andrew Cronin, David O'Leary, Denis O'Sullivan: Brian Ahern, John O'Riordan: Donal Corkery, James McCarthy, Ger Ahern: Pat Dunlea, Paul Creedon, Donal Murphy. Subs: Daragh Ring, Derry Keane, Alan Buckley and Michael O'Sullivan.

Referee: Mr Peter Downey, Inniscarra.

Sad Postscript: The death on New Years Day in Morocco of very popular Kilmurphy footballer and



Launch of Tom Creedon Cup competition at Macroom Book Shop, sponsors. From left: Ger Lane, (Co Board), Pat O'Connell (Runai Macroom GAA), Paddy Murphy (Cathaoirleach Macroom GAA), Marion Creedon Hegarty, Kevin Kehilly (Guest speaker).



Mid Cork GAA Board officers: Front: William Buckley (Runai), J.J. Long (Cathaoirleach 2011), Frank McCarthy (Outgoing Cathaoirleach), John Crean (Cisteoir). At back: Dave Lee, Donal Cronin, John Feeney, Pádraig Ó Céilleachair.





Cloughdub hurler Alan Buckley was a terrible blow to his family and all his friends in both clubs and to all in Mid Cork GAA.

### 1990 MACROOM TEAM REUNION

Macroom won the Cork county intermediate football championship in 1990 – twenty years previously, and the team held a reunion over Christmas in the Castle Hotel, Macroom. That year Macroom defeated Bantry Blues in the opening round at Ballingeary, Naomh Abán in the quarter-final at Clondrohid, Nemo Rangers in the semi-final at Ballincollig and took the title by defeating Castletownbere in the final at Dunmanway on a 2-10 to 1-7 score.

The team and panel was: Tim O'Sullivan (voted 'man of the match' in the final): Noel Creedon, Colman Corrigan, Gerard O'Leary: Seamus Coughlan, Eamonn Gould, Colman O'Riordan: Jim White, John O'Connor (captain): Tim Deasy, John Neville, Gary McPolin: JJ Murphy, Fintan Corrigan, Noel Twomey. Niall Kelleher and Noel O'Riordan came on during the game, and the panel was completed by John Cronin, Dan Kelleher, Michael Henchion, Michael Creed, Tadhg Sheehan, Kevin Henchion, John Buckley, Gerry Kelleher, Paul Bradley, Kieran Dromey and Don Crowley.

The selectors were Denis Cronin, Brendan Kenneally, Timmy McSweeney, Tim O'Sullivan and Colman Corrigan. The club chairman was Peadar Creedon, Conor Buttner was Secretary, and Peadar and team captain John O'Connor spoke at the reunion and both mentioned their delight in the achievement of the 2010 team in again taking the county title and both wished the current team every success in the premier intermediate grade in 2011.

Macroom had also won the intermediate title in 1982 and some members of that team were also present. Macroom had defeated Adrigole at Aughville, St Finbarr's at Coachford, Grange in Church Road and Bandon at Cloughdub in taking the title and team vice-captain Gussie Kelleher spoke of the campaign that year with the late Tom Creedon as captain. Club chairman Christy McCarthy had died before the county final was won and Teddy O'Leary, now also deceased, took over as chairman for the latter stages of that year. The selectors that year were Patrick Goold, Don McMahon, Tim McSweeney, Brendan Kenneally and the late Jimmy Deasy and the team lineout for the final was Tadg O'Mahony: Gussie Kelleher, Michael Moloney, Gerard O'Leary: Gerard Buckley, Tom Creedon (captain), Peter O'Halloran: Colman Corrigan, Mickey Browne: Barry Lynch, Gerry Fitzgerald, Eamonn Goold: Tim O'Sullivan, Leo Goold, Tony O'Sullivan. Michael O'Riordan, Conor Goold and Paul Kingston were introduced

as substitutes in the final.

Present 2011 club chairman Paddy Murphy was secretary in 1982 and Paddy acted as MC and congratulated all players on their achievements over the years and thanked them for their support for the club after their playing days. Present team manager Noel Twomey, thanked everybody for their support for the 2010 team and promised that every effort would be made to maintain the winning momentum.

### INTER COUNTY FOOTBALL

David Lordon, Ballincollig and David Goold of Macroom saw action with the Cork Senior Footballers in the McGrath Cup quarter final tie against Limerick at Limerick Gaelic Grounds, the former in goals and Goold at left half forward. The Cork side, largely composed of players on the senior development panel, now play Kerry in the semi final of the competition.

Cork, All Ireland Senior Football Champions of 2010, have returned from their holiday in South Africa and now resume training for the forthcoming league and championship season. Cork, also the league champions of 2010, play Kerry in Killarney on Sunday 6th February in their opening 2011 league game. John Miskella and Paddy Kelly of Ballincollig, Daniel Goulding and Ciaran Sheehan of Eire Og, Fintan Goold and Sean Kiely of Macroom, Noel O Laoire of Cill na Martra and Anthony O Loinsigh of Naomh Aban are all expected to be in contention for a place on the county senior panel again in 2011.

### COUNTY MINOR B FOOTBALL LEAGUE FINAL Aghabullogue 2 – 9

#### Pobal Ui Chaoimh 2 – 9 (a draw)

Aghabullogue earned a second chance with two late points in this county league final under lights at Mallow and were well worthy of their draw. The game was played in freezing conditions but was an entertaining contest. Pobal ui Chaoimh, (Knocknagree) did well in the first half and had two early points before John Corkery had a reply for Aghabullogue in the 6th minute. Pobal had two further points without reply and it was 0-4 to 0-1 at the end of the first quarter. Pat Walsh then boosted Aghabullogue's chances with an opportunist goal but Pobal hit back with three points in a row. Mark Long had a late point for Aghabullogue to leave the half time score at 0-7 to 1-2 in favour of the Duhallow boys.

