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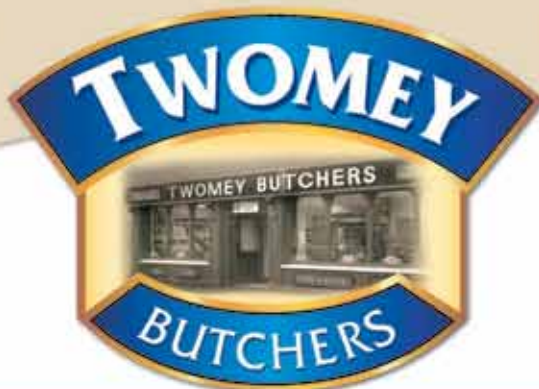
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GUIDE PRICE: €425,000



NEW TO THE MARKET

CURLEW COTTAGE, TARELTON, MACROOM, CO. CORK P12X063

Killian Lynch Auctioneers are pleased to offer this 3 bedroom detached cottage on C.0.5 acres. The property which is in excellent condition throughout comprises of C.1150 sq ft living accommodation is full of character and charm and is surrounded by landscaped gardens with views over the surrounding countryside. The property is located C. 2km from Tareilton village, c. 15 minutes drive from Macroom town and C. 30 minutes from Cork city. BER F (114682743)

GUIDE PRICE: €215,000



UNDER OFFER

4 OAKWOOD COURT, MACROOM, CO. CORK, P12 NW84

Killian Lynch Auctioneers are pleased to offer this quaint 2 bedroom townhouse situated within a courtyard setting only minutes walking distance from Macroom town centre. The house which comprises of c.660 sq ft. living accommodation is in immaculate condition throughout and is a rare opportunity to acquire a property in such a sought after area. BER: D2 114683089

GUIDE PRICE: €165,000



NEW TO THE MARKET

NO. 7 AN GLEANN, MACROOM, CORK, P12 HT21

Killian Lynch Auctioneers are pleased to offer this spacious 4 bedroom detached property located in the mature development of An Gleann. The property is in excellent condition throughout and comprises of C.1500 sq ft well laid out and spacious living accommodation. The property is located in the outskirts of Macroom town and is close to all services and amenities, C.30 minutes from Cork city as well as Killarney. This is an ideal opportunity not to be missed and would make an ideal family home. BER: C1 (105172704)

GUIDE PRICE: €340,000



NEW TO THE MARKET

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Killian Lynch Auctioneers are pleased to offer this refurbished 3 bedroom bungalow on C.0.5 acres. The property which comprises of C.843 sq ft living accommodation has had new double glazed PVC doors and windows fitted, new flooring throughout and plumbing upgraded. This is an opportunity not to be missed on this site facing site located only C.3 km from the Macroom bypass interchange junction, C.10 minutes from Macroom and Ballyjourney and C. 40 minutes from Cork city. BER: E2 (114710148)

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NEW TO THE MARKET

45 ROS ALAINN, GURTEENROE, MACROOM, CO. CORK P12 FT73

Killian Lynch Auctioneers are pleased to offer this 3 bedroom semi detached house with front and rear gardens. The property which is in pristine condition throughout comprises of C.1048 sq ft living accommodation and comes with a south facing rear garden with beautiful views. Located on the western outskirts of Macroom town only a C. 2 minute drive from the bypass interchange and C. 30 minutes drive from both Cork and Killarney. BER: B3

GUIDE PRICE: €245,000



NEW TO THE MARKET

NO. 13 ROS ALAINN, MACROOM, CORK, P12 KV12

Killian Lynch auctioneers are pleased to offer this newly finished 4 bedroom detached family home situated on a large south facing site. The property which comprises of c.2007 sq ft. living accommodation comes with new fitted kitchen, tiling, flooring and also qualify for the HELP TO BUY SCHEME, up to €30,000 for qualifying applicants. This is an opportunity not to be missed and is located only a 2 minute drive to the Macroom bypass interchange, c.30 minutes from Cork City and Killarney town. BER: B2

GUIDE PRICE: €425,000



NEW TO THE MARKET

ROS ALAINN VIEW, ROS ALAINN, MACROOM, CO. CORK P12 RX70

Killian Lynch Auctioneers are pleased to offer this 4 bedroom family home situated on a large private site on the western outskirts of Macroom town, only a 2 minute drive from the Macroom bypass interchange junction. The property comes with tarmac allam driveway, new fitted kitchen, tiled flooring and c.2,567 sq ft of spacious living accommodation. is a rare opportunity for persons looking for a large family home on a very large site and very spacious living accommodation throughout. This property qualify's for the HELP TO BUY SCHEME, up to €30,000 for qualifying applicants. This is an opportunity not to be missed. BER: B2

