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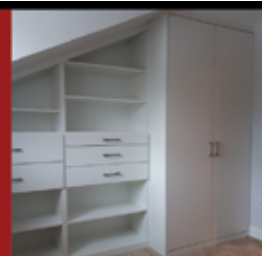
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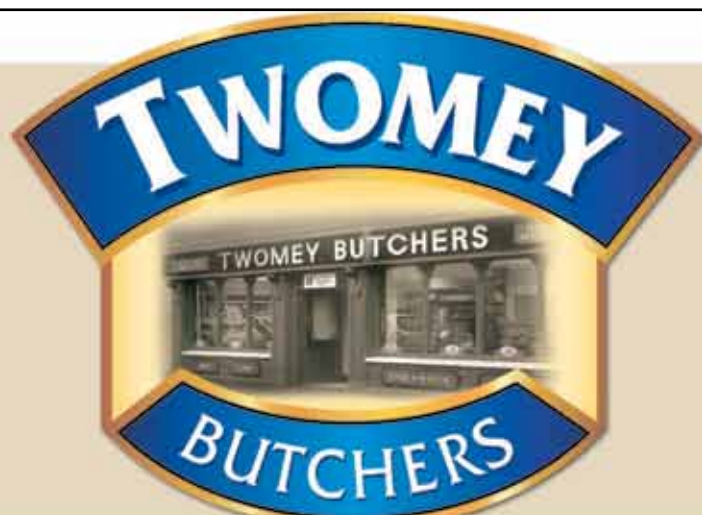
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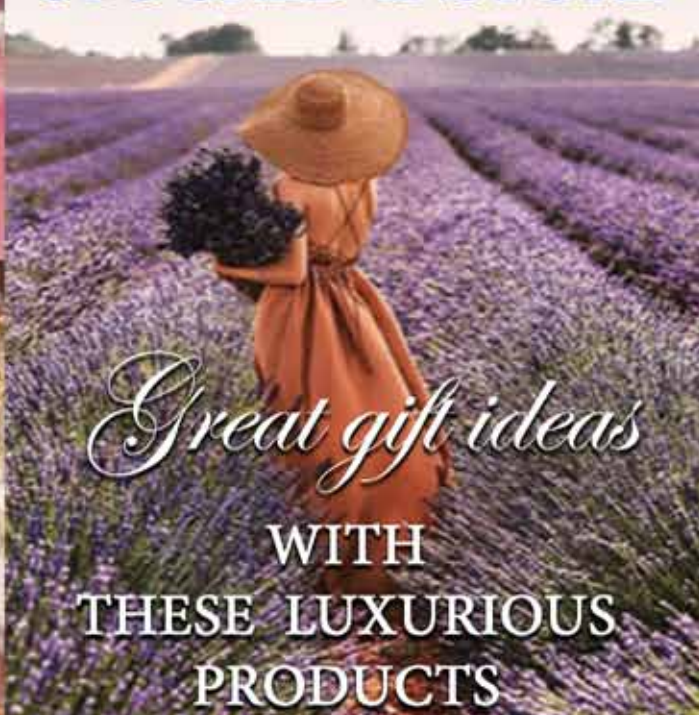
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Cork County Council Draft Development Plan, Macroom, Volume 4 is requesting your input in developing plans for our area. It is a wonderful opportunity for us a community to have our say in the development of multi-use spaces and infrastructure, which will positively impact all demographics and hopefully improve our quality of life within the town.

It says "Macroom is well served by green infrastructure and sports facilities, indeed it is estimated that per head of population Macroom town has the largest per capita quantity of public park in Cork County." Interestingly, "this Plan encourages the development of greater public access to the Castle Demesne. At present, the Sullane Bridge is the only way in which access can be gained to both sides of the Castle Demesne. As this is a very busy vehicular bridge, it does not serve to enhance pedestrian permeability of the green infrastructure network in the Castle Demesne. This Plan will promote the creation of enhanced connections within the demesne lands, between the north and south. A pedestrian bridge linking the Town Park with the G.A.A. lands would serve to create greater connectivity within the demesne, making the eastern portion more permeable." Personally, I feel this would be fantastic, I know many of us thoroughly enjoyed our walks around the fringes of the golf course during COVID and it will be such a massive shame to not be able to do this anymore.

Following on from this, it has identified a green

corridor along the river, similar to one I described a few editions back "There is a clear opportunity to reinforce and promote this linear park as a formal green corridor along the Sullane river and integrate it into the future redevelopment of the town particularly through enhanced accessibility/ connectivity. It has the potential to be a valuable asset to both residents and visitors to the town, particularly as much of it is within public ownership. Although not the same in terms of scale it could operate on a par with a facility such as the Regional Park in Ballincollig. Riverside walks should be developed sensitively incorporating appropriate setbacks from riverbanks in order to minimise impacts on freshwater habitats and species. Promoting the biodiversity value of this area also brings potential opportunities to enhance this value through sensitive management."

The plan further explores the refurbishment and reuse of history structures in Cork Street, New Street, Main Street and Castle street, a Masseytown Relief Road, the implementation of cycle routes to encourage car free access within the town, the encouragement of more water sports, new proposed Natural Heritage Areas (sadly Gouganebarra Lake, Loch Allua and the Gearagh are currently not Natural Heritage Areas) amongst many other things.

It really is worth your while reading it and if you have the time, comparing it to the last Macroom development plan (to see what was achieved) and contrasting it to towns, which has seen massive

success such as Clonakilty and Kinsale.

To Have Your Say

The plan-making process is a collaborative one and Cork County Council are looking for your views on the Draft County Development Plan, please see the following document explains how to 'Have Your Say!'

Cork County Council hereby invites any interested individuals or parties to make submissions and observations in respect of the Draft Plan. If you require specific guidance on how to make an online submission, please click the following link: Guidance on how to make an online submission.

Submissions/observations may be made on the Draft Plan between Thursday 22nd April 2021 and midnight on Thursday 1st July 2021 inclusive in the following ways.

Visit <https://www.corkcoco.ie/en/cork-county-development-plan-2022-2028> to have your say.

If you have thoughts or ideas for Macroom and the Lee Valley email us at leevalleyoutlook@gmail.com

*Sarah Kate
Murphy*

EDITOR



MACROOM LOCAL ARTIST TAKES THE GEARAGH TO SHAKESPEARE COUNTRY



Siobhan Duggan Irish Artist



Kilbrin born artist Siobhan Duggan has been chosen to exhibit her twelve-month study of the Gearagh in The King House Gallery in Stratford-Upon-Avon, the birthplace of William Shakespeare, next month as part of an international competition called "Seasons". She is one of 20 artists chosen from over 450 entrants from 26 different countries to exhibit.

Siobhan who now resides in Macroom began studying and painting the Gearagh a number of years ago as she was so taken with its raw natural, unexplored beauty. Taking walks in the area, made her realise how much the landscape changed throughout the day and how it looked to be a different land with every month that

passed. Taking this as her inspiration, she decided to paint a picture from the exact same vantage point each month to capture this changing beauty throughout the course of a year. The result is a beautiful acknowledgement of The Gearagh with the passing of time and its dramatic changes in light each month.

Speaking of being chosen to exhibit her work in Stratford-Upon-Avon, Siobhan says, "I am thrilled to have this work chosen for this exhibition, it's a personal project very close to my heart. From the beginning my desire was to capture the ever-changing beauty of this mystical land throughout the seasons so when I saw the "Seasons" competition it felt like it was fate and I had to enter.

Starting out in January 2020 I wasn't sure that I would end up capturing so many moods in the coming 12 months and each one brought with it its own challenges and beauty as we were all navigating changing times too as a country and world. Although I won't be able to make the trip to see the exhibit in person, I hope it brings joy to those who do get to stand in front of it and they might put The Gearagh on their must visit list for their next trip to Ireland."

Siobhan's work will hang in The King House Gallery in Stratford-Upon-Avon from April 30th to May 9th.

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Macroom and District Lions Club



Extends Deadline for its €2,000 Community Give-Back

#MacroomLionsClub Big Community Give-Back Campaign extended until 28th May, offering people more time to be in with a chance to win €500 for your club/charity.

Macroom and District Lions Club is on a mission to celebrate WHO, WHAT and WHERE we are grateful for right now.

The Big Community Give Back Campaign invites people of all ages across Macroom and its districts to show you care by showing WHAT, WHO, or WHERE you are grateful for right now and nominating a deserving club or charity to receive €500. The Lions Club has already received some amazing entries to its Big Community Give-Back Campaign and wants to see more people being involved and nominating their chosen charity/club to win one of the €500 donations on offer. The deadline for entries has been extended to Friday 28th May and entries can be received at: Matt Murphy's Pharmacy; O'Leary's SuperValu; Evelyn's Shop; and Macroom Credit Union. Entries can also be received online via Facebook, Instagram or TikTok (simply use #MacroomLionsClub).

The Club is ready to donate a total of €2,000 to four local charities or clubs (€500 each) that serve the Macroom area. The Club invites entries in the form of artwork, photography, music, dance, poetry, or even an Instagram or TikTok video! There are four categories for entries:

- Up to 12 years
- 13 years – 17 years
- Adults (18years+)
- Social Media (TikTok, Instagram or Facebook)

Each entry must include (1) name and contact details, (2) the category being entered, (3) the



nominated charity or club. Social media entries must also include #MacroomLionsClub and mention the nominated club or charity (without the hashtag, entries will not be eligible). Group submissions are also welcome. Please see the terms and conditions of the competition on the Macroom Lions Club Facebook page.

Tony Kelleher, President of Macroom Lions Club says, "The past 12 months have been hugely challenging for everyone and we are very conscious of the impact of this on people's mental health. We want to remind people that our community is still strong and supportive. Even though we are all living so apart right now, we hope our Big Community Give-Back will show people that we are very much 'together.'"

For further information, visit Macroom Lions Club Facebook page or contact Jo-Anne Higgins on 085 7572203.



NPWS Warns of 'Zero Tolerance' for Destroying Vegetation during the Bird Nesting Season

The National Parks and Wildlife Service of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage has warned of a 'zero tolerance' approach to the illegal cutting of hedges between 1st March and 31st August each year. This follows a recent prosecution related to illegal hedgerow destruction in Kildare, which resulted in a large fine.

"Hedgerows are superhighways for nature, a hugely valuable and biodiverse network that extends throughout the country and includes some of the oldest and most well-established habitat in our landscapes," said Minister of State for Heritage and Electoral Reform, Malcolm Noonan TD. "The vast majority of landowners are already aware that, while limited exemptions do exist, it is illegal to damage or destroy hedgerows during the breeding season. I welcome NPWS's zero tolerance approach to offences under the Wildlife Act. These are extremely serious matters and my Department is responding by actively recruiting additional Conservation Rangers and establishing a Wildlife Crime Unit to properly resource our efforts to protect nature. I call on members of the public who witness these acts to contact and provide as much evidence as they can to the NPWS."

Commenting on the need for a zero tolerance approach, Pádraig O'Donnell, Regional Manager with the NPWS, said: "We are experiencing a crisis in our countryside and we have to undertake a zero tolerance approach. We're losing hedgerows forever, and we need to temper it. There are exemptions

and not all hedge cutting is illegal. This is not about people clipping a hedge, this is about hedgerow destruction. The biodiversity-rich hedgerows in the greater countryside are part of our shared heritage, but these are being destroyed by contractors and landowner, and we are determined that this must stop."

In addition to increasing staffing resources on the ground and establishing the Wildlife Crime Unit, NPWS has said that it will bring further cases to court for any cases that see bird nesting habitat destroyed through the removal of hedgerows. NPWS is on "high alert" for hedgerow cutting and hedgerow removal, Mr O'Donnell added, "and we are determined to follow up on reports and prosecute where possible."

Commenting on the value of hedgerows, Pádraig O'Donnell, Regional Manager with the NPWS said: "Around the country, hedgerows which have been growing for hundreds of years are being wiped out. These have been growing out and supporting huge biodiversity but once they are destroyed, they are gone forever, as is the biodiversity that depended on them. Everything from birds to mammals to insects to plants. They are a source of food and shelter and one of our most important habitats." He urged people observing loss to contact the NPWS by sending an email to natureconservation@chg.gov.ie outlining their concerns and providing evidence where possible. "Wildlife Act enforcement relies on evidence," he noted.

Dates for the cutting of hedges are set down

in primary legislation under the Wildlife Acts. Section 40 of the Act prohibits the cutting, grubbing, burning or destruction of vegetation, with certain strict exemptions, from 1 March to 31 August. There is provision in the legislation for some restricted exemptions from the prohibition during the closed period - for example, for works undertaken in the ordinary course of agriculture or forestry, for health and safety reasons, the destruction of noxious weeds, in respect of works permitted under statute and for works undertaken for road safety reasons (both landowners and public authorities can take reasonable steps to address hedges and trees for road safety reasons at any time of the year).



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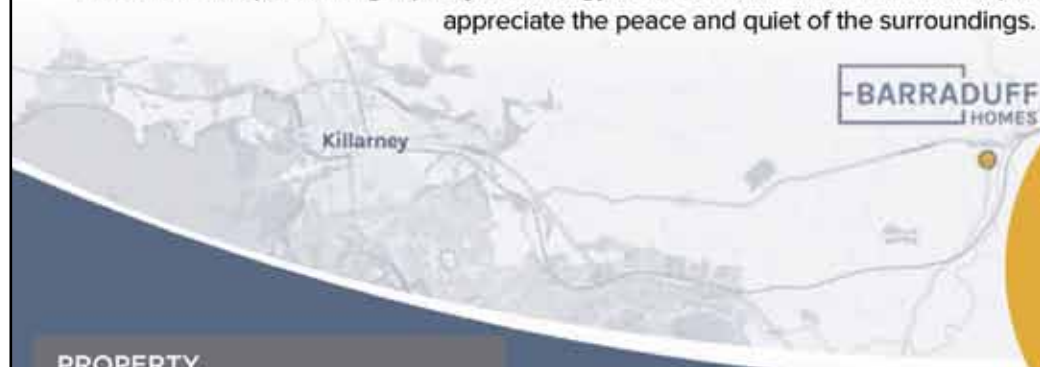
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BACK TO SCHOOL

A big welcome back to all our students in 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th year who are back in the building together for the first time since December 22nd 2020!!! To mark the occasion, we asked Mr. Cool to call during lunchbreak where students and staff enjoyed some free ice cream, popcorn and slushies. The sun came out and everyone relaxed in the peaceful and safe environment of the school grounds. The happiness and smiling were infectious; it was just a pity the bell went, and we had to return to class.

For the remainder of term there will be a significant emphasis on learning and teaching and all staff will support students with finishing their coursework and guiding students through assessments etc.

Our covid response plan will continue to be implemented with many health and safety measures in place to keep all staff and students safe.

Remember wash and sanitise hands regularly, wear a facemask, keep a safe distance from others and stay safe both in school and in the Community.

Keep up the great work everyone!

LEAVING CERT PRACTICAL SUBJECTS UPDATES

McEgan College Leaving Cert Students are very busy in this final term finishing their projects and coursework.

ENGINEERING

On return to school in March, Engineering students immediately continued their projects from where they left them before Christmas. Mr Dennehy's Engineering class were fortunate enough to have made significant progress before lockdown with the practical component of this subject, which is worth 50% of the overall exam. During school closure, a great emphasis was placed on revising all of the theory online comprehensively, which is worth the other 50% of the exam.

WELL DONE TO OUR DCG CLASS OF 2021

Congratulations on the hard work and dedication after school on Wednesday and Friday evenings finishing the Design Portfolio for the DCG student assignment. It is great to have 40% done and dusted with the practical element of the exam! All DCG students showed some great innovation with their ideas. Maybe we have some future designers and engineers amongst our Leaving Cert Class of 21!

CONSTRUCTION STUDIES

Construction Studies at Leaving Cert level has always been a very popular subject at McEgan College with the majority of students studying this subject at higher level and achieving above the national average grade. Leaving Cert Students of Construction Studies are busy finishing off their building projects and revising the course for the written paper which is worth 50% per cent of the exam and the practical element making up the other 50% of the exam.