Aghabullogue were a much more potent force on the resumption and they drew level with points from John Corkery and Mark Long. They then went in front for the first time in the 42nd minute when a shot from Evan O'Sullivan came back off the Pobal crossbar and Aidan BarryMurphy ushered the rebound into the net. Mark Long and John Corkery added a point

apiece to put Aghabullogue five points clear with ten minutes remaining, 2-6 to 0-7. A point for the Knocknagree boys was matched by an Aghabullogue point from Mark Long but Pobal had a further point to cut the deficit to four points. A fortuitous goal for Pobal followed and the fat was really in the fire for the Mid Cork side when Pobal were awarded a penalty and the ball was slammed to the Aghabullogue net from the spot kick. Pobal were now two points in front but in injury time, Aghabullogue had points from John Corkery and Mark Long and so a draw was the final outcome.

Aghabullogue: James O'Connor: James Lynch, Eamonn Murphy, Anthony O'Sullivan: Peter Fitzpatrick, Mark Long (0-4), Alan Hogan: Michael Dennehy, Mark O'Flynn: Evan O'Sullivan, John Corkery (0-5), Sean O'Sullivan: Pat Walsh (1-0), Michael O'Sullivan, Richard Byrne. Sub: Aidan BarryMurphy (1-0).

Final Replay: Pobal Ui Chaoimh 2 – 8  
Aghabullogue 2 – 5 (after extra time)

Just as in the drawn game a week earlier, the replay of the county league final at Mallow was marked by the fluctuating fortunes of the sides and this time round, Pobal Ui Chaoimh staged a resurrection in the final minutes of normal time to come from seven points down and force the game into extra time. Aghabullogue conceded two goals in the drawn game in the last ten minutes and this time round it was even more galling for the Mid Cork side as the two goals for the Knocknagree boys came in the dying minutes of the game, a game that Aghabullogue looked to have won at that stage.

Aghabullogue had deservedly led at half time by 1-3 to 0-1, the goal coming from Michael O'Sullivan with John Corkery chipping in with two points and Evan O'Sullivan getting the other point. On the restart, Pobal had two points to leave only a goal between the teams but then Aghabullogue struck for a second goal, again from the boot of Michael O'Sullivan, who then added a point to increase the gap to seven points. An exchange of points, O'Sullivan again scoring for Aghabullogue, left the Muskerry league champions still seven points clear as the final minutes dawned. A goal for Pobal was followed immediately by a point and with the game in injury time, Pobal again found the Aghabullogue net to force extra time with the score at 2-5 each. Pobal had the bit between their teeth now and they scored three further points without reply in the opening half of extra time. The final ten minutes were scoreless and so Aghabullogue were left to ponder on what had gone wrong in the few disastrous minutes late in normal time that decided this encounter.



Macroom footballers celebrate their 2010 county intermediate football championship victory at Castle Hotel.



Macroom Selectors and spouses at Victory Dinner for 2010 County Intermediate Football Champions: Joanne and Alan O'Shea, Dymphna and Colman Corrigan, Margaret and Noel Creedon, Máiréad and Noel Twomey.





## Tom Creedon Cup 2011

The draw for the 2011 Tom Creedon Cup was made at the sponsors, Macroom Book Shop and the competition was played off efficiently to completion.

### Éire Óg 2 – 6 Macroom 0 – 8

Éire Óg were at home to Macroom in the opening round of the Tom Creedon Cup at Ovens and helped by two goals from Daniel Goulding they were four-point winners at the finish. Conditions for the game were good and the game was always interesting, but Éire Óg had the better finishing power. Éire Óg were first to score with a point from Daniel Goulding from a '45 and this was followed by an equalising point from play from Conor O'Sullivan for Macroom. Tony Dineen put Macroom into the lead with a point in the 15th minute, but this was cancelled by a point from play by Daniel Goulding a minute later. Éire Óg then struck for the first goal of the game in the 20th minute, Goulding receiving the final pass in attack and the county star placed his shot to the left of James O'Connell in the Macroom goal. Two more points for Éire Óg, one each from Goulding and Kevin Hallissey, and two points from John Ryan for Macroom left the half time score at 1-4 to 0-4 in favour of Éire Óg.

Macroom started the second with points from Seán Dara Quinlan in the 36th minute and Seán Kiely in the 42nd minute to leave two points between the teams but Daniel Goulding then pounced with a superbly hit second goal and added a point from a '45 to put five points between the sides entering the last five minutes. Tony Dineen and Fintan Goold had a point each for Macroom and a point for Éire Óg from Kevin Hallissey left the final score at Éire Óg 2-6 to Macroom's 0-8.

Éire Óg: Richard Scally: Fiachra Landers, Eanna Lowney, Kieran O'Sullivan: Cian Lowney, Timothy Coveney, Shane McCarthy: Ciarán Sheehan, Liam Murphy: Aidan O'Connor, Philip O'Sullivan, Kevin Hallissey: Daniel Goulding, John Dineen, Vincent Fahy. Subs: John Crowley, Barry Corkery, Paul Ryan.

Macroom:- James O'Connell: Peter Lynch, Eoin O'Mahony, Barry O'Donnell: Ciarán Murphy, Fintan Goold, Michael Cahill: Tony Dineen, Seán Kiely: Seán Dara Quinlan, Mark O'Sullivan, Andrew Hegarty: Denis Quinlan, John Ryan, Conor O'Sullivan. Subs: Martin O'Donnell, Shane Hurley, David Cotter.

Éire Óg subsequently lost to Kinsale.