GUIDE PRICE: €475,000



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THE OLDE PUB, TOAMES WEST, MACROOM, CORK, P12Y50

Killian Lynch auctioneers are pleased to offer this 3 bedroom detached residence situated on C. 0.5 acres. The property which comprises of C.1600 sq ft living accommodation is in need of modernization throughout. This property holding is divided into two sections and is L. BER F (114616246) located only C. 10 minutes drive from Macroom town and C. 30 minutes drive west of Cork city. BER F (114616246)

GUIDE PRICE: €180,000

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What's in this edition:

We have a bumper magazine this week and what a joy it is to see all the local events in the upcoming calendar. Its so wonderful to see things slowly but surely coming back to normal, one thing I do miss and this might sound strange given the hullabaloo there was over it, but I really miss the outdoor dining! It was so nice to see people enjoying and embracing our outdoor spaces. It made me think it was a town realm built for people to enjoy, rather than a space just for cars. I would be interested to know your thoughts on this coming into the summer months?

Ukraine

It's been a strange and sad start to the month with the Russian invasion to the Ukraine and fuel prices have going through the roof, it can be a time of anxiety and uncertainty for many. If you're struggling at the moment don't be afraid to reach out for help - Freephone 1800 80 48 48 Available 7 days a week 10am to 10pm If you're looking to offer support, charities with direct links on the ground are proving to be the best way to help those affected by the war

Charities such as:

The Irish Red Cross which has raised more than €12 million in donations to help the people of Ukraine and refugees from the conflict. To donate use the link: <https://donate.redcross.ie>

Unicef Ireland has raised up to €4 million in donations for the people of Ukraine. It has set up "Blue Dot" safe spaces to provide information and supports to mothers and children fleeing the conflict as they cross into Poland, Moldova, Romania and Belarus. To donate use the link <https://www.unicef.ie/donate/ukraine/#1>

St Patrick's day

For those wishing to register for St Patrick's day Parade with the Lee Valley Outlook, please be aware they have a new email address which is lventerprisboard@macroom.ie

How to submit articles, photos and more:

We welcome new submissions in the Lee Valley Outlook, don't be a stranger If you have an article, photo or story you wish to share, email: leevalleyoutlook@macroom.ie

We are a bi-monthly magazine, submissions need

to be in the Sunday before publication at the latest, if you want a piece included in the following weeks edition. Unfortunately, due to print processes, late submissions will now be pushed to the following editions publication.

Please note my role as editor is part time and I am not always available to answer emails immediately so note there will be some delay in getting back to you.

As always submissions as Gaeilge are always welcome too!

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The Heritage Council, along with Ministers Malcolm Noonan TD and Darragh O'Brien TD today (2.3.22) announced that 13 historic towns will share €1.75m funding under the 2022 Historic Towns Initiative.

The €1.75m in capital funding will help to provide jobs through heritage-led regeneration and will aid the rebuilding of local economies with heritage as a focal point. Today's announcement follows the launch last week by Minister Noonan of Heritage Ireland 2030, the new national heritage plan, which will strengthen the management and protection of our built, cultural and natural heritage and provide supports to those responsible for caring for that heritage.

The Historic Towns Initiative is a joint initiative between the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and the Heritage Council and this year's scheme follows on from highly successful projects during 2018 - 2021. A new aspect of the HTI this year is a call for proposals that encourage the specific re-use of historic buildings. The awards in Monaghan town, Enniscorthy and Tipperary town will address residential and business reuse. This follows a competitive process inviting local authorities to propose projects for heritage-led regeneration.

In 2022 funding will be awarded to the relevant local authorities for eight conservation projects in:

- Listowel, Co Kerry
- Ballyshannon, Co. Donegal
- Ballina, Co. Mayo
- Macroom, Co Cork
- Tipperary town, Co Tipperary

- Naas, Co Kildare
- Monaghan town, Co Monaghan
- Enniscorthy, Co Wexford

For the first time under this programme in 2022 funding has been awarded to the relevant local authorities for five heritage-led regeneration plans in:

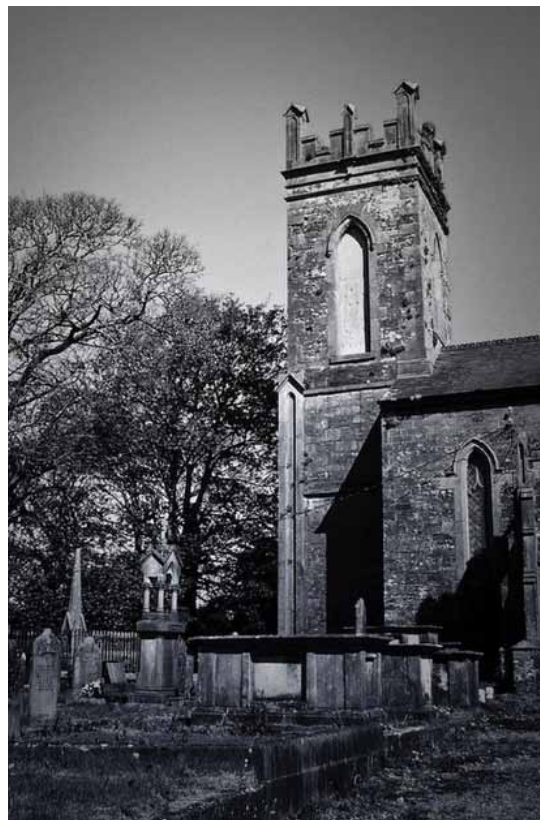
- Callan, Co Kilkenny
- Drogheda, Co Louth
- Wexford, Co Wexford
- Ballymote, Co Sligo
- Carlow, Co Carlow

Commenting today Minister of State for Heritage and Electoral Reform Mr Malcolm Noonan TD said *"As set out in the recently launched Heritage Ireland 2030 national heritage plan, we wish to put built, cultural and natural heritage at the front of both Government policy and the recovery of the country as we emerge from the pandemic and so I look forward to working with the Heritage Council on similar initiatives over the coming months and years."*

Speaking today, Minister for Housing, Local Government Mr Darragh O'Brien TD said:

"As many people know, I am committed to the heritage-led regeneration of our towns and villages, so I am truly delighted to congratulate the thirteen successful towns that will benefit from the Historic Towns Initiative 2022."

"In keeping with the new government policy Town Centre First these heritage-led regeneration projects will bring economic benefits to our historic towns thereby helping them to prosper once again."



The re-use of vacant buildings in our town centres will address the supply of homes, tackle dereliction and help us meet our climate change targets."

Virginia Teehan, the Chief Executive of the Heritage Council commented:

"The Heritage Council is very pleased to, once again, administer the Historic Towns Initiative in 2022. Working with local authority partners and communities on heritage-led regeneration is an important Heritage Council priority and we very much look forward to working with Ministers O'Brien and Noonan on this, and all aspects, of the care of our rich heritage."




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ST. MARY'S NEWS



St Marys 2ND YEARS ON THEIR HISTORY TOUR

SECOND YEAR HISTORY TOUR OF WEST CORK'S FAMOUS HISTORICAL AND COMMEMORATIVE SITES

As we are in the era of centenaries, it was pertinent to visit some of the local commemorative sites in preparation for the 2nd Year History students upcoming Classroom Based Assessment on local history. The St. Mary's students accompanied by their teachers Mr. Quill, Ms.Gray, Ms.Kane and Mr.Galvin embarked on a local tour of Kilmichael Ambush, Kinneigh Round Tower and Béal na Bláth. Local historian Michael Galvin of Kilmurry Historical Society met the group in Kilmichael and gave a fantastic overview of the ambush there and provided context as to the mood and morale among the local people in a war scenario before and after the event. The success of Tom Barry and the West Cork Flying column at Kilmichael acted as a turning point in the War of Independence. The military genius of Tom Barry and the valiant efforts of his inexperienced volunteers at Kilmichael as well as events such as Bloody Sunday in late 1920 eroded the sense of invincibility among the Auxiliaries, boosted morale among the IRA and changed the attitude of the British towards the war in Ireland.

Next stop was to Coppeen where tea, sandwiches and scones were provided for the entire group. The tour then proceeded to Kinneigh Round Tower which provided a snapshot into a very different era of living and the efforts made in defending one's lands. This impressive structure acted as a defence mechanism against raiding parties. The large tower's engineering and architecture which was built around 916 AD is an ample reminder of the degree of skilled craftsmanship that existed over 1000 years ago.

The tour then proceeded to Béal na Bláth where Michael Collins, the First Chairman of the Provisional Government and Commander in Chief of the Irish Free State Army was killed on August 22nd 1922 at the age of just 31. This site is undergoing development at present to facilitate the 100-year anniversary this coming August. Michael Galvin provided a very in-depth analysis of the events leading up to the Civil War and the tragedy that unfolded on that fateful day. The question was posed surely as to who shot Michael Collins? Whatever the answer to that question is possibly irrelevant given the context of war at that time. One would reasonably ascertain however that Collins' loss was felt by all sides of the conflict. His immense talents, abilities and charisma which enabled

him to become the first leader of a devolved, constitutional Irish government at just 31 meant he was a huge loss to the new state. Those that opposed him deeply regarded him for his role in Finance prior to the treaty signing and in directing the War of Independence effort against Britain. In that context and poignantly so, we learnt that there may have been a peace meeting organised that same evening to bring about a resolution for all sides in the parochial house in Kilmurry; just down the road from the ambush. This may have been a reason also for his two visits to Macroom on two consecutive days and his meeting with neutral Florrie O'Donoghue in the town.

