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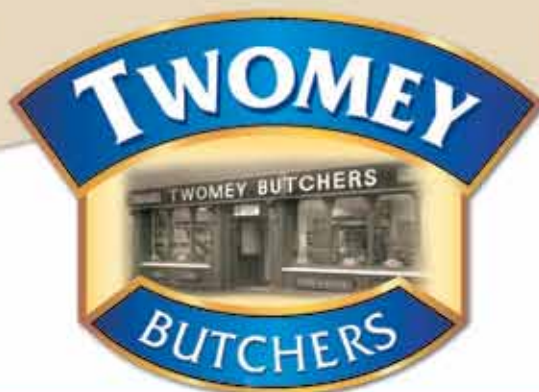
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## Editor's NOTE

**Last night the news came in about Rural Ireland and how it will play a central role in our recovery. The Government has pledged super-fast broadband and tax breaks for those who want to live rurally.**

Minister for Rural Development, Heather Humphrey said "for decades we have seen global trends where young people leave their local communities to live and work in larger cities. As we emerge from Covid-19 we will never have a better opportunity to reverse that long-standing trend. It will allow people to work from their local communities, revitalise our town centres, reduce commuting times, lower transport emissions and – most importantly – improve the quality of life of our people"

It will be nice to see how Macroom and its surrounding villages, fit into this plan and how we placemark ourselves in attractive areas for remote working. Lockdown has already shown us how invaluable our local community is.

Macroom has hot desks available at the E Enterprise Centre in Macroom Business Park but the number of vacant premises within the town is a sad reminder of our times. Kathy O Sullivan wrote in an article about T. C. Murray where she describes Macroom in 1897 "New Street at that time was a hive of bustling activity, full of shops and commercial premises" and how nice it would

be to see that again. The Rural Ireland plan states it will "fund the repurposing of vacant buildings in town centres into remote working hubs" and "put the future development and regeneration of rural towns at the heart of decision making through a new Town Centre First approach."

Coupling this Plan, with the Paint and ShopFront Improvement Scheme, could lead to a very beautiful, vibrant, and aesthetically pleasing town centre. Just think how much tourism Kinsale, Cobh and Nothing Hill has generated just by having a few colourful shopfronts! Do not underestimate the power of colour and an Instagram-able aesthetic to generate revenue for a local economy.

Interestingly the plan is also set to examine the establishment of a Community Ownership Fund to help community groups and social enterprises buy or take over local community assets and facilities at risk of being lost, how nice would this be for the dilapidated Protestant Church or the Bealick Mill.

It's a good time to think about secondary industries which grow from a work from home culture. People make more of an effort to eat out for lunch, have meetings in local restaurants and cafes and generally spend more within their local community. What do they have in common? A good café culture, a safe and welcoming place to meet and chat with friends. Right now, the Street Furniture Grant scheme through the Local Enterprise Office is

available to contribute to vibrant town and village centres by assisting and supporting the hospitality sector. Furthermore, what infrastructure can we implement to support a vibrant streetscape, widening of footpaths or the introduction of more permanent street furniture?

The Rural Plan also plans to "Implement a €70 million Transitional LEADER Programme for community-led rural development for the period 2021-2022 and develop and deliver a new LEADER programme to commence in 2023, in line with the next EU funding framework." Perhaps we could apply for LEADER funding for a skate park, basketball and tennis courts.

As a community, now is the time to ask what, why, when, and how to get what we want in terms of growth and change. And how can we market a thriving community to our advantage?

**If you have thoughts or ideas for Macroom and the Lee Valley email us at [leevalleyoutlook@gmail.com](mailto:leevalleyoutlook@gmail.com)**

*Sarah Kate Murphy*

EDITOR



## PAINT AND SHOP FRONT IMPROVEMENT SCHEME 2021

**Fianna Fáil Cllr Gobnait Moynihan is pleased to welcome the Paint and Shopfront Improvement Scheme 2021 to promote regeneration and business growth in the villages of Macroom Municipal District.**

Macroom Municipal District approved its Paint and Shopfront Improvement Scheme 2021 at the March monthly meeting on 26th March 2021. Under the scheme, tenants /owners of buildings can avail of the Paint Scheme to cover 50% of the full cost of painting the facades along the street which may include paint, labour, scaffold/ hoist,

and other materials etc. "I would encourage house owners and business to take advantage of this funding stream and apply as soon as possible, as there will be high demand for it" according to Cllr Gobnait Moynihan.

The Paint and Shopfront Improvement Scheme 2021 is extended to include an extensive list of villages this year such as Cúil Aodha, Kilmurry, and Clondrohid. Welcoming the Scheme, Cllr Gobnait Moynihan said; "I look forward to seeing house owners and businesses in the villages of Macroom Municipal District, get great benefit out of

the Scheme and build on its past success" Closing date for receipt of completed applications will be Friday 30th April 2021.

Commenting on the Scheme Cllr Gobnait Moynihan said "I am delighted that so many villages in the area are included this year, as I feel it will rejuvenate our villages, in doing so will aid in attracting and retaining footfall"



### Note from the Editor Desk

In an article printed in the Lee Valley Outlook, Vol 18 Ed04 18th February 2021, an article by Con Kelleher contained the line "2. Masks: Sometimes one still sees the occasional non-mask wearer in shops or offices. Wearing masks protects others and not yourself, and not wearing them in designated settings is selfish and possibly dangerous." The Lee Valley Outlook would like to note the term 'selfish' is not representative of the editorial staff of the magazine. We support and encourage Government Policy for face coverings. According to gov.ie and HSE.ie: Who should not wear one?

Face coverings are not recommended for anyone who:

- has trouble breathing
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- In these cases, if the person can wear a visor, it will give them some protection. But these are the only times when you should wear a visor. Cloth face coverings are a better way to protect yourself from COVID-19.
- Gov.ie notes "The vast majority of people are already wearing face coverings in shops. Shop owners and managers of premises should engage with people

entering or in their premises to inform them that they need to wear face coverings and should promote compliance. It is an offence for a person not to wear a face covering without reasonable excuse in respect of which a Garda may issue a fixed penalty notice of €80. The vast majority of the public are complying, and the expectation is that they will continue to do so and that penalties would only arise in very rare cases."

The full article can be read on <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/aac74c-guidance-on-safe-use-of-face-coverings/?referrer=http://www.gov.ie/facecoverings/#when-to-wear-one>

The LVO recommends people follow both Government and HSE policy in relation to face coverings.

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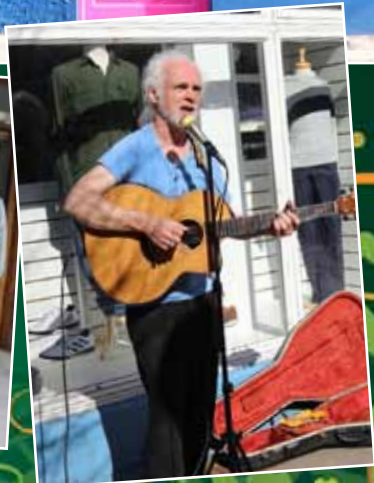
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# Macroom News – Bits and Pieces

by Dr. Con Kelleher



Eileen Lynch, Ann O'Connell, Jerry Murphy, Deirdre O'Sullivan and John O'Sullivan.



Drs Sean Foley and John O Riordan, and Nurse Ann Murray. (Siobhan O'Riordan).

## COVID VACCINATIONS:

The Sullane Practice vaccinated 330 people (75-80 years) on Sat. March 27th, 2021 in a great effort. Coupled with the contributions of other Macroom practices, it means that many, probably most, local people 75 years and over are now vaccinated. The first vaccine becomes effective in 75% of cases in fifteen days and is 95% effective after the second 'shot', usually given after twenty-eight days. 'Well Done' and 'Thanks' to all concerned.

Macroom LED has one of the lowest rates of infection countrywide, and vaccination will be a significant boost in the fight against the Corona virus epidemic.

## MACROOM'S ST. PATRICK'S DAY VIRTUAL CELEBRATION VIDEO:

The video was a great success and had more than 50,000 views. In addition, clips of M.J Cronin's Patrick's Day window display and the Town Hall were featured in the RTÉ news bulletins on Christmas Day. The video idea was the brainchild of Jerry Murphy (who also directed, wrote the dialogue, and contributed still photographs) and he co-opted John O'Sullivan, video photography, Ann O'Connell, dance tutors, and Eileen Lynch, publicity. The video photography was superb. As well as their main functions all provided ideas and feedback. The Lee Valley Enterprise was fully behind the project and Pat O'Connell and Josephine Cronin were especially. Finally, the co-operation of the various outlets and services

was great, and the quality of the dancing was very high. It was great to see the big multiples such as Dunne's, Aldi and Lidl getting involved in a local community project. We are all part of the community and we all depend on each other. Because of the quality and success of the St Patrick's video, will there be some more productions? The strong hope is that there will.

**DOCTORS RETIRE:** Dr John Burke and Dr Peter Cronin have recently retired from practice. Both worked in Macroom for more than thirty years and gave great service to their patients and the local community. Dr Burke's former surgery is closed, and his former patients are now catered for in the Sullane Family Practice, The Fair Green. Hopefully they and their families will enjoy their retirements.

**CAMERA CLUB:** The new club is still virtual only but so far has generated much interest. Plans are afoot to provide monthly themes and to provide lessons online. The club has a presence online.

**DOGS AND WALKING:** Photo 074 The current pandemic has seen an upsurge in walking, and people's favourite friend, the dog, has again proved its worth. Years ago, I heard a geriatrician (medical specialist for those over 65) suggest a dog was the best present one could give to an elder person. In a recent walk I spotted Alan Ring and his dog Beano 'pawing' at a window, watching the world go by.



Nurses, Joan Downey and Agnes Healy. (Siobhan O'Riordan).



Administrators, Treasa Hartnett, Gillian Meaney and Siobhan O'Riordan. (Siobhan O'Riordan).



Alan Ring and Beano 'pawing' a while as they watch the world go by.



Sargeant Siobhan O'Dowd awaiting the O'Reilly family, and about to be filmed by John O'Sullivan.





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## THREE LOCAL BOYS Run the Daniel Kingston 2021 Arc Fund-Raiser

**Over three young local boys have run five kilometres on forty consecutive days and aim to clock-up a distance of 200 kilometers in total.**

School buddies David Neville, Ruadhan McKenna (both Macroom), and James Cuddihy (Aghinagh) are running to honour the late Daniel

Kingston, David's deceased uncle, and to raise money for Arc. Further they often wear t-shirts with Daniel's image on the back and 'Arc' on the front. While much is done, their task will not have been completed until Palm Sunday, 28th March.

Daniel Kingston passed away in 2009, aged 25, when cancer took him prematurely. The old saying 'the best die young' is too true in Daniel's case. During his illness, Daniel and his family received great help from Arc in dealing with aspects of the tough and harrowing process that is a cancer patient's (and his/her family's) journey.

Arc is a nationwide organisation that helps patients and their families to cope better with cancer. In County Cork, it has centres in Cork and Bantry. Arc's brief also extends to supporting the children of families so afflicted and helping healthcare professionals. Services include managing thoughts and emotions, advising on health, exercise and wellbeing and providing information and education. 'Being there' and giving help in a caring, sensitive and professional

way is the task they perform so well and so consistently.

Following Daniel's passing, the Kingston family decided to keep his memory alive and to fund-raise for Arc. In 2009, about 700 ran a marathon. The family then thought it a good idea to bring the Memorial Run to Macroom, where the first run/walk took place in 2010. The course is 'around Coolehane', starting at Toyota Garage, goes through the town, and finishes in the Square. Numbers have always been big and continued to grow and have averaged 750 in the 2010-19 period. Runners contribute €10 each, and the race is open to all. The big and the small, the old and the young, the fit and not-so-fit all take part in an event hallmarked by good humour, camaraderie and a great feeling of fun.

Because of Covid, the normal event was cancelled for 2020 and this year. David wished to continue the tradition of honouring Daniel and raising money for Arc, and conceived the Lenten run idea. (He also factored-in that he could continue to eat sweets and chocolate for the duration). The lads are first-year students in De La Salle and enjoy their time there despite the difficulties of an interrupted year. David and Ruadhan have known each other since they began school and met James through soccer. With the backing of their families, David, Ruadhan and James began running on Ash Wednesday and will finish on Palm Sunday. The boys found it tougher than they imagined, and they sometimes felt like not running. However, the 'cause' and their strong friendships stiffened their resolve not to leave each other down. Showing great resilience and determination, the three lads have run every day, even on days when the weather was atrocious. So far they have had tremendous support from Fr Keane (through the pulpit) and the Daniel

Kingston Memorial Facebook page which featured podcasts by Breige Corkery and Rena Buckley and others. Last Saturday Macroom and Cork's senior footballer, Erika O'Shea, lent her support to the boys' run. Although still attending St Mary's Secondary School, Erika starred for Cork seniors in their narrow defeat to Dublin in last year's All-Ireland Final.

This event brings out the best in people. Despite current restrictions the boys have come up with an imaginative and innovative way to maintain Daniel's memory and to raise much needed funds for Arc. It also benefits them as it keeps them and their families fit, focused, and motivated.

Covid's presence in our society unfortunately does not preclude cancer, and among the virus's consequences and dangers are late presentation and deferred treatment of cancer.

The Lenten runs are a wonderful example of what still can be done, and the boys and their backroom team deserve the highest commendation.

The boys' run this year has so far raised €9,100 and they have high hopes for more contributions.

If you wish to support, please contribute through **Go Fund Me, using the following link:**

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To date the Daniel Kingston Memorial has earned €237,000 for Arc.

Further sources of information are:

<http://corkcancersupport.ie> - here you can read about the comprehensive services offered by Arc.

<http://www.facebook.com/danielkingstonmemorialrun/> This site records what Daniel's Memorial has done in the past and outlines plans for the future.

By Dr. Con Kelleher

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We invite you to celebrate story-time with online story-time readings from Cork County Library staff, instructional craft videos for children to celebrate Easter & Spring & online story-time recommendations from library staff featuring titles available on our BorrowBox, E-Book & E-Audio app.

We will also be offering an online story-time workshop for parents & teachers presented by literacy expert Catherine Gilliland & online "Rhyme & Sign" story-time sessions for Parents & Babies presented by Claire Glynn. In this 40 minutes Zoom session for parents, babies & toddlers, Claire will present stories & images, as well as 30 signs, so that everybody at the session can rhyme & sign along with her - no previous experience required. To sign up, please email; corkcountylibrary@corkcoco.ie with your details & whether you would prefer to take part on the 19th April or the 26th April at 11.00 a.m. Don't forget to include 'Rhyme & Sign Storytime' in the subject field.

Spring into Story-time will launch on April 1st 2021 so keep an eye on Cork County Council Library and Arts Service Facebook and Twitter pages for story-time and children's craft events throughout the month of April.

Keep an eye out for our Online Weekly Quizzes for children and adults. They are a great source of entertainment and fun for all the family or maybe you can have a zoom quiz meeting with your

friends some evening. Our Facebook page is Cork County Council Library & Arts Service & have all the details.

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Our Local Studies Library are always available for queries by phone (021) 428 5640 or by email: localstudieslibrary@corkcoco.ie Monday - Friday 10.00am - 1.00pm & 2 - 5.00pm

"The more you know about the past, the better prepared you are for the future"

Theodore Roosevelt

Whether you are researching aspects of Cork's history, famous Cork figures, or your own family tree, please do not hesitate to contact them.

On behalf of all the staff in Macroom Library we would like to wish all our patrons a very Happy Easter.

*"A little reading is all the therapy a person needs sometimes."*

*"Beidh lá eile ag an bPaorach."  
(Tomorrow is another day)*

## MCEGAN COLLEGE:



6th Year McEgan Students who are delighted to be back at school



McEgan 5th Year Students with their English Teacher Ms O'Leary back in the classroom

### MACROOM AND DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

McEgan College would like to thank Macroom and District Lion club for the generous donation of two 25-litre hand sanitisers free of charge. As we are still in the grips of a global pandemic these sanitisers will be put to very good use. We currently have 5th years, LCA5, 6th years, LCA6 and our special education classes back at school as well as staff, and the importance of good hand hygiene cannot be understated in stopping the spread of the virus.

### LCA 6 HCT

The Hotel, Catering & Tourism class at McEgan aims to introduce students to the world of food, catering, tourism, and hospitality. Over the course of two years students become very proficient in basic culinary skills. They also have the opportunity to develop their entrepreneurial skills in designing and marketing a food product of their choosing. This year we again saw an amazing array of innovative, creative, and not to mention tasty food products. The range of food products developed by students included:

- Gluten-free Macroom Brown Scones
- Creamy Mushroom and Fresh Herb Sauce
- Homemade Lemon Cordial
- Raspberry Jam
- Cucumber Pickle
- Homemade Vanilla Ice Cream
- Organic Tomato Ketchup
- Chocolate Sauce
- Homemade Mushroom Sauce

Well done to our LCA 6 who during a challenging year have continued to work hard with a high level of interest and enthusiasm. They have even given up their free time to practice for their

final practical cookery exam, which is due to be examined in May. Wishing you all every success and blessing.