### Canovee 0 – 8 Kiskeam 2 – 11

Canovee went under at home to Duhallow side, Kiskeam in their first game of the year. The teams were evenly matched in the first half and Canovee turned over at the break with a one-point lead, the score being 0-6 to 0-5 at that stage. In the second half Kiskeam came into the game strongly and boosted by two goals they established a superiority that the home side could not break and a fairly fit Kiskeam were clear winners at the finish. Canovee scores came from Pat Dunlea 0-4, 0-3 from frees, Tadgh McCarthy 0-2, Con Dunne and Sean O'Connell 0-1 each. Canovee: Aidan Deasy: John O'Brien, James Scanlan, Donal Murphy: Brian Ahern, James McCarthy, Andrew Kenneally: Tommy Murphy, Con Dunne: Ger Ahern, Pat Dunlea, Denis O'Sullivan: Tadgh McCarthy, Sean O'Connor, Denis Cronin. Subs: Paul Healy, Damian Ahern, Gearoid Lucey, Conor Buckley.



Macroom intermediate footballers defeated by Éire Óg in the Tom Creedon Cup at Ovens

### Ballinora 0 – 5 Cill na Martra 0 – 8

Cill na Martra travelled to Ballinora for this game and were full value for their win. They started well but then the home side got on top and Ballinora led by 0-3 to 0-2 at half time. In the second half Cill na Martra dominated but faulty shooting on their part kept the result in doubt. Justice was done however and Cill na Martra got enough scores to give them victory and a place in the second round against Grenagh. Cill na Martra: Eoin Ó Duinnín: Graham Ó Mocháin, Colm Ó Laoire, Caoimhín Ó hEaluithé: Danny Ó Conaill, Nollaig Ó Laoire, Alan Ó Mocháin: Cathal MacSuibhne, Seán Ó Céilleachair: Maidhchí Ó Duinnín, Marc Ó Goili, Martín Ó Conchuir: Caoimhín Ó hUídhir, Caoimhín Ó Suilleabháin, Seanachán Ó Loinsigh. Fir Ionaid: Michael Ó Mocháin, Donal Óg Ó Laoire.

Cill na Martra subsequently lost to Grenagh.

### Beal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh 0 – 9 Naomh Abán 0 – 12

Gaeltacht Mhuscraí neighbours, Beal Átha and Naomh Abán met in Beal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh in the Tom Creedon Cup and Naomh Abán, back in intermediate ranks after a long and highly impressive sojourn in the top-flight, had that little bit extra over the home side and the visitors drew away in the final quarter. The teams were level at half time and there was still nothing in it at the three-quarter stage but then Naomh Abán showed their better level of fitness and got on top in the closing stages.

Beal Átha: Gearóid Ó Muirthille: Nollaig Ó Duinnín, Leonaird Ó Conchuir, Florrie Ó Loinsigh: Barra Ó Coinceannain (0-1), Amhlaoibh Ó Loinsigh, Cathal Ó Tuama: Andi Ó Coinceannain (0-3), Eoin Ó Cuill: Cian Ó Duinnín, Liam Seartan (0-3 frees), Seán Ó Duinnín: Ben Seartan (0-1), Ian Ó Coinceannain (0-1), Pól Ó Buachalla. Fir Ionaid: Gearóid MacCarthaigh, Donal MacCarthaigh, Liam Ó Coinceannain. Naomh Abán: Seanachán Ó hUídhir: Muiris Ó Donnchú, Tadg Ó Scannail, Niall Ó Ceallaigh: Seamas Ó Mathúna, Eoin Ó Scannail, Amhlaoibh Ó Loinsigh: Micheál Ó Laoire, Arthur Hankus: Shane MacCarthaigh, Donnadh Ó Cronín, Daire Ó Suilleabháin: Jason MacCarthaigh, Seanachán MacCarthaigh, Donnadh Ó Ceocháin.

### St Michaels 0 – 7 Naomh Abán 1 – 12

Naomh Abán followed up their victory over Beal Átha with a visit to Cork a week later and another win, this time over the boys from Blackrock at Mahon. Naomh Abán led at half time by 0-5 to 0-4, after St Michaels had missed many good scoring chances in that half. The visitors grew in confidence in the second half and were worthy winners at the finish. Their well worked goal came from the boot of Donnadh Ó Cronín and the introduction of Shane MacCarthaigh off the bench had a big influence on the outcome. Naomh Abán: Seanachán Ó hUídhir: Liam MacSuibhne, Seamas Ó Mathúna, Amhlaoibh Ó Loinsigh: Seamas Ó Riada, Eoin Ó Scannail, Muiris Ó Donnchú: Tadg Ó Scannail, Arthur Hankus: Donnadh Ó Cronín, Donnadh Ó Ceocháin, Seamas Ó Laoire: Diarmuid Ó Scannail, Jason MacCarthaigh, Daire Ó Suilleabháin.

### St Vincents 0 – 10 Aghabullogue 0 – 9

Aghabullogue went under to St Vincents in Cork in their Tom Creedon Cup 2nd round game and so the city team advance to play Naomh Abán in the quarter final. The Aghabullogue line out was: John Buckley: Jerome Corkery, Mark O'Brien, Anthony O'Sullivan: David O'Leary, Dan Twomey, Donal Corkery: Niall Buckley, Stephen Dennehy: Kenneth Hogan, Brian Buckley, Danni Merrick: Michael O'Sullivan, Paul O'Rourke, John Hogan.

### Naomh Abán 0 – 14 St. Vincents 0 – 6

Naomh Abán followed up their first round away win over Beal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh in the Tom Creedon Cup with a home victory over city side St Vincents in the quarter final. Naomh Abán started well and went into a 0-5 to 0-1 lead but Vincent's came back strongly and at half time there was only a single point between the teams, 0-5 to 0-4. Naomh Abán introduced Jonathan McCarthy for the second half and the substitution worked well and the home side got well on top eventually.