The last stage of the tour brought the group to Cloughdub Parochial House where Collins' convoy stopped with their dead leader on board on that fateful night to get the body anointed by Fr. Geremiah Murphy. They were in obvious distress after the trauma of being ambushed as they tried to navigate their way back to Cork. When Fr. Murphy came out and saw the body, he went back into his house for his oils. A soldier thought he was turning his back on them and fired a shot at the departing priest and missed after his rifle was pushed to one side by another soldier. A second tragedy was avoided and the convoy returned to Cork to deliver the tragic news to the world.

This was a fantastic tour for the students where it highlighted some of the amazing remnants of our storied past in our immediate area. A big thank you to Michael Galvin who gave up his time to give a tremendous talk on all of the sites visited.

FIFTH YEAR BONDING DAY

In February, our fifth-year students were delighted to have a bonding and wellbeing day. After a challenging two years, this day was to promote positive relationships and to have the opportunity to take part in fun activities with all their classmates. The day started with a breakfast organised by the students, followed by bonding activities. The day finished with a brilliant Zumba class with Danny Zumba and a walk in the castle grounds. A well-deserved break from all their hard work so far this year! Thanks to their Year Head Ms Donovan for organising this lovely day for the girls.

IRISH DEBATING

Taimid an bhrodúil as ár gcaillíní a ghlac páirt i ndiospóireacht ar an gCéadaoin: Sadbh De Búrca, Cara Ní Mhaoldomhnaigh, Gemma Ní Mhaolruaidh agus Anna Ní Mhathúna. Le stiuradh a múinteoir

iontach Iníon Ní Chaollaidhe, d'éirigh leo an Craobh Reigiúnach i Luimneach a shroicint. Mhol na moltóirí iad as an méid oibre a bhí déanta acu i dteannta a múinteoir. D'fhagadar an scoil ar a 3.00 agus níor fhíll siad go dtí tar éis a 10.00. Ní nach ionadh go bhfuilimid chomh bhrodúil as éacht na gcaillíní agus as a múinteoir a chabhraigh leo ó thús na bliana. Ba mhaith linn ár mbaiochas a thabhairt don lucht tacaíochta a chuaigh leo agus do Iníon Ní Choileáin a chuaigh leo go CLG na Piarasigh i Luimneach chomh maith. Ní nach ionadh go bhfuil an Ghaoluinn faoi bhláth sa scoil leis na múinteoirí diograsacha agus na daltaí iontacha ata sásta an bhreis oibre a dhéanamh chun ár dteanga a chur chun cinn. Tir gan teanga Tír gan anam.

IRISH LIFE HEALTH MUNSTER SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to the following girls who competed at the Munster school's cross-country championships and have qualified for the All Irelands which will take place in Belfast on Saturday March 12th. Congratulations to our Minor team who finished 3rd overall team, our minor team consists of Cara o Brien, Katie Purcell, Clodagh Murray & Kayla Casey. Cara O Brien also finished 14th overall which qualifies her as an individual along with the team qualification. Rebecca O Neill finished 8th overall in the Junior race and also has qualified for the All Ireland. Our Intermediate and Senior teams had great performances on the day over a very tough course but were outside of qualification. Well done to all of our girls and thanks to Mrs Kelleher and Ms Hickey for organising this for the girls and for going to Riverstick with them on the day.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Transition Year student Clodagh O Keeffe who recently made her debut for Munster Women's Under 18 Rugby Team. Clodagh who is on the Under 16 team got an opportunity to play with the under 18 team on Sunday the 27th of February in Ennis against Connacht. This is a fantastic achievement for this young sports star who has been playing Rugby with her club Ballincollig RFC since she was nine. Well done, Clodagh, we are extremely proud of you. Congratulations to Liadh McMahan who was recently selected on to the Cork under 16 Football team. Congratulations also to First Year students Ellie Deasy and Clodagh Murray who were members of the Cork U14 teams that beat Tipperary on Saturday, February 26th. Well done to all of you girls it's great to see you experiencing such success in your chosen sports, we are very proud of you all.

SHAKE THE BUCKET CAMPAIGN FOR UKRAINE

On Friday the 4th of March and Monday the 7th of March our very hard-working Student Council ran a Shake the Bucket Campaign for Ukraine. This fundraiser was a fantastic success with over €1200 collected in one day alone. The collection and counting continues. Thanks so much to our very supportive parents, our students and our staff for donating so generously to this very deserving cause.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR UNDER 16 AND A HALF CAMOGIE TEAM WHO WON THE COUNTY FINAL LAST SATURDAY. WELL, DONE GIRLS.