### EASTER REVISION COURSES FROM UCC PLUS

UCC PLUS+ have kindly offered five "JumpAGrade" Leaving Certificate Online Revision Programme to our students free of charge. This on-demand revision course will commence towards the end of March.

All content is being created specifically for the 2020/2021 Leaving Certificate.

There are two separate streams:

- STEM subjects: Applied Maths, Biology, Chemistry, Maths, Physics (HL only)
- Core Subjects: Maths, English and Irish (HL and OL)

\* Sample assignments and video solutions will accompany each session.

Five sessions will be made available on-demand in each subject over the Easter break. Following the break, there will be a weekly release of new on-demand content in each subject through to the end of May (total of 14 classes).

Each student will be able to select three subjects in total spread over either stream. Alongside this, students will get access to the "JumpAGrade" study skills and wellbeing programmes. We wish our five students the best very of luck with this excellent initiative from UCC PLUS.

### MCEGAN COLLEGE OF FURTHER EDUCATION - APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

Applications are now open for this coming September 2021 for PLC courses in McEgan College. With over 20 years of experience in

Further Education at the Mid-Cork College, McEgan has established a reputation for producing courses which allow excellent opportunities to gain new skills to return to work, train in a new career and access to Higher Education also.

With excellent facilities at both of their campuses (McEgan College and E Park), we offer Business at QQI Level 5 and Level 6, Health Service Skills, Nursing Studies & Early Childhood Care & Education. These are full-time courses with a strong emphasis on practical elements including Work Experience placement on each course. The College also offers a Career Guidance Counselling Service for our PLC students.

All information is on [www.mcegan.ie](http://www.mcegan.ie) (Adult Education Tab) where one can view the full prospectus and application form. We will also be launching our "Virtual Open Day" Video of the College shortly and will be available on both our website and all social media platforms.



Above: Grainne Deasy Leaving Cert Applied Student, McEgan College

*Looking forward to seeing you in September!!!*



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## NOW ENROLLING FOR SEPTEMBER 2021



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We are inviting enrollments to our school, nestled in the picturesque countryside of Carrigrohoid.

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- 15 staff members, which include 6 classroom teachers, 4 on the SEN team and an SNA.
- Afterschool from 2pm-3pm each day, homework club from 3pm - 4pm three days a week.
- We work fully with MS Trauma & Sensaw.

### Activities

- We are active participants in a range of sports including basketball, rugby, hurling and football.
- Speech & Drama, Irish Dancing and Griopa Ceoil
- We compete in chess tournaments, VEX, Socr and Sciath na Scol competitions.
- Our Green School, Active School and Creative School committees have been awarded 4 flags and continue to work towards achieving more.

### Facilities

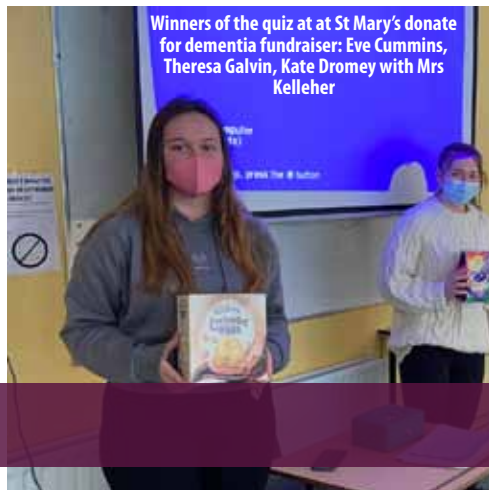
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Winners of the quiz at St Mary's donate for dementia fundraiser: Eve Cummins, Theresa Galvin, Kate Dromey with Mrs Kelleher



Elaine lighting the candles for our leaving cert birthday celebrations at St Mary's

## St. Mary's News

### I WISH 2021

On Thursday 4th March St Marys TY students attended the I Wish 2021 Digital event.

The conference - which usually takes place in Cork City Hall - is an initiative to inspire, encourage and motivate young female students to pursue careers in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). It highlighted how STEM changes our world, as we all have seen in the areas of vaccine development over the past year. I Wish encourages female students to think about STEM careers which will help to solve global issues such as food shortage & climate change. The I Wish conference runs over 4 days in Ireland and to date has hosted 22,000 girls from the 26 counties. Due to the acceleration of STEM industries as a result of the Covid 19 pandemic, the event holds more importance than ever in tackling the gender gap between women and men in STEM according to Gillian Keating, co-founder of I Wish. This year the conference was opened by An Taoiseach Micheál Martin who spoke of the importance of STEM and of women pursuing careers in the areas of STEM. The MC for the conference was RTE Sports Presenter Jaqui Hurley. Our TY students listened to inspiring keynote speaker Maria Moynihan, Senior Vice President of Global Talent Acquisition, for Dell Technologies. The girls also listened to talks by Ann O Leary, CEO of Vodafone and to a panel of 4 female engineers from Arup who discussed 'Sustainable Futures'. Former President Mary Robison also attended to speak to the students. It was a very informative and motivating event with many amazing role models sharing their inspiring stories with the students. It allowed students to get an idea of what rewarding careers are available in the STEM sector. One student even secured an online placement for a week with ARUP Design and technology company as a result of this conference. Well done to all who attended the conference and thanks to Ms Kelleher for organising this very valuable opportunity for the girls.

### ORAL EXAMS AND THE MUSIC PRACTICAL EXAMS

We would like to wish the very best of luck to all of our Leaving Cert students who are doing their Oral exams and Music Practical Exams during the Easter holidays. These exams will take place on the first week of the Easter holidays.

- Gaeilge will take place on Monday March 29th
- French and German will take place on Friday April 2nd.

- The Music Practical will take place during the second week of the school holidays.

### CIORCAL CAINTE

Tá sé go hiontach an ciorcal cainte a fheiscint faoi lán tseoil arís. Baineann bliain a 6 taitneamh as tae a ól, briosaí a ithe agus gaoluinn a labhairt ag an am gcéanna.

Tá an buíochas le dul chuig Trish as ucht an Ceaintín a ullmhú duinn, tá buíochas mór le dul chuig Bean Úí chathmhaoil leis, as an imeacht seo a eagrú. Tá sé soiléar go músclaítear suim sna cailíní in ár dteanga dúchais le himeachtaí agus le hiarrachtaí na múinteoirí in ár scoil. Beatha Teanga í a labhairt.

It's great to see our Ciorcal Cainte up and running again. The Leaving Certs really enjoy their Ciorcal Cainte where they enjoy Tea and biscuits while chatting as gaeilge. Thanks so much to Trish for the refreshments and huge thanks to Mrs Caulfield for inspiring this love of Irish in the girls and for facilitating this very valuable weekly event for them. Go raibh míle maith agat!

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR LEAVING CERTS

We really wanted to do something to show our fantastic Leaving Certs how proud we are of them. Their Year Head, Mrs O Donovan, came up with the lovely idea of having a little Birthday Celebration for them all, seeing as they haven't had an opportunity to celebrate any of their 18th birthdays together. Thanks so much to music students Ciara Donovan, Emma O' Leary, Katelyn Burke, Caoimhe Donovan and Caoimhe O' Sullivan for entertaining us all with their stunning performances. Happy Easter girls and thanks so much for being such a pleasure to teach.

### DAFFODIL DAY

Last week Mrs Watkins 4A1 Art class worked on their Photography Projects. The girls were taking photos of daffodils in celebration of Daffodil Day. The girls produced some fantastic shots, well done to you all.

### ST MARY'S JUMPING FOR JACK

As part of 'Donate for Dementia' week and to celebrate the premiere of the moving 'Finding Jack Charlton' documentary, thousands of people, families, clubs and businesses took part in the 'Jump For Jack Challenge'.

Last Friday in school we held a memory quiz to raise awareness of dementia and then we participated in the jumping Jack challenge in which we were taking part in doing as many jumping jacks as we could for 30 seconds.

We were delighted to have raised €131.55 for the Alzheimer's society.

All money raised from the 'Donate for Dementia' week long campaign will be specifically used to support The Alzheimer Society of Ireland's frontline dementia services and help support the 64,000 people with dementia in Ireland today including day care centres, information unit and the Alzheimer's National Helpline.

Fundraising is vital for The ASI to keep vital supports and services running.

We were delighted to help this fantastic charity. Thanks to Mrs Kelleher for organising this very important fundraising activity.

### ANGUS ART COMPETITION WINNERS

The winners of our Angus Art Competition were notified by email last week! Congratulations to all of our winners! The Winning Students from St Mary's will receive their prizes when they return to school after the Easter break. The winners and runners up from the community entries will receive their prizes in the post over the next few days. Just in time for Easter! Thank you again to everyone who took part! We didn't have an easy time judging. Stay tuned for more competitions! From The Convent Cowgirls, Aoife, Abigail, Sinead and Siobhan.

The winners were:

1A1 – Aleksandra Wachawska

1A2 – Maeve Twohig and Ella Healy

1A3 – Orlagh McBride

COMMUNITY WINNERS:

1st Prize – Lily Walsh, Aged 10

2nd Prize – MaryKate Hallahan, Aged 5

3rd Prize – Beau McSweeney, Aged 5

Runners Up – Sarah Roche (Aged 7), Mila McSweeney (Aged 7), Will Wiseman (Aged 10) and Laura Wiseman (Aged 7)

### GAELINN DEBATING COMPETITION

Tá Anna, Sadbh, Aoibhe agus Cara cáilithe don Chraobh Réigiúnach sa Chomórtas Gaellinn Óraide an Phiarsaigh Maith sibh a chailíní, táimid fíor bhródúil as aibh Éacht mhór déanta ag na cainteoirí seo!!

Anna O Mahony, Sadbh Bourke, Aoibhe Kelleher and Cara Moloney have qualified for the Regional Final of the Gaellinn Public Speaking Competition. The girls have been working very hard on their speeches which were submitted last Friday. Well done girls, we are very proud of you. A huge achievement from these girls! Thanks so much to Ms Queally for helping the girls to get ready for the next round of this Competition. Maith Sibh!

Happy Easter from all of the Students and Staff in St Mary's



Some leaving cert students with their birthday buns at leaving cert birthday celebrations





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Tree Planting week 2021 is from 21st to 27th March.



## MACROOM

## TIDY TOWNS

Sustainable Development Goals Tidy Towns

### MACROOM SPRING CLEAN

Macrooom Spring Clean will take place on Saturday April 17th. Those willing to take part will be assigned tasks, socially distancing, and this will include the main road and approach roads to Macrooom.

### LIVE WILLOW TUNNEL

Tree Planting week 2021 is from 21st to 27th March. Tidy Towns have been doing their bit and have planted 200 Willow rods in the sensory garden in Masseytown Park. This feature is a 'live willow tunnel' and adds another attraction to this amenity area. It is situated close to the other pipe tunnels and mound that is proving hugely attractive for kids visiting the fairy garden.

### MACROOM TIDY TOWNS....WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR SCHOOLS?

Many of you reading this will be aware of the great work by our Tidy Towns volunteers and how it enhances our local community, but what is not widely known is that the schools' initiatives also play a part, and these are considered by the Tidy Towns judges each year. While our schools play a big part in creating awareness around litter this is but one aspect that is considered. We are grateful that all our local schools have embraced the environmental education programme, and each are working hard to achieve their own goals around sustainability and are working on their Green Flag awards and are supporting the UN Sustainability Development Goals to achieve a better future for all by 2030.

Despite the COVID 19 lockdown restrictions, school closures, and the timeframes for teachers

to complete the academic programmes while working remotely, we were very grateful that through all these challenges our schools have continued their commitment to the Green Schools Programmes. Each of our local schools are fostering a strong sense of citizenship and leadership among their students that spreads far and wide into the wider community. We know there are many teachers, students, and parents supporting these programmes by participating or leading initiatives to reach a common goal and we want to thank them and acknowledge their efforts. The following is a summary of some of the work in progress in all our local schools.

**St Joseph's Primary School** are on the road to their 4th Flag, the Travel Flag, promoting environmentally friendly travel. There is the Footprint Friday Initiative, as well as Climate Action Week involving 2nd & 6th Classes, with Clean Air weekly competitions. Other involves Waste Free Lunch Boxes and 3rd and 6th Classes bring reusable towels to schools to reduce use of paper towels.

**St Coleman's Primary School** are working towards their 6th Green Flag, the Global Citizenship for Litter and Waste. Various classes are focussing on the 17 Global Goals for Sustainable Development and students are continually working on Recycling and Reducing our waste by using refill bottles, and reusable lunch boxes.

**McEgan College** Green Schools Committee are working toward their 3rd Green Flag, on Water Conservation. Other initiatives include flower bulb planting for wellbeing with 1st Years and LCA 5, daily Litter pick whole school, Litter Warden



mini company TY, Upcycling Project with 2nd Year Home Economics Students, Tree Planting, and community engagement LCA 6 class group.

**De La Salle College** are planning for a submission to the Young Reporters for the Environment Competition. A new Committee has been set up working toward Green Flag Accreditation. Also involved in Conscious Cup Competition for ethically produced bottles, and Neat Streets Group doing Street Cleans.

**St. Mary's Secondary School** The highlight of 2020 was achieving the school's Green Flag for Litter and Waste. They are now working towards the Green Flag for Water. School has introduced Single Use Plastic Free Zone; Paper waste reduction using Google Classroom and ran the Bin It Roadshow.

All this work contributes to a better environment for everyone, a sustainable future and enhances our beautiful town and its lovely surrounding villages who should all benefit from these initiatives. Tidy Towns wishes to thank the many teachers, students and parents involved in all these projects with our youngsters, the adults of tomorrow, and wish all our schools the very best for the remainder of the academic year.



McEgan College Leaving Cert Applied Students



John O'sullivan filming in Macrooom P.O.



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## Leabharlann Bhaile Bhúirne

On the evening the clocks went forward we had a power cut. Power went off at about 7.30pm just as I had turned on the television which I probably would have watched until bedtime. Thankfully we did have that extra bit of evening light thanks to the clocks changing so the coffee table was pulled into place and my daughter, who is a great fan of board games, produced her stack of games. So, the three of us, all adults, started off with 'Anomia' which is a distant relative of 'Snap'. Next, we graduated to 'Celestia' – apart from the fact that this was actually a really fun game involving a model 'skyship' and hunting for hidden treasure, the artwork on the various cards and playing pieces was colourful and whimsically beautiful. And then the power came back on at 9.30pm just in time for the gleeful winner to declare his triumph! The two hours without power flew by and we certainly gave out brains more of a workout than watching television would have done.

A change of routine always helps the brain and with the children on school holidays at the moment the following projects involving storytimes, arts & crafts and youth challenges of all descriptions may be of interest.

Cork County Council Library and Arts Service is delighted to bring 'Spring Into Storytime' 2021 to the children and families of County Cork. 'Spring into Storytime' is Ireland's public libraries annual celebration of families reading together. During

the month of April 2021, 'Spring Into Storytime' events will be delivered online by Cork County Council Library and Arts Service to bring the magic of story-time directly to your home. We invite you to celebrate story-time with online story-time readings from Cork County Library staff, instructional craft videos for children to celebrate Easter and Spring and online story-time book recommendations from library staff featuring titles available on our Borrowbox E-Book and E-Audio app. We will also be offering an online story-time workshop for parents and teachers presented by literacy expert Catherine Gilliland and online "Rhyme and Sign" story-time sessions for parents and babies presented by Claire Glynn. Spring into Story-time will launch on April 1st 2021 so keep an eye on Cork County Council Library and Arts Service Facebook and Twitter pages for story-time and children's craft events throughout the month of April.

The 'We are Cork Youth Challenge' is a really exciting new initiative taking place in the coming weeks! 50 challenges have been created for participants aged from 13 to 18. Complete a minimum of 20 out of the 50, and you'll be awarded the specially commissioned Lord Mayor and County Mayor's Medal & Certificate! The challenge is a collaboration of Cork ETB, Cork County Council, Cork Sports Partnership, Cork City Council and Music Generation Cork. The challenges include

everything from sport to environmental issues so there is definitely something for everyone. There are four library-based challenges in this year's Youth Challenge which I'm sure would be no bother to our library members. They are:

1. Discover your Local Library – online!
2. Download an eBook or eAudiobook.
3. Create our own bongo drums (to promote a Sound Initiative).
4. Write a Haiku poem.

For more information and to register go to [www.corketb.ie](http://www.corketb.ie).

Is tionscnamh nua iontach é an 'We are Cork Youth Challenge' a bheidh ar siúl sna seachtainí amach romhainn! Cruthaíodh 50 dúshlán do rannpháirtithe idir 13 agus 18 mbliana d'aois - comhlánaigh 20 as an 50 ar a laghad, agus bronnfar Bonn & Teastas an Ard-Mhéara agus an Méara Contae atá coimisiúnaithe go speisialta ort! Chomh maith le ceithre dhúshlán speisialta le téama leabharlainne (táimid cinnte nach bhfuil fadhb ar bith iad seo dár bpátrúin), tá na dúshlán ann ó spórt go saincheisteanna comhshaoil, mar sin tá rud éigin ann do gach duine! Le tuilleadh eolais agus chun clárú téigh chuig [www.corketb.ie](http://www.corketb.ie).