HOME ECONOMICS

Assessment in Leaving Certificate Home Economics - Social and Scientific, is in the form of a terminal written examination and an assessment of practical work, which is an integral part of the study of Home Economics.

The Coursework Journal in Home Economics is worth 20% of the overall grade for Leaving Certificate. There are five assignments issued at the beginning of fifth year. Four assignments are to be completed by October of Sixth Year prior to being sent to the Dept of Education for marking in December. The Coursework Journal is the same

for both Higher and Ordinary level students. Students are required to attend all practical classes for coursework and write up the journal as directed by the teacher. Leaving cert Home Economics is as popular with the boys as it is for the girls, with boys representing 40% of this year's Leaving Cert Class at McEgan College.

CORK EDUCATION AND TRAINING BOARD VIRTUAL AWARD CEREMONY

Cork ETB annual awards ceremony was held recently and two Leaving Cert Students from McEgan College Mary Clarke and Emilija Jakovlevaite, from the class of 2020, received awards for their outstanding achievements. The event took place online and recognised the hard work of the students who were amongst the highest achievers in Cork ETB schools. An

Taoiseach Michael Martin addressed the virtual ceremony and congratulated the students receiving awards and wished them well for the future.

Cork ETB CEO Mr Denis Leamy addressed the ceremony and reminded students that they will always have an interesting story to tell about their final year of school.

From the moment Mary Clarke arrived at McEgan College, it was obvious that she was very focused on her studies with huge ability. Her diligence and work ethic were consistent and of a very high standard. As well as excelling academically, she also found time to participate in all areas of school life including sports events and charity work. She is very musical and played at all school events. She also attended the Easter School with UCC+ and Science Camp programmes in UCC. Mary was awarded overall student of the year at McEgan College.

Emilija Jakovlevaite excelled academically at McEgan College and participated in many of the school activities, including sports events such as basketball and charity. She was the chairperson of the student council in her final year, overseeing numerous projects that brought a positive change

to student's daily routines. Emilija believed in challenging herself to reach her full potential. She was hardworking, conscientious, and diligent throughout her years at McEgan. Emilija received over 550 points in her Leaving Cert. We wish her continued success with her commerce degree in UCC.

Pictures above: Emilija Jakovlevaite at the McEgan College Cork ETB Awards Ceremony.

Mary Clarke at the McEgan College Cork ETB Awards Ceremony First Year Home Economics Students at McEgan College busy baking



MACROOM TIDY TOWNS

Macroom Tidy Towns are co-ordinating a major street sweep on Saturday 8th May.

All people living and working in the town centre area are asked if they can at least sweep in front of their own premises and thus allow the volunteers to concentrate on other areas. The big clean

sweep will begin at 7.30 am in the square to be out ahead of the busy traffic. We hope to see big numbers out helping, and there will be lots of space for social distancing.

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Leaving cert students, Ms Donovan and Mr McLaughlin showing off their new hoodies



Convent cowgirls l-r Abigail Kelleher, Sinead Creedon, Aoife Downey, Siobhan O'Leary

St. Mary's News



Creative engagement workshop



CREATIVE ENGAGEMENT WORKSHOP

Over the last few weeks TY students have been taking part in a Creative Engagement Workshop in conjunction with Macroom School of Art. A small group of students are getting the chance each week to do a cyanotype printing workshop with Artist Ciara Rodgers. The girls have produced beautiful work and they have really enjoyed the opportunity to try something new that they have never experienced before. Well done girls, thanks to Ms Donovan for organising this opportunity for the girls and thanks also to Ciara Rodgers for providing such an enjoyable workshop for the girls.

ECO WEEK 2021

Last week our TY students attended two online webinars as part of Eco Week 2021. The first webinar dealt with the subject of climate change and the second was focused on fast fashion and the effect that it has on our environment. The webinars were interactive, and students got the opportunity to comment and share ideas throughout on very topical and relevant subjects. Well done girls.

CERTIFIED IRISH ANGUS COMPETITION - SEMI-FINAL

After months of preparation and many zoom and in-person meetings, our Certified Irish Angus group the 'Convent Cowgirls' had their Semi-Final

Interview last week. If the girls are successful, they become 1 of 5 finalist teams to win 5 angus calves to rear over the next two years. During this time, they will also have to complete a project assigned by Certified Irish Angus Producers group! The very best of luck to Ms Foley and to the girls who have worked so hard on their project since September!

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY

Well done to Kiera Moynihan and our TY group for organising Mental Health Awareness Activities last week. All staff and students were encouraged to wear different colour shoes to school on Monday the 19th of April to support Mental Health Awareness Day. The day began with various different presentations (researched, prepared and presented by the students) on different areas of Mental Health. The girls also made bracelets to distribute out to the students in the school to raise awareness of and show support of Mental Health issues.

ALL IRELAND FINALISTS IN THE GAELINN IRISH DEBATING COMPETITION

Comhghairdeas mór do Ms Queally agus Anna Ní Mhathúna agus Cara Ní Mhaoldomhnaigh atá cáilithe do Chraobh na hÉireann sa chomórtas óráide an Phiarsaigh. Bhuaigh siad an Chraobh Réigiúnach le deanai. Chomh maith le sin, rinne Aoibhe Ní Chéilleachair agus Sadbh de Búrca óráidí den chéad scoth, táimid fíor bhródúil

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Huge congratulations to Anna O Mahoney and Cara Moloney who won the Regional Final and have qualified for the All-Ireland Final in the GaelLinn Irish Public Speaking Competition. The girls are two of sixteen students who have qualified for the All Ireland out of over 250 who entered the competition. Massive congratulations also to Aoibhe Kelleher and Sadbh Bourke who delivered excellent speeches at the Regional Final. Thanks so much to Ms Queally who dedicated so much time to help the girls to prepare for this competition. Well done all, we are very proud of you. Maith sibh!

SOROPTIMIST IRELAND GIRLS' PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION 2020/2021

Congratulations to Emma Cahill in Transition Year who recently won the first round of the Soroptimist Ireland Girls' Public Speaking Competition 2020/2021. Her 7-minute-long speech was inspired by Bill Gates' quote 'Life is not fair, get used to it'. In her speech she explored the themes of discrimination, the 'Poverty Cycle' and our current healthcare system. As well as winning a cash prize and being awarded a certificate of achievement, she also progresses to the Regional Final. We are all very proud of her accomplishment here in St. Mary's Secondary School and we wish her the very best going forward in the competition.

National Biodiversity Week – May 17th to 23rd 2021

National Biodiversity Week takes place from May 17th to May 23rd 2021.

Spanning the week area a number of key dates including International Bee Day on May 20th; International Day of Biological Diversity on May 22nd and on either side of the week – National

Dawn Chorus on May 16th and European Day of Parks on May 24th. As always some excellent groups organize an array of talks and events for the week and details will be added to the upcoming heritage events section of www.corkcoco.ie once announced.



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WORK PLACEMENT WITH TED COOKE

Cloyne Diocesan Youth Services, 'The Good Lives' Project, Macroom, took part in a plantation of two copper beeches. This was a part of their QQI 4 Work Experience module with the local training initiative. The recent upkeep of the local Castle Demesne consisted of learners, staff and volunteers who opted for getting in touch with nature for their work placement. Ted Cook, who is a local environmentalist, made this possible. These pictures illustrate the planting of two copper beeches, a picture of the mature Copper Beech mid 19th century with Ted. Ted said "Astute readers of the LVO will discern an antithesis of Copper Beeches in a Native Tree Project, however exotic ornamental species add amenity whilst preserving biodiversity. Purists, may abhor all but the indigenous, it is felt, continuity of 19th century introductions in a 14th century heritage site, carefully sited are appropriate" All H.S.E Public Health Guidelines were adhered to during the plantation.



Tree Planting
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Oisín Hegarty and Ted Cook
planting the first copper beech.

OLD PHOTOS OF MACROOM AND DISTRICT

Con Kelleher



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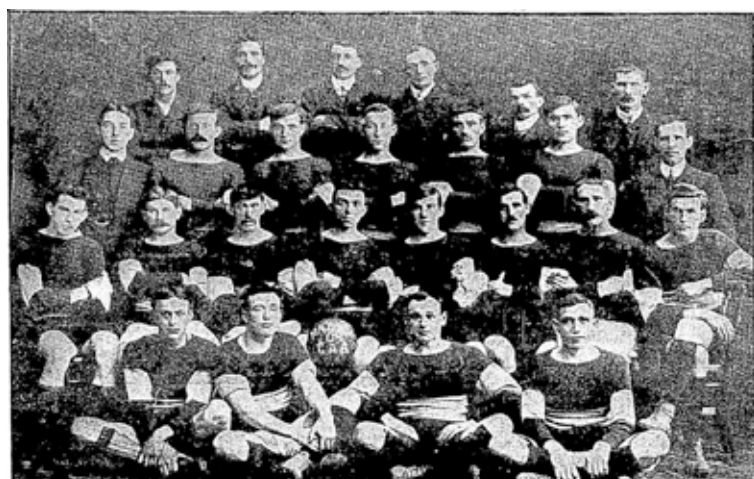
Photo of a Macroom farthing (quarter of a penny) -
provenance not known.

'Pictures are better than a thousand words' and this certainly true of people, places and things that we have not seen. As time advances, the number of eyewitnesses of things past is ever decreasing, Prince Philip's who recently passed away at ninety-nine is one of the few survivors of WW2. Photos of this and earlier periods are thus of great value. At the moment, I am presently trying to assemble old photos of Macroom and District, portraits and landscape. The Lawrence Collection provides early snaps of the area and a photo of the great Macroom football team published in 1912 in the Cork Weekly Examiner and the Butte Independent (Butte City, Montana, U.S.) is one of the earliest photos I've have identified.

I would be very grateful if anyone has photos of the late 19th or early 20th century, and it would be even better if they were dated and accompanied by details of the people, place or occasion involved.

Please contact me at 086/2480350 or konkell31@gmail.com or send to Dr Con Kelleher, 24 Oakwood, Macroom P12 RH26 if you would be willing to share.

Slán, Thanks and Take Care, Con Kelleher.



Butte Independent 1910 Macroom GAA team



Cork Examiner, A depiction of a train's first arrival in Macroom in 1866.



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KILLARNEY VACCINATION CENTRE

Events in India and Brazil have underlined the power and viciousness of the Corona virus. Yesterday 23/4/2021 2,624 people died from Covid in India and it had more than 300,000 new cases. Brazil had less new cases that day but more deaths. The Indian health service can't cope and oxygen, a mainstay of treatment, is scarce.

The unfolding tragedy is of enormous proportions. Similar circumstances are present in Brazil. Both countries' experiences are caused by the virus and by ignoring best public health advice.

In contrast Ireland is doing relatively well; numbers of Covid cases and those in hospital and intensive care are reducing, and despite hitches in supply and the rare but consequential side effects of Vaxzevria, the AstraZeneca vaccine, the vaccination programme is gathering pace. Presently I am working in a vaccination centre and it is satisfying to be part of the fight against the pandemic. This week in Killarney about 1,000 people will be vaccinated, and after the first two days the only immediate side effect was one lady felt faint – and she feels faint after every injection she receives. Tralee, Cork, Clonakilty and Bantry in Cork/Kerry also have vaccination hubs.

The Killarney Centre operates from the Killarney

Sports Complex, just off the Killarney bypass. The complex has several basketball courts, a swimming pool, a gym etc. and changing, catering and parking facilities. Temporary booths are erected in the main arena where the injections are given. At the side there are registration desks, and there are waiting and observation areas. Complementing these is a well-equipped emergency room; a second observation cubicle is available, as are a computer control area, a nurses' management room and a special cubicle for storing and preparing the vaccines.

On entering the complex, patients are directed to their parking areas and escorted to registration. After a short waiting time, patients are seen by nurses working mostly in pairs. Any concerns of patients and nurses are checked by the doctors and provided that all is well, the vaccination proceeds. Afterwards patients wait either fifteen or thirty minutes and it takes about an hour from parking to leaving the complex. Superb resuscitation equipment and trained personnel are immediately available if needed. In my three days, there was no untoward incident apart from a light-headedness episode.

The vast majority of attendees were thrilled to get the vaccine. 'It is like winning the Lotto' or similar

sentiments were frequently expressed. A release from isolation to looking forward to seeing their new-born grandchildren were other reactions. A woman whose invalided husband suffered a brain haemorrhage fifteen years ago and who cares for him mostly alone was ecstatic that she and her husband would receive the vaccine. She saw the vaccine as an invaluable protection and a chance for more company. Her joy at getting the injection was moving. There were many people with similar stories, and they all felt mightily relieved that vaccine day had come.

Maybe as usual, the secretaries and nurses did most of the work. As a medic my role was to advise patients and clarify queries from nurses, and to have all in order in the case of an emergency. My colleague was a retired anaesthetist and an expert in managing emergencies. Many of the nurses had great training and experiences in areas that ranged from Accident and Emergency to Coronary Care to surgery to psychiatric expertise – across the whole range of nursing. Typical of nurses they were competent, pleasant, enthusiastic, and positive – a joy to work with. Many had their own interesting and often tough personal experiences. All-in-all the staff felt they were doing something important and lifesaving and there was a tremendous 'feel-good' factor.

The plain people of Ireland, and including non-Irish born residents, reaffirmed their great common sense and ignored the deniers and much of the sensationalised adverse media and political point-scoring commentary. In my opinion even some of our more 'renowned' broadcasters have over concentrated on the lesser imperfections and overlooked the good 'bigger' picture.

Coming back to the comparison with India and Brazil, and even some European countries, Ireland is lucky to have NPHET, a government and HSE that is doing its best, and brilliant assets such as the those working in the vaccination centre.

'Well Done' to all involved: and onwards and upwards on the road to near normality and overcoming the epidemic. **By Dr Con Kelleher**



Nurse Amanda Daly, Dr Con Kelleher, Dr Vincent O'Keeffe in the emergency cubicle, Killarney Hub. (Nurse Linda McCarthy).



Registration staff in Killarney Hub. (C. Kelleher).



Nurses, security and registration staff in Killarney Hub. (C. Kelleher).



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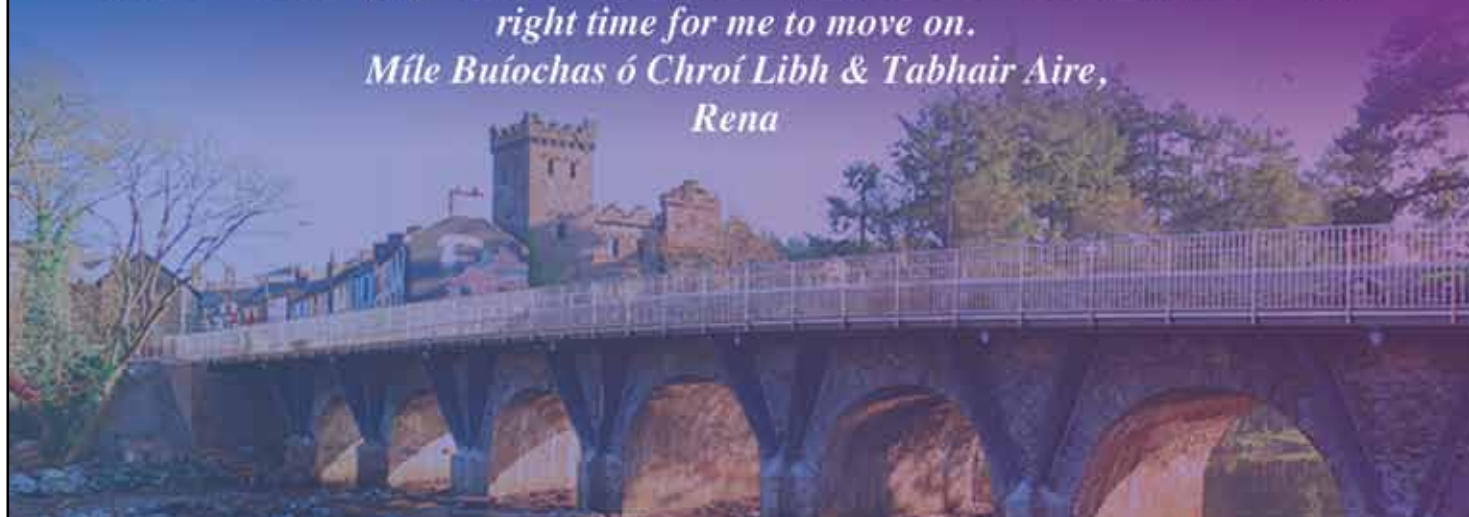


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I wish to thank you for your kindness and custom over the last 5 and a half years. I thoroughly enjoyed my time working in Macroom, but now is the right time for me to move on.