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MCEGAN COLLEGE:



L 2 R Evan Kelleher, Cormac Slattery, Shaun Barnes. 3 rd yr students who helped Pat Relihan co-ordinate the collection of supplies for the Ukraine Appeal.



3 rd yr students with.....Kirstie Higgins MTU are L 2 R Cian O'Sullivan, Leah Kelly, Kate Buckley and Andrea Stefan.

Emergency Appeal for Ukraine

The staff and students of McEgan College were deeply shocked by the invasion of Ukraine by Russian forces. Watching harrowing scenes of bombed cities, with tens of thousands of displaced people fleeing their homes led to our school community organising a collection for the people of Ukraine. Pat Relihan sold homemade pancakes on Shrove Tuesday and cakes on Ash Wednesday. All monies raised were used to buy essentials such as nappies, blankets, toiletries etc. Third year boys Shaun Barnes, Evan Kelleher and Cormac Slattery were outstanding in coordinating the appeal under guidance from Pat.

Mike from Hartnett Butchers and his friend Agata Zarzycka reached out to the Macroom community on social media and set up a drop off point for any donations, so we linked in with them. The courier left Cork Friday 4th March for Poland to distribute the essential supplies to the one million displaced Ukrainians. We hope and pray this war will come to an end very soon.

MTU

Kirstie Higgins of MTU Cork visited McEgan College to facilitate Study Skills workshops with our 2nd, 3rd and 5th year students. This is one of the many initiatives McEgan receives from MTU as one of its 'linked schools'. Leaving cert Maths revision courses, junior & senior cycle Science camps and

Vex Robotics are some of the other initiatives provided to McEgan by our local technological university.

NAPD Creative Engagement.

National Exhibition 3rd to 5th March

Creative Engagement is a NAPD led programme celebrating Artist vision in second level schools. The theme this year was "extraordinary resilience and energy to symbolise normality". McEgan College 3rd year artists under the supervision of their teacher Ms. Miriam Brew engaged in this project with artist Ciara Rodgers to create Cyanotype Creations in Macroom School of Art.

Students enjoyed exploring this new technique, its history and its processes. They learnt through experimentation about photographic process especially how light can change an image. The projects reflect memory, commemoration and celebration. Well done to all.

Health Science Academy Careers event.

On Tuesday March 1st Junior Cycle Science and Senior Cycle Biology students engaged in an online Health Science Academy Careers event today in conjunction with Limerick/ Clare ETB, University of Limerick Hospitals and University of Limerick.

The event outlined the day in the life of a dietician, physiotherapist, speech and language therapist, pharmacist, cardiac physiologist and radiographer within hospital and community settings.

Presenters outlined the different courses and career paths they took to attain their position. The daily challenges and rewards a job as a healthcare professional can offer gave students an invaluable insight these potential health science career.

An Taisce Spring Clean

1st Yr and 2nd Yr students made a start on the An Taisce Spring Clean, a project to promote Global citizen and climate action awareness. On a beautiful sunny Tuesday, March 1st the began by picking up litter from Sleaveen, around the outside of the playground and down the grass hill towards the school. The weather was perfect, and the group were proud of their contribution to keeping the locality clean. 2nd Years with Ms Murphy also are participating, they are picking litter around the castle gates, the environs of the astro turf area and green area in front of the school. The rubbish was segregated into recyclable and landfill as per best sustainable practice.

We expect to have a few more student groups out in the next couple of weeks and plan to weed the flower beds at the Castle gate.

Pancakes

Mrs Hickey's 1st year class had a great time making and flipping Pancakes!!

UCC Geography Students Fieldtrip

If you are out and about in the coming days, you may meet small groups of 2nd year geography students from UCC visiting the Gearagh and Macroom town on a fieldtrip.

They can be spotted on the following dates this month, Friday 11th March, Monday 14th, Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th March.

The students will be conducting short interviews and surveys in relation to a variety of topics from the impact of the bypass on Macroom to the relationship between the town and the surrounding countryside.

The students would be grateful for any help and support you can give them.



UCC Geography Students Fieldtrip to the Gearagh

CARRIGANIMA ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE:

This well-run village event will take place on Friday March 18. Parade commencing at 3pm . This year representatives from Air Ambulance Rathcoole will attend, as there will be a bucket collection for this very worthy cause. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated, as they need many cash injections.

Music after the parade will be with the Diamond Sisters. Great evening assured.