### Nemo Rangers 1 – 10 Naomh Abán 0 – 8

N.Abán were away to Nemo in the Tom Creedon Cup semi-final, did not play well and had no complaints after their defeat. The Baile Mhuirne men started well but a goal for Nemo was a setback. The city side subsequently dominated in the second quarter and led at half time by 1-4 to 0-5. Nemo continued to do well in the second half and were full value for their win and a place





in the final. N. Aban: Seanachán O hUídhir: Eanna Ó Críodáin, Tadhg Ó Scanaill, Muiris Ó Donnchú: Seamas Ó Riada, Seamas Ó Mathúna, Amhlaibh Ó Loinsigh: Micheál O Laoire, Arthur Hankus: Donncahdh Ó Cronin, Eoin Ó Scanaill, Donncahdh Ó Ceocháin: Daire Ó Suilleabháin, Seamas Ó Laoire, Shane MacCarthaigh. Fir Ionaí: Jason MacCarthaigh, Seanachán A. MacCarthaigh, Diarmuid Ó Scanaill, Niall Ó Ceallaigh.

## Final: Grenagh 0 – 8 Nemo Rangers 1 – 7

Nemo Rangers intermediate team won the 2011 Tom Creedon Cup competition in a highly competitive and entertaining final played in very good conditions at Macroom Castle Grounds. Nemo had several of their senior team, which had lost to St.Bridgets in the All Ireland club semi-final a day earlier, and their presence made a big difference. Nemo's Conor Allen, son of the great Cork forward of yore Dinny Allen, scored a superb goal in the 5th minute which helped his side to be level at half time, 1-2 to Grenagh's 0-5. Nemo faced the wind in the second half but introduced some top class substitutes in Alan Morgan, Alan Cronin Jnr. and Brian Twomey and played some typical Nemo football, retaining possession under heavy pressure. They led by two points at the three-quarter stage, 1-5 to 0-6, Grenagh got the difference down to the minimum but Nemo managed to keep their noses in front before adding another point seconds before the finish. Grenagh: Martin Barry: Michael Lehane, Raymond Dorgan, Aonghus Duggan: Niall Doherty, Cillian Kenny, Paul McCarthy: Alan Kenny, John Russell: Shane Dorgan, Tom Kenny, Diarmuid (DD) Dorgan: Ultan Duggan, Seamus Coleman, Kelvin Cummins. Subs: Paddy Sexton, Mark Kenny.

Nemo Rangers: Darren Farry: Kieran Stone, Paul Brophy, David O'Donovan: Andrew Murphy, Shane Martin, Neil O'Sullivan: Jerry Kerins, Dylan Mehigan: Kieran Weldon, William Morgan, Niall Weldon: Shane Horgan, Conor Allen, Eric Dilloughrey. Subs: Alan Morgan, Brian Twomey, Alan Cronin Jnr.

The PRO of the Cork Ger Lane, who supervised the very efficient running of the competition along with Pat O'Connell, Runai of Macroom GAA, joined with Marion Creedon-Hegarty in presenting the Tom Creedon Cup to Nemo captain, Paul Brophy and Marion later presented the medals to the winners at a reception for the teams and officials in the Macroom GAA pavilion. Macroom Bookshop were thanked for their sponsorship of the competition which was deemed to be a great success again this year and Mr Martin Fitzgerald was wished a speedy recovery to full health by the organisers.

## Minor 'A' Regional Hurling League final



Éire Óg intermediate footballers who defeated Macroom in the Tom Creedon Cup at Ovens.

## Aghabullogue 1 - 10 Na Piaraisaigh 0 - 12

Aghabullogue had a great win over Na Piaraisaigh in the Minor A hurling league Regional final. Piaraisaigh started well and had two early points on the board before Mark Flynn and John Corkery had points for Aghabullogue to level the scores. A point from a free for the city side had them back in front but John Corkery struck an equaliser for Aghabullogue and then pointed to put them in front for the first time. In the run up to half time, Na Piaraisaigh had two points without reply and so they led at the break by 0-5 to 0-4. Aghabullogue had two points in quick succession on the restart to go back in front again but then they lost the services of one of their defenders through a red card. A point for the Piaraisaigh followed and Aghabullogue needed a boost. It came in the form of a goal from Michael O'Sullivan. Na Piaraisaigh then had two points but back came Aghabullogue with two points from Mark Flynn and one from John Corkery and Mark Flynn added two further points to put Aghabullogue six points clear. In the final stages, Na Piaraisaigh, with the extra man, put fierce pressure on the Aghabullogue defence and they rattled over five points on the trot. The heroic defence however denied the city side an equaliser and at the final whistle it was Aghabullogue who were the worthy league champions.

Aghabullogue: Tim Herlihy: James Lynch, Eamonn Murphy, Anthony O'Sullivan: Sean O'Sullivan, Aidan Barry Murphy, Alan Hogan: Michael Dennehy, Shane Dineen: Evan O'Sullivan, Mark Long, Pearse Fitzpatrick: John Corkery, Mark Flynn, Michael O'Sullivan. Sub: Sean Kelleher.

## County Premier 2 Minor Football League

Clonakilty 4 - 10 Canovee 1 - 12

Canovee minor footballers went down to a very good Clon team at Carrigadrohid in the Premier Two county league quarter final. Clonakilty struck early for two goals against the run of play and Canovee were under pressure all through as a result. At half time the score was 2-5 to 0-5 in Clon's favour and they maintained their edge to the finish. Daragh Ring was scorer in chief for Canovee with 0-7 to his credit, the goal came from Aidan Moynihan whose shot was adjudged to have crossed the line before Aidan Deasy slammed it to the back of the net and points came from Liam Kelleher, Sean O'Connor, John Buckley, Aidan Moynihan and Aidan Deasy. The Canovee line-out was: James Cassidy: Paul Twomey, Daniel O'Sullivan, Donal Cronin: Stephen Kelleher, Damian Ahern, Charles Kenneally: Liam Kelleher, Sean O'Connor: Daragh Ring, Aidan Deasy, Aidan Moynihan: William Ahern, Jamie Lynch, John Buckley. Subs used: Darran Twomey, Donal Madden and Kevin Deasy.