*"Even if the hopes you started out  
with are dashed,  
hope has to be maintained"*  
– Seamus Heaney

## CLONDROHID

**BLOOD DONOR CLINIC:** The 2nd visit to Clondrohid Community Hall by the Blood Transfusion Bord took place this week and was once again a great success. Thanks to the Hall committee members who turned up with their buckets and mops etc to get the school into shape, and to Donal. Well done.

This is an excellent venue for people to donate from Clondrohid and the surrounding area.

**HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES:** Holy Thursday April 1, Mass of the Lord's Supper at 8pm followed by a short time of prayer concluding with night prayer finishing at 9.30pm

Good Friday, a day of fast and abstinence. 10am Rosary, / Divine Mercy, / St Joseph/Morning prayer, 3pm Solemn Good Friday liturgy with veneration of the Cross.

Please have a small cross available at home for the kissing of the Cross during this ceremony.  
8pm Stations of the Cross.

Holy Saturday 10am Rosary/ Divine mercy/, St. Joseph, / morning prayer.

8.30pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday 9.30am Mass and 7.30pm evening prayer.

Please note the usual Sunday devotions, will take place at 2.30pm on Sunday April 11

Churches open for private prayer every day.

Confessions every Saturday 12 to 12.30pm

Every Monday Adoration of Blessed Sacrament from after Mass to 6pm

All these ceremonies can be viewed on [www.churchmedia.ie/st-abinas-clondrohid-macroon](http://www.churchmedia.ie/st-abinas-clondrohid-macroon)

**G.A.A. LOTTO:** Results for Mar 17

€70 Paul Burke and Martin O'Mahony,

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Results for Mar 24

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€20 Mary O'Sullivan Carriganima, Cathal Creedon Bawnmore, J Burke Cashloura, Peggy Enguss Coachford

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**CLONDROHID GAA:** would like to say a massive THANK YOU to everyone who purchased a Rebels Bounty Ticket. Well done. Target was well met.

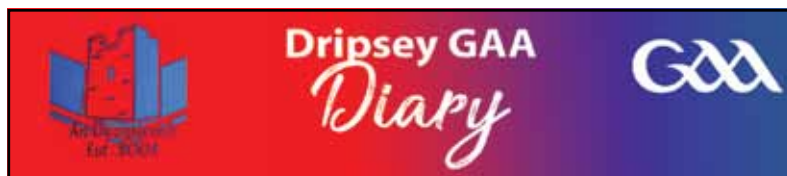
Congrats to Tim and Cathy O'Connor in winning €250 in this first draw. Hopefully many more local winners to follow.

**COVID 19:** Great to see the number of cases remaining low in this area, hopefully it can stay that way.

Please be careful over holiday period and remember to keep your distance, wear your mask, disinfect and wash your hands. With more and more of the elderly being vaccinated, and if we all do our best, things will get back to normality in the coming months. Stay safe.







The Community in Dripsey are getting behind Dripsey G.A.A. to help them buy & develop their own pitch.

Virtual Events are up and running and attracting participants from as far afield as China & Canada!

Online Bingo is "live" every Sunday night @ 7.30pm and is fast becoming a Sunday night favourite.

It is a great way for families, friends and neighbours to connect at the moment no matter where in the world they are.

Our Bingo Callers are happy to give everyone a shout-out which adds to the fun.

To join in, text your NAME & EMAIL address to Ann Marie @ 085 7708110

Or email us: dripseygaa2005@gmail.com

On 24th April our Camino Virtual Challenge will be starting.

Take part with your family or individually.

Walk, run or cycle whatever distance you choose at your own pace and enjoy the longer evenings by getting out and about.

Some participants are aiming to complete up to 245km over 40 days.

Our charity partner for the Camino Challenge is local charity Dogs for the Disabled and we are delighted to be helping them & supporting the amazing work they do.

Registration for the Camino Challenge is now open on: popuraces.ie/Dripsey

We also have a dedicated Facebook Group for participants to share their journeys and experiences.

Our Annual Golf Classic will hopefully go ahead this year in Macroom Golf Club.

This is always a great day and will be confirmed if restrictions are lifted.

So join us on Sunday Nights @ 7.30pm & you could be our Jackpot Winner!

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## T. C. MURRAY *By Kathy O'Sullivan*

'Why can't people be kind and civil the short time they're in this world?' That is a very good question, as relevant now as it was in 1924, when the play that contained this line, 'Autumn Fire', was first performed in the Abbey Theatre in Dublin. The playwright, poet and short story writer, Thomas Cornelius (T. C.) Murray was born in Macroom on 17th January 1873, one of a family of 11 children. His parents were from Kilnamartyra and spoke Irish. They moved to New Street, Macroom to open a shop, flour, and meal store, as well as a pub. New Street at that time was a hive of bustling activity, full of shops and commercial premises, where neighbours were always in and out of each other's homes, 'visiting' and telling stories. This was something that young T.C. enjoyed, and no doubt provided much inspiration for the plays that he subsequently wrote, infusing his writing with an appreciation for cultural tradition.

At the age of 20, he graduated as a teacher, working as a national schoolteacher at Carrignavar, Cork City, and later at Carrigtwohill. It was in Carrigtwohill where Murray met his future wife, Christina Moylan, a fellow teacher and daughter of the principal. He was appointed principal in Rathduff, not far from Blarney, in 1900. Murray only began writing plays at the age of 37, and his first play, 'The Wheel of Fortune' (revised and renamed 'Sovereign Love' in 1913), was produced by the Little Theatre in Cork in 1909. Murray had co-founded the theatre with, among others, Daniel Corkery and the renowned Lord Mayor of Cork, Terence McSwiney, who died on hunger strike at Brixton Prison, England in 1920. The group became known as The Cork Realists. His play 'Birthright', detailing a Cain and Abel-type quarrel between two brothers, Hugh and Shane Morrissey, over the inheritance of the family farm, was performed in the Abbey Theatre in 1910, launching him as a writer of tragic realism. Murray's role in the development of the Abbey

is significant because it was plays that depicted the reality of Irish life that helped the Abbey Theatre gain international recognition. In all, he wrote 15 plays, all of which were produced by the Abbey. His two most highly regarded works are 'Maurice Harte' (1912) and 'Autumn Fire' (1924). Both of these and 'Birthright' were performed on Broadway in New York, with Autumn Fire having a particularly successful run. It appears that American audiences were somewhat taken aback by Murray's challenge to their sentimental views of Ireland, with words such as 'grim' and 'somber' featuring in reviews of Birthright, for example.

In 1915, T.C. moved to Dublin with his wife and five children, to take up a post as principal of the Model School at Inchicore, where he remained until his retirement in 1932. 'The Briery Gap' was written in 1915, and was subsequently revised in 1926, as T.C. worried about public reaction to the play, given the subject matter of a young woman, pregnant out of wedlock, abandoned by the father. In the earlier version, fearing 'the talk o' the world', she committed suicide, but in the 1926 printing, slumps on a rock near the river. His characters' quest for self-determination, for social, religious, and individual freedom, marks Murray's works. Revising his works was a common occurrence, due to people being judgmental, something that often happens when a mirror is held up to reveal aspects of society some would prefer not to acknowledge openly. However, revising his works also shows a caring side of Murray, who clearly worried about offending others.

What fascinates about local historical characters is that there's often a question mark about at least one part of their story. T.C. Murray is no exception. Anyone walking along New Street, Macroom, can see a plaque on the house where he was born, that states he was an Olympic medallist. Art contests were held at the Olympics of 1912, 1920,



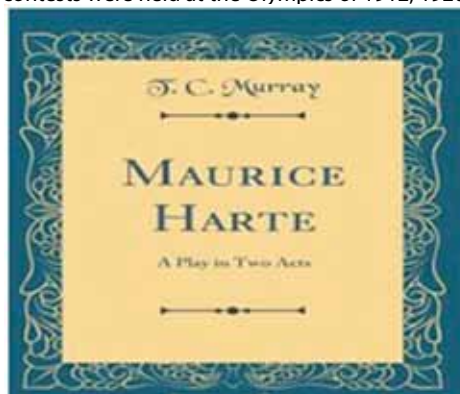
1924, 1928, 1932, 1936, and 1948.

It has been written both by A. DeGiacomo (2003) and by R. Allen Cave (1998) that, in the Art competitions at the 1924 Olympics in Paris, France, Murray was awarded a bronze medal for his play 'Birthright', which had hurling as one of its themes. However, according to the official record for the games, although Murray was a participant in the literature category with this play and also with 'Maurice Harte', a play set near Macroom, it appears he did not win a medal. The records reveal that Oliver St. John Gogarty won a bronze medal for his 'Ode to the Tailteann Games', and that Jack. B. Yeats won silver for his painting 'The Liffey Swim'. So, did Murray win a medal? Perhaps yes, perhaps no (even 'experts' are sometimes mistaken; therefore, maybe questions should be asked, and a variety of sources consulted before any conclusions are reached!).

This all adds colour to, rather than detracts from, T.C. Murray's achievements, which are as many as they are notable. He was of the most popular playwrights of the early Abbey Theatre. His plays have been seen on stages worldwide, and have been translated into Breton, German, Japanese, Spanish, and Welsh, also being printed in Braille. Among the many accolades of his literary career, Murray was a founding member and Vice President



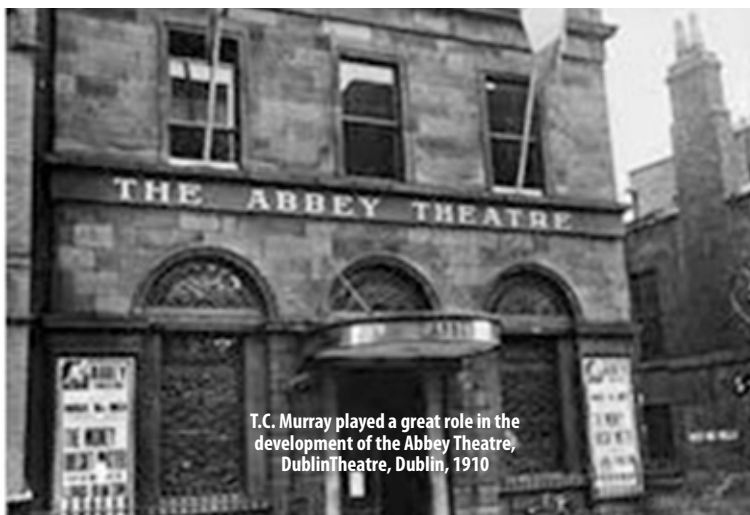
The house where T.C. Murray grew up in New St., Macroom



Maurice Harte, 1912, a play set near Macroom



Birthright, Murray's first play to be performed in the Abbey Theatre, Dublin, 1910



T.C. Murray played a great role in the development of the Abbey Theatre, Dublin Theatre, Dublin, 1910







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of the Irish Academy of Letters, president of the Irish Playwrights' Association, and director of the Author's Guild of Ireland. He was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Letters from the National University of Ireland in 1949.

Murray wrote many letters telling his 'outsider' story of the Abbey Theatre. Luminaries such as W.B. Yeats, Lady Gregory and Lennox Robinson fill his world. It was works such as T. C.'s that helped Yeats realise his vision for the theatre, addressing the cultural circumstances of the day in a way that people could relate to.

Perhaps the greatest accomplishment of Murray's distinguished career is his most acclaimed work, 'Autumn Fire' (1924), the first Irish drama to be seen on American TV and regarded by John B. Keane as one of the greatest Irish plays. The play

appeared at a critical time in the emergence of the Irish state. T. C. did not shy away from controversial topics, such as a May-December marriage, dramatizing a family's civil war and breaking apart. Emotions bubble under the surface, unsaid, until they suddenly, catastrophically, boil over. Even the town in which the play is set, Tobarnabrosna, meaning 'well of the firewood', epitomises the fiery emotions that burn beneath the surface. Murray's play has all the elements of a Greek tragedy, yet there are no villains. Each character shares some responsibility for what happens, but no one is ultimately to blame. Young or old, everyone suffers. Critics particularly praised the conclusion of the play, often called one of the greatest scenes ever acted on the Abbey stage. The only consistently noted fault in the play was

the absence of humour.

He continued writing for many years after retirement and spoke of the joy he felt when he discovered people from different countries found wisdom in his works. This belies stories of him not mixing with others, when maybe he was simply someone who found it easier to communicate in writing. T. C. Murray died March 7th, 1959, aged 86 years, leaving behind an immense contribution to Irish literary tradition:

*"I set out," said he, "to find my way to the top, and never once did I look behind. It was a stiff climb, for I was no better than a cripple setting out with only a scanty share of learning and less money. But a strong will and a quick mind," said he, "will conquer the world."* – 'Spring Horizon', 1937

## BLOWN TO BITS IN CORK ST ON APRIL 1ST, 1921

By Donal McIlraith

Dan Corkery was Macroom's first TD and Senator. Born in Mullinroe, he was reared in Macroom where his mother's people the Buckleys were well established. He was part of the famous Macroom team of 1907 and the following years that won all Ireland titles. He married Minnie (Mary) Murphy from Main St, a nurse trained in the US. Her only surviving nephew is Professor Emeritus John A. Murphy of UCC. The Unionist Volunteers were armed and training in Northern Ireland and Dan started the Volunteers in Macroom in Oct 1915. This led to the formation of the 7th Battalion of the First Cork Brigade of the IRA whose C/O he became. The details of all this are found in Charlie Brown's 2007 Book, *The Story of the 7th*, published by Schull Books. He had a grocery and milling business in Cork St near the Boys National School. This April 1st is the 100 anniversary of his house being blown to bits by the Black and Tans or more likely the Auxiliaries who were then stationed in Macroom. This was a very intense period of the War of Independence and Dan himself was on the run at this time. We have an eye witness account of the incident from his Son, the late Canon Seamus Corkery:

"The most vivid of all my memories of the Tan times was an event that took place on April 1, 1921. My mother took me to Cork that day, I suppose to order stocks for the shop. We arrived



Dan Corkery (with Pipe). Mick Meehan of Mallow is his daughter in Law's (Elizabeth Meehan-Corkery's) father!!

back in the Station by the evening train. As we got off the train some people approached my mother. Their attitude and the anxiety on my Mother's face made it clear that they brought grave news. We made our way down the street. There were Black and Tans all around the house and further out a large gathering of people. The roof of the house was gone and wafts of smoke were rising from it. I can still see the pale green colour of the walls and the windows and the large shop window all broken in. It was a scene of desolation. My Mother asked to speak to an officer. The only reply she got was "they were all officers on this job." The house had been blown up with explosives. My father was

on the run. Probably my aunt was in charge of the shop. The Tans just came in, ordered out everyone in the shop. Allowed nothing to be removed. Helped themselves to biscuits, sweets, cigarettes etc. which they were seen consuming on the street as they carried out their nefarious activity. No doubt they helped themselves to the contents of the till as well. They quickly blew up the house. Objects were blown everywhere. A half hundred weight landed in Ned the Colonel's garden. A large statue of the Sacred Heart was retrieved from the debris a few days later, intact except for a hand broken. It is still around, I'm sure. We subsequently got a house in Railway Tce. My brother Tadhg was born there on 3 Feb 1922. One other house was destroyed in the area at the same time as ours, the house of Cornelius Kelleher of Kilmichael, the Company Captain there. The authorities put out that the houses were destroyed in retaliation for Kilmichael Ambush, although that took place four months before and in a different Brigade area, the 3rd Cork Brigade, Tom Barry's."

Family tradition has it that Minnie found a few apples and oranges and a couple of boxes. The next morning, she sat on one box and put the fruit on the other with a large notice, BUSINESS AS USUAL.

## THE JOYS OF MOTORING

By Michael Goulding

It may seem strange to headline an article 'The Joys of Motoring' seeing as we are currently in the midst of the Covid pandemic and limited to within 5k of our homes, aside from essential journeys. However, the automobile, or car as we know it, is currently changing in ways more radical than at any time in its over 125 years of existence.

I write, of course, of the proposal to have all new cars powered by battery or hybrid by 2030, less than nine years from now. For well over a century in some ways cars have changed very little. There are still four wheels, one at each corner, and the engine is usually located in front of the driver, particularly in modern cars, where it provides some protection for the occupants in the event of a collision. There have been exceptions, such as the original Volkswagen Beetle, and some others with the engine at the back. The Beetle was the world's bestselling car with over 20 million made. Initially, in all countries, only the rich could afford the type of cars available and these were usually driven by their chauffeur. It was Henry Ford in the

USA (a man just one generation removed from his West Cork roots) who had the vision to see the vast potential of putting the working man on wheels with an affordable car. His efforts would result in the Model T, manufactured and sold all over the world, not least here in Ireland where Henry insisted on building a factory in Cork City, his father's native county. In doing so, he went against the advice of his American and British management, each of whom wanted a factory in England. But Henry insisted he wanted to put Ireland on the road to industry, which indeed he did. The Cork factory would remain in production for over 60 years and was the only one worldwide to use the title Henry Ford & Son Ltd.

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Company. In addition, the company made the bilingual cast iron road signs used everywhere until replaced during the switch to kilometres and now probably part of the decor in Irish theme pubs in Boston and Sydney. Macroom Engineering also made stamped metal number plates and provided a wide range of engineering services to the motor industry such as welding, etc. The company also made cast iron water cisterns for toilets, many of which are still to be found in Macroom and beyond in perfect working order.