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DE LA SALLE College Macroom

Our U16 football team will take on St. Colmans Fermoy this Thursday, March 10th, at 1pm in Tom Creedon Park in the semi-final of the Cork A competition. All support welcomes!
A big thank you to Virginia of Castlemore Riding School. She welcomed our students from Rooms

30 and 45 along with a few fourth-year helpers for a day of horse riding. It was a very welcome change of scenery and a great day out for the boys. Well done to second year Jude Murphy and first years Sam and Jack Kelleher Leavy and Finn Yore who took part in the Munster Schools Cross

Country Final. A particular well done to Finn who ran a great race and has qualified for the All-Ireland on March 12th.

A reminder that the school will be closed this coming Monday, March 14th, for JCT staff training.



Horse Riding lessons for Room 30 and 45 in De La Salle College.



Athletics teams from De La Salle College. From left: Jude Murphy, Jack Kelleher Leavy, Sam Kelleher Leavy and Finn Yore.

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Our Library Events are returning gradually to the Library from March. Please keep an eye on our window for information posters and our Facebook Page for up to date details.

Ciorcal Cainte Irish Speaking Group:

Thursday 31st March, 11 30 – 12 30 pm

Tots Time: Last Friday of every month - 25th March at 11 00 – 11 20 am

Children's Storytime:

Every Saturday at 12 00 – 12 30 pm

Seachtain na Gaeilge is always a special time of year at Cork County Council Library and Arts Service when Irish language and culture is highlighted and celebrated. This year, the library service is inviting artists and writers of all ages to show both your love of the Irish language and your fondness for your local library.

Art Competition:

The Art Competition invites children to think of their favourite Irish word about the countryside and then illustrate that idea with a drawing. There

are three age categories: 4-6 years, 7-9 years and 10-12 years.

Entry forms can be collected from the library. All entries should be returned to the library by 5.30pm, Friday 25th March.

Writing Competition:

The writing Competition invites entries describing what your library means to you in fifty or fewer words as Gaeilge. There are two age categories: 13 – 18 years and adults over 18 years.

Entries can be submitted to your library or emailed to: corkcountylibrary@corkcoco.ie by 5.30pm, Friday March 25th.

We cannot wait to see your fantastic drawings and written pieces. The best entries will be in with a chance to win prizes including Irish language books and Book tokens.

Go n-éiri le gach duine.

Keep an eye out on our Facebook and Twitter pages during Seachtain na Gaeilge for storytimes and fun activities.

International Women's Day was celebrated 8th March. The theme this year was #BreaktheBias to create a world that is more inclusive by celebrating women's differences, creativity and achievements.

To further celebrate this, Cork County Council Library & Arts Service are running a Creative

Writing Competition. You are invited to write a short story, 750 words or less, that touches on the theme of this year's International Women's Day – Break the Bias – your story must use the following sentence as its title or opening line:

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Winning Entries will also be published on the Cork County Council Library Website.

This competition is for people aged over 18 years. Entry forms will be available on the library website and from the library.

Closing date is Thursday, March 31st. Good Luck.

Our Online Weekly Quizzes for Children and Adults continues every week. They are a great source of entertainment and fun for all the family as well as being a great benefit to students who would like to enhance their general knowledge. Our Facebook page – 'Cork County Council Library & Arts Service' has all the details.

Exhibition: For the month of March, Macroom Library are delighted to be continuing to exhibit: "Memorable Moments: Rich and Picturesque Scenes of the Lee Valley" by John Brett. New pictures have been added to this wonderful collection.

If you would like to exhibit your Artwork, please contact us in Macroom Library (026) 42483

Please follow us on social media, Facebook - Cork County Council Library & Arts Service and Twitter -@Corkcolibrary for all our up-to-date news and information.

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St. Patrick's Day – Library Closure: Macroom Library along with all Cork County Council Libraries will be closed on Thursday March 17th, Friday March 18th and Saturday March 19th.

Macroom Library will reopen Tuesday March 22nd.

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CHARLIE BIRD AND NORA'S SOLIDARITY WALK



Nora Murray and Charlie Bird in 2006, at the launch of his book in Macroom Bookshop. (Supplied by Nora).



Nora Murray, Charlie Bird, Evelyn McSweeney and Mayor Pat O'Connell in 1999, when Charlie was the Grand Marshall of Macroom's St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Motor Neurone Disease, Pieta House and Macroom. Charlie Bird, the well-known former RTÉ chief reporter and broadcaster, has come back into prominence over the past year and, unfortunately, for a sad reason.

He contracted Motor Neurone Disease and has bravely appeared on The Late Late Show and other platforms to talk openly about his illness. He expects to die in the near future. His plan is to climb Croagh Patrick, Co. Mayo on 2nd of April 2022 to raise awareness and money for this awful and presently incurable disease. Charlie has acknowledged, savoured and used his strong Macroom connections. Nora Murray-O'Leary's (Sleaveen), daughter of Denis James Murray is connected to Charlie and will lead the walk.