*Míle Buíochas ó Chroí Libh & Tabhair Aire,
Rena*



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Be sure to spread the word about our online services available from Cork County Library, it might be just the information someone needs to help them get through Lockdown.

Find out more at; <https://www.corkcoco.ie/en/library-services/library-online>

In partnership with Healthy Ireland and Libraries Ireland, GIY Ireland (Grow It Yourself) announced the launch of "Grow It Forward". Through this initiative, 50,000 free food growing 'seed packs' will be given away. Each food growing pack includes seeds for beetroot, carrots, salad leaves, peas & tomatoes; a guide to help them grow them & a postcard & gift tags if you wish to share.

The aim of these packs is to inspire and support people to grow some of their own food at home, while connecting with their friends & family to join them.

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There are a lot of Events & Activities happening this May as part of Bealtaine 2021.

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Create your own willow vase or plant pot. The Willow Woman prepares Willow Craft Packs & Wooden jigs for up to eight participants in a workshop. Each participant will receive their dried willows 2 – 3 weeks in advance of the workshops & is followed up with email & text instructions to enable the participants to soak & prepare their willow during the week before the live workshop. During the live Zoom workshop, participants will learn 2- 3 styles of weaving & each person will weave their own vase/plant pot.

To apply, simply email: sinead.donnelly@corkcoco.ie with the "Basket Making" in the subject of email. Bealtaine Online Concert Series: Cork County Arts will be bringing music to the masses during Bealtaine with Concerts filmed & broadcast from Cork County Towns. First up will be the acclaimed Cork Chanteuse Fiona Kennedy with music from Kinsale. If interested, send an email; sinead.donnelly@corkcoco.ie

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DEMENTIA-FRIENDLY LIBRARY EVENTS:

Cork County Library plans to enhance the reading experience of those with dementia by making a collection of dementia-friendly stories available to libraries. The library will also hold a dementia-friendly short story competition to run throughout Bealtaine. Prizes to be won & a selection will be included in our dementia-friendly short stories booklet. Contact: Deirdre.murphy@corkcoco.ie Cork County Library & Arts Service are seeking stories, anecdotes, poems, songs or whatever verbal treat springs forth to celebrate the Bealtaine Festival in County Cork this year. We are looking for WhatsApp recordings of three or less minutes that illuminate the theme of "May". Your recording should address one of the following ideas: Family & May, May Day, Nature & May, Mary's month, May adventures. To submit an entry, simply leave a WhatsApp audio on 087 1096435. Entries may be used as part of our upcoming podcasts to celebrate Bealtaine & creativity in older age. Contact: sinead.donnelly@corkcoco.ie

TRADITION & FOLKLORE OF MAY PODCAST:

Cork County Library Local Studies has written & recorded about the various traditions & folklore associated the month of May. It along with the other holiday-themed Local Studies podcasts, can be found on the Library website at corkcoco.ie/en/library-online/library-podcasts & on the Council's SoundCloud at soundcloud.com/user-500658861. Contact: Deirdre.murphy@corkcoco.ie Please follow us on Facebook - Cork County Council Library & Arts Service and Twitter - @Corkcolibrary for all our up-to-date news and information. Any queries please feel free to contact us at Macroom Library: 026 42483 Tuesday – Saturday: 10:00 am – 5:30 pm. We would only be too delighted to assist you.

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CLONDROHID

BIG COMMUNITY EFFORT: Clondrohid G.A.A. are organising a 50/50 event 'Darkness into Light' for Pieta House. The money raised is usually divided equally between Pieta House and the organiser of event, but in this instance Clondrohid G.A.A. (the organiser) has nominated Clondrohid Community Hall as the beneficiary, what a wonderful community gesture in these hard pandemic times. It's happening towards the end of May, so plenty time for motivation, It can be a 24/48 hour walk/run. The running track might be a suitable venue for some. It can be a road/field/forestry, it's the person's own choice. The Junior A Panel are hoping to run in every town land in the parish. The slogan is 'To get Active for Pieta', a very worthy cause. Hopefully it will be a great Community event. Donations can be made online, there will be more info on how to take part and how to donate in May. Good luck to all.

CLONDROHID NAT SCHOOL: Congrats to David

Aoife, and Abbie, who qualified for the National Final of the Bebras Computational Thinking Challenge. With over 1300 competitors in their age category, their qualification is a fantastic achievement. Well done.

CARRIGANIMA NAT SCHOOL: On April 22 Carriganima took part in Earth Day, which is an International event celebrated around the world to pledge support for environmental protection. This year's theme for Earth Day is 'Restore Our earth'. There were 1,130 schools in Ireland taking part. Over 33,000 pupils joined which was live streamed from the National History Museum of Ireland. It was very interesting to see the various eras of Biodiversity and Climate Change in Ireland.

It was a day that reminds us to continue to do the little things that help our environment, things like turning off lights, the conservation of energy, planting trees and reducing, reusing, and recycling.

BLOOD TRANSFUSION BOARD: As mentioned before this service visited Clondrohid Community Hall recently. They were delighted with the facility, and the great response of donations, they are booking in for 3 days in July. Well done to all who helped to prepare for the event, and a big 'Thank You' to all who donated. Another great Community effort.

G.A.A. LOTTO: Results for April 14
€70 Patch Creedon c/o Dairygold
€20 Paola Hannigan Peake, Brian Kearns Sally Gardens, Seamus Crowley c/o Laine Bar.
Results for April 21. Jackpot €12,200
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10.00am-1.00pm
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Mixed age Fashion Camp

(6-12yrs)
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10.00am-1.00pm

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I hope those of you who registered for "Grow It Forward" have received your Seed Packs by now. This is a great opportunity for all gardeners, experienced and novices, to be part of a national initiative rolled out by Libraries Ireland, Healthy Ireland and GIY (Grow It Yourself). We've had some good gardening weather and everyone who is participating can look forward to enjoying their own vegetables this summer and don't forget to GIF - Grow It Forward and share your surplus seedlings and produce with friends and family as time goes by. We would be delighted if you would let us know how you are getting on with your Grow It Forward seeds. Just email us at GrowItForward@Corkcoco.ie and please include pictures of your seeds progress if you can. Anyone who emails will be entered in a draw with a chance to win gardening books and other great Grow It Forward merchandise. You can find lots of gardening hints and tips by accessing our online e-book and e-magazine services or you can sign up for a free gardening course through our online UniversalClass service.

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The Arts department are working hard to bring lots of events and activities to you this May as part of the Bealtaine 2021 Festival. There's Creative Stitch: This series of 2-hour online hand stitch workshops will have you bursting with creative energy in these times when we can no longer meet for activities in-person. Using simple techniques and approaches you will make your very own creative stitch textures and then go on to make a stitched needle and mending kit purse. You will be sent a full kit including needles, threads a starter pack of fabrics. You need to provide your own scissors, ruler and iron. Stitch does not require a big space, so it's easy to work from the kitchen table. No

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*No winter lasts forever,
no spring skips it's turn.
- Hal Borland*

Continuation My Name is Baxter A True Story. (Mostly)

Chapter 5 - Baxter

I am home and life is great. As I took up quite a lot of floor space Mum has decided its best if I chill out on her newly acquired leather settee in the kitchen. To say that Trix is somewhat peeved is an understatement so we have reached an understanding, I love him, and he ignores me.

When Paul's dad arrived home and saw me for the first time having been away with work when I first arrived it was love at first sight. He is a pretty big guy so does not mind me jumping up on him. We snooze for hours in the sitting room when Mum is at work, this only happens until he heads away to work again for two or three weeks, then it is back to the settee in the kitchen. Mum is small but no pushover.

My days now are filled with eating, sleeping, and being spoiled by a family who love me no matter how much I drool. Paul takes me for runs on the nearby beach and tries to time it so we have the place to ourselves, then he unclips my leash and lets me run free.

The neighbours who seemed to be very nervous around me for some reason have gradually accepted that I am a big softie. Mum is constantly warning

me in her boss voice not to jump up on people. Things are slowly changing in the house. Trix is sick and Mum keeps taking him to the vet for medicine, they keep talking about old age and nothing that can be done but Mum refuses to accept this. One morning Trix is lifted out of his basket and Mum and Paul take him to the vet. I never saw Trix again.

When they came home Mum is crying, I have never seen her cry before and I am afraid. I put my head on her lap and she plays with my ears but she is a million miles away. I hear her talking to Dad on the phone that evening and she starts crying again.

Slowly things get back to normal, but I now sneak upstairs some nights into Mum's bed in case she is lonely when Dad is away. The first night she woke up to find me lying next to her staring into her face she screamed the house down, we all laughed about that the following morning, or at least Paul and Kevin did.

Chapter 6 - Paul

So we are a one dog family again. Having had Trix for almost eighteen years we eventually had to leave him go when old age just made his life too miserable. We were all heartbroken after this little

guy who we brought home from the rescue an absolute nervous wreck, obviously a man or men had been extremely cruel to him as he would try going through a window when any man came into the house. Dad gave him so much time and attention that eventually he calmed and became his shadow and would mope for days when Dad had to be away with work.

Baxter has spent days checking for Trix and seems a bit lost even though they only tolerated each other, he has started chewing pillows and an occasional duvet again which has not endeared him to Mum. Their relationship is peculiar to say the least. Mum will tell anyone that will listen that he is too big, he drools, he sheds, he rips up pillows but when she thinks there is no one around she talks nonstop to him and fills him up with treats and titbits.

Now that he has become firmly entrenched as part of the family, I am being asked less and less when I am moving out. Baxter spends more and more time with Mum now and is less keen to come to work with me as he is getting more relaxed. He adores Dad and goes into looper mode when Dad comes home. This dog can soak up every bit of pampering that comes his way. *By Gerard Lynch*



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UIBH LAOIRE:

DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY WORK

The Croi na Laoi group, Inchigeela, have been busy recently, with some new projects and they have been fortunate in acquiring funding which is always encouraging in motivating one to continue with the good work. The new fence at the riverside walk is an example of where funding was sought successfully, and a project was quickly finished with a job well done. They are at present investigating the possibility of creating off road walks and tracks through forestry land. They are hoping that Coillte will play a part in this and they take encouragement from the involvement of the forestry group in similar projects elsewhere. There are excellent opportunities in the parish for walks of all grades and distances. Such beginnings could indeed lend itself to picnic areas, viewing points, orienteering, leisure cycling, camping etc. For some time Croi na Laoi have the repairing of the old castle footbridge in their sights. This was part of a popular loop walk once upon a time but fell into disrepair and is not fit

for purpose anymore. A feasibility study hopefully will kick start the project of repairing or replacing it. They are considering the setting up of an office hub which would facilitate those working from home, as this looks like continuing to be a way of life in the future. Iveleary GAA may become partners in this project. A web site is another aspiration of the group and the compiling of a booklet on the history of Inchigeela with a map highlighting points of interest. A newsletter from the group is being worked on at present and will be distributed shortly. The Tidy towns section were out early on Monday morning last and a face lift was given to the seats and flower plots in The Garden of Remembrance. They will be out again on this Thursday at 7.30 pm. Volunteer's welcome. Covid rules are observed.

INVITATION

Inchigeela Tidy Towns are inviting families for an hour or so of painting seats flower plots etc in the village area on Saturday 8th of May, meeting at the 1916 garden at 3pm This should be an enjoyable event and families will work in pods to adhere to present regulations. Again, regulations would ask

you to bring your own brushes (old ones will do). It's an opportunity to get out again and enjoy fresh air safely. It should be fun.

PURCHASE

Béal Átha Coiste Forbartha have been successful in buying the area between Earraí Adhmaid and the river. It comprises about six and a half acres. Congrats to them and best wishes with future developments.

PAINTING PROJECT

A large number of people have signed up for painting tasks in Ballygeary with Muintir na mBailte Slachtnhara (Tidy Towns Group). This work will be done in family pods. The work will be done in time for summer and should be a great addition to the appearance of the village. Bail ó Dhia ar an obair.

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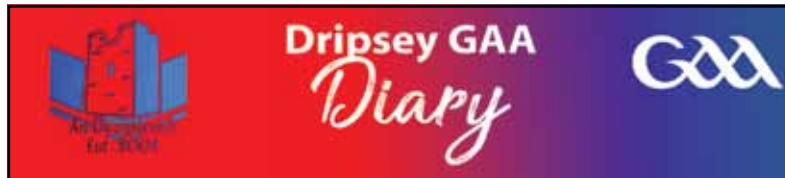
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Fore!

All going well, our Annual Golf Classic will be held on Friday 20th August in Macroom Golf Club. Details to follow as soon as it is confirmed and we are looking forward to a great day.

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THE MURDER ROBERT HUTCHINSON OF CODRUM

By Peter Scanlan

On the night of Friday 19th April 1799, a group of United Irishmen from in and around the parish of Aghabullogue raided the house of a local landlord Robert Hutchinson of Codrum near Macroom. Hutchinson was shot dead during the raid.

19 United Irishmen were charged with the murder: Cormac or Charles Mac Carthy alias Capt Slasher, one of Hutchinson's servants, aged about 30, his brothers: Owen Mac Carthy, a deserter age 33/34, Tadgh or Timothy Mac Carthy and Callaghan Mac Carthy. Malachy Duggan a farmer from Carrigthomas, his brothers: William Duggan, John or Sean Duggan, a stone mason alias Capt Thunderbolt and Daniel Duggan, Malachy's son, also Daniel Ring one of Hutchinson's stewarts.

Owen Scanlan of Bourracharing, farmer about 28 years old, and Ole O Riordan, Denis Herlihy a quarry man, aged about 30, David Breen of Clonabruick, labourer age 25-30, Daniel Mahony, John Horrigan, cooper aged about 25, Denis Murphy of Carrigthomas aged about 40, John Crowley of Carrigahople, farmer aged about 30, Denis Leary of Ballinagree aged about 30 and Timothy Buckley.

Malachy Duggan was arrested first. Starved and tortured, he informed on his fellow United Irishmen including his son, his brothers and his first cousin. Callaghan MacCarthy, John Duggan, Owen Scanlan were hung, disembowelled and quartered in Macroom on the 10th of May 1799.

Daniel Reen for sentenced to Transportation for life.

On the 13th of May, Timothy Buckley and William Duggan were hung, disembowelled, and quartered in Macroom. On the 23rd of May Timothy Mac Carthy recieved the same sentence as did Charles and Owen Mac Carthy and Ole O Riordan on the 8th of July. Daniel Breen was executed for the same crime in 1802. It was rumoured at the time that 3 or 4 others managed to escape to America though some of the records are missing.

Source: "Rootsweb"

CROOKSTOWN JOTTINGS

By Michael Goulding



Oliver and Gobnait Lucey with daughter Claire, husband Fergal and baby Sadhbh

THE FORGE

Anyone travelling through Crookstown recently could not help but notice the old forge near the bridge which has benefitted greatly from a fresh coat of paint and other improvements carried out by the owners, Oliver and Gobnait Lucey. This is one of the oldest buildings in the village with a forge located at this spot for over 150 years.

Rev. D. J. O'Sullivan, a native of nearby Lachtnail, recalled in 1905 from many years previously of meeting the local blacksmith, known as 'The Colonel', at the bridge where the blacksmith told him a tale of an old Bellmount resident, who having missed out on his Confirmation for some reason, was asked by the Bishop 'who made the world?' His reply, 'well, ye'r Reverence, that question is a bit beyond me but if you ask me who made Clodagh Castle and Crookstown Bridge, it was the ancient local family of MacSweeneys, 700 years ago.'