Some more of the companies formed during the early days of the motor car are still with us, while others survive as part of larger groups, such as the takeover of Opel by Peugeot Citroen. Many more survived for short periods and are often forgotten. One such company was the Scottish firm of Galloway which made cars from 1923 to 1928 and were sold in Cork by Duggan & Co., of Washington Street.

What made these cars unusual for that time is that they were built by a female workforce. These ladies served a three year apprenticeship instead of the four years of their male colleagues, due to their ability to learn the trade much faster.

Car ownership in Ireland only really became commonplace from the 1960s as living standards

improved due to increasing industrialisation. Increasing sales led to more and cheaper second-hand models becoming available. Car dealers' adverts regularly used descriptions such as 'one lady owner', 'nurse's car' or 'priest's car', usually to entice potential purchasers to their garages. Cars near the end of their lives were sometimes used for hot-rod racing such as at Garryhessa in Ovens at the sand and gravel quarry of John A. Wood Ltd. This would give participants (such as Tom Mullins of Blarney and Kilmurry, Leo O'Sullivan of Dripsey or Bernard Daly of Coolcower) a lifelong interest in cars and motorsports, providing great entertainment for spectators, as would the car rallies taking place on closed public roads with Millstreet's Billy Coleman to the fore in an Escort or Lancia Stratos.

And so to the present day and the problems of global warming, etc. Most manufacturers are striving to have a full electric line up of models by the 2030 deadline but is it the end for the internal combustion engine? Hardly. Diesel powered commercial vehicles will be around for years to come. Petrol and diesel powered cars have never been more fuel efficient or reliable. Is it really a good idea to switch to total electric power? Where does that leave the value of such cars after 2030?

Modern vehicles should have a much longer life than they currently enjoy. They have become, like so many things in modern life, disposable when they should have many more years of life left in them. Electric vehicles and hybrids are very complex, perhaps in time such technology could only be maintained at a main dealer, resulting in the hundreds of small independent garages going out of business, following their counterparts in post offices, pubs and small shops, etc., into history.

The disappearance of petrol powered vehicles, in particular, would have major implications for those of us with an interest in vintage vehicles. As it is, modern petrol can cause issues for old vehicles but at least it's available. The various raw materials that make up any car, but especially battery-powered vehicles, are often only found in limited quantities, anyhow, and electric or hybrid cars will still use huge quantities of oil based products in plastics, tyres, etc. While Katie Melua sang about the nine million bicycles in Beijing not that many years ago, today that same bike has often been replaced by a car. Perhaps that idea of a car for all wasn't such a good one after all!! The joys of motoring indeed.



Pupils, teachers, parents, past pupils, friends and neighbours at Caum School, when the Canovee All Ireland champions visited the school in 2008. © Peter Scanlan



Special Olympics event in Coachford in 2008. © Peter Scanlan



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## €5.5 MILLION CLÁR PROGRAMME 2021

Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD, has announced the launch of the 2021 CLÁR programme. CLÁR provides funding for small scale infrastructural projects in rural areas that have suffered significant levels of population decline. Funding for the CLÁR programme has been increased by 10% this year, in recognition of the importance of the programme to some of our most remote rural areas. This brings the allocation for the programme to €5.5 million for 2021. The measures being funded under the 2021 CLÁR programme are:

- Measure 1: Support for Schools/Community Safety Measures
- Measure 2: Outdoor Community Recreation Facilities
- Measure 3: Community Wellbeing Measure:
  - a) Community Gardens and Allotments
  - b) Mobility and Cancer Care Transport
- CLÁR Innovation Measure

Announcing the details of the programme, Minister Humphreys said: "I am delighted to announce the launch of the CLÁR programme for 2021. Since the scheme was reopened in 2016, it has made a very positive contribution to some of our most remote rural communities, supporting over 1,600 projects with funding of almost €39 million. This funding has helped reinvigorate rural communities all over Ireland. Again, this year we have reviewed the Measures to ensure they are adapting to meet the needs of our changing rural communities. In particular, I have introduced a new CLÁR Innovation Measure. This funding will be targeted at piloting new ideas which address specific challenges faced by communities in CLÁR areas, including rural isolation, population change, social disadvantage and marginalisation. This Measure provides a great opportunity for communities to identify the specific challenges they face and to come up with innovative ways to address them. In addition,

CLÁR 2021 will include funding for safety measures around Schools and Community facilities. It will also include funding for Outdoor Community Recreation Facilities including seating areas, pavilion style structures, playgrounds and Multi-Use Games Areas. For the first time, we are including Skateboard Parks under this Measure, as I feel it is important that children of all ages and young adults have an outdoor recreation space that meets their needs. This year's programme will also support the development of Community Gardens and Allotments, which I know there has been a great interest in, especially over the last twelve months while we have been living with COVID-19. The closing date for receipt of applications is 7th May and I would encourage all communities in CLÁR areas to avail of the opportunities provided by this funding. Full details of the scheme will be issued to Local Authorities and other relevant organisations shortly."

## €70 MILLION IN LEADER FUNDING FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES AND ENTERPRISES

Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD, and Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Charlie McConalogue TD, have announced the allocation of €70 million through the LEADER programme for the period 2021-2022. The Government has begun the process of submitting an amendment to the European Commission to extend the 2014-2020 Rural Development Programme, under which LEADER is funded, out to the end of 2022. As part of that process, the LEADER Programme will be allocated a total of €70 million for 2021-2022, adding an extra €50 million to the initial funding of €20 million announced by Minister Humphreys in December 2020. Minister Humphreys and Minister McConalogue said that the funding will support rural communities and private enterprises in the recovery of Covid-19.

Welcoming the funding, Minister Humphreys said:

"Last December, I launched the Transitional LEADER programme for the period 2021-2022 and gave a commitment to review funding for the Programme when clarity was provided regarding EU funding for the transitional period to the end of 2022. Today, I am delighted to announce the allocation of €70 million for LEADER to the end of 2022 as part of the extended Rural Development Programme. This will give local communities and enterprises an opportunity to respond to the emerging challenges for their areas and will support measures that provide employment and job creation throughout rural Ireland. The funding we are announcing will ensure that more vital locally-led projects in areas like climate change, digital transformation, remote working and enterprise development can be progressed in rural communities throughout the country."

Minister McConalogue said: "LEADER is an important element of Ireland's EU co-funded Rural Development Programme, which forms part of the Common Agriculture Policy (CAP). Through the LEADER programme, over the next two years a total of €70 million, of which more than €50 million is expected to come from the EU, will be directly invested into rural areas to help address specific needs and help to realise opportunities for rural Ireland as we recover from the impact of COVID-19." In the coming weeks, the Department of Rural and Community Development will provide the breakdown of the increased allocation of €70 million to each of 29 Local Action Groups who deliver the LEADER Programme.

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### AGHINAGH GAA:

#### Lotto Results 1st March 2021

The jackpot was €6,100. The numbers drawn were 12, 21 and 42. There was no jackpot winner. Consolation prizes: €50.00 to Tony & Brid Vaughan, C/O Dan Connors. €20 each to Noel & Cathy Hinchion, Mashanaglas; Padraig & Martina Dineen, Annaghannihy; Michael Shaughnessy, San Francisco; Carol Hall, C/O Nora.

#### Lotto Results 8th March 2021

The jackpot was €6,250. The numbers drawn were 09, 25 and 30. There was no jackpot winner. Consolation prizes: €50.00 to Gill Kelleher, Kilberriher. €20 each to Julie Carroll, Dromdub; Matthew McCarthy, Ballyvongane; Mike Joe & Kitty Corkery, Drombeg; Donal Corkery, Drombeg.

#### Lotto Results 15th March 2021

The jackpot was €6,400. The numbers drawn were 29, 35 and 41. There was no jackpot winner. Consolation prizes: €50.00 to William Coakley, Derryroe (online winner). €20 each to Brian Buckley, Clondrohid; Alan Hourihan, Carrigthomas (online

winner), Eoghan McCarthy, Bealnamorriev; John O'Leary, Dromdub.

### COACHFORD AFC:

#### Lotto Results 15th March 2021

Jackpot: €3,800. Numbers Drawn: 18 – 32 – 35. No Winner. €40 Gilles Champion (Online Ticket). €20 Ben O'Connell. Kate O'Mahony. Liah Casey. Dee Murphy.

#### Lotto Results 22nd March 2021

Jackpot: €4,000. Numbers Drawn: 21 – 27 – 33. No Winner. €40 Tim Griffin. €20 Michael Hubbard. Andrew O'Shaughnessy (Yearly Ticket). Paddy O'Riordan. Sharon O'Carroll (Online Ticket).

#### Lotto Results 29th March 2021

Jackpot: €4,200. Numbers Drawn: 6 – 7 – 19. No Winner. €40 Pat Hogan. €20 Liz Thompson. Paddy Finnegan. Vera Herlihy. Julie Lucey (Online Ticket).

### RCPA

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

15th March 2021 Winning numbers: 12, 16 & 40

Jackpot - €3,000

No Winner. Lucky Dip winners who received €20 each: Dermot & Eileen McSweeney (Rylane); Joshua Healy (Rylane); John Tarrant (Coachford) & Adam Grimes (Rylane- Online). Next week's Jackpot will be €3,100.

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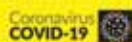
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## The Bridges of Donoughmore

A Journey through time over Boggeragh Rivers

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## THE BRIDGES OF DONOUGHMORE

*A Journey through time over Boggeragh Rivers*

the new road from Kanturk to Cork in the 1700's, and in the 1820's Richard Griffith's new road from Sliabh Luachra.

An interesting description he introduces refers to "2 shilling houses" from Griffith's Valuation and that about 50% of the population for many generations survived in the poorest of conditions in basic mud cabins. The people who lived survived and thrived in them thanks to the wonderful mothers of Ireland, is the development of the poorest class of houses over 200 years to the brink of disaster in the 1840's. Margaret Smith's poem "Verses on the Present State of Ireland" describes the state of the people during the period of the Penal Laws. Arthur Young's description in 1778 of the cost of building these mud cabins and with that the cost of planting of an acre of potatoes at that time. Here too he claims what could be the first written commentary on a game of hurling, a history of thoroughbred horses, their connection to the Battle Of The Boyne and afterwards to the horse that cost the life of Art O'Leary. The original Ordnance Survey and Griffith's Valuation is covered with the personalities from the British Army Ordnance Corp who carried out the survey for the maps in 1841. But it is the beautiful photography of the countryside and the detailed pictures of the structure of so many old masonry bridges, many of them hidden, which people will remember. There is a story with all 71 bridges and so many of them recorded that it must be a record for any parish in Ireland. The book finishes with an assessment of Richard Griffith and the Sliabh Luachra Fiddle Master Padraig O'Keeffe. At the end of the book is an instruction on how to follow Griffith's Valuation for yourself which could be

adapted for any parish in Ireland.

Gerry Forde is a member of Donoughmore Historical Society and proceeds from sales of "The Bridges Of Donoughmore" will go to Donoughmore Cross Cemetery heritage and Donoughmore Community Council.

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You can find out more about Partial Capacity Benefit on [citizensinformation.ie](http://citizensinformation.ie).

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## Cork Senior Footballers in 2020



Erika O'Shea playing in the 2020 All-Ireland final. (Supplied by O'Shea family).



Aisling Kelleher, Playing camogie with Cloughduv. (Supplied by Aisling).

– *‘Briseann an dúchas trí shúile an chait’ (Nature breaks through), Irish seanfhocail.*

– *‘Is treise an dúchas ná an oiliúnt’ (Nature is stronger than learning), Irish seanfhocail.*

In ladies' football and camogie Cork teams continue to contest at the highest level. The footballers reached the All-Ireland finals last year, narrowly losing to Dublin and the camogie team lost a tight semi-final to Kilkenny. Aisling Kelleher (St. Valentine's) and Erika O'Shea (Macroom) both played senior championship football for Cork in 2020. Both are/were pupils of St Mary's, Macroom, and also had great-grandfathers who had distinguished football careers playing for Macroom and Cork.

Aisling Kelleher lives in Dooniskey, and she is the daughter of Stephen and Bríd (née Downey) Kelleher. Always interested in sport, Aisling played both football and camogie at home, in national school and in St Mary's. Her two clubs, St. Val's (football) and Cloughduv (camogie), are very competitive and recently lost senior county finals in both codes. She was also fortunate to be with a group of good players in St Mary's, and she helped the school to win Colleges' championships. Gifted at both games, she played at U14, U16 and minor levels with Cork, winning All-Irelands, and has played intermediate camogie and senior football with Cork. Aisling is a science teacher in De La Salle, Macroom, and while in University of Limerick (UL), she won two O'Connor Cup (third-level championship) medals. Last year the event was cancelled at the last minute and UL had been expected to do well. Playing at Limerick with good players from other counties was very beneficial; in addition her good displays brought her to the attention of the Cork senior selectors.

There is a history of football prowess on both sides of her family. Her aunt, Mary Kelleher (Inchigeela) played senior football for Cork but unfortunately for her, she came too soon for Cork's Golden Age in football. On maternal e Downey side, Aisling's

mother was an accomplished player and is a Physical Education teacher in St. Mary's. Steve Downey, Mashanaglas, Aisling's great grandfather, was a Macroom 'great' and played with the successful Macroom team of 1909-12 which won three senior counties in a four-year period, and which supplied six or seven members to Cork's All-Ireland football win in 1911 – accounts differ. Eddie, Steve's son and Aisling's grand-uncle, won a senior county with Macroom in 1958 and also played senior football for Cork. Further, Jack, a sister of Aisling, is a very good hurler and is currently a member of Cork's U20 football panel. Erika O'Shea burst onto the senior inter-county scene last year and played as a substitute against Cork in the Munster final and had starring roles for Cork against Galway and Dublin in the All-Ireland semi-final and final in Croke Park. She played so well that she was in serious contention for an All-Star after just a few appearances at this level. Erika is a Leaving Certificate student in St. Mary's and together with her friend Aoife Twomey, has represented her school and club with distinction. Both Aoife, daughter of Noel and Mairéad, and Erika played successfully with Munster Schools. Showing great ability, Erika was drafted on to the Cork senior panel last year. Macroom Ladies Gaelic Football Club was founded in 1995 and has been very active and successful since. Unluckily it lost a Junior County final in 2020.

Curry O'Shea, her father John's grandfather, captained the first Macroom team to win the Cork County Championship in 1909, and that team went on to win two more county titles. He was presented with a silver salver on the occasion of his marriage. With Dan Corkery ('Calder', a future T.D. and Old I.R.A. local leader) Curry organised and trained the team. As a leading Macroom player he played for Cork. Marie (née O'Sullivan), Erika's mother, has good sporting genes on her side too. Her nephews, Tito and Brandon Duarte, were gifted athletes and footballers, and Tito set a Colleges' long jump record and won All-Ireland

athletic titles.

While it is great to be blessed with natural ability, nowadays in sport that is only the beginning of a successful sports career. In contradiction to the second proverb quoted above, ability must be allied to dedication and commitment, proper training and coaching. That encompasses attention to diet, gym work and rest. The time that high-class athletes give to their sport is huge. Both girls have/had wonderful support from their families, clubs and school in Erika's case, and school and university in Aisling's situation.

On a broader level it is great to see women's sport flourishing in so many codes and it is one of the great progressions from the last century. Aisling's and Erika's talents are live local examples of abilities that may not have surfaced in a previous era.

'Congrats' to both Erika and Aisling on what they have achieved and 'Best Wishes' in their future careers.

By Con Kelleher



Pictures right: Aisling Kelleher, Playing football for Cork. Erika O'Shea playing for Macroom. (Supplied by O'Shea family).



Erika O'Shea accepting a trophy as captain of Macroom. (Supplied by O'Shea family).



Maeve, Aisling and Bríd Kelleher, celebrate after UL's 2019 O'Connor Cup win. (Supplied by Aisling).



Erika O'Shea celebrating another win. (Supplied by O'Shea family).





## Rebel's Bounty 2021

Macroon GAA would like to say a huge thank you to all those who supported this year's Rebels Bounty draw in purchasing a ticket. This year's Cork GAA Rebels Bounty draw saw clubs all over Cork county using this as their main fundraiser. Macroon GAA decided to also use this draw as our main fundraiser for 2021 as no one knows what the year ahead looks like in terms of fundraising due to Covid-19. Each club had a minimum target of tickets to sell, and any tickets

sold above that target went directly to the club. We as a club were lucky enough to hit our target in the starting few weeks allowing the club to reach out to those in the community to see if they were interested in purchasing a ticket.

Again, a massive thank you to the people of Macroon for helping make this fundraiser a huge success for our club, allowing Macroon GAA to proceed with maintaining and improving the current facilities for the year ahead. There

were 3 draws (January, February & March) which took place on Thursday 25th March which saw Macroon GAA have one winner – Peadar Creedon winning €250 in the March draw. These draws will now be taking place monthly from April to December where we will hopefully have more winners in these draws of the 30 fantastic prizes up for grabs each month.