The Disease: Motor Neuron Disease is a progressive disease of the Nervous System and reduces and, eventually, prevents movement of muscles, voluntary and involuntary. {To move one's finger voluntarily, the brain sends a message via the spinal cord to the relevant muscles. Involuntary muscles are involved in swallowing, blinking etc.}. Unluckily in Charlie's case, the disease seems to have advanced rapidly. The disease knows no boundaries and has affected several other people locally.

The Macroom Connection: Charlie's grandfather, Timothy, born in Bermuda and of English stock, came to Macroom in the early twentieth century and, pre-ESB, was involved in local electricity production. (Macroom was one of the first towns

in Ireland to have electricity). Having converted from Protestantism, he married Miss Jane O'Shea, (Mineral Waters) and they ran Bird's Railway Hotel near the entrance to the then railway and now bus station. Professor John A. Murphy, as a child, met Charlie's grandmother. Timothy and Jane had four sons and one daughter. The boys boarded in the prestigious Clongowes Wood College. Charlie's three uncles did well and Charlie's father Jack became a seaman and travelled the world. He married Delia Murray whose family were cattle-dealers - her brother was the late Mick Murray - his daughter Sheila still lives in the family home. Delia's sister Mary Murray (Charlie's aunt) was married to Ned Neville ('the Colonel') who was an uncle of Nora's father, Denis James Murray. Nora's late brother Pat Murray is buried in the Old Church Yard in Castle Street, with Charlie's Aunt Mary and Ned Neville (the Colonel).

Jack and Delia Bird settled in Dublin; he continued to work as a seaman and was absent from home for long spells: Delia raised the children and was the dominant domestic influence. Charlie always maintained his Macroom connection, and when reporting for RTÉ he used it to meet Dermot Desmond and Ben Dunne, prominent figures with Macroom connections. He was Grand Marshall for the 1999 St. Patrick's Day Parade, after which he was reported as drinking a 'pint' in all 23 of Macroom's then 'hostelries'. He last officially visited Macroom when he launched his autobiography, 'This is

Charlie Bird', in Macroom Bookshop in 2006, an appropriate location as it was formerly Bird's Hotel. The Reason: In respect for and in honour of Charlie's plight and bravery, and because of her family's connection, Nora Murray- O'Leary has the idea of doing a simple walk-in solidarity, to coincide with Charlie's Croagh Patrick climb. The plan is to walk from Bird's Corner (now Fitz-Gerald's Bookshop) up Chapel Hill, to High Street, the original home of Charlie's mother; then continue around the turret, up Sleaveen Hill, down Sleaveen Road (a route well-travelled by both of Charlie's parents and grandparents) and ending at the entrance to Macroom GAA Club's car park.

The Walk: The walk will take place on Saturday the 2nd of April at 3 p.m.: the starting point is Bird's Corner/Fitz-Gerald's Bookshop. The purpose of Nora's walk is to acknowledge Charlie's great achievements in broadcasting, his current plight and bravery and his Macroom connection.

Donations: All donations received will be shared by The Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association and Pieta House, the charity that helps with terminal care and bereavement.

Anyone wishing to contribute can do so at: Evelyn's Shop, Middle Square; Murray's International Bar, Railway View, T.P. Cotter's, Dinneen's Bar - both Main Street, Mary Anne's, Maseytown, The Castle Hotel, Main Street, Vaughan's Cafe, North Square, M.J./Ted Cronin's, Middle Square and Frankie and Noel Twomey's, West Square.

Macroom and District Lions Club Gets Behind Climb with Charlie

The Club is organising a 'Climb with Charlie' event on Musher Mountain and invites everyone to join them to raise funds for this very worthy initiative. Macroom and District Lions Club is delighted to support the Climb with Charlie initiative which is raising funds for Pieta and the Irish Motor Neuron Disease Association (IMNDA). Climb with Charlie is a nationwide fundraising campaign developed by the much-loved and admired Charlie Bird. Charlie, who is battling with motor neuron disease, has set himself the challenge of climbing Croagh Patrick on Saturday, 2nd April and he is encouraging everyone and anyone to get involved in their own localities and climb a mountain (or even the stairs) on the same day as an act of solidarity for those who battle with severe illness.