Before Oliver and Gobnait acquired the forge, it was operated by the late Pete Riordan (a native of Aherla) until his death in 1992. By Pete's time, most of the work was in the making and repairing of trailers and timber block-splitters, the shoeing of horses having long since ceased. Pete was a quiet man but he had many funny stories to tell. One concerned a man he knew, who, when his car failed to start one day decided to strip the engine himself to cure the problem, even though he had little mechanical knowledge. On reassembly, he had some parts left over but in any case, the engine started first time!! His response was, 'how could it go with all them things inside it'.

Oliver and Gobnait are members of Crookstown

Vintage Club and own a 1960s Triumph 2000. They are currently restoring one of the early JCBs, now over fifty years old. In his work as a JCB driver, Oliver once dug up a wooden water pipe in Cork City from the early 19th century (see photo). These were made from elm and were tapered at both ends to fit together and were still in use in parts of the city until recent decades. The forge itself had the name of the previous owner, 'Peter Twomey, Timber and Iron' on the gable but it had faded away over time. Oliver is also interested in old bicycles and has restored several of them.

KATHLEEN CAHILL

At the eastern side of Crookstown stands another landmark building which is the home and business premises of Kathleen Cahill and her late husband, Dick. The building itself was built in the latter part of the 19th Century by the O'Regan family and their name is still on part of the building. During the Second World War, the O'Regans also had a very successful egg business in what is now Martin Sheehan's garage. When Miah O'Regan died, his niece Nell and her husband Humphrey White, operated the business for many years.

Shortly after their marriage, Kathleen and Dick Cahill came to this area from their native Kanturk.



The wooden water pipe from Cork City

Dick became farm manager for Peter O'Regan in Knockaneroe. When the shop came up for sale, Dick and Kathleen decided to buy it and Kathleen has operated the business now for over fifty years. Sadly, Dick died in November 2011. Both came from large families and they had eight children themselves in Crookstown, three girls: Edel, Catherine and Maria and five boys: Peter, Kevin, Richard, Oliver and Christopher.

Having initially closed the shop at the start of the Covid pandemic, Kathleen has decided now to retire. Her friendly manner and helpful nature will be missed by all her customers. Although her children are living in various parts of Ireland and the world, they keep in touch by Zoom and Kathleen will also have more time to enjoy the company of her twenty-four grandchildren. Wishing Kathleen every health and happiness in her retirement.

CROOKSTOWN HALL

There has always been a great tradition of amateur dramatics in the Crookstown area. In 1899, Edward Galvin (who would become Bishop Galvin and co-founder of the Maynooth Mission to China) put on the play Rosaleen Dhu in a marquee in the village in order to raise funds for the local coursing club. The play was a great success which played to full houses





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and also staged in Macroom. On opening night, an eviction scene in the play, which required the use of a gun, could have had a tragic outcome when the weapon was found to contain live bullets when fired at the cast! Luckily, no one was hurt but, presumably, the gun was checked carefully for subsequent performances.

In April 1918, there was a strong desire locally for a permanent hall, not just for dramatics but also for technical classes, lectures, meetings, etc. Presumably events in the coming years, both nationally and abroad, prevented progress until in 1939 work began on construction of the Kilmurry Parish Catholic Social Hall Crookstown on a site donated by the nearby millers, Howard Bros. The local curate, Rev. Denis Murphy, was described as 'the guiding spirit behind the endeavour and all labour was provided voluntarily.'

With the passage of eighty years, there aren't many who can remember the work going on. However, Sheila Hallissey of Knockavullig recalls her father using his horse and cart there and Nelius O'Mahony remembers helping his uncle Dan of Crookstown House working there on Saturdays. By April 1940, the walls were up to roof level and the roof timbers were about to be put in place. The Second World War was on, over eight months by then and Germany had invaded Denmark, causing the price of eggs to increase to one shilling a dozen. The village was connected to the national electricity grid in June and the hall was all set to open on Sunday 4th August 1940 with a showing of the film 'From the Manger to the Cross' based on the life of Jesus Christ. Such were the crowds on opening night that a second showing was put on the following night again to a full house.

The hall had been fitted with a top quality maple dance floor so on 2nd October, Rev Denis Murphy applied to Macroom District Court for a dance licence in order to help defray the cost of construction. The licence was granted and as they say there was no looking back with hundreds of dances held over the coming years, usually by local clubs such as Howards Millworkers or



Back Row(L to R): Donal McCarthy, Nora Keane, Alan Lynch, Betty O'Donovan (Nurse), Collette Lucey, Nancy Brady, Fiona McCarthy, Nan Coughlan, Tessie Buckley, Paula O'Callaghan, Margaret Lynch, John Brady, Maureen Lynch, Margaret Lucey, Anne Carroll, David Cunningham.
Front Row(L to R): Mark O'Driscoll, Declan O'Dwyer, Michael McCarthy, Trevor Howard, John Corcoran, Catherine Cahill, Anthony Long.

Mossgrove Harriers, etc. Bands that played there included the likes of The Michael O'Callaghan Band from Buttevant to local performers such as Sean Corcoran, Pat O'Rourke and Michael Smith. The venue was sometimes advertised as having 'plenty of parking for bicycles.' During the war, it was used by the Local Defence Force (LDF) for meetings and drilling and Crookstown had one of the earliest branches of The Irish Red Cross. A plaque at the front door commemorates their 50 years of service from 1939 to 1989. Also formed at this time was The Kilmurry Social Club which was open to both sexes aged over 16 years and all the facilities of the hall were open to paid up members for a fee of 5 shillings per annum.

The voluntary ethos established from the start has endured very well over the past 80 years. When the bicycles gave way to cars, extra land was acquired for parking. Volunteers, again, gave their time, skills and machinery freely for this and, all the other requirements constantly needed on any structure. The Crookstown Carnival has been replaced by The Crookstown Vintage Day for the past 30 years but the hall is important to both. In 2018 they put on a sell-out show by Brendan Grace which,

sadly, was one of his last performances. In 2019, Kilmurry Novelty Group presented the pantomime, Cinderella, to full houses.

So to today and the Covid-19 lockdown. Like community and commercial venues all over Ireland, the hall is silent. Talking to Joe McCarthy who looks after what is now called Kilmurry Parish Hall, he is full of hope that, with vaccinations underway, that normal life and events can resume there. The maple dance floor may within a short time see céili dancers moving to the music of bands such as Tim Joe and Anne, Rise the Dust or The Mountain Road. Joe has high hopes of 'sending the crowds home sweatin..' as they used to say in the ballrooms. While tastes in music change over the years, people still like to socialise together, so hopefully this and all activities using the hall can resume again soon after all the isolation endured over the past fifteen months.

The legacy of our forefathers from eighty years ago has endured.

Crookstown Jottings was the title given to news and events in the area during the 1930s and 40s by the local correspondent of what was, and remains, an excellent newspaper, The Southern Star.



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ART Ó LAOGHAIRE *By Kathy O'Sullivan*

"The greatest poem written in these islands in the whole 18th century" was how the 390-line *Caoineadh Airt Uí Laoghaire* (The Lament for Art Ó Laoghaire) was described by Prof. Peter Levi at Oxford University in 1984. Composed in 1773 in the voice of Ó Laoghaire's widow, Eibhlín Dubh Ní Chonaill, it incorporated the collective work of the keening (lamenting) women of Macroom; it combines Gaelic tradition that dates back to the 12th century with a rather modern love story. Indeed, it is recognized as one of the key texts of the Irish language, detailing the murder at Carraig an Ime, County Cork, of Art, on May 4th, 1773.



The Lament for Art O'Leary/ *Caoineadh Airt Uí Laoghaire*, 2010, Elizabeth Curran.

But who was this man who inspired such a literary masterpiece? Art was born in 1746, the son of Cornelius Ó Laoghaire, in Raleigh House, leased by the family, just outside Macroom. We know nothing about his early life, just that he and his family lived a comfortable life as one of the few surviving Catholic gentry, despite the difficulties of doing so, since they were Catholics living during the Penal Times. Penal Laws (1695 - 1829) were laws of excessive severity, prescribed fines and imprisonment for participation in Catholic worship, barred them from voting, from owning property, from holding public office etc.



Raleigh House, two miles outside Macroom
As the situation at the time made it impossible for much of the population to receive an education or have a career in their own country, Art was educated in France, and was one of the Wild Geese, a name given Irish soldiers who left to serve in continental European armies in the 16th, 17th and 18th centuries. Although his father was wealthy enough to purchase an army commission abroad, Art proved himself to be extremely capable, quickly rising through the ranks to become a Captain in the Hungarian Hussars, a Regiment of the Empress Maria Theresa's Army of Austro-Hungary (the only female ruler of the Habsburg dominions, ruling from 1740 until her death in 1780). When he returned to Ireland, to Macroom, with a magnificent steed gifted to him by the Empress, his stunts became the hallmark of local legend – one story has it that he walked a barrel down Castle Street!
Portrait of Empress Maria Theresa of Habsburg empire, by Martin van Meytens, 1759
One day, in 1767, a 23-year-old Eibhlín Dubh Ní

Chonaill, aunt of Daniel O'Connell, who was known as the Liberator, was travelling with her sister in a horse coach to Cork. They stopped in Macroom, where, in the town square, she saw a dashing young man on his horse.



Eibhlín was married at the age of 15 to a much older man in Kerry, and became widowed shortly thereafter. It seems the relationship between Art and Eibhlín quickly blossomed, and, as her family was against them marrying, believing that Art spelled trouble, the young couple eloped and settled down at Raleigh with Art's father, Cornelius Ó Laoghaire. They had three children, one of whom seemingly died in infancy. It would seem that Art returned to Austria for further periods of service between 1767 and his death in 1773, as earning a living would have otherwise been virtually impossible.

A soldier who loved to show off his physical prowess, Art Ó Laoghaire's life was dominated by the Penal Laws, which he took pride in breaking when he could. As a soldier, being oppressed in his own country, Art would likely have been of the opinion that living under unjust laws meant that he had a duty to resist. Never one to keep a low profile, Art raced his horse and wore his sword in public in defiance of the man who believed in rigidly and severely enforcing the law, magistrate Abraham Morris of Hanover Hall, Macroom. When Morris was High Sheriff of County Cork in 1771, he laid charges against Art, following Art's alleged attack on Morris and the wounding of his servant on 13th July 1771 at Hanover Hall. In October, Art was indicted in his absence, and Morris quickly offered a 20-guinea reward for his capture.

To say there was bad blood between the two men is to understate the case considerably. The bitter feud between the two men continued and in 1773, Morris demanded that Art sell him the horse that Ó Laoghaire had brought back from his service in the Austro-Hungarian army for £5 (Catholics could not own a horse worth more than £5 and were legally obliged to sell at this price). Art refused to sell and challenged Morris to a duel, which Morris declined. Morris had Art declared an outlaw, which meant that Art could lawfully be killed on the spot.

Although details are difficult to verify, it seems Morris led a contingent of soldiers that tracked Ó Laoghaire down to Carraig an Ime on 4th May 1773, and he gave the order to fire on Art, as Art was crossing the footbridge over the River Foherish on horseback in the townland of Carriganorthane. The first shot, which killed Art, was fired by a soldier called Green, who was later decorated for having shown 'gallantry' in this act. Art's horse raced back to Raleigh, where a pregnant Eibhlín Dubh, horrified at the blood, mounted the mare and galloped back to Carraig an Ime, where she found Art's body, an old woman at his side. It appeared he bled to death.

Unusually, Art's body received not one, not two, but three burials. Initially, he was buried by Eibhlín Dubh in the Old Cemetery of Kilnamartyra (Tuath na Dromann). It was the family wish that he be buried in Kilcrea Friary, but, at that time, burial in monastic ground was forbidden to Catholics, so

his body was removed to a field next to the Friary. Finally, when the Penal Laws had become inactive, his interment in Kilcrea Friary took place.



The stone over Art's tomb states "Lo Arthur Leary, Generous, Handsome, Brave, Slain in his bloom, Lies in this humble grave. Died May 4th 1773. Aged 26 years." This part of the memorial can be seen to this day.



Morris and the soldiers were found guilty of murder in the coroner's inquest on May 17th, but Morris was acquitted of murder by Cork judges 6th Sept. 1773. The Ó Laoghaire family were not represented at the trial, and the soldiers involved had, rather conveniently, been sent to the East Indies. Art's brother, Cornelius, decided to take matters into his own hands, and on July 7th he shot Morris in Cork, wounding him. Morris died in September 1775, and was said to have been in ill-health as a result of the wounds sustained in the shooting. Cornelius escaped to France, and from there to America, where he had a distinguished career.

The story of Art Ó Laoghaire, the man who wanted to live freely, would have long since been forgotten, but for the '*caoineadh*', the lament which was composed by Eibhlín Dubh. The literary masterpiece was repeated by the community, thereby ensuring that the ability of Irish culture to express emotion, sorrow, social and political commentary all at the same time would live on:

*Mo chara thu is mo thaitneamh!
Nuair ghabhais amach an geata
d'fhillis ar ais go tapaigh,
do phógaís do dhís leanbh,
do phógaís mise ar bharr baise.
Dúrais, 'A Eibhlín, éirigh id sheasamh agus
cuir do ghnó chun taisce
go luaimneach is go tapaigh.
Táimse ag fágáil an bhaile,
is ní móide go deo go gcasfainn.'
My friend and beloved!
When you left through the gate
you came in again quickly,
you kissed both your children,
kissed the tips of my fingers.
You said: "Eibhlín, stand up
and finish with your work
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We caught up with the founder of the club, Boguslaw Wachowski, who also manages and coaches at the club.

Q1: What made you want to try and achieve the Basketball Ireland club mark?

"As a recently established club, we were determined to follow the correct protocols for the safety of our members/players. We are grateful to Basketball Ireland for creating the Club Mark system as it has allowed us, as a new club, to set higher standards and to establish the groundwork for future developments. Basketball Ireland have been very helpful in assisting us with achieving the Basketball Ireland Bronze Club Mark."

Q2: How did you find the Basketball Ireland Club Mark process?

"It's a very easy process if you have knowledge about sport. Basketball Ireland have published excellent support materials on their website and they assisted us with any queries we had. Their Development Officer was very open and helpful with advice, which we appreciated and are extremely thankful for."

Q3: Can you tell us a bit about your club? How many teams do you have? When the club was founded and some club achievements/highlights?

"Macroom Basketball Club was founded in 2019 in Macroom, County Cork by Boguslaw Wachowski, with a sponsorship by Asm Auto Sales Macroom Ltd. The club started with group of girls and boys, mixed, aged 8-14. We currently have an U13 Boys team, however we are looking to expand our club for different age groups in the future. The club played their home and away friendly games against Ballincollig B.C U14 boys team and home game against Donoughmore B.C U13 girls team in Macroom Community Leisure Centre. We haven't had any official games,

as our club just joined into the Basketball Ireland leagues in 2020 and we have not a chance to play official games yet due to Covid19 Government restrictions.

Our competitive clubs in the league are: Ballincollig B.C, Bantry B.C, Blue Demons Cork, Carrigaline B.C, Fr. Mathew Cork B.C, Labanga Academy B.C, Mallow YC B.C, Neptune B.C Cork, Skibbereen Eagles B.C, Youghal B.C and we wish them best of luck into new season."

Q4: What challenges do you face in the club if any?

"Like a lot of clubs this season we have lost the use of our gym/court due to Covid-19 restrictions. Another challenge is trying to encourage people and parents to get involved in the club as coaches, or to take roles on the committee, or officials."

Q5: What difference is the Basketball Ireland Club Mark going to make for your club?

"The Basketball Ireland Club Mark system helped us look at how we managed the club and helped identify areas behind the scenes that, if improved, could greatly benefit the overall running of the club and its members. It was particularly important for Macroom Basketball Club, as we are looking to expand our team and the process helped us examine and challenge our policies and procedures that we had in place."

Q6: Do you think you will engage with the Club Mark system and achieve all the way up to Platinum Club Mark? If so, what do you need to do to get your club to this stage?