## 40 Days Running for Daniel

David Neville, one of Macroon GAA's u14 players has been running 5km a day for 40 days in memory of his uncle Daniel Kingston. Daniel Kingston was a talented footballer for Macroon who sadly passed away after a battle with cancer. Daniel's family set up an annual 5km race in Macroon every June, however, unfortunately

has been unable to take place due to COVID-19 restrictions.

David decided to honour Daniel's memory by running 5km a day for the 40 days of Lent to raise funds for Cork Arc Cancer Support House as the annual race cannot be going ahead. David and his friends completed their 40 days of running

with the final day spent running in the rain and have raised a great amount of money via an online GoFundMe page which proved to be very successful.

## Mid Cork does well as Rebel Bounty Draws commence

The three first of the monthly draws in Rebel Bounty- the Cork GAA fund raiser for county board and clubs- were held on March 25th and were available live online to viewers. The draw has been a huge success with over 28,000 subscribers and clubs in Muskerry have been big supporters with generous financial return to those club as well as helping to finance county board activities. Subscribers have the chance of winning some of the €500,000 in prize money on offer and there was a very good start to the

draws for Muskerry when Declan and Aileen Casey from Aghabullogue club won €20,000, the first prize in the February draw, and 18 prizes totalling €29,250 in all came to the division.

The full list of Muskerry winners was: January Draw: Iarlaith Ó Tuama, Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh and Henry Lynch, Kilmichael, each won €250.

February: Declan and Aileen Casey, Aghabullogue €20,000; Katherine McCarthy, Éire Óg €2000; Denis and Claire O'Brien, Ballinora €1000. €250 each won by Edward O'Connor, Inniscarra, Frank

and Maeve McSweeney, Aghabullogue, Gearóid MacSuibhne, Cill na Martra, Peadar Creedon, Macroon, Donal Lane, Aghabullogue.

March: Philip O'Shea, Éire Óg €2000; John O'Shea, Éire Óg €1000. €250 each won by Cathy and Tim O'Connor, Clondrohid, Michael Lordon, Éire Óg, Denis and Eileen Lynch, Cill na Martra, Tony Ring, Canovee, Síle Lowe, Inniscarra, Derry Canty, Ballincollig.

## Ten Years Ago

## 2011 Championships get to knock out stages

### 2011 Evening Echo Cork County Hurling Championships

Cork County Championships Update: When all first round, most 2nd round and some 3rd round game have been played and decided, the draws for the 4th and subsequent rounds, all knock out games from then on, were made.

#### Senior Hurling:

1st Round: St Finbarrs beat Erin's Own, Na Piarasigh bt Bride Rovers, Carraigtwohill bt Ballinhassig, Glen Rovers bt Killeagh, Newtownshandrum bt Ballymartle, Sarsfields bt Cloyne, Middleton bt Bishopstown, Blackrock bt Douglas

2nd Round: Douglas bt Ballinhassig, Ballymartle bt Cloyne, Killeagh v Bishopstown, Erin's Own bt Bride Rovers

3rd Round: Ballinhassig v Cloyne, Killeagh/Bishopstown v Bride Rovers

16 Qualifiers for 4th Round Draw: 1. St. Finbarrs, 2. Na Piarasigh, 3. Carraigtwohill, 4. Glen Rovers, 5. Newtownshandrum, 6. Sarsfields, 7. Middleton, 8. Blackrock, 9. Ballymartle, 10. Erin's Own, 11. Douglas, 12. Killeagh or Bishopstown, 13. Cloyne or Ballinhassig, 14. Bride Rovers or losers of Killeagh/Bishopstown. 15. MUSKERRY and 16. C.I.T.

#### Fourth Round:

A: - Sarsfields v Na Piarasigh B: - Newtownshandrum v Killeagh

C: - Erin's Own v C.I.T D: - Bride Rovers / Bishopstown v Blackrock

E: - Douglas v Middleton F: - Ballymartle v St.Finbarr's

G: - Glen Rovers v Cloyne / Ballinhassig H: - MUSKERRY v Carraigtwohill

Quarter-Finals: A v B, C v D, E v F, G v H

### Premier Intermediate Hurling:

14 Qualifiers for 4th Round Draw: 1. Carrigaline, 2. BALLINCOLLIG, 3. Courcye Rovers, 4. Castlelyons, 5. AGHABULLOGUE, 6. Tracton, 7. Newcestown, 8. BLARNEY, 9. Ballyhea, 10. Watergrasshill or Youghal, 11. INNISCARRA or Kilbrittain, 12. Mallow, 13. Argideen or Losers of Inniscarra/Kilbrittain, 14. Valley Rovers or losers of W'grasshill/Youghal.

#### First Round:

BALLINCOLLIG 2 – 20 Youghal 1 – 22 aet.

AGHABULLOGUE 0 – 15 Kilbrittain 1 – 9

BLARNEY 0 – 15 Valley Rovers 0 – 12

INNISCARRA 2 – 10 Courcye Rovers 0 – 26

Tracton bt Watergrasshill, Newcestown bt Ballyhea, Carrigaline bt Mallow, Castlelyons bt Argideen Rovers.

2nd Round;

Kilbrittain bt INNISCARRA, Valley Rovers v Ballyhea, Watergrasshill v Youghal, Mallow bt Argideen Rovers

3rd Round: INNISCARRA v Argideen Rangers

#### Fourth Round

A: - BALLINCOLLIG v Newcestown

B: - Mallow v BLARNEY

C: - Youghal v Tracton

D: - Watergrasshill / Valley Rovers v INNISCARRA

E: - Castlelyons v Courcye Rovers

F: - Carrigaline v Ballyhea

Quarter-Finals

A vs B, C vs D, E vs F, Kilbrittain vs AGHABULLOGUE





### **Ballincollig 2 – 20 Youghal 1 – 22 aet.**

It took 20 minutes of extra time to produce a winner but at the end it was Ballincollig who progressed to Rd.4 of the Premier Intermediate hurling championship after this epic clash of two fine evenly matched, hard working teams at Riverstown. Ballincollig found themselves seven points down at half time (1-10 to 0-6) but it was Youghal who needed a late point to force the game into the extra time, the score being 1-13 each. In the extra time period, Youghal led at the break, this time by three points, but Rory O'Doherty finished a superb movement to the Youghal net in the final ten minute period and when it seemed that a replay would be necessary, corner back Liam Jennings hit over a late, late winner to Ballincollig's delight.

### **Aghabullogue 0 – 15 Kilbrittain 1 – 9**

Aghabullogue had to endure the agony of a string of narrow defeats in the early rounds of last year's championship but after this win over Kilbrittain at Newcestown they can breathe easier this season. Their Premier Intermediate status is secure, they are now through to Round 4 of the premier hurling championship and their intermediate footballers can now prepare adequately for their round two game against Ballyclough – a lot of plusses resulting from one win! Patrick Finnegan was the star of the show for Aghabullogue, with twelve points from the total score of 0-15 and he was unerring from free pucks pointing no less than 0-11 from placed balls over the hour. In defence Barry Kiely was outstanding at centre back and overcame the handicap of an early head injury to inspire his colleagues to great heights of endeavour. Niall Buckley put in a great hour at midfield and goalkeeper Finbarr Foley made two outstanding second half saves to keep his side in the contention at vital stages. Kilbrittain scored first but Dan Twomey quickly equalised for Aghabullogue. Kilbrittain again pointed but again Aghabullogue equalised, this time through Patrick Finnegan from play. Another point for Kilbrittain was answered by two points from frees from Finnegan but the Aghabullogue lead was of short duration as the West Cork men went back in front and lead by 0-5 to 0-4 after the first quarter. Patrick Finnegan now pointed two more frees, Dan Twomey had his second point from play and Finnegan pointed two further frees to help Aghabullogue to an interval lead of 0-9 to 0-7.

On the resumption Kilbrittain had a point but this was matched by another Finnegan point, this one from a long range free. In the 39th minute Kilbrittain got a major boost when Ross Cashman, whose father Dominick once donned the Aghabullogue colours, fired home a goal and they now led by a point, 1-8 to 0-10. Finbarr Foley now made an outstanding save to keep Aghabullogue in the game and Dan Twomey pointed at the other end to level matters once again as the final quarter began. It was Aghabullogue who now made the running with Barry Kiely outstanding in defence and Patrick Finnegan deadly from a series of frees awarded for rash challenges. Finnegan had four points in a row before Kilbrittain closed the scoring with a point leaving Aghabullogue three points clear at the finish and delighted with their winning start to the campaign. Aghabullogue: Finbarr Foley: Jerome Corkery, Denis Murphy, Donnacha Murphy: Denis Quinlan, Barry Kiely, Danny

Buckley: Niall Buckley, Paul O'Rourke: Patrick Finnegan, Dan Twomey, John Buckley: Paudie Twomey, John Kelleher, Pádraig Murphy. Subs: Peter Kelleher and Joe Foley.

### **Blarney 0 – 15 Valley Rovers 0 – 12**

Demoted from senior last year, Blarney got their Premier Intermediate campaign off to a successful start when they saw off the strong challenge of Valley Rovers at Ballygarvan. After a dull first half the teams were level at 0-5 each at half time, Blarney having struck eight wides in that opening period. They started the second half well however with four points in the first five minutes and still held a one-point lead at the start of the last quarter. Blarney responded well to the Valley's challenge in the closing period and had opened up a four-point gap with as many minutes remaining. Blarney came under fierce pressure, which yielded two points to the Rovers, but a late point eased their situation, and they deserved their win.

### **Courceys Rovers 0 – 27 Inniscarra 2 – 10**

Understrenghed Inniscarra were not able to contain the strong challenge of Courceys in the Premier championship at Pairc Ui Rinn and after holding their own when backed by the wind in the opening half they were overwhelmed by the South East men in the second period when even their spirit could not save them from a comprehensive defeat. Daniel O'Connell got Inniscarra off to a good start with a brace of points from play and further points from Aidan O'Mahony helped them to into a 0-4 to 0-2 lead before Courceys showed their power with four points on the trot to take the lead at the end of the first quarter. Back came Inniscarra with four unanswered points of their own, two from Aidan O'Mahony frees and two Michael Coleman points from play at lead by 0-8 to 0-6 after 25 minutes. Courceys struck back with three points in a row but Aidan O'Mahony struck a semi penalty to the Courceys net before the half time whistle to restore Inniscarra's two-point lead, 1-9 to 0-10. It was a lead that looked inadequate considering the strength of the breeze.

On the resumption three points for Courceys had them quickly back in front but Aidan O'Mahony struck over a point from a free to level matters after four minutes. Thereafter Courceys took over completely and scored no less than thirteen points without reply over the next 24 minutes. Inniscarra were under pressure all over the field and they were barely hanging in as the points tally mounted against them. The issue was well and truly decided long before the end but Inniscarra were rewarded for their non-stop efforts with a late goal from another Aidan O'Mahony semi-penalty in the 58th minute to which Courceys replied with another point before the final whistle. Inniscarra: John O'Keeffe: Liam Ó Riain, Kevin Burke, Brian O'Keeffe: Gerard Burke, Frank Olden, John O'Brien: John Casey, Timmy Murphy: James Murphy, Michael Coleman, Colm Casey: Aidan O'Mahony, Daniel O'Connell, Liam O'Brien. Inniscarra now meet Kilbrittain, last year's county intermediate champions, in the 2nd round and will be hoping that some of their injured players at least will be available.

### **Round Two:**

#### **Kilbrittain 1 – 21 Inniscarra 0 – 22**

Inniscarra led from the start to the 48th minute

in this second-round game at Cloughduv but the loss of a centrefielder to a red card at this stage proved to be their undoing. The Mid Cork men had been playing really well and were shaping like winners but Kilbrittain finished strongly and with the extra man worked the vital winning scores.

Inniscarra started in brilliant form and had a 0-6 to 0-1 lead after only seven minutes. Kilbrittain recovered however and it was a ding dong battle up to the interval at which stage Inniscarra held a two point lead, 0-13 to 0-11. Inniscarra increased their lead to four points early in the second half but then Kilbrittain struck for the only goal of the game. Points from Alan Sheehan and Sean O'Callaghan increased the Inniscarra lead to three points but Kilbrittain kept in touch with a point from a '65'. Inniscarra now had their player dismissed and Kilbrittain scored three points in a row to go into the lead for the first time. Fourteen-man Inniscarra replied with points from Aidan O'Mahony, Colm Casey and Daniel O'Connell to be two points in front with seven minutes remaining. Two frees levelled matters for the West Cork men as normal time ended and in time added on they scored three more before Aidan O'Mahony pointed a late free for Inniscarra. Inniscarra scorers: Aidan O'Mahony 0-7, 0-5 frees, 0-1 '65', Michael Coleman 0-4, Daniel O'Connell 0-3, Colm Casey 0-2, Seán O'Callaghan 0-2, T. Murphy, A. Sheehan, L. O'Brien and John Casey 0-1 each. Inniscarra: John O'Keeffe: Brian O'Keeffe, Kevin Burke, Donal O'Callaghan: John O'Callaghan, Liam Ó Riain, Gerard Burke: Aidan O'Mahony, Michael Coleman: Timmy Murphy, Alan Sheehan, Daniel O'Connell: John Casey, Colm Casey, Liam O'Brien. Subs: Seán O'Callaghan and James Murphy.

### **Round Three:**

#### **Inniscarra 1 – 12 Argideen Rovers 2 – 8**

Inniscarra rescued their season with a thrilling win at Newcestown in 'the last chance saloon' round. Two points behind with three minutes remaining, the boys in blue held their heads and struck over three points without reply before the final whistle to emerge victorious after a great contest. Inniscarra now remain in contention for honours and the win over Argideen is a major relief as it also guarantees Premier Intermediate status for next year.

Inniscarra were dealt two deadly blows midway through the first half when Argideen twice got through for goals to lead by 2-2 to 0-3 but 'Scarra were up for this contest and fought like tigers to keep in contention. At half time the gap between the teams was three points for Argideen 2-4 to 0-7, but Inniscarra had not enjoyed the best of luck with some goal scoring chances and only two forwards had scored, Daniel O'Connell and free taker Aidan O'Mahony. They had a change of luck on the restart when first Aidan O'Mahony pointed a free and then Colm Casey passed the ball on to substitute Sean O'Callaghan and the latter billowed the Argideen net to put 'Scarra in front by a point. Back came Argideen with a brace of points and they held a one point lead at the three quarter stage 2-7 to 1-9. Argideen added a point but crucially they were not to score again in the closing ten minutes. Inniscarra narrowed the gap to a single point with three minutes remaining when Colm Casey had a point from play and then Aidan O'Mahony pointed a free from a difficult angle a minute later and the





sides were level. The final whistle was near when Aidan O'Mahony got possession of a clearance out of the Argideen defence at midfield and shot over a glorious point to give his side victory and a cause for celebration.

Inniscarra: John O'Keeffe: Donal O'Callaghan, Kevin Burke, John O'Callaghan: Brian O'Keeffe, Ger Burke, Liam Ó Riain: Aidan O'Mahony (0-7, 0-6 frees), John Casey (0-1): Alan Sheehan, Colm Casey (0-1), Timmy Murphy: James Murphy, Dan O'Connell (0-3), Liam O'Brien. Subs: Seán O'Callaghan (1-0) and C O'Connor.

#### Intermediate Hurling:

14 Qualifiers for Rd. 4 Draw: 1. Ballygarvan 2. Fermoy 3. DRIPSEY 4. Bandon 5. Kilworth 6. ÉIRE ÓG 7. Kanturk 8. Fr. O'Neill's 9. St Catherines 10. Aghada 11. Meelin 12. Milford bt Barryroe 13. Blackrock 14. Barryroe.

1st round: Ballygarvan beat Aghada, Fermoy bt Cobh, DRIPSEY 1 - 11 Barryroe 0 - 11, Bandon bt St. Catherines, Kilworth bt Blackrock, ÉIRE ÓG 0-24 Milford 2-11, Kanturk bt Dromina, Fr O'Neills bt Meelin

2nd Round: St Catherines bt Cobh, Aghada bt Blackrock, Meelin bt Dromina, Milford bt Barryroe

3rd round: Barryroe bt Cobh: Blackrock bt Dromina

Fourth Round  
A: - Kilworth v Kanturk B: - St.Catherine's v Blackrock

C: - Meelin v Aghada D: - Bandon v DRIPSEY

E: - ÉIRE ÓG v Barryroe F: - Fermoy v Milford

Quarter-Finals  
A v B, C v D, E v F, Fr.O'Neill's v Ballygarvan

#### Dripsey 1 - 11 Barryroe 0 - 11

In the Intermediate hurling championship, Dripsey recovered from a bad start to emerge with a merited three-point win over Barryroe at Cloughdub. Dripsey found themselves behind by 0-7 to 0-1 after the opening quarter but they then made a fantastic recovery before half time, at which stage they led by four points. In the

second half the teams only managed five points between them in all, three of these coming in the opening minutes of that half. Subsequently Dripsey were under fierce Barryroe pressure as the West Cork men sought a goal to save the day but the Dripsey defence held out and so it is Barryroe who face into the loser's round.