## Donoughmore 2 - 12 Mallow 0 - 13

A very close fought encounter at Mallow in the semi-final of the County Premier 2 Minor Football league ended with the honours going to the visitors who finished strongly. The teams were level with only six minutes remaining but in those final minutes Donoughmore added 1-3 to their tally with Mallow managing only a single point in reply. Donoughmore: Diarmuid Buckley: John O'Mahony, Barry Crowley, Brian Crowley: Mark Foley, Alan Twomey, Sean Daly: Shane Healy, Kevin Horgan: Leon Cogan (0-2), Stephen O'Connor (0-2), Anthony Horgan: Gearoid O'Rourke (1-0), William Murphy (0-1), Kevin Kearney (1-7, 0-5 frees). Subs: John Chambers and Sean Wallace.



Macroom GAA Castle Grounds



Presentations to All Ireland medals winners Seán Kiely and Fintan Gould by Macroom GAA chairman Paddy Murphy at Castle Hotel





## County P 2 Minor Football League Final

### Clonakilty 2 – 11 Donoughmore 0 – 7

Donoughmore minor footballers' great run in the county Premier league came to an unsuccessful conclusion at the final stage in Donoughmore when the home side went under to famed Clonakilty. Two late first half goals, one conceded in the 28th minute and the other in the 30th minute sealed Donoughmore's fate after an even first half and they were subsequently chasing the West Cork boys who had the wind to their sails for the remainder of the game.

Clon opened the scoring with a fifth minute point and they had extended their lead to three points before Gearoid O'Rourke had a point for Donoughmore in the 11th minute. Clon added

a further point but Donoughmore hit back with points from Kevin Kearney and Shane Healy to reduce the deficit to the minimum. In addition, they missed a few good chances of scores and then got hit with a double whammy in the last few minutes of the half. Clonakilty led at the break by 2-5 to 0-3 and were flattered by their advantage. Clon extended their advantage on the restart with two further points and Donoughmore were denied a much-needed goal by the excellence of the Clon goalkeeper, who made a super save from John Chambers. Kevin Kearney and Leon Cogan had points for Donoughmore but Clonakilty replied with a point to keep a nine point gap between the teams with ten minutes

remaining. Clon now were reduced to 14 players but the Clon defence stood firm and in fact they added to their lead before Donoughmore had two further points from Kevin Kearney, their main attacking threat. A late point for the West Cork boys gave them a ten-point lead at the final whistle and the league title.

Donoughmore: Daniel Buckley: John O'Mahony, Barry Crowley, Brian Crowley: Mark Foley, Alan Twomey, Sean Daly: Shane Healy, Kevin Horgan: John Chambers, Stephen O'Connor, Leon Cogan: Gearoid O'Rourke, Anthony Horgan, Kevin Kearney. Subs: Denis Dorney, William Murphy, Sean Wallace, Seamus Murphy.

## Corn Ui Mhuiri Quarter Final

### Munster Colleges Senior A Football

#### P.S. Corca Duibhne, Dingle 0 – 11 De La Salle, Macroom 0 – 6

A young and under strength De La Salle Macroom side were knocked out of Corn Ui Mhuiri at the Dr. Crokes pitch in Killarney. The Kerry boys win was deserved as they had looked the more balanced side over the hour and they had hard luck on occasions with goal scoring chances. That said, DLS had some glorious chances also which had they been availed of could have yielded a different result even if against the run of play!

Ben Shorten kicked an early point to open the scoring but the West Kerry side replied with two points to lead after the opening quarter. Ben Shorten then pointed another free to equalise and in the 22nd minute had a superb point from play to put DLS in front. The Dingle boys

equalised from a '45' and a point from play gave them a 0-4 to 0-3 lead at half time.

Dingle added a quick point on the restart but then both sides had some bad wides before Dingle added a further point in the 40th minute to go three points clear. A peculiar side-line decision went in their favour leading to another point but Darren Creed pointed a free to cut the gap to three points at the three quarter stage. Dingle scored a point in reply but Ben Shorten, the main threat in the DLS attack had a point to again keep DLS in contention, 0-8 to 0-5. In the final ten minutes Dingle drew clear with two points in quick succession which was followed later by another to open up a six point gap. It was evident that DLS did not have the forward power to break through for two goals even though they never gave up and should have had

a late goal. A point from a Ben Shorten free was their only reward and left five points between the teams at the finish. De La Salle Macroom: Peter Kelleher (Kilmichael): Kevin Manning (Iveleary), Robbie O'Dwyer (Macroom), Colm Casey (Macroom): Shane Creedon (Macroom), Patrick Grainger (Kilmurry), Finbarr Buckley (Kilmichael): Liam Kelleher (Canovee), Peter Moynihan (Cill na Martra): Darren Creed (Macroom), Darren Kelly (Macroom), Seán O'Sullivan (Aghabullogue): Darragh Foley (Kilmichael), Ben Shorten (Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh), Aidan Moynihan (Canovee). DLS introduced the injured Daniel Twomey (Kilmichael) at half time and Cathal Vaughan, though ill, came on for the last ten minutes but neither were fit enough to make their usual impression.



Canovee National School participants at the Cork City Sports in 2004. © Peter Scanlan



Macroom MNF in 2002. © Peter Scanlan



Confirmation in Kilbonane in 2002. © Peter Scanlan



Even the dogs are smiling for the camera at the Poulanargid Dog Show 2004. © Peter Scanlan



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## THE MIRACLE PRAYER



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

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

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Fr Seán Cronin in a clerical cloak



Mrs. Claire Dinneen.