"This is a definite line that Macroom Basketball Club will be following. Having reviewed the next levels of

the Basketball Ireland Club Mark, it seems that the Bronze level is a great foundation. The Club Mark is a pathway and further Club Mark levels should be attainable with just a little extra work. Macroom Basketball Club will, with work, reach the Platinum award I'm sure some day, but we will enjoy this award first and turn our attention to Basketball Ireland Silver Club Mark for the new season."

Q7: What are the goals for the season ahead?

"Getting back to playing in a safe and fun way is our main priority. Following Government and Basketball Ireland 'Return to Play' guidelines is our immediate priority, to ensure the safety of our members. We hope to return to play as soon as restrictions allow us to do so. We'd also like to achieve Silver Basketball Ireland Club Mark in the near future."

Q8: What would you say to other clubs thinking about getting involved in the Basketball Ireland Club Mark?

"This has been an extremely beneficial experience for Macroom Basketball Club and I would highly recommend for every club out there to get involved. The Club Mark award has allowed us to acknowledge that we are on the right path and that there is a certain standard our club holds itself to."





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Setting up a club is no easy matter, consuming loads of time. However it is time well spent, is very enjoyable and has brought basketball back to Macroom.

The Club is a non-profit organisation. Issues that we addressed included Garda-Vetting, knowledge of Child Protection Certification and Coach Licence in Basketball Ireland League and we have Mrs Joan Twomey is the club's Child Protection Officer.

Procuring and renting a suitable venue is paramount, and covering "public liability insurance" and Basketball Ireland "injury insurance", providing playing equipment that includes basket balls, scoring-time board and gear is expensive. Registration fees are paid to Basketball Ireland and Cork Board Basketball Association. Our club base is in Macroom Community Leisure Centre – and many thank to James Broxton and all employees of the centre who understood our needs.

Manager and Coach Boguslaw Wachowski has all necessary credentials and permission to run properly a basketball club including Basketball Ireland Coach Licence, Certificate of Coaching Children Programme, Safeguarding-Child Protection in Sport, Sport Ireland Covid19 Officer, Sport Ireland Covid19 Return to Sport, Garda Vetting, Sport Inclusion Disability Certificate, Sport Ireland Coaching Physical Literacy Course, FLAME (Fundamental and Functional Literacy for Activity and Movement Efficiency).

Macroom Basketball Club has joined to

Project FLAME (Fundamental and Functional Literacy for Activity and Movement Efficiency) commenced in University College Cork in 2016, with the aim of improving the functional and functional movement skills of adolescents in secondary schools. This multicomponent, movement-oriented intervention was rolled out in schools and sport clubs across Cork and saw significant improvements in students' functional movement patterns, and fundamental movement skills following their participation in this intervention. The aim of this programme is to provide volunteer coaches of youth sport in Cork with coaching education in fundamental and functional literacy for activity and movement efficiency (FLAME).

The Club also gone through Jigsaw "One Good Coach" and "Mindfulness" webinars.

So far Auto Sales Macroom Ltd. has defrayed most of the costs.

As a club, we would like to thanks Mr. Henry Murphy, Matt Murphy Pharmacy who generously donated a First Aid Medical bag and Macroom County Council who donated €300 following involvement by local politicians Cllr Ted Lucey and Michael Creed, TD.

Joan, Boguslaw and his wife Marzena look after all the secretarial aspects of the club and recently were awarded a merit badge for their efforts.

Despite Macroom having a proud tradition in basketball from the 1950s to the 1990s, and peaking in the 1960/1970s period,

unfortunately no former players or administrators are involved in the current club. Before COVID-19 the club met twice a week for training and games.

All Members are asked to commit to the club and behave well while taking part.

An ethos of participation, enjoyment and discipline prevails at Macroom Basketball Club which has entered the Cork Basketball Association League. Boguslaw Wachowski is coach and manager of the club.

Boguslaw was invited to coaching the Macroom Foróige Club team, and despite having very little time to prepare three training sessions of 90 minutes each, the team came 2nd place out of 20 teams in a West Cork Foróige clubs competition.

There is another sports activity that Macroom Basketball Club has been providing - after an official training session with a team, there is basketball game opportunity for youths and adults. We also hosted GAA and Camogie players during the winter season.

"In September 2020 at the beginning of season Basketball Ireland enjoyed a visit from star of Ballincollig B.C Super League captain Ciaran O'Sullivan Basketball Ireland Development Officer. It was great experience for everyone having a coaching session with him".



If you would like to join or to be involved in our club please contact us by phone

085 1265143 or on our Club Page on Facebook and Instagram.

Macroom Basketball Club | Manager Coach Boguslaw Wachowski



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Members of the green team from the middle room in Muinefiuch NS using their posters to explain about recycling



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Pupils from Ballyvongane NS enjoying the sunshine and working out on their new rowing machines.



Canovee school children enjoying the Wearing of the green for St. Patrick's Day



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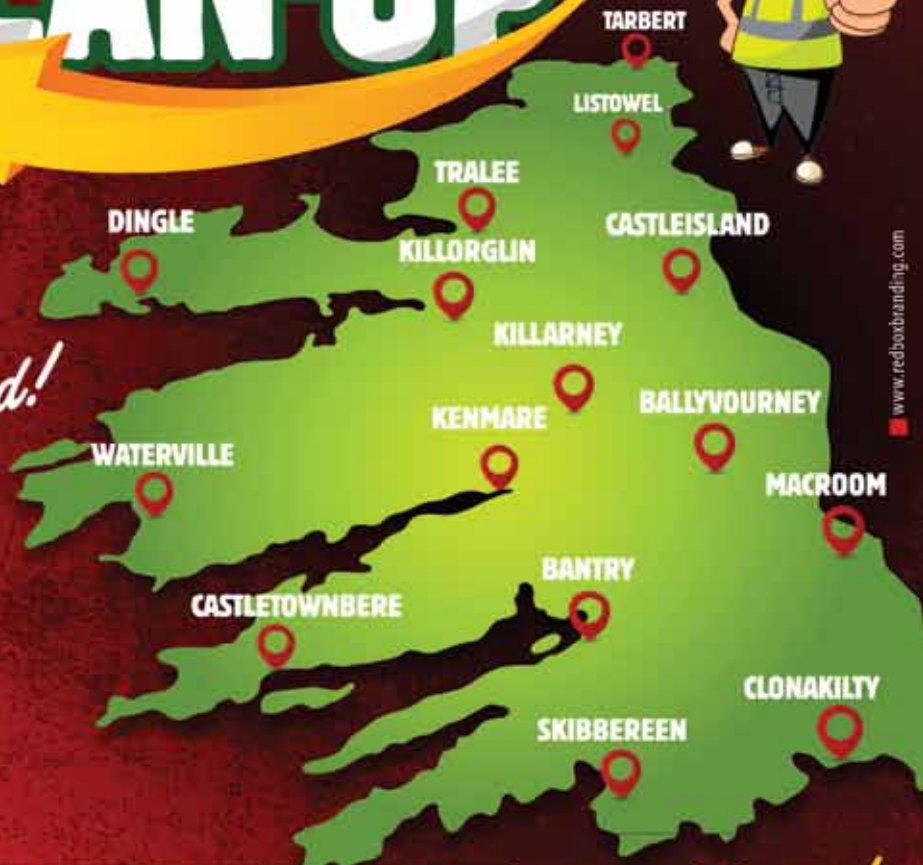


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Lotto Results 12th April 2021

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Lotto Results 19th April 2021

The jackpot was €7,150. The numbers drawn were 31, 34 and 39. There was no jackpot winner. Consolation prizes: €50.00 Mary Ann Healy, Clondrohid (Online Winner). €20 each to Sarah Daniell, Ballincollig (Online Winner); Ted O'Driscoll, Bawnmore (Online Winner); Danny, Kieran & Gavin

Leahy, Ballinagree; Lucy Callaghan Cronin, C/O Ballinagree Shop.

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Lotto Results 19/4/2021. Jackpot: €4,800. Numbers Drawn: 6 - 8 - 16. No Winner. €40 Tim Hallissey (Yearly Ticket). €20 Leahy Girls. Diarmuid O'Riordan (Yearly Ticket). Peter Kelleher (Yearly Ticket). Denis Leader (Yearly Ticket).

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Lotto results:

Lotto results: April 12th 2021

Winning numbers: 12, 15 & 39

Jackpot - €3,600 No Winner. Lucky Dip winners who received €20 each: Páidí & Séamus McNamara

(Rylane); John O'Connor (Lyroe); Annette Archer (Rylane) & Marie Dennehy (Knocknagoun - Online) Next week's Jackpot will be €3,600.

April 19th 2021

Winning numbers: 26, 29 & 39 Jackpot - €3,400 No Winner. Lucky Dip winners who received €20 each: Nicola Long (Rylane); Siobhán O'Brien (Rylane); Mary & Connie Buckley (Rylane) & David Sheehan (Macroom - Online)

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ALLIANZ NATIONAL HURLING LEAGUE

Inter county team training has re-commenced and the competitive season starts with the Allianz National Hurling League on May 8/9.

Cork hurlers are in action in the six-team Division 1a group of the league in which they will meet Waterford, Tipperary, Westmeath, Limerick and Galway.

Cork fixtures in the 2021 Allianz National Hurling League:

Sunday May 9: Waterford, Páirc Uí Chaoimh, 3.45pm.

Saturday May 15: Tipperary, Thurles, 7.30pm.

Sunday May 23: Westmeath, Páirc Uí Chaoimh, 3pm.

Saturday June 5: Limerick, Gaelic Grounds, 7.15pm.

Sunday June 13: Galway, Páirc Uí Chaoimh, 1.45pm.

League relegation play-off on August 7/8. There will not be any Hurling League final between Div 1a and 1b winners, unless it can be doubled up with a subsequent championship meeting.

ALLIANZ NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE:

Cork footballers are competing in Division 2A South and will play Kildare, Laois and Clare with no home fixture, the penalty imposed for Covid restriction violation.

The Allianz Football League will run from the weekend of May 15/16 to the weekend of June 19/20 with Divisions split into North and South. There are four teams in each group based on geography with three Round Robin games per team. The top two in each divisional group will advance to the league semi-finals followed by a league final.

The bottom two in each divisional group will play relegation semi-finals with the two losers of those matches relegated.

League finals will only be played on June 19/20 if counties involved are not playing in the championship the following weekend. If they are, then joint winners will be declared for Division 1 and joint winners and promotion for Divisions 2, 3, and 4.

Cork fixtures: Saturday May 15: Kildare, Thurles, 3.30pm. May 22: Laois, Portlaoise, 7pm.

May 30: Clare, Ennis, 1.45pm.

Relegation play-off or league semi-final on June 12/13. A league final will be played on June 19/20, only if both counties aren't in championship action the following week. Otherwise, there will be joint winners.

MUNSTER CHAMPIONSHIP DRAWS

2021 MUNSTER SHC

In hurling, Cork and Limerick will battle it out on



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one side of the draw for a place in the decider. Clare will be seeking revenge against Waterford for their nine-point loss to the Deise in last year's All-Ireland quarterfinals when they meet in this year's provincial quarter-final with Tipperary awaiting the winner of that tie.

Opening-round losers will get a second opportunity to progress through the qualifiers, while times, dates and venues are yet to be confirmed but the competition starts in late June. Munster SHC fixtures

Quarter-final: Clare v Waterford

Semi-finals: Limerick v Cork, Tipperary v Clare/Waterford

Final: July 17/18

2021 MUNSTER SFC

In the football draw, traditional Munster rivals Cork and Kerry were drawn on opposite sides of this year's provincial championship.

Munster champions Tipperary will begin their title defence against Kerry or Clare after an open draw. Kerry, whose All-Ireland ambitions were derailed dramatically by the Rebels last year, will take on Clare at the quarter-finals stage, with Tipperary, defending Munster champions for the first time since 1936, awaiting the winners.

On the other side of the draw Cork await the winners of Waterford and Limerick for a place in the decider. The competition starts in late June. Munster SFC

Quarter-final: Clare v Kerry, Waterford v Limerick

Semi-finals: Tipperary v Clare/Kerry, Cork v Waterford/Limerick

Final: July 24/25

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The first round of group stages across all divisions

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There are 3 groups in Div 1, each of three teams, Cork and Tipperary being joined by Waterford in their group. Two of the three Division 1 group winners qualifying directly for the semi-finals, while the other will advance to the quarter-finals alongside the three second placed teams. The finals are scheduled for the weekend of 19/20 June.

Cork camogie fixtures:

May 15: Tipperary, home.

May 29: Waterford, away.

June 5/6: League quarter-finals.

June 12/13: Relegation play-off and league semi-finals.

June 19/20: Relegation and league finals.

Championship details have yet to be confirmed.

LIDL LADIES GAELIC FOOTBALL NATIONAL LEAGUE

Cork play in Division One which has two sections, four teams in each. The top two teams in each section qualify for the divisional semi final stage.

Cork Ladies football fixtures in Div 1 b:

May 23: Tipperary, home.

May 30: Dublin, home.

June 6: Waterford, away.

June 12/13: Relegation play-off and league semi-finals. June 26/27: League final.



Macroom FC U 18's with Manager Darragh Deasy



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Senior Hurling:

Quarter-Finals: Newtownshandrum defeated county champions Sarsfields, CIT got over Bride Rovers, Midleton beat Ballymartle and Carrigtwohill got a win against Cloyne in the quarter finals

C.I.T. 1 - 17 Bride Rovers 2 - 9

Colm Casey(Inniscarra) scored an early goal for CIT, his Inniscarra clubmate John O'Callaghan was strong in defence and Kevin Hallissey of Eire Óg, who had won an All-Ireland football medal with Cork Juniors the previous day, came on as a second half substitute for the students.

Semi Final: C.I.T. 3 - 15 Newtownshandrum 1 - 7: Carrigtwohill 1 - 10 Midleton 0 - 10

County Championship Final: Carrigtwohill 0 - 15 C.I.T. 1 - 11

Inniscarra's John O'Callaghan and Colm Casey and Kevin Hallissey of Eire Óg Were in action with CIT in their bid for a first ever county senior hurling title. In a very exciting game the students just failed in achieving their ambition but few could begrudge the winners Carrigtwohill their title as the club were appearing in their first final since 1937 and were winning their first title since 1917! Colm Casey scored the CIT goal, a great individual effort in the 14th minute.

PREMIER INTERMEDIATE HURLING:

Quarter-Finals

Newcestown v Blarney, Kilbrittain v Aghabullogue

Championship Final: Courcey Rovers 0 - 15 Youghal 1 - 9

Blarney 1 - 14 Newcestown 1 - 15

Newcestown continue to make the headlines in both hurling and football and with the same panel of players in both codes. They defeated Blarney, the last remaining Mid Cork team in the Premier Intermediate hurling quarter final at Pairc Uí Chaoimh after wind assisted Blarney had drawn level at the three quarter stage of a great game. Blarney then went three points clear but Newcestown got an equalising goal. Blarney edged ahead again, Newcestown again levelled at 1-13 each with seven minutes remaining.

Newcestown went two points in front, Blarney got one back but despite having time enough could not get the equaliser and so exit the championship.

Aghabullogue 1-13 Kilbrittain 0-16

Aghabullogue and Kilbrittain will have to meet for a third time this season, following this draw in a terrific fourth round clash of the Premier Intermediate Hurling championship at Pairc Uí Rinn. The first two scores of the game came from the Kilbrittain men, but John Kelleher and Denis Quinlan quickly responded with a point each for Aghabullogue. Kilbrittain added a point before Aghabullogue replied with four points in a row, with Patrick Finnegan getting three points, one from a free, and Paudie Twomey getting the other. A great point from play from Dan Twomey matched a Kilbrittain point, and Finbarr Foley then denied Kilbrittain with a great save. Kilbrittain did manage to get two points from play just before half time at which stage Aghabullogue led by 0-7 to 0-6.