Barryroe fired over points from all angles in the opening quarter and Dripsey's only reply was a solitary point from David O'Sullivan. Dripsey then got going with points from David O'Sullivan and Mark O'Sullivan and a goal from Aidan Buckley in the 20th minute, created by a John Carey run, really ignited their challenge. A point for Barryroe was answered with a point apiece from Gary Murphy, Shane Burke and David Buckley and Dripsey were sensationally four points to the good at the break leading by 1-9 to 0-8, a massive turn around in a quarter of an hour.

On the resumption, Barryroe pointed two early frees and David O'Sullivan pointed a Dripsey free in reply to leave the goal separating the teams with 25 minutes to go to the finish. Each team only managed a point each in that long period, but it was Dripsey who were in front and their defence ensured that they stayed there as it withstood fierce Barry pressure in the closing stages. Dripsey: John Hogan: Stephen Murray, Tom Ahearne, Liam Buckley: Pat O'Riordan, Conor Hayes, Daniel Buckley: David Foley, Gary Murphy: David O'Sullivan, John Carey, Mark O'Sullivan: Dave Buckley, Shane Burke, Aidan Buckley.

#### Éire Óg 0 - 24 Milford 2 - 11

Eight points ahead after 17 minutes and 13 points in front at the break (0-17 to 0-4), it seemed that impressive Éire Óg would stroll through this Intermediate championship game at Mourneabbey but Milford, greatly aided by two goals, put up a spirited rally in the second half and with four minutes to go had reduced the deficit to a mere three points. It was almost panic stations for Éire Óg but when the need was greatest Daniel Goulding emerged to fire

over a point to steady the ship and break the Milford momentum. The Ovens men added three further points, one more from play from Goulding and two from frees from John Dineen, in the closing minutes to embellish their final winning margin and so they are straight through to the 4th round.

Éire Óg did have the benefit of the strong wind in the first half but their play was far superior to that of the North Cork side. Cork All Ireland footballers, Daniel Goulding and Ciarán Sheehan were in great form, strongly aided by John Dineen and the points were going up on the board in regular succession. They had built up an eight-point lead by the start of the second quarter and even though Milford got some foothold in the second quarter, Éire Óg continued to add to their tally and led by 0-13 at the break.

On the restart, Éire Óg had two further points from Ciarán Sheehan free pucks (long range into the wind!) to go one point further ahead but the Milford fight back now commenced and was greatly boosted by a goal in the 41st minute which brought the score to 0-19 to 1-6. Four minutes later Milford had a second goal, this one from a free, and now there were only six points between the teams and Milford seeing real hope of ultimate success went flat out in attack. The pressure continued and Milford got the gap down to three points with four minutes still remaining but Éire Óg reasserted their authority in time and Goulding's two points and two more from Dineen restored a healthy lead before the final whistle. Scorers for Éire Óg: John Dineen and Ciarán Sheehan 0-7 each (0-6 each from frees), Daniel Goulding 0-6, Eamonn Cantillon Murphy 0-2, Fionn O'Rourke and John Crowley 0-1 each.

Éire Óg: Paul Ryan: Shane McCarthy, Alan O'Mahony, Aidan O'Connor: Barry Corkery, Eanna Lowney, Cian O'Mahony: Fionn O'Rourke, Dermot O'Herlihy: Ciarán Sheehan, Eamonn Cantillon Murphy, Paul McDonagh: John Crowley, Daniel Goulding, John Dineen. Sub: Conor Hallissey.

## 2011 Quish SuperValu Mid Cork Junior Hurling Championship

The Mid Cork Junior A Hurling championship commenced with four first round games and two losers round games to follow.

#### First Round:

##### Ballincollig 1 - 15 Éire Óg 1 - 7

The clash of the second fifteens from the near neighbours at Ballinora got the 2011 Junior Hurling championship off to a dull start as Ballincollig always appeared to be that bit stronger, particularly in attack. Ballincollig had the ball in the Éire Óg net within a minute of the throw in and never subsequently lost the lead. Noel Brennan had a point in reply for Éire Óg but

Ballincollig quickly replied and were in control up to half time with their defence on top against the Éire Óg attack. Ballincollig led by 1-8 to 0-5 at half time.

On the restart Éire Óg conceded an early point but then they struck for a badly needed goal, James Carr finding the net in the 36th minute to throw his side a lifeline. Points were exchanged and Éire Óg then narrowed the gap to three points, 1-10 to 1-7, in the 40th minute and the excitement levels were rising. Neither side succeeded in adding to their tally for a seven-minute period but then Ballincollig shot over a string of points to ease into a commanding lead. Éire Óg failed to add

any further scores and at the finish eight points separated the teams. Ballincollig move into Round 3 and Éire Óg will have another chance to advance to that round when they meet the losers of the Grenagh-Donoughmore first round game in the 'last chance' Round Two. Scorers: Éire Óg: James Carr 1-2, (0-1 free, 0-1 '65'): Noel Brennan 0-3, Fionan Sheehan 0-1, John Malone 0-1. Éire Óg: Tim Crowley: Aidan Keane, Andrew O'Herlihy, Edward Long: Ronan Dennehy, Tony Dineen, Gary O'Flynn: John Malone, Kieran O'Sullivan: Eoin Lyons, James Carr, Noel Brennan: Fintan Brennan, Fionan Sheehan, Kevin Ryan. Subs: Ronan Sills, Tim Coveney, Paul Murphy, David Sheehan.



Cloughdub team in Quish Supervalu Mid Cork Junior Hurling Championship



Inniscarra hurling team in Quish Supervalu Mid Cork Junior Hurling Championship





### Cloughduv 2 – 20 Inniscarra 0 – 5

Champions Cloughduv had little difficulty in disposing of the challenge of the Inniscarra second team in a one-sided opening round game at Coachford in perfect conditions. Inniscarra have been badly hit by emigration and their intermediate team has had to draw heavily off the junior panel, severely weakening that team as a consequence. The team on duty battled hard but clearly were no match for their accomplished opponents who will on this evidence make a bold bid to make it three in a row in Muskerry, Grenagh presenting the main threat to that objective.

Team captain Donal Corkery opened the scoring for Cloughduv in the 4th minute and Daragh Ring pointed a free immediately after to get the champions off to a bright start. Alan Sheehan pointed for 'Scarra in the 7th minute but immediately Cloughduv responded in telling fashion with a goal from Darragh Ring who held a long range free from Jerry Lucey before lashing the sliotar to the net. Lucey and Ring pointed frees and it was 1-4 to 0-1 with ten minutes gone and the pattern had been established for this encounter. Three fine points for Inniscarra from Declan Browne were matched by Cloughduv points from Con Dunne, Darragh Ring and Brian Ahern and Ger Ahern and Ring added further points to leave Cloughduv in front at the break by 1-9 to 0-4.

Inniscarra were to score only a single point in the second half with Cloughduv in control all over the field. Daragh Ring hit over four points in a row and Brian Ahern had another all in the opening six minutes. A superb pass from Ring gave Brian Ahern a perfect opening for a goal, which the latter duly availed of and only a magnificent save by Inniscarra 'keeper Kieran Rice deprived Con Dunne of a third goal for Cloughduv. Con Dunne then shot a point to make it 2-15 to 0-4 at the end of the third quarter and after Jerry Lucey pointed a free for Cloughduv, Inniscarra's Michael Ryan had his side's only second half score. Con Dunne, Lucey, Darren Kelly and Brian Ahern had late points for Cloughduv.

Cloughduv: Colm Ryan: James McCarthy, Paul O'Sullivan, Liam Long: Mark Verling, Jerry Lucey, Andrew Cronin: Dave O'Leary, Donal Corkery: Brian Ahern, Andrew Kenneally, Ger Ahern: Tony Dineen, Darragh Ring, Con Dunne. Subs: Darren Kelly, Charles Kenneally and Stephen Down.

Inniscarra: Kieran Rice: Jack O'Leary Keating, Colm Holland, Donal O'Callaghan: Michael Ryan, Tyrone O'Regan, Eoin Corcoran: Michael O'Mahony, Pádraig O'Callaghan: Tommy Buckley, Alan Sheehan, Declan Browne: Pádraig Murphy, Dominic Kelleher, Seán O'Callaghan. Subs: Liam Hennessey, Conor Cronin, Brian Gould and Conor O'Mahony. Referee: Mr Miah Moynihan, Grenagh.

### Grenagh 1 – 14 Donoughmore 2 – 10

Despite the scoreline at the finish this was not a very exciting game and Grenagh were well worth their win in the opening round of the Quish SuperValu Mid Cork Junior Hurling championship at sunny Coachford. Donoughmore were struggling to break down the Grenagh defence for most of the game but then with time running out they hit a purple patch and scored 2-2 without reply in the six minutes of injury time to leave Grenagh gasping and thrilled to hear the final whistle. The win was most welcome to Grenagh who have been suffering on the football front this season and are in danger of relegation

from the Premier Intermediate division. The Donoughmore rally although it ultimately failed will give that club hope that they will improve sufficiently to overcome the Éire Óg second string in the 2nd (1st Rd. losers) round.

Conditions at Coachford were perfect for hurling with the pitch in immaculate condition and the sun shining brightly from the clear blue sky. Donoughmore started well and Aidan O'Shea and then Alan Savage struck over points to give them an early lead. Diarmuid Dorgan pointed a free for Grenagh in the 6th minute, the first of seven, but Colm O'Callaghan hit over a massive point from a free deep in his own half to keep Donoughmore two points clear in the tenth minute. This was as good as it got for Donoughmore in the first half and they were not to score again as Grenagh gradually took over. Pádraig Sexton hit a long-range point and then the dangerous John Russell at full forward for Grenagh batted over an equalising point from a cross by Shane Dorgan. Donoughmore goalkeeper Kenneth Cullinane then made super save from Gerry Russell but Grenagh hit the front in the 14th minute with a Conor Fitzgerald point. Grenagh dominated the second quarter to a large degree, Diarmuid 'DD' Dorgan hit over three points from frees and Ultan Duggan, John Russell and Shane Dorgan all had points from play to leave Grenagh comfortably in command at the break, leading by 0-10 to 0-3.

Donoughmore started the second half with a flourish and Colm O'Callaghan hit three points in the opening four minutes to reduce the deficit, one point each from a free, a '65' and from play. Hopes of a Donoughmore rally at this stage were dashed immediately when John Russell lashed a ball to the Donoughmore net from close range. Colm O'Callaghan pointed two more frees for Donoughmore but Grenagh remained in command and DD Dorgan pointed two frees for Grenagh to keep them still seven points clear with ten minutes remaining. When Dorgan and Pádraig Sexton added two further points to the Grenagh tally it seemed to signal the end for Donoughmore, but they battled on and in injury time Colm O'Callaghan and then Shane Sexton pointed a free each to reduce the deficit. In the 34th minute Aidan O'Shea lashed a loose ball to the Grenagh net and as play continued, Donoughmore returned to the attack and in the 36th minute Pádraig Buckley's ground shot from an angle crossed the goal line with the goalkeeper stranded. Only one point separated the teams, but time ran out on Donoughmore who must now face the loser's round to survive in the championship.

Donoughmore: Kenneth Cullinane: Mark Foley, Barry Holland, Alan Twomey: Kevin Horgan, Shane Sexton, Aidan Corkery: Shane Healy, Alan Savage: James O'Connell, Gerry Buckley, Aidan O'Shea: Stephen O'Connor, Colm O'Callaghan, Martin O'Connor. Subs: Stephen Golden and Pádraig Buckley.

### Blarney 2 - 5 Ballinora 0 - 9

The Blarney second string were slightly lucky to overcome the Ballinora challenge in the first-round game at Ovens. Ballinora had a litany of wides which ultimately cost them victory. The score at half time was 0-3 to 0-2 in favour of Ballinora who had shot ten wides in that opening half, a period which they had dominated. Early in the second half Blarney got in for a goal and added a point from a '65' to take a goal lead but Ballinora had four points in a row to regain the

lead. With four minutes remaining Ballinora held a deserved lead of 0-9 to 1-4 after Pat Fitton pointed a free but they then conceded a free at the other end from which Blarney got their second goal from a deflection to take the lead. Ballinora went back on the attack but a shot for goal was held by the Blarney goalkeeper who cleared downfield, Blarney were awarded a '65' and John Hurley pointed to open up a two point gap. The final whistle sounded from the puck out and Ballinora were heading for the loser's round and a meeting with Inniscarra.

2nd Round (1st Round losers)

### Donoughmore 3 – 13 Éire Óg 0 – 9

Donoughmore were strongly fancied to advance to the third round of the championship and the pundits got the call right on this occasion as the promising young side were altogether too talented for the second string from the Ovens club. Despite playing against the strong wind Donoughmore led by four points at half time and when they banged in two more goals and shot over two points in addition, all within eight minutes of the restart, the contest was already decided. Colm O'Callaghan finished with a personal tally of 1-8, 0-5 of which came from placed balls, and Shane Sexton was magnificent at centre back all through.

Kevin Hallissey opened the scoring with an early point for Éire Óg but Donoughmore replied in devastating fashion with a goal from Aidan O'Shea. Hallissey scored again but Donoughmore were on top despite the wind and led by 1-2 to 0-3 at the end of the first quarter. Further points from Hallissey (who finished up with no less than 0-8 of his side's total score!) were matched by the accuracy of Colm O'Callaghan on the winner's side and Donoughmore were in a comfortable position at the break, leading by 1-7 to 0-6 and with the wind to favour them in the second half. The second half opened in perfect fashion for Donoughmore. Shane Healy lashed a ball to the Éire Óg net shortly after the resumption of play, Colm O'Callaghan pointed two frees and then fired home a goal to put Donoughmore 3-9 to 0-6 in front with less than ten minutes of the second half gone. It was all over at that stage and the pace slackened but Donoughmore remained in control and finished with a flourish with points from Shane Healy, Colm O'Callaghan and Stephen O'Connor.

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

Éire Óg: Tim Crowley: Aidan Keane, Andrew Herlihy, Gary O'Flynn: Edward Long, Tony Dineen, Eoin Lyons: Ciarán Hutchinson, John Malone: Kevin Hallissey, Fionán Sheehan, Michael O'Shea: Kieran O'Sullivan, Noel Brennan, James Carr. Subs: Fintan Brennan, David Sheehan, Alan Twomey, Tim Coveney and Paul Murphy. Referee: Mr Peter Downey, Inniscarra.

### Ballinora 1 – 13 Inniscarra 0 – 7

Ballinora, unlucky to be beaten by Ballincollig in the first round, are back in the Mid Cork Junior Hurling championship after this win over the Inniscarra second fifteen at Ovens. Inniscarra have lost many players to emigration and to injury this season and their intermediate teams has been calling up many of the players who made the junior side such a formidable force in





Mid Cork in recent seasons. Further promotions were made after the opening round of the junior championship as the intermediate team was involved in second and third rounds of the county premier (successfully in the end!) and so it was a very weakened team which faced Ballinora. Despite all this, Inniscarra put it up to their opponents and stayed with the winners until the final quarter when the game slipped away from them.

Ballinora started well and had three points on the board before Declan Browne had an opening point for 'Scarra and they were only a point behind at 0-4 to 0-3 after twelve minutes with Stephen O'Sullivan and Pádraig Murphy on

target. Ballinora then scored two further points to go three clear, again but Declan Browne and Colin Murray had a point apiece to leave only a point between the teams at the break, 0-6 to 0-5 in favour of Ballinora. On the restart, Ballinora had a point to increase their lead but Stephen O'Sullivan had a point for Inniscarra in response. Ballinora were on top but could not add to their tally and indeed it was not until the final quarter that they asserted their superiority. The only goal of the game did not come until the final minute and put a gloss on the Ballinora winning margin. Inniscarra, though beaten, can be satisfied that they battled well in difficult circumstances and upheld club honour by staying competitive to

the end.

Inniscarra: Kieran Rice: Conor O'Mahony, Colm Holland, Liam Hennessey: Michael Ryan, Tyrone O'Regan, George O'Mahony: Declan Browne, Dominic Kelleher: Eoin Corcoran, Tommy Buckley, Jamie Barry: Colin Murray, Pádraig Murphy, Stephen O'Sullivan. Subs: Paul Farmer, and Brian Gould.

Referee: Mr Diarmuid Kirwan, Éire Óg.

Quarter Finals: A Donoughmore v Blarney, B Grenagh v Ballincollig

Semi Finals: Winners of A v Winners of B, Ballinora v Cloughduv

## 2011 Ross Oil Ltd. Mid Cork Junior Football Championship

Naomh Aban junior footballers in Ross Oil Mid Cork Junior Football Championship



Canovee team in Ross Oil Mid Cork Junior Football Championship

When the first round in the Ross Oil Mid Cork Junior A Football championship was completed, Aghinagh, Ballincollig, Donoughmore, Dripsey, Inniscarra, Iveleary, Macroom were through to the Round Three draw to be joined there by the winners of the three 2nd Round (1st round losers) games.