Ladies from Canovee ICA. No date. (From the late Joan Lucey RIP, Photo Collection)



## A Word of Victory

Welcome back dear reader "I lie in the dust, revive me by Your Word" (Psalm 119:25 NLT). Are you lying in the dust? This speaks of utter exhaustion - physical, mental and emotional. But exhaustion and brokenness is also a symptom of spiritual emptiness which some many suffer from unknowingly.

Friend, you may be diligent in reciting learnt off prayers or lighting candles, but they cannot refuel you like the Scriptures can. We can pray all day long, but unless we are praying according to God's Word, we are like a footballer kicking constant wides. The Lord is quite clear – it is only His Word that rejuvenates and restores us. And His Word, the Bible, is unknown by the majority of people because many see it as irrelevant, or mythology, or a book that cannot be understood.

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Psalm 119 is the longest Psalm in the Bible. It is full of praise for God's Word and the ability the Word has to bring restoration and revelation of God's goodness. "Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (Psalm 119:105). You need wise counsel and direction for your life? The answer is in God's Word. But don't just read it. Obey it. And Pray it.

"The entrance of Your Word brings Light so that even the simple can understand. (Psalm 119:130 NLT) You don't need a degree to understand the Word of God. You just need the Person of the Holy Spirit as your teacher. Jesus told us that He would not leave us alone when He went back to the Father after God raised Him from the dead. He would send the Holy Spirit Who comes to live inside of us when we accept the sacrifice Jesus gave for us at the Cross, and He (Holy Spirit) guides us into all truth (John 14:16-18; John 16:13-14).

Declare – Lord Jesus, I repent of my sins. You are my Saviour. I need answers in my life to make good decisions and I believe Your Word lights the way for me to walk on the right path. Baptise me and fill me with Your Holy Spirit to teach me Your ways. I Seek Your Truth and I am revived in Your Presence!

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## FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

**ANDREW O'RIORDAN**

**FERGUS, DRIPSEY, COACHFORD,  
23rd JANUARY 2020**

Andrew is lovingly remembered and sadly missed by his wife Anne, daughters Edel and Aisling, sons Trevor, Anthony and Gavin, grandchildren, sons-in-law, sisters, brother and extended family. We wish to express our deep gratitude and appreciation, to everyone who sympathised with us on our sad loss. Our heartfelt thanks go to those who came to our home for prayers, rosary and removal and also to those who attended the funeral mass. Thanks to all who phoned, sent mass cards, perpetual enrolments, letters of sympathy and to those who travelled long distances to be with us. We thank most sincerely, our friend Fr. Peadar Murphy P.P. for celebrating the beautiful funeral mass and making it so special. We would like to thank the sacristan, altar servers, musicians and singers who contributed to the mass and all in Fitzgerald's undertakers for their kindness and professionalism. Thank you to Griffins Garden Centre for the beautiful flowers. A special word of thanks to Dr. Pat Lee, to all the doctors, nurses and staff at the Bons Secour Hospital especially St. Veronica's Ward and the Palliative Care nurses from Marymount Hospice. Finally, we would like to express our deep appreciation to our extended family, neighbours and large circle of friends who helped and comforted us and continue to do so. As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our sincere appreciation. The Holy Sacrifice of Mass has been offered for your intentions.



## 10TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**BRIGID O'CALLAGHAN**

**20 St Colmans Park, Macroom  
Who died on 14th January 2011**

*They say that time will heal the pain,  
But mam that's 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 come true.  
What we wouldn't wish for more than  
anything, Is to have more time with you.*



Remembered and loved by your daughters, Sons in law and grandchildren.

## 4TH ANNIVERSARY



Cherished memories of

**EILEEN J. QUILL**

**Barr d'Inse, Cúil-Aodha,  
Who died on January 23rd 2017**

*It doesn't need a special day,  
To bring you to our minds.  
For days without a thought of you,  
Are very hard to find.*



Fondly Remembered by Your Family, Relatives & Friends.  
Naomh Gobnait guidh orainn.

## 2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**EILEEN STACK**

**Currahaly, Farran**

**Who died on January 20th 1919**

*They say there is a reason  
They say that time will heal  
But neither time or reason,  
Will change the way we feel  
For no one knows the heartache  
That lies beyond our smiles.  
No one knows how many times  
We have broken down and cried  
We want to tell you something  
So there won't be any doubt  
You're so wonderful to think of  
But so hard to be without.  
We cannot bring the old days back  
When we were all together  
The family chain is broken now  
But memories live forever.*



Sadly, missed but never forgotten by your husband John, son Michael, daughter Louise and daughter in law Caitriona.

## FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In loving memory of

**CHRISTY LUCEY**

**Ballymakeera**

**Died 13th January 2020**

Christy's family wish to express their sincere gratitude to all who sympathised with and supported them at the time of his sudden death. We would like to thank the medical services of SouthDoc, the Ambulance crew, the staff of C.U.H and Mercy University Hospital, our extended families, co-workers, wonderful neighbours and friends. A special word of thanks to Fr O'Brien and his co-celebrants, the altar servers, choir and sacristan. Míle buíochas do Chumann Peile Naomh Abán, Donie and Gene McCarthy, the Gardaí, also to the McCarthy Family Undertakers for their compassion and professionalism. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions.