The second half opened with an equalising point from a free for Kilbrittain but Patrick Finnegan responded with a point from a free for Aghabullogue. John Buckley and Patrick Finnegan added further points for Aghabullogue but Kilbrittain then scored six points without reply, which put them in the lead, 0-14 to 0-11. Aghabullogue were awarded a penalty when John Kelleher was pulled down in the Kilbrittain square, Patrick Finnegan stepped up to the mark and blasted the sliotar to the Kilbrittain net, leaving the sides level once again. Kilbrittain had a point from play, Patrick Finnegan pointed a free for Aghabullogue. John Buckley had a point from play for Aghabullogue in the 57th minute, which put them in the narrowest of leads. Kilbrittain were awarded a free in the last minute and when the ball sailed over the Aghabullogue crossbar it meant that the teams were level for the 7th time in the game and that's how they finished, that equalising point came from Ross Cashman whose father played with Aghabullogue in the 1970's when the family farmed in Macroom.

Aghabullogue: Finbarr Foley: Jerome Corkery, Joe Foley, Donnacha Murphy: Denis Quinlan (0-1), Barry Kiely, Danny Buckley: Niall Buckley, Paul O'Rourke: Patrick Finnegan (1-7, 0-3 frees, 1-0 pen.), Dan Twomey (0-1), John Buckley (0-2): Paudie Twomey (0-1), John Kelleher (0-1), Pádraig Murphy.

Replay: Aghabullogue 0 - 5 Kilbrittain 5 - 15

Aghabullogue bowed out of the 2011 Premier Intermediate Hurling Championship following their defeat by Kilbrittain in their quarter final replay at Pairc Uí Rinn. Kilbrittain opened much the stronger and had 1-7 on the board before John Corkery recorded Aghabullogue's first score of the game with a point from play in the 20th minute. At half time Kilbrittain were well in control on a score of 2-9 to 0-2 and Kilbrittain in the second half, never relaxed and kept up the siege on the hard pressed Aghabullogue defence. John Buckley, John Corkery and Patrick Finnegan (free) scored one point each for Aghabullogue but at the end the final scoreline told the sad story of this game.

Aghabullogue showed signs of weariness after playing hurling and football championship games on consecutive weekends.

Aghabullogue: Finbarr Foley: Jerome Corkery, Joe Foley, Donnacha Murphy: Denis Quinlan, Barry Kiely, Danny Buckley: Niall Buckley, Paul O'Rourke: Patrick Finnegan, Dan Twomey, John Buckley: Paudie Twomey, John Kelleher, John Corkery. Subs: Eoghan Kennedy, Brian Buckley, Michael Dennehy, Greg Murphy and Pádraig Murphy.

Subs: John Corkery, Michael Dennehy, Brian Buckley and Eoghan Kennedy.

Intermediate Hurling:

Semi Final Pairings: St Catherines v Bandon, Milford v Fr O'Neill's

Intermediate Hurling Championship Final: Bandon 2-14 Fr O'Neill's 0-7

2011 Ballincollig Credit Union Mid Cork Junior Hurling Championship

Semi Finals: Ballinora v Cloughdub, Donoughmore v Grenagh,

Cloughdub 1 - 14 Ballinora 0 - 6

Champions for the past two seasons and through to their third final in a row, Cloughdub served notice to any title aspirants that they are still a very formidable force in Mid Cork hurling. Ballinora were hampered by a lack of thrust up front and Cloughdub always looked the likeliest to succeed.

Ballinora had three points on the board before Brian Ahern opened the scoring for Cloughdub with a point in the 14th minute. Darragh Ring points levelled the scores and points from Sean O'Connor, Ring and Ger Ahern gave Cloughdub a 0-6 to 0-3 interval lead. Points from Darragh Ring and two from Donal Corkery in reply to a Ben Ahearne point for Ballinora had Cloughdub five points clear at the three-quarter stage and after Pat Fitton pointed for the losers, Ring fired

over two further points for the champions. Con Dunne was introduced off the Cloughdub and made an immediate impact with a point in the 59th minute followed by a goal a minute later and another point from the puck out as the game went into injury time. Brian Ahern had a late point for Cloughdub to give them a comfortable win.

Cloughdub: Colm Ryan: Andrew Cronin, Paul O'Sullivan, Liam Long: James McCarthy, Jerry Lucey, Mark Verling: Donal Corkery, David O'Leary: Brian Ahern, Andrew Kenneally, Gerard Ahern: Charles Kenneally, Darragh Ring, Seán O'Connor. Subs: Tom O'Mahony, Tony Dineen, Con Dunne, Darren Kelly and Stephen Down.

Grenagh 0 - 12 Donoughmore 0 - 9

Grenagh won this semifinal at Ballyanley and deserved their narrow and hard-won victory. Donoughmore will lament their lack of scoring power in attack as evidenced by the fact that

Colm O'Callaghan accounted for all but one of their scores and seven of his points came from placed balls, including two pointed '65's.

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



on to the final.

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

Junior A Hurling Championship Final:

Cloughdub 2 - 12 Grenagh 1 - 14

Cloughdub hurlers made it 3 in-a-row Mid Cork Junior A hurling titles when they came from behind to defeat Grenagh by a single point in what was ultimately an enthralling final at Blarney. Cloughdub looked out of contention at half time when Grenagh led by 1-10 to 0-5. Grenagh, also last year's defeated finalists, had beaten Cloughdub in the league final at the end of last year, Cloughdub had lost some experienced players to retirements and it seemed that their young brigade were not yet ready for the power of the hungry Grenagh men, desperate for a run in the county championship. Grenagh simply blasted Cloughdub off the park in the first half and were full value for their big interval lead. Cloughdub used their panel to good effect and there was a transformation in their display in the

second half, inspired by the introduction of Tom O'Mahony at full forward who scored one goal and then made the second for Darragh Ring, to throw his side a lifeline which they grabbed to pull themselves to safety in dramatic fashion.

It was all Grenagh in the first half with Tom Kenny inspirational on the '40' and the team in very determined mood, fore and aft. They had the first three points and led by 0-6 to 0-2 after 17 minutes. The Cloughdub attack was making no progress but the introduction of Tom O'Mahony gave a hint of better things to come as the big Aherla man fired over a point with his first touch of the sliotar. John Russell then banged in a goal for Grenagh and when DD Dorgan added a point the Grenagh men were in a happy frame of mind at half time with an eight-point lead after a display of powerful hurling.

Charles Kenneally and Tom O'Mahony gave Cloughdub hope with a point apiece on the resumption but Tom Kenny replied for Grenagh after Cloughdub had been twice denied a goal by fine goalkeeping. Nothing however could deny Tom O'Mahony in the 40th minute when he lashed in a ferocious drive to ignite the Cloughdub challenge. Team captain Donal Corkery struck a point and when Darragh Ring

added another there was only a goal between the teams and Cloughdub were in hot pursuit of the Grenagh men. It was all square (1-12 to 2-9) in the 45th minute when Tom O'Mahony dispossessed a Grenagh defender and Darragh Ring fired a low shot to the Grenagh net.

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

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

2011 Evening Echo Cork County Senior Football Championship

Quarter Finals: A: - Nemo Rangers v Aghada or Avondhu, B: - Clonakilty 2-9 U.C.C. 2-13, C: - St.Finbarr's v Castlehaven, D: - Carbery Rangers v Newcestown

Semi Finals: Avondhu 0 - 8 U.C.C. 0 - 12: Castlehaven 2 - 12 Carbery Rangers 0 - 5

Seán Kiely from Macroom is captain of the UCC team and is one of seven Cork players on duty

for the students. Eight of the UCC panel are from Kerry clubs, one from Roscommon and one from Kildare.

Premier Intermediate Football Championship

Quarter Finals:

A: - MACROOM v Clyda Rovers

B: - Nemo Rangers v BÉAL ÁTHA'n GHAORTHAIHDH

C: - Newmarket v NAOMH ABÁN

D: - St.Vincent's v Mayfield

Semi Finals: Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh v Clyda: Newmarket v St Vincents

Clyda Rovers 0 - 8 Macroom 0 - 5

A gale was blowing from goal to goal when Macroom faced Clyda at Donoughmore in the county quarter final, Macroom faced the elements in the opening thirty minutes and were in a difficult position at half time. Clyda had been on top in the opening period and had established a 0-7 to 0-2 lead by the interval. Macroom were not out of it by any means at that stage but it was obvious that they would have to improve in attack to succeed and this they never did. Eight second half wides were disastrous for the Macroom cause, including two opportunities from frees, so that when Macroom had another late free, they had to go for a goal, an outcome which was never likely with a massed defence in place.

Clyda started the game well with two early points and had the Macroom defence under pressure in that early spell. James O'Connell saved well for Macroom and Clyda added two further points before David Goold had a point for Macroom from a free. Clyda continued to dominate and had added a further three points before David Goold pointed a late free for Macroom to leave them five points adrift at half.

On the restart Clyda had their final score to go six points clear and they then soaked up any pressure that Macroom applied, though the loser's attack did not function well despite trying different combinations of attackers. Macroom were doing well at midfield through the performance of



Macroom Premier Intermediate Footballers

Fintan Goold and they had points from David Goold and Andrew Hegarty to leave four points between the teams at the three-quarter stage. Philip Corrigan's point ten minutes from time broke a sequence of four Macroom wides but Clyda were well able to absorb the pressure and remained steady to the finish.

Macroom: James O'Connell: Peter Lynch, Eoin O'Mahony, Rory Buckley: Gerard Angland, Fintan Goold, Ciaran Murphy: Philip Corrigan, Sean Kiely: Brian Lynch, John Goold, Sean Dara Quinlan: Olan Murphy, David Goold, Brendan Lynch. Subs: Andrew Hegarty, Ivan Casey, Conor O'Sullivan, Stephen Casey and Patrick Lucey.

Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh 1 - 12 Nemo Rangers 1 - 8

Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh moved on to the semi-final of the Premier Intermediate championship with an impressive display against Nemo Rangers at Kilmurry. Béal Átha played with the wind in the first half and were full value for their interval lead of 0-9 to 0-3. When the outstanding Paul Buckley slammed in a smashing goal in the 43rd minute Béal Átha led by ten points, Cian Dineen

added a further point and there was no way that Nemo could overcome that level of deficit. In the closing stages Béal Átha relaxed their level of intensity somewhat, Nemo continued to probe and now began to get some scores on the board. Four points in a row were followed by a late goal to leave only the four-point gap at the finish but in reality the victory was a comprehensive one and is a further endorsement of Béal Átha's high standing in the football world at present. The Gaeltacht men have excellent forwards, each of whom made a major contribution to the cause on this occasion, five in attack and the other, Andy Concannon as a third midfielder.

Nemo had the first score in the 8th minute and three minutes later Liam Shorten equalised from 40 metres out. Andy Concannon put Béal Átha ahead from a free, Ben Shorten doubled the lead and Cian Dineen made it 0-4 to 0-1 in the 14th minute, four Béal Átha points in three minutes! Early in the second quarter Colman Twomey and then Liam Shorten had further points but Béal Átha had a lucky escape when Nemo's David Nation lashed a close range shot off the upright with the defence beaten. In the final minutes of

an extended first half (a very nasty melee on the sideline caused a lengthy delay) two points for Nemo were split by two further excellent Beal Átha points, both from Liam Shorten, one a free, and both from long range. Béal Átha led by 0-9 to 0-3 and Nemo could not deal with the swift footed Beal Átha attack and its accuracy.

On the restart, Béal Átha resumed with further points from Cian Dineen and Ben Shorten and when Nemo responded with a point, Beal Átha had their 43rd minute goal, a super score from Paul Buckley. Cian Dineen later added a point, Beal Átha led by 1-12 to 0-4 and the game was, in reality, over with ten minutes to go. Beal Átha relaxed a little, Nemo took advantage and rattled over four points in a row and then in the 59th minute got through for a well worked goal. They needed another goal but Beal Átha were not in that generous a mood and there were no further scores before the final whistle.

Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh: Gearóid Ó Muirthille: Finén Ó Loinsigh, Leonáird Ó Conchuir, Amhlaoibh Ó Loinsigh: Nollaig Ó Duinnín, Sean Ó Donnchú, Seán Ó Duinnín: Colmán Ó Tuama, Ian Ó Coinceannain: Tadgh Ó Laoire, Liam Seartan, Cian Ó Duinnín: Ben Seartan, Pól Ó Buachalla, Aindrias Ó Coinceannain. Fear Ionaide: Micheál Ó Tuama 48.

Naomh Abán 0 – 13 Newmarket 2 – 7

Naomh Abán often looked to be the better side at Dromtariffe but in the end had to rely on a Micheál O Cronin point from a free in the 63rd minute to earn themselves a second chance. Newmarket have improved immeasurably as this championship has progressed under the guiding hand of former Cork All Ireland star Danny Culloty, but Naomh Aban can approach the replay with the confidence that at their best they can advance.

Naomh Abán started well and had six points on

the board without reply from the Duhallow men by the 20th minute. The Naomh Aban attack was proving a handful for the Newmarket defence but Newmarket finished the half well. They had their first point in the 21st minute and added two more before their first goal brought the sides level. Naomh Aban came back and Denis Keohane pointed to give them a slim interval lead of 0-7 to 1-3, an inadequate reward for their first half endeavours.

Arthur Hankus doubled their advantage from the throw in on the restart, but Newmarket were battling hard now and were in front for the first time in the 37th minute when they got a second goal after the ball had come back off an upright. It was really 'game on' in a big way now for both sides as Naomh Aban drew level and then went ahead but Newmarket again equalised and with time running out went a point in front. Three minutes into injury time Naomh Aban were awarded a free and Micheál O Cronin, not for the first time in an illustrious career, held his nerve and kicked the ball over the bar to earn his side a well-deserved second chance.

Naomh Aban: Seanachán Ó hUidhir: Amhlaoibh Ó Loinsigh, Tadgh Ó Scanaill, Seamus Ó Mathúna: Colm de hÍde, Antóin Ó Loinsigh, Seamus Ó Riada: Arthur Hankus, Micheál Ó Laoire: Donnchadh Ó Cróinín, Micheál Ó Cróinín, Seamus Ó Laoire: Daire Ó Súilleabháin, Jason MacCarthaigh, Shane MacCarthaigh. Ionaide: Donnchadh Ó Ceocháin, Eoin Ó Scanaill agus Liam MacSuibhne.

Replay: Newmarket 2 - 11 Naomh Abán 1 – 7

A constantly improving Newmarket side were clear winners over Naomh Aban in the quarter final replay at Dromtariffe. The teams were level at 1-5 each after an even first half and the third quarter was scoreless until the 44th minute when Newmarket scored a point which was followed on by four more for the Duhallow

men to put them clear. Naomh Aban pulled them in somewhat with a brace of points but seven minutes from time Newmarket got in for a second goal and there was to be no reprieve for the Gaeltacht Mhuscraí men this time round. Micheál O Cronin opened the scoring with a Naomh Aban point in less than half a minute and when the Duhallow men equalised, O Cronin put his side back in front with a second point. A penalty for Newmarket in the 8th minute was duly dispatched to the N. Aban net but Donncha O Cronin had a point for the Baile Mhuirne men in reply. Newmarket then shot over three points in row but Micheál O Cronin had two further points for N Aban to leave only two points between the teams. A great goal from Arthur Hankus following a strong run in from midfield put Naomh Aban back in the lead coming up to half time but before the half time whistle sounded Newmarket had an equalising point to leave the teams level at 1-5 each at the interval. In the second half fourteen scoreless minutes after the break were followed by five points in a row for Newmarket. Micheál O Cronin had two points for Naomh Aban in reply to keep their hopes alive but the second Newmarket goal in the 53rd minute sealed the fate of the Muskerry men. An injury time point for Newmarket finished the scoring and Naomh Aban were down to 14 men at that stage having lost a player to a second yellow card.

Naomh Aban: Seanachán Ó hUidhir: Liam MacSuibhne, Tadgh Ó Scanaill, Seamus Ó Mathúna: Colm de hÍde, Antóin Ó Loinsigh, Amhlaoibh Ó Loinsigh: Arthur Hankus, Micheál Ó Laoire: Donnchadh Ó Cróinín, Micheál Ó Cróinín, Seamus Ó Laoire: Daire Ó Súilleabháin, Jason MacCarthaigh, Shane MacCarthaigh. Ionaide: Donnchadh Ó Ceocháin, Seanachán MacCarthaigh agus Seamus Ó Riada.