### Round Two

#### Clondrohid 1 - 16 Ballinora 2 - 4

The Ballinora second team became the first side to exit this year's Mid Cork championship when they were defeated by Clondrohid at Kilmurry in the first of the 'losers' round games. Clondrohid were expected to be the stronger side and they justified their favourites tag on this occasion, dominating for much of the game. Points from Martin Kelleher and Paddy Lynch got them off to a good start and Aidan Kelleher added two further points after ten minutes play. These scores were followed by the goal for Clondrohid, a real 'bullet' from Daniel O'Mahony who took a pass from Paddy Lynch in full stride and blasted to the Ballinora net. With the score at 1-4 to nil, Ballinora were clearly in deep trouble already. Further points followed from Aidan Kelleher, Paddy Lynch and Daniel O'Mahony before Ballinora at last opened their account with a point in the 24th minute. Conor Desmond responded with a Clondrohid point but Ballinora finished the half with a flourish with a goal from Shane Brosnan followed by a point. At half time the score was 1-10 to 1-2 in favour of Clondrohid and they were looking on course for victory.

The second half was again dominated by Clondrohid who were content to do enough to stay on top. Declan Kelleher, Shane Creed, Paddy Lynch, Daniel O'Mahony and Trevor O'Brien contributed six further points and former

O'Donovan Rossa's star Jurgen Werner had two points for Ballinora in reply. In the dying moments Ballinora improved the scoreboard appearance with a second goal, this one from Darren Hegarty, but Clondrohid were comprehensive and deserving winner.

Clondrohid scorers: Daniel O'Mahony 1-3, Paddy Lynch 0-4 (0-2 frees), Aidan Kelleher 0-3, Declan Kelleher 0-2, Martin Kelleher, Conor Desmond, Shane Creed and Trevor O'Brien 0-1 each.

Clondrohid: John Corkery: Oliver Kelleher, Jeremy Kelleher, Neil Corkery: Trevor O'Brien, Denis Desmond, Conor Desmond: Brendan Kelleher, Neilus Murphy: Martin Kelleher, Paddy Lynch, Declan Kelleher: Shane Creed, Aidan Kelleher, Daniel O'Mahony. Subs: Conor O'Leary, David O'Leary.

Referee: Mr Jerry Masters, Kilmichael.

#### Kilmurry 1 - 8 Blarney 1 - 3

Kilmurry dumped the champions of the past two seasons out of this year's Mid Cork Junior A Football championship with a deserved and comprehensive win at Coachford. Both teams had lost their opening round games and Blarney were expected to triumph and stay on course for three in a row but Kilmurry were in very determined form and overcame adversity to take the spoils.

Kilmurry went on the attack from the start and James White had them in front in the third minute with a point. They quickly added three more points to their tally with William Buckley scoring all three and in the 13th minute they got a major boost when Finbarr Crowley kicked a sideline ball into the Blarney goalmouth and Johnny O'Leary got possession and lashed the ball to the Blarney net to give Kilmurry a 1-4 to nil lead. Blarney at last had a point in the 17th minute

and a minute later Ray O'Leary was fortunate to add a goal from a '45' to bring Blarney right back in to contention. The same player then added a point from a free and only two points separated the teams! A period of stalemate followed but Kilmurry suffered a setback in the 25th minute when a defender was red carded for an off the ball incident. Still the Kilmurry challenge continued despite their setbacks and William Buckley pointed a free in injury time to leave them ahead by 1-5 to 1-2 at the break.

Two minutes into the second half William Buckley pointed another Kilmurry free but then they had another player dismissed after receiving a second yellow card. Two players down, the remaining Kilmurry men gave their all to make up for the deficit and they succeeded admirably. They harried Blarney when in possession and retained possession themselves to a significant degree so that the four-point gap remained through most of the half. Goalkeeper Kevin Crowley made one brilliant save to deny Blarney and the defence remained focussed and hard working so that Blarney had only one score in the entire second half after Kilmurry had added a Dave O'Halloran point to their tally. The former champions also had a man dismissed for a second yellow card offence seven minutes from time and Kilmurry remained in control. Two minutes from time William Buckley kicked over a superb point for the winners who were in full sail at his stage with the finishing line in sight. The final whistle was greeted with delight by the winners who had rescued their season with a remarkable victory in difficult circumstances.

Kilmurry: Kevin Crowley: Eoin Barrett, Kevin Barrett, Liam Long: Liam Buckley, David O'Leary, William Barrett: Eoin Creedon, Finbarr Crowley: David O'Halloran, James White, Martin O'Sullivan:





**Kilmichael team in Ross Oil Mid Cork Junior Football Championship**



**Iveleary Iveleary team in Ross Oil Mid Cork Junior Football Championship**



Greg Barrett, John O'Leary, William Buckley. Subs: Stephen Down and Colm Crowley.  
Referee: Mr John Ryan, Macroom.

### **Kilmichael 1 - 12 Canovee 0 - 5**

Kilmichael left their form of the opening round defeat against Aginagh far behind them when they faced Canovee in the loser's round at Macroom. Canovee were again plagued by their lack of penetration in attack, as they had been in the earlier round defeat by Dripsey.

On a dark and dreary night, Kilmichael were just too good for the Canovee side, that club's second team. Canovee had an early point from Denis Cronin, who was to be the only player to score for the Carrigadrohid side, and Cronin then pointed a second free to give Canovee a good start. Canovee midfielder Joe Cunningham was severely shaken by a shoulder tackle which limited his effectiveness subsequently and he was later withdrawn, a big loss to his side. Ronan Prendeville opened the scoring for Kilmichael with a point from a free in the 6th minute and the teams were level two minutes later when Daniel Twomey was fouled and James O'Leary, who had missed the earlier round, pointed the resultant free. Another Prendeville point from a free in the 12th minute put Kilmichael ahead and James O'Leary had a point from play in the 17th minute to increase the Kilmichael lead as they began to get on top all over the field. Denis Cronin gave Canovee some relief minutes later when he pointed a '45' but in the 21st minute the game took a dramatic decisive turn when Alan Murphy fired over a high cross from the right wing and Daniel Twomey, behind his marker, got possession and buried the ball in the Canovee net from close range. James O'Leary added a point from a free and Finbarr Dromey pointed from play and Kilmichael were rampant! They led by 1-6 to 0-3 at the break and were looking good for victory even at this stage.

Kilmichael added two further points to their lead on the restart, Ronan Prendeville and James O'Leary on target from free kicks. Prendeville then added a point from play and Kilmichael were comfortable, nine points clear. Canovee now enjoyed a period of sustained pressure but all the Kilmichael defenders were unyielding with outstanding performers in Conor Cotter, Denis Foley and Colin Murphy and all Canovee had to show for their efforts were two points from Cronin, one from a free early in the final quarter. Kilmichael lost a player to a second yellow card and this reverse woke them from their temporary slumbers. They finished in style, Finbarr Dromey pointing from play, James O'Leary pointing another free and Daniel Twomey, their main threat in attack, getting the final score in injury

time.

Kilmichael: Shane Masters: Niall O'Callaghan, Adrian Kelly, Denis Foley: Colin Murphy, Cian Dromey, Conor Cotter: Michael Twomey, Simon Foley; Finbarr Dromey, Ronan Prendeville, Michael Healy: James O'Leary, Alan Murphy, Daniel Twomey.

Canovee: David Wiseman: Billy Creedon, Paul Creedon, Jerry Murphy: Gearóid Lucey, James Scanlan, Timmy Lyons: Eamonn Lyons, Joe Cunningham: Daniel O'Sullivan, Andrew Cronin, Conor Buckley: Michael Quinlan, Tom O'Mahony, Denis Cronin. Subs: Martin O'Sullivan, Michael O'Brien, Stephen Kelleher, John Buckley.

Referee: Mr Timmy McCarthy, Clondrohid.

### **Third Round Draw**

#### **A Donoughmore v Ballincollig B Inniscarra v Iveleary**

#### **Donoughmore 1 - 16 Ballincollig 1 - 6**

Donoughmore were impressive in their win over Ballincollig in the third round of the Mid Cork championship at Ovens and they appear to have left the indifferent form of the early rounds far behind them at this stage. Donoughmore were playing their fifth game in the competition and their play has benefited as they have fought their way and if they maintain their rate of progress, they will be a handful now for any team left in the competition. Their next opponents are Iveleary and they will now know that they have a big battle ahead. The Ballincollig second string, it must be pointed out, was short six of the team which had impressed in the first-round win over Kilmurry and on this occasion the fifteen on duty was simply not good enough to contest for an hour with a bang in-form Donoughmore outfit which started well and never dropped the tempo.

Donoughmore were leading by 0-6 to 0-1 by the end of the first quarter after their defence had got to grips early with the Ballincollig attack and the forwards were playing fine combined football. The outstanding Shane Sexton increased their lead further with a point and then in the 20th minute a fine movement ended with full forward Darren Barrett finishing well to find the Ballincollig net. Ballincollig responded well to this setback and enjoyed a good spell in the run up to half time. Three points followed for the satellite town team before Kevin Kearney had a point for Donoughmore but Ballincollig then struck for a goal and at the break the Donoughmore lead was down to four points, 1-8 to 1-4.

On the resumption Darren Barrett pointed for Donoughmore and subsequent Ballincollig pressure came to nought. Donoughmore raised the siege and gradually they began to get on

top all over the field and point by point they put the game beyond the reach of their opponents. Shane Sexton pointed a free in the 40th minute to leave six points between the teams and David Lee then pointed twice as he sallied up field. Shane Sexton added another point, again from a free kick and did the same after a Ballincollig point. After a further Ballincollig point, Donoughmore finished strongly with a brace of points from Sexton who had an outstanding game for the winners.

Donoughmore: Evan Forde: Denis O'Connell, David Lee, Dan O'Sullivan: Alan McSweeney, Paul Crowley, Aidan Corkery: Daniel Forde, Patrick Murphy: Shane Sexton, Brian O'Connell, Colm O'Callaghan: Aidan O'Shea, Darren Barrett, Kevin Kearney. Subs: Ollie Murphy, Conor Kelleher, Stephen Golden, Stephen Looney and Terence Looney.

#### **Iveleary 0 - 12 Inniscarra 0 - 9**

When they led Inniscarra by 0-5 to nil after the opening twenty minutes in the Ross Oil Mid Cork Junior Football championship 3rd round tie at Carrigadrohid, it looked very much like an easy triumph for the men from the West being on the cards. Inniscarra improved as the game progressed however, had narrowed the deficit to three points by half time (0-7 to 0-3) and at the three-quarter stage were only a single point adrift. A badly needed point by Seanie Lehané at that stage steadied the Iveleary men and they quickly added two more to their tally to go three clear once again. Inniscarra tried desperately in the final stages to procure a championship saving goal but Iveleary held out for victory in the end. Their mentors will be pleased with their early form but will be worried by the way they allowed Inniscarra to come back into contention. Cork minor, Cathal Vaughan had Iveleary in front in the 3rd minute when he pointed a close range free and Patrick O'Riordan added a point to give Iveleary a good start. A shoulder injury to Edward Buckley delayed proceedings for a period but when play resumed Cathal Vaughan took a pass from Sean O'Leary and had his second point of the game. Finbarr McSweeney, who displayed good form, then put Iveleary four points clear in the 14th minute and five minutes later Sean O'Leary set up Richard Manning for another Iveleary point and they were cruising. Inniscarra full forward Daniel O'Connell at last got his side on the scoreboard in the 24th minute with a point from out on the left wing and set up James Murphy for another point a minute later. Brian Cronin replied with a terrific point for Iveleary after slipping his marker and Ger O'Riordan set up Cronin for another point in the 29th minute. In injury time Dan O'Connell had his second



point for 'Scarra who went to the dressing room 0-7 to 0-3 adrift at the break.

On the resumption O'Connell had another point for Inniscarra but Cathal Vaughan replied with a score for Iveleary in the 35th minute. Five minutes later Liam O Riain slipped his marker and took a fine point for Inniscarra and when Alan Sheehan added another point immediately after Inniscarra were beginning to 'motor'. James Murphy's point in the 43rd minute reduced the deficit to the minimum and Iveleary were in need of a score to stop their slide. Wing back Seáníe Lehané provided the score they needed, and his point was followed by a point from a free by Cathal Vaughan and another from play from Finbarr McSweeney to leave Iveleary clear by 0-11 to 0-7 in the 50th minute. Timmy Murphy had a point for 'Scarra to reduce the deficit to a single goal

and as the men in blue came looking for a goal only desperate defending denied them. Liam Ó Riain sent in a blistering drive that shot just over the crossbar- a close call for Iveleary who were now only two points in front and under pressure. In injury time Cathal Vaughan eased their worries somewhat with a point from a 30metre free but the Iveleary men were relieved to hear the final whistle. A goal for Inniscarra at any stage could have spelt doom and they know they will have to sustain the effort for the full hour against the in-form Donoughmore men in the quarter final. Iveleary: Jamie Cronin: Gerard O'Riordan, Kevin Hourihan, Kevin Manning: Sean Lehané, Donal Cotter, Richard Manning: Daniel O'Riordan, Pat O'Riordan: Finbarr McSweeney, Edward Buckley, Sean O'Leary: Donal O'Sullivan, Cathal Vaughan, Brian Cronin. Inniscarra: Dominick Kelleher:

Tommy Buckley, Kevin Burke, Donal O'Callaghan: Brian O'Keeffe, Pádraig O'Callaghan, John O'Callaghan: Alan Sheehan, Ger Burke: Liam Ó Riain, James Murphy, Timmy Murphy: Sean O'Callaghan, Daniel O'Connell, Pádraig O'Brien. Subs: Colm Casey, John O'Keeffe and Richard O'Connor

Referee: Mr Hugh Kelleher, Canovee.

#### Fourth Round – Quarter Finals

1. Donoughmore v Iveleary
2. Kilmichael v Kilmurry
3. Clondrohid v Macroom
4. Dripsey v Aghinagh



Kilmurry U14's at Féile Peil



Macroom U14's at Féile Peil



Féile Peil at Macroom. Macroom GAA organising committee with Christy Cooney, Uachtarán CLCG, and Mark Sheehan, Cathaoirleach Rebel Óg



Irish world boxing champion Kellie Harrington and track and field Olympian, David Gillick will be coming online to homes and schools throughout North Cork and beyond over the coming months until summer holidays begin.



# Egg-citing times at O'Leary's Poultry Farm

**A gift at the age of 4 years old of eight Bantam chicks has led Macroom man Gerard O'Leary on a successful business journey.**

The unusual gift sparked a huge interest in all types of poultry in Gerard and while in Primary school, his interest expanded.

*"Most weekends my parents would take me to poultry shows and sales throughout Ireland where we won numerous rosettes and trophies for poultry we have showed",* Gerard told Lee Valley Outlook. What started off as a school boy hobby is now a full time business.

O'Leary's Poultry Farm now sell birds throughout southern Ireland.

They stock and keep a wide variety of poultry including point of lay pullets, ducks & Ducklings, Broilers, Guineas, quail, turkeys & turkey poults, Geese & goslings.

*"I still love travelling to poultry show both here in Ireland and in the UK, and I look forward to doing that again when restrictions lift",* Gerard added.

Gerard's most prized pet hen is a white Bantam which he purchased in Clonakilty in 2001 when she was just a few weeks old. *"She is still with us, hopefully she will make her 20th birthday in June, she even still lays the odd egg",* Gerard said.

Over the years we have made a lot of friends in the poultry world, some that have

started as customers.

Thankfully our business is continually growing and I know I have a lot of people to thank for this especially my parents.

Gerard's mother Margaret helps out on a daily basis, her help is invaluable and she loves working with the poultry as much as I do.

Sadly Gerard's Dad Tim passed away in 2017 and he was always great to encourage me to expand the business and help out in any way he could.

Now my Wife Erika is a great help with the business, especially behind the scenes. A fantastic wife and mother to the next generation of O'Leary's Poultry our 8 month old son Tim.

**O'Leary's Poultry Farm sell all types of Live Poultry and deliver throughout Cork and Kerry on a regular basis.**



Gerard and his wife Erika O'Leary



Baby Tim O'Leary (3rd generation) with toy hen.



Gerard O'Leary pictured at the Innashannon Steam Rally 2018



Tim O'Leary and son Gerard 2016



Tim O'Leary and Margaret O'Leary holding some ducklings - 2017 shortly before Tim passed away.

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## KELLEHER CRITICISES AN TAISE FOR DELAYING NEW CHEESE MANUFACTURING PLANT IN KILKENNY

**- GLANBIA MUST FIND ALTERNATIVE USES FOR EXTRA MILK PRODUCED RATHER THAN MAKE CUTS TO FARMERS' INCOMES -**

*"It appears to me that certain NGOs feel that they, rather than the Irish government, should set government agri-food policy,"* said Fianna Fáil MEP, Billy Kelleher.

Kelleher was commenting as a proposed Glanbia cheese manufacturing plant in Bellview, Co. Kilkenny has been delayed by planning, and now legal, challenges by An Taisce.