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## 2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**DONARD  
LUCEY**

**Coppeen and Chicago**  
Who died 22nd January 2019

*Sacred Heart of Jesus have mercy  
A daily thought  
A silent tear  
A constant wish Don  
That you were here*



Your loving mother Peggy

## 2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**DONARD  
LUCEY**

**Coppeen and Chicago**  
Who died 22nd January 2019

*To our beloved brother Donard  
We miss you  
We miss your smile,  
Your joking ways,  
We miss the things  
you used to say  
And when old times  
We do recall,  
It's then we miss you  
Most of all*



Always in our hearts .  
Pat, Siobhan, Norma & Mairead

## 12TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**FINBARR  
O'MAHONY**

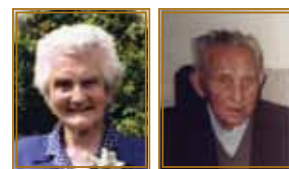
**Roovesbeg, Coachford, Co. Cork**  
Whose 12th Anniversary occurs on  
24th January

*The world changes from year to year,  
Our lives from day to day,  
But the love and memories of you,  
Shall never fade away.*



Remembered always by  
his wife and family

## ANNIVERSARIES



In loving memory of

**JULIA & DENIS  
O'MAHONY**

**The Village, Clondrohid, Macroom**  
whose 12th and 31st anniversaries  
occur around this time.

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



Always remembered & sadly missed by  
your loving family

## 5TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**JOHN  
LYNCH**

**Kilmore Ballingearry**  
Who died on 24th January 2016

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



Deeply missed by his family and friends.

## 20TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**CONNIE  
MURPHY**

**Dan Corkery Place, Macroom**

*A great man, a great father  
A good friend to all  
Not a day goes by that  
we don't think of you.*



Love from your family (Abbey)  
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## FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

**MARY CANTY**

New Street, Macroom, Co. Cork  
who passed away on the 1st of  
February 2020

As we lovingly remember Mary on the 1st Anniversary, her husband Denis, Children Aimee, Denis, Nicola, Dylan and extended family would like to take this time to thank all who sympathised with us, attended the wake, removal and funeral, sent mass cards and flowers, called to our home with food, and spoke kind words sharing stories and great memories of Mary. We will be forever thankful to our neighbours especially Hannah Angland, friends at home and abroad, work colleagues and the people of Macroom who offered their support to us during this sad time for our family.

We wish to thank St Colman's Church, Fr. Donal Robert, Fr. Joe O'Mahony and Msgr. James O'Donnell for their kindness and for making Mary's funeral Mass so special for everyone that knew her. To all in Fitzgerald's funeral home especially Billy, thank you for your professional guidance, support and kindness over those difficult days. Thank you to Mary's doctor, Dr Ken Harte Macroom and to all the Doctors and Nurses in Ward 1A at Cork University Hospital, who looked after Mary with such diligence, respect and care, no words can express our gratitude to you. We would also like to mention and thank all of Mary's great friends who visited while she was in hospital, we know this was so comforting for her and meant so much.

Thank you to Michael Bradley for his beautiful singing which was so moving at the funeral, to the Castle Hotel and Lynch's bakery for the catering at the wake and funeral and to Maureen in Betsy's Flower shop who created a beautiful flower arrangement for the funeral Mass. It would be impossible for us as a family to thank individually the many people who comforted us in so many ways throughout this year so please take this as a token of our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to you all.

*You can remember her only that she is gone, or you can cherish her memory and let it live on. You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back, or you can do what she'd want:  
Smile, Open your eyes, Love and Go On.*



You are missed everyday Mary by all that knew and loved you.

Always in our thoughts, Denis, Aimee, Denis, Nicola and Dylan.

## FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

**JULIANA  
CREEDON ASH**

2 Marian Terrace, Coolcower,  
Macroom.

Who died on 28th January 2020

As we remember Julie on her first anniversary her husband Anthony together with Joan and Michael would like to thank everyone who sympathized with us in any way, all those who attended rosary, removal and funeral Mass and those who sent Mass cards and floral tributes.

A sincere thank you to Dr. Gerard Murphy and his team at Ryecourt Clinic, Cloughduv for the great care and attention always shown to Julie, to the doctors, nurses and staff of CUH, also doctors, nurses and staff of St Oliver's ward in St James Hospital, Dublin who looked after Julie during her illness. A heartfelt thank you to the Matron, nurses and staff of Macroom Community Hospital for the wonderful care they provided during Julie's final months with them, for that we are very grateful. To all Julies cousins, neighbours and friends who sat by Julies bedside and maintained a vigil in her final days, we will be forever grateful and to Julies home help Mary who provided great care and attention to Julie while she remained at home.

Thank you to Fr Damien Lynch for officiating at the funeral mass, also the Macroom priests, Monsignor O'Donnell, Canon Donal Roberts, Fr. Joe O'Mahony and Fr. John Keane for their support. A special word of thanks to Michael Bradley for his very inspirational singing at the Mass accompanied by organist Mary McSweeney, very much appreciated. Sincere thanks to Fitzgerald Funeral directors for their professionalism and guidance at this time. Thanks also to the management and staff of Coolcower House, Macroom for the lovely refreshments after the funeral.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our gratitude and appreciation.

The Holy sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions.

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



## FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

**MAURA  
LUCEY**

Cornera, Inchigeela,  
Who died 20th January, 2020.

On this the first anniversary of Maura's death, she is lovingly remembered and sadly missed by her husband, Conchubhar, sons Mick, Richard, Con, daughters Mags and Mary, daughters in law, sons in law, grandchildren, sisters, and extended family.

We wish to express our deep gratitude and appreciation to everyone who sympathised with us on our sad loss. Our heartfelt thanks goes to those who attended rosary, prayers and funeral. To all who phoned, called to our home, sent mass cards, perpetual enrollments, letters of sympathy and to those who travelled long distances to be with us.

We thank most sincerely Fr Anthony O'Mahony, Canon Martin O'Driscoll, Fr. Donal O'Brien, and our friend Fr Bernard Cotter for celebrating the beautiful funeral mass and to the sacristan, altar servers, musicians, singers and her friends in the choir for making the mass so special.

We would like to thank Cyril and staff in Casey's undertakers for their kindness and professionalism and also thank the team at Creedon's Hotel for being so accommodating. A special word of thanks to Dr Shane Hurley and to the doctors, nurses and staff in CUH.