Intermediate Football Championship

Quarter-Finals

Kildorrery v EIRE ÓG, AGHABULLOGUE v Castletownbere,

Semi Finals: Kinsale 2 – 11 Kildorrery 0 – 8: Castletownbere 1 – 9 Cloyne 0 – 8

County Final: Kinsale 1 – 9 Castletownbere 0 – 8

Eire Óg 1 – 8 Kildorrery 0 – 13

The loss of two All Ireland winning forwards through injury on inter county duty was always going to be a major problem for Eire Óg in this season of great hope and their narrow defeat by Kildorrery in the quarter final game at Páirc Uí Rinn will inevitably raise the 'What if?' question. As it was Ciarán Sheehan, injured in the Munster final against Kerry, could not play and Daniel Goulding, injured in the Rebel Footballers next outing against Down at Croke Park did not come into the game until the 47th minute for his first game since his injury. The loss of their talented duo undoubtedly cost Eire Óg this championship but the team on duty again showed fierce determination and pride and Kildorrery did not secure the winning points until injury time.

Eire Óg started this game well with Kevin Hallissey causing all sorts of problems for the North Cork men in the opening half. Hallissey had an Eire Óg point in reply to three points for Kildorrery and in the 16th minute put Eire Óg into the lead with a smashing goal, finishing clinically after a defensive error. When Kevin quickly added two further points, Eire Óg led by 1-3 to 0-3 with twenty minutes gone. Kildorrery

rallied well in the period before half time and a series of points from frees brought them back into contention but at half time Eire Óg with two points from John Dineen, still led, if only by the minimum, on a scoreline of 1-5 to 0-7.

On the resumption points were exchanged, John Dineen scoring for Eire Óg and the Mid Cork side looked to have a slight edge. Daniel O'Connor had a fine point in the 43rd minute to open up a two-point gap but Kildorrery were fighting back and two points brought them level. Three minutes from time the North Cork men went ahead from a free but Daniel Goulding kicked over an equaliser from play for Eire Óg. With the game in injury time Kildorrery went in front once more and doubled their advantage from a free before the final whistle.

Éire Óg: Conor Hallissey; Barry Corkery, Cian O'Mahony, Shane McCarthy: Cian Lowney, Aidan O'Mahony, Dermot O'Herlihy: Shane Murphy, Alan Herlihy: John Crowley, Liam Murphy, Kevin Hallissey: Daniel O'Connor, Aidan O'Connor, John Dineen. Subs: Fiachra Landers, Daniel Goulding and Tony Dineen.

Aghabullogue 3 – 6 Castletownbere 3 – 7

Despite a very determined second half performance by the Aghabullogue men in the quarter final of the Intermediate Football Championship, they were very unfortunate to lose to Castletownbere at Aughville. Castletownbere had by far the better of the first half and had a 2-2 on the board before centre forward-John Kelleher opened the scoring for

Aghabullogue with a great point from play. Patrick Finnegan added another point from a free for Aghabullogue, leaving the half time score read 2-2 to 0-2. Aghabullogue were certainly missing the services of the injured Niall Buckley from midfield.

The second half proved to be a much closer affair with a total of four goals being scored between the two sides! Early in the second half, points were exchanged between the sides with the Aghabullogue score coming from John Hogan and Castletown responded well to go nine points clear. Aghabullogue were awarded a penalty when Barry Kiely was fouled in the Castletownbere square and Patrick Finnegan stepped up and struck the ball to the back of the net. Castletownbere responded quickly with a goal but Aghabullogue upped the ante and with two further goals courtesy of Patrick Finnegan from a penalty and Paul O'Rourke, there were just three points between the sides. Aghabullogue finished the stronger of the two sides but despite further points from Patrick Finnegan, from a free, and Paudie Twomey they fell just short after a brave comeback.

Aghabullogue: John Buckley: Jerome Corkery, Danny Buckley, Paudie Twomey: Dhani Merrick, Dan Twomey, Eoghan Kennedy: Donal Cullinane, Brian Buckley: Barry Kiely, John Kelleher, Pdraig Murphy: John Hogan, Patrick Finnegan, John Corkery. Subs: Mark O'Brien, Anthony O'Sullivan, Paul O'Rourke, Aidan Barry Murphy.

2011 Ross Oil Ltd. Mid Cork Junior Football Championship



Donoughmore, Mid Cork Junior Football Champions 2011



Dripsey, Mid Cork Junior Football finalists 2011

Semi Finals: Donoughmore v Kilmurry, Clondrohid v Dripsey.

Dripsey 0 - 12 Clondrohid 0 - 8

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

Aidan Buckley equalised for Dripsey on the restart, but Paddy Lynch pointed to put his side back in front again. With Diarmuid Riordan and Mark O'Sullivan now on top at midfield for Dripsey the balance was swinging in their favour and Mark O'Sullivan brought Dripsey level once again in the 33rd minute at 0-7 each and Gary Murphy pointed two successive frees to put Dripsey two points clear by the end of the third quarter. David Buckley kicked another Dripsey point in the 47th minute and his brother Aidan added another a minute later to open up a four-point gap and Dripsey looked like winners as they were now totally dominating. David O'Sullivan kicked another Dripsey point in the 51st minute to which Paddy Lynch replied with a point from a free to end the scoring if not the talking points. Dripsey: Ray Moynihan: Jeremy O'Driscoll, Conor Hayes, Liam Buckley; John Carey, Pat O'Riordan, Daniel Buckley; Mark O'Sullivan, Diarmuid O'Riordan: Stephen Murray, Gary Murphy, David

Buckley: David O'Sullivan, David Foley, Aidan Buckley. Sub: Shane Burke. Clondrohid: Brendan Kelleher: Oliver Kelleher, Jeremy O'Sullivan, Lorcan Lynch: Trevor O'Brien, Denis Desmond, Conor Desmond: Fergal Kelleher, Neilus Murphy: Martin Kelleher, Paddy Lynch, Mark Creed: Declan Kelleher, Aidan Kelleher, Shane Creed. Subs: David O'Leary, Daniel O'Mahony and Neil Corkery. Referee: Mr Hugh Kelleher, Canovee.

Donoughmore 0 - 12 Kilmurry 0 - 11

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

Donoughmore went in front from the throw with a point from Aidan O'Shea. William Buckley equalised for Kilmurry in the 6th minute, but Shane Sexton pointed a free to put Donoughmore back in front. They were playing with a very strong wind and needed scores and Conor Kelleher and Shane Sexton had made it 0-4 to 0-1 by the end of the first quarter. Donoughmore lost Kevin Kearney and Paul Crowley to injuries and Aidan O'Shea had another point in the 20th minute. Dave Lee came up to score a point five minutes before half time but Kilmurry hit back with a point from William Buckley and another from Alan O'Sullivan. Conor Kelleher's point gave Donoughmore a 0-7 to 0-3 interval lead. Kilmurry were on level terms within six minutes of the restart with points from William Buckley, Eoin Creedon, Dave O'Halloran and Dominick Creedon. Stephen Golden now had to be carried off injured for Donoughmore and his replacement Brian O'Connell put Donoughmore back in front in the 42nd minute. Dominick Creedon equalised five minutes later and Creedon pointed a free in the 52nd minute to put Kilmurry in front and they were on top at this stage. James White



Referee Ted Hayes at Min Cork Junior Football final

then doubled their advantage with a superb point from play and Donoughmore introduced two further substitutes for the closing stages. Brian O'Connell pointed to cut the deficit to the minimum and then set up Dave Lee to kick over the equaliser. Donoughmore had the bit between their teeth now and further points followed from Daniel Forde and a punched effort from Sean Murphy. Kilmurry had a late free which yielded a point from William Buckley but they could not get the equaliser as time ran out on them.

Conor Kelleher started for Donoughmore in place of Brian O'Connell but O'Connell came in and along with fellow substitutes Stephen Golden, Tom Daly, Sean Murphy and Stephen O'Connor played a very significant part in this victory. Kilmurry: Pat O'Callaghan: Liam Long, Kevin Barrett, Eoin Barrett: Liam Buckley, David O'Leary, Stephen Down: Eoin Creedon, Finbarr Crowley: Dominick Creedon, James White, Dave O'Halloran: William Buckley, John O'Leary, Alan O'Sullivan. Subs: Michael Linehan and William Barrett. Referee: Mr. Ted Hayes, Eire Og.

Ross Oil Co. Ltd. Mid Cork Junior Football Championship Final



Donoughmore 1 - 7 Dripsey 1 - 3

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

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

their situation and at half time there was only a point between the teams, Dripsey leading by 1-1 to 0-3, a situation which on the run of play flattered Donoughmore but which was still satisfactory from a Dripsey viewpoint as they would now have the benefit of the strong wind in the second half.

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

a pass from Brian O'Connell and sent over the bar but the Donoughmore surge was temporarily halted when Gary Murphy pointed a '45' for Dripsey in the 52nd minute. Donoughmore had the look of winners now and Shane Sexton set up Kevin Kearney for a quick reply and only the crossbar denied Conor Kelleher of a goal in the 54th minute. There was to be no further scoring in the final seven minutes of normal time plus some added time but Donoughmore were now in control and playing with a dash that Dripsey could not match, and the final whistle was greeted with scenes of joy by Donoughmore players, mentors and supporters alike.

Donoughmore: Evan Forde: Denis O'Connell, James Honohan, Dan O'Sullivan: Aidan Corkery, Patrick Murphy, David Lee: Daniel Forde, Tom Daly: Colm O'Callaghan, Conor Kelleher, Shane Sexton: Aidan O'Shea, Darren Barrett, Brian O'Connell. Subs: Kevin Kearney, Oliver Murphy and Stephen Golden. Trainer/Coach: Tomas Golden and John Crowley. Selectors: Paul Crowley, Barry Holland, Philip O'Callaghan and Barry Twomey. Dripsey: Ray Moynihan: Jeremy O'Driscoll, Conor Hayes, Liam Buckley: John Carey, Pat O'Riordan, Daniel Buckley: Thomas Ahearne, Diarmuid O'Riordan: Stephen Murray, Gary Murphy, Dave Buckley: David O'Sullivan, David Forde, Aidan Buckley. Subs: Shane Burke and John Buckley.

Referee: Mr Ted Hayes (Eire Og) made a major contribution to a fine sporting final witnessed by a big crowd at Coachford.



Donoughmore Underage who played Dripsey at the interval of the Mid Cork final



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AFFORDABILITY OF PCR TESTS MUST BE PART OF DEBATE ON EU DIGITAL GREEN CERT - MEP KELLEHER

- RENEW EUROPE TO PROPOSE PRICE CAP AND PROPOSE LIMITED NUMBER OF FREE TESTS PER PERSON -

Fianna Fáil MEP, Billy Kelleher has said that the affordability of Covid 19 PCR tests must be addressed as part of the rollout of the EU's Digital Green Certificate.

Kelleher, and his political group, Renew Europe, will table a resolution on the cost of PCR tests as part of the debate on the Digital Green Certificate.

"In Ireland, and right across the EU, vaccinations, as a public health tool, is free for the citizens. The same cannot be said for PCR tests."

"Of course, in Ireland, for those presenting with symptoms, and for those attending the special pop-up asymptomatic testing centres, a PCR test is free. However, these facilities are not available in every

town and village in the country.

"Costs for PCR tests can range from €99 to well over €200. This is widely prohibitive and counter-productive. PCR testing will be with us for many years to come so we must put in place mechanisms to ensure the cost is proportionate and affordable."

"It is expected that in the future, even when people are fully vaccinated, other countries for example will require a negative PCR result before they let people enter. Those visiting Ireland will also more than likely have to have a negative PCR result after five days to leave self-quarantine."

"Companies should be aware of this, and price accordingly. If they are unwilling to do so, and continue to gouge out of the pockets of citizens and future tourists,

the EU and Member State governments must step in, and apply price controls."

"Freedom of movement is not for the well-off only. Renew Europe will propose a number of free tests per citizens and a temporary price cap. We have done it before with roaming charges and credit card fees. We should do it again," concluded Kelleher.



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A Word of Victory

Welcome back dear reader do you feel overwhelmed? When times are difficult and it feels like everything is against you it is easy to want to give up. Friend - don't give up. Whose report are you going to believe? You have a choice: to listen to the voice of God through His Word, or the voice of the stranger, the devil, through the thoughts that he bombards your mind with. The voice that we listen to, believe and obey will ultimately decide our destiny.

Faith versus fear, victory versus defeat, joy versus despair and sickness versus health and strength are some of the battles we face every day in our thought life. The Bible tells us 'as a man thinks in his heart so is he' (Proverbs 23:7). Jesus taught that His Word is Spirit and Truth. This means that the truth of the Word of God has the power in itself to transform from the inside out. This is what many of us need. A good washing out in our thoughts, mindsets and attitudes. We need to think about what we are thinking about, and, if it is not in agreement with what God's Word says about us, then we need to dump it before it lands us in the trash heap.

There is a one way ticket to defeat and that is when someone takes the crap that comes from Satan and believes it. The devil is a liar; in fact he is the father of lies according to Jesus. He uses tactics to wound us, distract us and dishearten us. Remember Jesus told how he only comes to steal, to kill and to destroy. But Jesus came to give us abundant life (John 10:10). In Psalm 55 David ponders wistfully 'oh that I had wings like a dove I would fly away and be at rest' (Psalm 55:6-7). Often running away would seem to be the easier option, but what would it really accomplish? The grass is not always greener, it is only a mirage and a total let down. Family relationships, marriages and workplaces are all suffering because of breakdown in communication, misunderstandings and offences, but often many of these come about because one or other of those involved have been affected by interference from the devil. It is in his best interest to cause strife and offence because that is how his kingdom operates – by dividing and conquering. The thing is, the division will not only affect the ones involved but drags many others into the loop also, and even travels down generations. It also affects people in such a way as to bring on mental torment, because the soul is divided and they are in conflict with themselves. A house divided cannot stand (Mark 3:25). God warns throughout the Bible that being double minded is dangerous. It has far reaching consequences and only we can root out the source by choosing carefully whose voice we believe and obey (Deuteronomy 30:11-20).

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12TH ANNIVERSARY



An Eternal Memory Until We Meet Again

**JOHN (JACK)
MCCARTHY**

Upper Codrum, Macroom
Who passed away on 2nd May 2009

*Those Special memories of you
will always bring a smile,
If only I could have you back
for just a little while.
Then we could sit, talk and dance John
just like we used to do.
You always meant so very much
and always will do too.
The fact you're no longer here darling
will always cause me deep pain
but you're forever and always in my heart
until we meet again.*

Our Lady of Lourdes pray for him



Sadly missed and loved by
your wife Helen, sisters in law Theresa
and husband Tony, Lauren &
godchild Kian.

Anniversary Mass will be streamed live
from St Colman's Church Macroom 10am -
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5TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**JUDY
O'SULLIVAN**

No. 3 Cois Cille (formerly of
Ballyvoige), Kilnamartyra, Macroom.
4th May 2016

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



Lovingly remembered and sadly missed
by her sons Pat and Billy and her
daughters Joan, Nora, Eileen, Mary and
Bridget, all her grandchildren and her
great grandchildren.

27TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

MAURA HOARE

A dear Mother, Grandmother,
Great-Grandmother and wife of the
late John Hoare who died on the 4th
May 1994

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



Fondly remembered and sadly missed by
family and friends.

Our Lady Saint Gbannait, pray for Maura,
her husband John, and their son Seamus.

2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**SHEILA
O'FLAHERTY**

Grange Douglas, late of Lactify,
Clondrohid
Who passed away 7th May 2019.

*A loving daughter sister aunt and wife.
Friend to all who knew her.
Thinking of you every day.
Always in our prayers and forever
in our hearts.*



From all your family and friends

NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART



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
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will become your favour, not mine.
Amen. Say this prayer three times
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25th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

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Who died on May 4th 1996

*As each day dawns,
we think of you,
As each night falls,
we pray for you,
And throughout our lives,
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FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

TED CRONIN

Middle Square, Macroom

April 30th 2020

On the first anniversary of Ted's death, he is lovingly remembered by his wife Joan, son Michael, daughters Clare and Catherine, daughter in law Norma, grandson Tim, granddaughters Susie, Clare and Michelle, extended family and friends.