*"An Taisce have opposed the development on the basis that any increase in dairy production, which would be needed for the cheese plant to operate, would be 'untenable'."*

*"The Department of Agriculture, and the Irish Government, have decided that they want to increase dairy production in Ireland. An Taisce do not get to decide what government policy is; the Irish Government do. It is planned, and supported by the Government, to increase dairy production to 9.49 billion litres by 2027."*

*"This milk has to go somewhere. The proposed Glanbia cheese facility where they plan to make Gouda for the European market is an ideal destination for this additional milk supply."*

*"An Taisce's planning and legal challenges are damaging to job creation in terms of construction, and damaging to Irish dairy farmers who will feel the pinch in 2022 when Glanbia apply caps on production due to the failure of the new plant to open on time."*

*"Many dairy farmers have taken out loans to finance increased dairy production on their farms to supply milk to this new facility."*

*"We need a quick decision on their spurious challenges so that we can move on with developing the production facility and ensuring that dairy farmers do not lose out."*

*"Furthermore, I would call on Glanbia to work with dairy farmers to find alternatives to cuts in production levels. With all the additional ferry capacity, perhaps milk can be shipped to plants overseas rather than seeing farmers lose out?"* concluded Kelleher.



## PAL OF MY CRADLE DAYS

Mother's Day has passed, we all still think of our Mothers. The song by Ann Breen is a lovely tribute to all mothers and it goes as follows:

*What a friend what a pal only now I can see  
How you dreamed and planned all for me  
I never knew what a mother goes through,  
theres nothing that you didnt do.*

*Pal of my cradle days  
I've needed you always  
Since I was a baby, Upon your knee  
You sacrificed everything for me,  
I stole the gold from your hair  
I put in silver threads down,  
I dont know anyway I could ever repay  
Pal of my cradle days.*

Mary O'Callaghan  
Halissey  
Raleigh North,  
Macroom







## Can you explain Traditional Chinese Medicine?

**Traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) is thousands of years old and has changed little over the centuries. Its basic concept is that a vital force of life, called Qi, surges through the body.**

TCM is a system of medicine partly based on the idea that an energy, called Qi, flows along pathways in the body. In this belief, if the flow of Qi along these pathways is blocked or unbalanced, illness can occur. Any imbalance to Qi can cause disease and illness. An alteration in the opposite and complementary forces that make up the Qi is thought to be the most common cause of this imbalance; These are called yin and yang.

These pathways are accessed and modified to help a patient's state of well-being improve. We can use physical contact to access the surface channels, needles to access the subtler channels and Qi emission to access the deepest branches.

**There are many different areas of TCM, can you talk about a few treatments you do at the clinic?**

- **ACUPUNCTURE:** very fine needles placed gently in the skin at specific acupuncture points along the pathways
- **CUPPING:** heated cups that create suction placed on areas of the body to help stimulate Qi.
- **ACUPRESSURE,** which uses the hands or fingers to apply direct pressure to points along the body's meridians.
- **DIET.** Yin and yang foods can help restore the balance in the body.
- **MEDITATION:** a way to sit quietly and calm your mind

• **MOXIBUSTION:** which uses small amounts of heated plant fiber (moxa, or Chinese mugwort) on specific areas of the body.

• **QI GONG:** exercise with slow movements and focus on the breath

Traditional Chinese medicine has been found to be useful for a number of illnesses around the world, varying from all different avenues. It's difficult to apply Western scientific principles to traditional Chinese medicine because its diagnosis and treatment methods vary from those used in Western medicine.

In Western medicine, for example, any two individuals with the same infection (such as sinusitis) may be treated with the same antibiotics. In traditional Chinese medicine, each person might receive a different treatment for the same illness depending on the person's own Qi and yin-yang balance.



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## Killarney Brewing & Distilling Company launch Killarney Irish Whiskey and Imperial Stout collaboration



Producing great tasting quality beers since 2015, Killarney Brewing Company, has unveiled the next chapter in its evolution with the launch of an 8-year-old premium blended Killarney Irish Whiskey. This exceptional offering is finished in Killarney's own small-batch Imperial stout casks, a stout that is matured in the same Killarney Whiskey casks and designed to complement the flavours of the Whiskey blend. This limited-edition and truly unique pairing of Killarney Irish Whiskey and Imperial Stout, of which only 1092 bottles have been produced, is in celebration of the year The Annals of Inisfallen were released. A collector's item, Killarney Brewing & Distilling's Imperial Stout and inaugural Irish Whiskey pay homage to the storied monks of Inisfallen Island located in Lough Leane, Killarney. Each generation of the order contributed a new and ornate chapter of The Annals of Inisfallen. These chronicles, which are a medieval history of Ireland, spanned more than a century, providing a unique insight into life on the

island.

This launch comes in the midst of Killarney Brewing & Distilling Company building a new brewery to meet the growing demand for their beers along with a custom-built malt and grain distillery. On the heels of a €24 million investment, this stunning state of the art 62,000 sqft facility on the Ring of Kerry will overlook the McGillycuddy Reeks and lakes of Killarney, capturing the magical beauty of Kerry. Upon completion, this new premise will be Ireland's largest independently owned and co-located distillery, brewery and visitor experience. This will provide a cultural home to the thriving business, local employment and meet the burgeoning demand for premium Irish products and experiences from domestic and international markets.

Barry Spellman, General Manager at Killarney Brewing & Distilling Company, comments: "This project has been years in the making and it's a joy to finally launch our first Killarney Irish Whiskey

and showcase our innovation with this limited release collaboration between the new brewery and distillery. We are relentlessly focused on product quality, uniqueness and an unyielding commitment to excellence in every part of our business. Our passion and pride are evident at every touchpoint, from grain to glass to greeting. For those fortunate enough to acquire this limited-edition product, it really is a taste of things to come and the first

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# Looking Back in Time



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Jerry Lucey, proprietor of the Palace Cinema, Macroom, presenting his trophy to Pat Healy, Gurteenroe, in May 1969



Richard Hinchion, president of Cork County MNF, presenting the A.I.B. sponsored 25th Cork County Macra efficiency award at the Cork Summer Show to Mary Cooper, president of Crookstown MNF, at the dinner in Vienna Woods. Included are winners of the winning teams. © Peter Scanlan



Teresa O'Callaghan and Winnie Lynch in charge a flower stall, at the open garden day in aid of Macroom Hospital, at Oakgrove in 2005. © Peter Scanlan



Kilmurry Parish say farewell to Fr Cremin in 1999. © Peter Scanlan



Coachford Players presentation of "The Year of the Hiker" in 2006. © Peter Scanlan



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In loving memory of

**DENIS O'SULLIVAN**

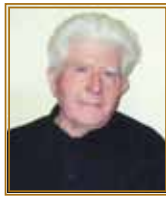
Old Fort, Carrigadrohid,  
 Macroom, Co. Cork.  
 Who died on April 11th 2015

*Will those who think of  
 Denis today,  
 A little prayer to Jesus say,  
 Sacred Heart of Jesus pray for him.*



Sadly missed by  
 your loving wife Mena and family.

## 7TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**HUGH TWOMEY  
 (HUGH MIKE HUGH)**

The Mills, Ballyvourney  
 Who passed away on 3rd April, 2014

*There is a face before us  
 A voice we would love to hear,  
 A smile we will always remember  
 Of a Dad we loved so dear.  
 Dear Dad you gave us so much  
 Your sense of fun and fairness,  
 Your love and wisdom  
 And the importance of enjoying  
 and treasuring life.*



Always remembered with great love and  
 affection by Margaret, Joan, Michael,  
 Mary and Martin & their partners and his  
 16 grandchildren xxxxx

## 5TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**SHEILA O'RIORDAN**

Sleaveen Road, Macroom, Co. Cork  
 Who died on the 10th of April 2016

*Your name is often spoken  
 We think about you still  
 You haven't been forgotten  
 By us you never will*



Fondly remembered by Cousins and  
 Friends

Naomh gobnait guidh uirthé

## 10TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**MICHAEL DINEEN**

Clondrohid  
 Died 7th April 2011

*You left us beautiful memories  
 Your love is still our guide  
 Although we cannot see you,  
 Your always at our side.*



Always remembered by Caroline,  
 Darren and Katie

## 18TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory today and always of a  
 dear son, brother, uncle and grand-uncle

**MICHAEL DONLON**

Roughgrove, Bandon, Co. Cork  
 who died on 2nd April 2003

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



Sadly missed and always remembered by  
 his loving father Richard, sisters Marian  
 and Nora. Nephews Kenneth, David, Sean,  
 Kenneths wife Laurie, grandnephews  
 Darragh and James.

## 2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**JOHNNY CREEDON**

An Gleann, Macroom  
 Who passed away on 29 March 2019

*On his soul sweet Jesus have mercy  
 A silent thought, a quiet prayer  
 for a special person in God's care*



Lovingly remembered by  
 family and friends

## 3RD ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**MARTIN BURKE**

Stamford, Connecticut formerly  
 Rahoona, Ballymakeera.  
 30th March 2018

*A Smile for all, a heart of gold.  
 The very best this world could hold.  
 Never selfish, always kind,  
 These are the memories  
 You've left behind.*



Sadly missed by his loving family,  
 Liam, Siobhán Jack and Joanne.

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#### 4TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**ANNE  
SPILLANE**

**Ballymakeera  
Who died on 24th March 2017**

*Beloved Mam and Nana,  
Memories are a gift to treasure,  
and ours of you will last forever.  
Sweet Jesus take this message to our  
mother up above,  
Tell her how we miss her  
and give her all our love.*



Lovingly remembered and sadly missed  
by her daughters, sons, daughters and  
sons in law and grandchildren.

St. Gobnait pray for her.

#### 36TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**MICHAEL  
KELLEHER**

**Bealick, Macroom, Co. Cork  
Died 4th April 1985**

*A loving nature,  
A heart of gold,  
These are the memories,  
We never forget,  
On his soul sweet Jesus have mercy.  
RIP*



Always remembered by his loving  
Brothers, Sisters, Brother-in-law, Sister-  
in-law, Nephews, Nieces, Grand Nephews,  
Grand Nieces.  
May he rest in peace.

#### BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE



In loving memory of

**LEO  
HUGHES**



In loving memory of

**EILEEN  
HUGHES**

**Masseytown, Macroom**

**Remembering with love on their 80th Birthdays that occur at this time**

*Today is your birthday  
In heaven above,  
Our blessings we send on the wings of a dove,  
Not just for today but everyday here of,  
We think of you both always  
with all our love.*



Lovingly missed by Caroline, Carmel & John

#### 3RD ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**TIMMY  
O'CALLAGHAN**

**Curraclough, Lissarda  
Who died on 6th April 2018**

*A silent thought  
A quiet prayer  
For a special person  
In God's care*



Always remembered by his loving wife  
Sheila and family

#### 5TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**GREG LONG**

**Rylane**

**Who died on 30th March 2016**  
*If we could have a lifetime wish  
And one dream that could come true  
We would pray to God with all our  
Hearts just to see and speak to you  
A thousand words won't bring you back  
We know because we've tried  
And neither will a million tears  
We know because we've cried  
You've left behind our broken hearts  
And precious memories too  
But we've never wanted memories  
We only wanted you.*



Always loving, always loved  
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## A Word of Victory

Welcome back dear reader.... 'the life of the body is in the blood' (Leviticus 17:11 NLT). This week we celebrate the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God who sacrificed His life so we could be forgiven of our sins and set free. When Jesus was eating 'the last supper' with His disciples, He was actually celebrating Passover which was instituted by God for His people to remember how He miraculously delivered them from slavery (Exodus chapter 12).

God promised that He would deliver His people from their enemies and He did. He told Moses to have each family kill and prepare a perfect lamb. They then put the blood of the lamb over the doorpost of their houses and stayed inside that night while the angel of death swept through the land. The death angel could not cross any threshold that had the blood of the lamb upon it. This is why the Israelites celebrate Passover. God's people were passed over by the spirit of death protected by the blood of the lamb as judgment was poured out upon their oppressors.

Later God told Moses to take two goats and kill one and shake its blood over the people as they gathered to confess their sins and worship God (Leviticus 16:1-34). This blood temporarily covered and made atonement for their sins. The remainder of the blood was poured upon the other goat known as the 'scape-goat', who was then hunted out into the wilderness ceremonially taking all the people's sins with him. But the forgiveness that the people received was only a short term remedy and had to be repeated every year.

When Jesus took the bread and cup that night at Passover, He told His disciples that He was about to become the one-time-for-all Passover Lamb (Hebrews 10:1-39). This New Covenant God made with mankind replaced the blood of goats and lambs which was never a permanent solution for sin. So God sent His Son Jesus to become our scape-goat, the Lamb of God (John 1:36; John 3:16). Jesus was beaten beyond recognition, so that He resembled a hunk of meat upon the Cross. This beating was for our bodies to receive healing (Isaiah 53:3-12). He was nailed to the Cross to pay the price for our sin and curse because 'the wages of sin is death' and 'cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree' so that we could be made righteous and live blessed. Jesus became sin for us - this is why the Father turned His face away from Him, because God cannot look at sin. Jesus died all alone so that we could be forgiven of our sins and restored back to God as if we had never sinned and receive eternal life. He took our sins and paid the ransom that we could never pay. And God then raised Him back to life on Resurrection Sunday defeating death and sin forever (Mark chapters 14, 15, 16). Hallelujah this is the Good News!

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Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked many favours. This time I ask you this special one, (mention favour).

Take it dear heart of Jesus and place it within your heart where your father sees it.

Then in his merciful eyes it will become your favour, not mine. Amen.

Say this prayer three times for three days and your favour will be granted.

Never known to fail.

Must promise publication of prayer.

CD

### PRAYER TO ST. ANTHONY



Oh gentle and loving St. Anthony in whose arms the infant Jesus love to linger, one word from you and my prayer will be answered oh speak that word and the gratitude of my heart will be yours.

MR

### NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

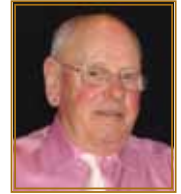


O Most Beautiful Flower of Mt. Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendour of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist us in our necessity. O Star of the Sea, help us and show us the way. Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who turn to you.

Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads, so that we can attain our goal. You who gave us the diving gift to forgive and forget all evil against us, and who are with us in all instances in our lives, thank you for all things, as you confirm once again that we are never to be separated from you in eternal glory. Amen

MR

### 4TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**PATRICK  
JOSEPH (P.J.)  
LEHANE**

**Kilnagurteen, Macroom  
Who died on 13th April 2017**

*As each day dawns,  
we think of you.*

*As each night falls,  
we pray for you.*

*And throughout our lives,  
no matter where, in our hearts  
You are always there.*



Deeply missed by his loving wife Anne, children Angela and Paul, and grandchildren Leanne, Neil and Paul, in-laws John and Donna, family and friends.

### 9th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**NORA  
ROCHE**

**Slieveveagh, Ballyvourney.  
Who died on April 7th 2012.**

*We miss you now, our hearts are sore,  
As time goes by we miss you more,  
Your loving smile, your gentle face,  
No one can fill your vacant place.*

*Always in our thoughts  
Forever in our hearts.*



Saint Gobnait Pray for her.

Always remembered by  
Her loving family.



## 10TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**MARGARET  
KELLEHER**

Coolcaum, Kilnamartyra, Macroom  
who died on the 4th April 2011.

*May the winds of heaven blow softly,  
And whisper in your ear,  
How much we love and miss you,  
And wish that you were here.*



Sadly missed by her husband Connie,  
daughter Susan, sons Greg & Conor,  
grandson Noah, brothers, sisters and  
extended family.

## 20TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**ANNE  
DINNEEN**

Crohane, Clonkeen, Killarney  
Who died on the 7th April, 2001

*We hold you close within our hearts  
And there you shall remain,  
To walk with us throughout our lives,  
Until we meet again.  
So rest in peace, dear loved one  
And thanks for all you've done.  
We pray that God has given you  
The crown you've truly won.*



Very sadly missed by  
her loving Husband Denis,  
Padraig and Martina,  
Aileen and Sean,  
Kathleen and James  
and all her grandchildren.

## 25TH & 20TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**DAN  
CRONIN**

Coolroe Heights, Ballincollig  
& late of Main St, Macroom  
Who died on April 9th 1996



In loving memory of

**JERRY  
CRONIN**

Main St Macroom  
who died on 29th May 2001

*Too Dearly Loved  
to be Forgotten*



Always Fondly Remembered by Anne, Con & Patricia, Claire & Aileen

## EASTER REMEMBRANCE



In loving memory of

**DANIEL  
O'REGAN**

Whose birthday occurred  
On the 25th March, 2021

**MARY  
O'REGAN**

Whose birthday occurs  
On the 17th April, 2021

Codrum, Macroom

*"Somewhere beyond the sunset  
Where loved ones never die  
You sleep in a beautiful garden  
Beneath a golden sky*

*Though heaven and earth divide us  
We are never far apart  
For you are always in our thoughts  
And forever in our hearts."*



Always cherished, always loved.  
Michael, Gonnait and Owen.  
xxx

**PATRICK  
O'REGAN**

## 5TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**SUSAN  
FITZGERALD**

Oakwood, Macroom.  
Died 14th April 2016

*Everyday in some small way  
memories of you come our way  
though absent you are ever near  
still missed, loved and always dear*



Fondly remembered and sadly missed by  
her family, relatives and friends.

## 25TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**DAN  
CRONIN**

Railway View, Macroom &  
Ballincollig. Who died on  
April 9th 1996

*Too Dearly Loved  
to be Forgotten*



Always remembered by his wife Christine,  
sons Jerry, Neil and Declan, brother Con,  
sister Anne and all his family and friends

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