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the wonderful doctors, nurses and staff at Marymount Hospice for the exceptional care and compassion shown to Maura and to all of us in her final days.

Finally we would like to express our deep appreciation to our extended family, neighbours and large circle of friends who helped and comforted us and continue to do so. As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our most sincere appreciation.

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



Anniversary Mass on Wednesday 20th  
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## FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

**DAN  
HALLISSEY**

Westwood, Boston &  
late of Knockavullig, Carrigadrohid  
Who died 23rd January, 2020.

On this, the First Anniversary of Dan's passing, his wife Rada, daughter Michelle, mother Sheila, brother & sisters wish to thank our relations, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy, support and kindness to us over the past year.

Sincere gratitude to Fr. Dan Finn who celebrated Dan's requiem mass. Thanks also to the Irish Community in Boston, to Connie O'Callaghan & his family, Gormley Funeral Undertakers, Dan's many friends and music colleagues for attending both the removal and Funeral Mass and for being so supportive and kind to us while we were in Boston.

A special thank you for all who attended Dan's memorial mass in Canovee. To Fr. Teddy Linehan for celebrating the mass and his concelebrants - Canon Bernard O'Donovan, Fr. Richie Wall SMA & Canon Tom Crean. Thanks also to Colm Cronin whose eulogy encapsulated Dan's life to the full. To Anne Dunne & the Canovee choir for the beautiful music and singing which added so much to the ceremony. To Nuala Crowley - sacristan, our neighbours and friends who directed traffic on the night & to Larry Buckley and the staff in Mai Fitz.

We truly appreciate all the support and expressions of sympathies received personally and by way of mass cards, phone calls, kind letters, visitors to the house & floral tributes.

We'd also like to thank Fr. Teddy Linehan who presided over the interment of Dan's ashes in Kilmurray Cemetery later in the year. A special word of thanks to Billy & Martin Fitzgerald who readily assisted us in every possible way.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our sincere appreciation and the holy sacrifice of Mass has been offered for your intentions.



May He Rest In Peace



**FIRST ANNIVERSARY  
AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

In loving memory of

**JOAN GOGGIN  
(NEE LENIHAN)**

Rusheen, Macroom

On the first anniversary of Joan Goggin (nee Lenihan) Macroom, formerly of Rusheen, Coachford, Margaret Scanlon and family, Duagh, Listowel wish to thank the many expressions of sympathy shown to us on the death of Joan (2nd February 2020). Sincere thank you to Mrs., Bernie Buckley, Director of Nursing at Macroom Community Hospital and her dedicated staff for the care and professionalism shown to Joan at all times from October 2018 to her death on February 2020. Also their ever readiness to speak with me regarding the care of my Mother on my regular visits. Sincere gratitude to Dr. Ken Harte G.P. for his professional care throughout her later years and to Fr. Donal Roberts who officiated at her requiem mass and burial in St. Colman's cemetery Macroom. Thank you to M.F. Fitzgerald and Sons for their professionalism and sensitivity on the removal of Joan from the Community Hospital while the staff and her family formed a Guard of Honour and wished her goodbye. Thank you to Mrs., Mai Leahy and Mrs., Neasa Lucey for their regular spiritual visits which provided much comfort to my Mother. I also wish to thank Mr. Pat O'Connell, Manager of Sullane Haven and his staff for their care and respect shown to Joan from September 2015 to October 2018. We also wish to thank Joan's Polish friends, Catherine and Maria who looked after her and involved her socially while in her home in Macroom. Finally, sincere thank you to Denis and Alice Mc Sweeney, Railway View for their hospitality on the day of Joan's death.

The Holy sacrifice of the mass has been offered for your intentions.

May Joan (Mother and Grandmother) enjoy the company of all those gone before her and forever remain in our thoughts.



RIP

**2ND ANNIVERSARY**

In loving memory of

**MAUREEN RING  
(NEE O'DRISCOLL)**

Coolehane, Macroom.

Who died on the 15th January 2019.

*We speak your name with love and pride,  
And smile with tears we cannot hide,  
Deep in our hearts you will always stay,  
Loved and remembered every day.*



Sadly missed by her loving sisters,  
brothers and extended family.

**2ND ANNIVERSARY**

In loving memory of

**DAN  
LYNCH**

Togher Ballymakeera  
Died on 22nd January 2019

*When you think of Dan today  
A Little prayer to Jesus say*



Remembered by his brothers  
Denis & Con

**2ND ANNIVERSARY**

In loving memory of

**MARY CRONIN  
(NEE DELANEY)**

Parknalane, Kilnamartyra.  
Who died on 16/1/2019.

*You left us quietly,  
your thoughts unknown,  
but you left us great memories,  
we are proud to hold.*



Always remembered  
by your loving family

**25TH ANNIVERSARY**

In loving memory of

**SHELIA  
MURRAY**

55 Main St Macroom

*She was a mother so very rare,  
content in her home and always there,  
on earth she toiled,  
in Heaven she rests,  
God bless you Mother  
you were one of the best.*



Always remembered by her loving family

**8TH ANNIVERSARY**

In loving memory of

**KIERAN  
MC CARTHY**

Crookstown, Co. Cork  
Who passed away on  
26th January

*Two tired eyes are sleeping  
Two willing hands are still  
The one who worked so hard for us  
Is resting at God's will.*



Always remembered  
by his loving family

**9TH ANNIVERSARY**

In loving memory of

**EILEEN  
MCCARTHY  
(NEE MURPHY)**

Firmount, Killarney Road,  
Macroom Co. Cork.  
Who died on 1st February 2012

*It broke our hearts to lose you,  
But you did not go alone,  
For part of us went with you,  
The day God called you home.*

*Sweet Jesus take this message,  
To our mother up above,  
Tell her how we miss her,  
And give her all our love.*



Sadly missed by Orla, Owen, Tom,  
relatives and friends.

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