To all of our relatives who could not travel to be with us, thank you for your support, we especially think of John, Ted's brother (now deceased) and his wife Brid in Donegal who were unable to travel. To all of our cousins all over the world, who contacted us and shared in our loss. To Darrin and Martin, Ted's right and left hands, for their loyalty, friendship and support for many years at M J Cronin's. Ted went to work every day with a spring in his step, Dar and Martin were family and his customers were his friends. His legacy lives on in the Middle Square. To Ted's many friends who although it was not possible to attend the funeral, viewed the funeral mass online, and paid their respects online, by telephone, with letters and Mass cards. We thank all the people of Macroom who lined the streets for the funeral cortege, Ted loved Macroom dearly and it was wonderful to see his affection reciprocated.

To Macroom Golf Club, for their guard of honour and facilitating the funeral procession through the grounds. To all of Ted's friends from the Castle Grounds who lined the walkways, all of these kind gestures made the funeral very special.

Ted's love of his homeplace extended well beyond the town, he had friends throughout the countryside who welcomed him to visit, to walk their land and to hunt, we thank you for your kindness. To Dr Peter Cronin and Dr John O'Riordan at Sullane Family Practice for looking after Ted for many years. To Fitzgerald's Funeral Directors for their professionalism and sensitivity when arranging the funeral. To Canon Donal Roberts and Fr John Keane for officiating at the Mass. Special thanks to Michael Bradley for singing at the Mass.

To the staff at Ward 5B Cork University Hospital for looking after Ted so well during his short illness and for their sensitivity and support during his last few days.

As it would be impossible to thank everybody individually, please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation.



Sadly missed and always remembered by his loving family.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

EILISH CREEDON

Teergay, Kilbarry, Macroom Co.Cork
Who passed away 3rd May 2021

As we lovingly remember Eilish, on this her first anniversary her husband Dan, daughters Elaine, Laura and Lisa, sons in law, grandchildren, siblings Johnny, Eileen, Dick, Patrick, Bridie, Anne and David, nieces and nephews and all our extended family wish to express their heartfelt gratitude to all those who offered condolences and support during what was a difficult time for our family. Due to covid health restrictions we were unable to meet with family, friends and neighbours but we were incredibly moved by the letters, Mass cards, online condolences and phone calls we received. We would particularly like to express our appreciation to our family, friends and neighbours who lined the route of the funeral cortege on Eilish's final journey. This small gesture offered untold support to us and was deeply appreciated.

We sincerely thank the staff of Macroom hospital for the fantastic care of our dear Eilish. We thank Eilish's home help carers who made it possible for her to remain in her much loved home for as long as possible. We would also like to thank Dr Audrey Russell and Dr Shane Hurley of the Muskerry Family practice for their unwavering support and professionalism throughout her illness.

Thank you to Fr Anthony O Mahony and Fr Donal Roberts and all the priests of both Macroom and Uibh Laoire parishes for their prayers and support.

A special thank you to Cyril and the staff of Caseys Funeral Directors for their kindness, sensitivity and professionalism with the funeral arrangements, without which we would not have been able to give Eilish the funeral she deserved.

As it is impossible to thank everyone individually please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our deepest gratitude.

Eilish's 1st anniversary mass will be offered in Inchigeela Church on the 2nd of May at 11.30. (www.youtube.com Uibh Laoire Mass)



Gone from our home but not from our hearts

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



Forever in our hearts

DECLAN FLYNN

Shandangan, Carrigadrohid, Co Cork
5th May 2020

As we continue to struggle through this most unimaginable grief, We remember Declan with so much love. I, Declan's wife and best friend Patricia and his adored children, Ian, Colin and Laoise and the extended Flynn and Burns family would like to thank everyone who has helped us this past difficult year. Our sincere gratitude to the Ambulance service and the West Cork Rapid Response especially Dr Jason van der Velde. Thank you to my former colleagues in the Emergency Department and ICU in CUH especially our good friend Tony Hoey. Thank you to everyone who sent messages, letters cards and had masses said. Thank you to everyone who travelled long distances to stand in solidarity with us at the funeral especially many of Declan's friends from Nenagh, Co Tipperary. Thank you to my wonderful neighbours especially Ann Marie, Niamh, Edwina, Colette and Patricia. Thanks to Martin McCarthy and Fiona Flynn for their beautiful and poignant singing at Declan's mass. Thanks to Fr Ned Hassett, Declan's cousin for enabling Declan's mass to be so personal. I am very grateful for your continuing support. Thank you to the local community in Canovee and Canovee GAA for giving Declan a very special farewell. In particular, I am very grateful to Gerard and Rosarii Fitzgerald for their kindness shown to the extended Flynn family. Heartfelt thanks to Declan's work colleagues and management team in Irish Pioneer works for their support and especially for their very moving guard of honour. Thanks to Tim Lyons for being a great friend to Declan and for his continued help. Thanks to my wonderful friends Lynda Bradley, Siobhan McCarthy, Karen O'Donoghue, Stephanie Dunlea and Breda Hally. Finally to my family, thank you for all ye have done and continue to do, my brothers in law and sister in law, Martin, Michael and Louise, my nephews and nieces but in particular my mother Margaret, my brother Ger and my sisters Joanne and Marguerite. We could not get through this without ye.



Declan was a wonderful husband, father and my best friend. We were very lucky to have had him in our lives, we just wish we could have had him for so much longer.
"The measure of my dreams"

FIRST ANNIVERSARY



So sadly missed

DECLAN FLYNN

Shandangan, Carrigadrohid, Co Cork
5th May 2020

*Pen to paper, Words from my heart
So much to say, Where do I start
I love you so much, And miss you everyday
My heart completely broke
The day you went away
I miss your voice, I miss your smile
I miss your hand in mine
But I hold tight to the memories
Of the love that we had, They dry my tears
On the days I feel sad,
So this is not goodbye
It's just a parting in time
For I will forever be yours
And you will forever be mine.*

Love you forever Declan,
your loving wife Patricia



*We tried so hard to write these words
To say how much we miss you
The more we write, The more we cry
Oh Daddy, how much we miss you
"We love you Dad"*

Ian, Colin and Laoise

FIRST ANNIVERSARY



Forever with us

DECLAN FLYNN

Shandangan, Carrigadrohid, Co Cork
Remembering Declan who left us on
5th May 2020

*Along the road of memories
That take us back to you
We think about those special times
Together we once knew.
And Declan as we pray today
We ask the Lord above
To fold his arms around you
In his own eternal love*



Never forgotten by your Mother In Law Margaret, Sisters In Law Joanne and Marguerite, Brother In Law Ger and Families

FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

MARIA O'MAHONY

Teergay, Kilbarry, Macroom, Co.Cork
Who died on 7th May 2020

As we lovingly remember Maria on her first anniversary, we her family, Patrick, Damien, Grace, her mother Joan, sister, brothers and extended family, would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to all who supported and sympathised with us on our sad loss. Our heartfelt thanks to our neighbours and friends, who were a huge support to us in such a difficult time.

We would especially like to thank those who lined the route to the church and graveyard.

To all those who sent Mass cards, letters, enrolments, cards and messages of condolence, your words are deeply appreciated.

A very special word of thanks to Dr. Peter Cronin for his exceptional care to Maria over the years.

Sincere thanks to Dr. Bird, Dr. O'Mahony and the staff of the Bon Secours Hospital Cork. We would like to thank all the staff of Marymount Hospice Cork for the wonderful care and support that was provided to Maria during her illness.

Our gratitude and appreciation to Fr. Donal Roberts for celebrating her funeral mass in such a meaningful way. Thank you to Michael Bradley for the beautiful singing during the Mass. Thanks to Casey's Undertakers for their kindness and professionalism throughout.

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



St. Gobnait pray for her

FIRST ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

TED CRONIN

Middle Square, Macroom, Co. Cork.

*We hold you close within our hearts
And there you shall remain,
To walk with us throughout our lives
until we meet again.*



Always remembered
by Darrin and Martin

2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

JOEY O'NEILL

Cappanclare, Inchigeela, Macroom,
Co. Cork

Who passed away on 9th May 2019

*Your presence we miss,
Your memory we treasure,
Loving you always,
Forgetting you never.*



From his Loving wife Joan sons Martin
and Noel daughter Majella and extended
family.

May his soul rest in peace.

6TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

DENIS (DENNY) HALLAHAN

Commons, Crookstown, Co Cork
whose 6th anniversary was on April
23rd

Masses offered

*Softly I heard the angels call
So I took the gentle hand of Jesus
And gently left you all.*



Lovingly remembered by Margaret
& family.

2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

CORNELIUS (CURLEY) LEHANE

Railway View, Macroom, Co. Cork

Died 30th April 2019

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



Lovingly Remembered by your son Pat,
Daughter in Law Carol, Grandchildren:
Conor, Jennifer and Lucy
- And Richard

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FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

EILY O'SULLIVAN

"FOUR WINDS" Rylane East, Rylane. Co.Cork.

Who died on May 7th 2020.

As we lovingly remember Mam on her first anniversary we her family wish to express our extreme gratitude to all those who sympathised with us on our sad loss.

To all those who could not sympathise personally due to Covid 19 restrictions but who left sincere & heartfelt condolences on RIP.ie & left telephone messages, thank you all, it meant so much to us. To those who sent Mass Cards, floral tributes, brought baking, food & other refreshments we are forever grateful. A very special and heartfelt thank you to Catherine Buttmer & the amazing staff of Carechoice Nursing Home Macroom for your devoted care, kindness & love shown to Mam during her time spent there and for the amazing empathy shown to us in the days prior to Mams passing, this we will never forget.

To Dr. Sarah Kingston and all the staff of Coachford Family Practice a huge thank you for the care which Mam received when she attended there, your kindness will always be remembered. To the nurses of Rylane Health Centre who would have visited Mam at home in the past a heartfelt thanks to you all. To Fr. Peadar Murphy we say a very special thank you for your kindness & help & for the lovely Requiem Mass which you offered for Mam, you made it so special & meaningful for us. To Michael Bradley & Mary McSweeney for the beautiful music & hymns for the Funeral Mass. Also thank you to the sacristan of St. Olans Church Rylane. To Bill, Martin & all the staff of Fitzgerald Funeral Directors Macroom for your professionalism, care, kindness & help we are externally grateful. A very special & heartfelt thanks to our amazing neighbours who went above and beyond in helping us in every way during those tough days, your kindness will never be forgotten & we are truly blessed to have you as our neighbours.

A special thank you to Canon Donal Roberts who visited Mam during her final hours, we are eternally grateful and we know that she received great comfort & blessing from this visit. Last but not least a very special thanks to all those who took the time to line the route and those who posted details of same on social media etc as we brought Mams remains from Macroom to her home in Rylane East, those who lined the route to St. Olans Church Rylane for Mams Requiem Mass & afterwards as Mams remains were brought to be laid to rest in St. Lachteens Cemetery in her beloved Donoughmore.

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

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

Eilys' first Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on Saturday May 8th 2021 in Aghabullogue Church at 8pm (Pending current restrictions being eased)

May her gentle soul Rest in Peace.



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

Always in our thoughts,
Forever in our hearts.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

**CORNEILIUS
(CONNIE)
DINEEN**

Peake, Coachford

Who died 24th April 2020

As we lovingly remember Connie on his first Anniversary, his wife Sheila, Sons, Daughter, Daughters-in-law, Grandchildren and Relatives would sincerely like to thank all those who sympathised with us on our sad loss.

Thank you to all the staff of Kanturk Community Hospital who treated Connie with the utmost care, dignity and kindness, we will be forever grateful.

A special thank you to Fr Peadar Murphy for celebrating such a beautiful Mass. Thank you to all who stood at the roadside and those who formed a guard of honour to accompany Connie on his last journey.

Thank you to Fitzgeralds Funeral Home, Macroom for their kindness, courtesy and professionalism.

The Holy Sacrifice of the mass will be offered for your intentions.



5th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**CONNIE
BREEN**

No 1 Belmont Place, Crookstown,
Co. Cork

*Today is such a painful day
Full of sadness and grief for me,
As I mourn the moment you left
Re calling how life used to be.*

*You were someone very special
Who left your mark on so many lives,
Things just haven't been the same
Since we said goodbye.*

*The bond we shared will never end
Even though we are apart,
I find comfort in the memories
Deep within my heart.*

*This heartfelt message is for you
I miss you more than words can say,
The world lost someone precious
On the day you went away.*



Always remembered by
your wife Geraldine
and extended Breen and Mc Carthy
families and friends.

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5TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

JOHNNY O'SULLIVAN

Ballingeary & Macroom
Who died on the 29th April 2016

Someone is missing

Let this be a loving reminder
That someone is missing today,
Someone our hearts still hold on to
As we travel along life's way.
Someone who made life so special
For all those who gather here.
Someone who won't be forgotten,
But cherished from year to year.
And now as we pause to remember,
Let us all fondly recall,
How dearly each of us love him,
And oh... how he loved us all.



Always remembered
by Your Loving Family

3RD ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

MAURA LYNCH

Clondrohid, Macroom
Who died 3rd May 2018
A beloved mother and friend

*A light went out on earth for us
The day we said goodbye,
And on that day a star was born
The brightest in the sky.
With beams of love to heal
The broken hearts you left behind,
Where always in our memories
Your twinkling star will shine.*

*Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam
Naomh Gonnait guidh uirthi.*



Your loving daughters Pauline, Louise,
Deirdre, Denise, Carol, and Linda

*Mam's mass will be at 9.30am, Mon.
3rd May, 2021, in St Abina's Church,
Clondrohid (www.churchmedia.ie/
st-abinas-clondrohid-macroom/)*

3RD ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

EILEEN O'CONNOR

Carrigeigh, Inchigeela
and late of Ballygroman Ovens
who passed away on the
21st April 2018

*We think about you always
We talk about you still
You have never been forgotten
And you never will*

*We hold you close within our hearts
And there you will remain
To walk and guide us through our lives
Until we meet again*



Sadly missed and fondly remembered
by her loving husband Sean, brothers:
Bertie, John and Anthony- sisters in law -
nephews, nieces and friends.

7TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

PADDY McCARTHY

late of Macroom and Kilkenny,
who died on 26th April 2014.
RIP

*We miss you in so many ways,
We miss the things you used to say,
And when old times we do recall,
It's then we miss you most of all.
In our hearts your memory lingers,
Sweetly tender, fond and true,
There is not a day, dear Paddy
That we do not think of you.*



Lovingly remembered by your wife Eileen,
sons Noel and Brendan, daughters-in-law
Adrienne and Stephanie, grandchildren
Jennifer, Shane, Matthew and Lauren,
relatives and friends.

17th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

ANN O'MAHONY

Dan Corkery Place Macroom.
Who died on 5th May 2004.

*Memories of you are lovingly kept,
Someone too special to ever forget,
Your wish today would be no fuss,
Just to be remembered by all of us.*



Sadly missed by Willie and Maire.

5TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

KENNY RELIHAN

Late of St. Colman's Park, Macroom
On the 2nd May, 2016

*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 by his Mother, Noreen,
Father Martin,
Brother Johnathan,
Sister's Sinead and Edel,
Nephew's, niece's and grandniece, Keilidh.
His childhood friend, Kelly.

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE



In loving memory of

DON LYNCH

"Fossa" Codrum, Macroom
Whose 80th Birthday occurs on 30th
of April 2021

*We cannot send a birthday card,
Your hand we cannot touch,
But God will take our greetings
To the one we love so much.*



Lovingly remembered by your wife
Kathleen, son's Martin and Wayne,
daughter's Lynn, Donna and Susan,
relatives and friends.

8TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

REDMOND KIRBY

St. Colman's Park, Macroom
Who Died on 25th April 2013

*April is here with sad regret
The day the month we will never forget.
May Red's soul and the soul of all our
departed family and friends Rest In Peace*



Sadly missed and always remembered by
your mother Carmel, your brothers and
sisters, nieces and nephews, brothers in
law and all your family and friends.

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