Inspired by the initiative, the members of Macroom and District Lions Club have organised a Climb with Charlie event in the region and everyone is welcome. The climb takes place on Saturday, 2nd April on Musher Mountain and people are asked

to meet and begin their climb at the entrance to Millstreet Country Park. Volunteers from the Lions Club will be there on the day to meet you from 9am - 3pm and they will have collection buckets at the meeting point for anyone who wishes to make a donation to support IMNDA and Pieta. Should people wish to raise funds using a sponsorship card, they can contact the Macroom and District Lions Club on 087 4370466.

Charlie Bird has chosen two charities that are close to his heart and all funds will be split evenly between IMNDA and Pieta to ensure they can continue their vital work in every community across Ireland.

Event Details:

Date and Time: Saturday, 2nd April 9am-3pm
Location: Musher Mountain (Meeting at entrance to Millstreet Country Park)

Please note: No dogs allowed | Donation buckets on the day | Sponsorship cards available
More information at www.climbwithcharlie.ie

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Chapel Hill School of Art Spring Workshop Season is off to a great start!

Local Artist Ann Mechinelck kicked off the Spring session of one day workshops at the art school.

The newly restored Community Room was the setting for a creative day of setting the warp and weaving the weft to create circular wonders in a variety of wool. This particular method of weaving was perfected by Ann during Lockdown as a means of expressing her observations of The Gearagh agha that so inspired her.

The workshop season at the school continues with a variety of one day experiences from Willow Basket Weaving to Clay Head Modelling to upcycling your old furniture in a Decoupage workshop on April 30th. All welcome.



National Tree Week Event at Chapel Hill School of Art - March 26th - 12pm to 4pm

In the Community Room

At 12pm
Herb-lore 'The Medicinal Properties of Trees & The Medicinal Properties of Tree Stories' with Majella O'Riordan of Dandoline Health and Aurora Planells - All Welcome!

At 1.30pm - Birdwatch Ireland

At 2.45pm - Tree Walk & Talk with Ted Cook

Ongoing

'Forgotten Forests' an exclusive Exhibition of drawings and prints by Artists Angela Gilmour - Preview Reception on March 25th at 7pm - All

Welcome

Visual Art Exhibitions - Angela Gilmour & Ann Mechinelck

On the Ground Floor

1pm to 3.30pm

'Forest Floor' Exhibition of Circular Weavings by textile Artists Ann Mechinelck

In the Parlour Ongoing

Circular Weaving Demonstration- by artists Ann Mechinelck

Wood Sculpting Demonstration - by artist Denis

Lynch

Debut Screening of Digital Stories of 'Shadow Forests and Dreaming of Trees' by American writer Beth Jones.

In the Prayer Room - viewing from 1 to 2pm only
Willow Basket Weaving Workshop with Rosemary Kavanagh of Belonging to the Willows

Get in touch if you have any questions.

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Green Schools committee from St. Joseph's Primary School's with members of the Men's Shed who made and donated a Bird House, Bug Hotel and Signs to the school



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Filip Pilarski at pancake flipping.

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Johnny Kelleher has retired from school bus driving after about 30 years, this photo was taken last Friday, his last day on the job



Johnny Kelleher taken about 25 years ago with his happy students.

ACTIVE RETIRED: This group held their AGM recently with a good attendance. A fairly full programme of events will be available over the next weeks and months, including exercises, and health classes, Laptop training, coffee mornings, card playing, outings, or just a good old chat with a cuppa.

Margaret Buckley V. Chairperson welcomed everyone, remembered our esteemed chairman Teddy Kelleher, R.I.P. Mary Keane, our hard-working Sec gave a brief update on all that happened since last AGM, including the purchase of laptops, sewing machines, and camera, all grant aided by ETB. and Nellie White, treasurer gave an excellent detailed financial report. Breda Kelleher announced the donating of a Printer and Photocopier by the Development Group.

The following officers were elected for 2022

Chairperson: Breda Kelleher

V. Chair: Margaret Buckley

Secretary: Mary Keane

Asst Sec: Helen O'Brien

Treasurer: Jane O'Brien

Asst Treasurer: Nellie White

Hall and Refreshments Committee: Kathleen Kelleher, Margaret Lucey, Maura Murphy, Kathleen O'Leary and Helen O'Brien.

Organising Events Committee: Ann O'Connell,

Sheila O'Riordan, Helen O'Brien and Kathleen O'Leary.

Onwards and upwards for 2022

TEDDY HEALY RIP: It was with deep regret that people heard of the sad passing of Teddy Healy last week, glowing tributes were paid to him on face book.

Teddy was a great Community man, being involved in the original Field Committee in the 1980's, which led to the present playing field. He was a key man in the building of the Community Hall, where he later ran a very successful Sunday night card games.

He was always available in his Spar Shop, especially behind the meat counter, where he could be heard whistling any time of the day or night. Sympathy is extended to all his family. May he rest in Peace.

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Great evening assured.

JOHNNY BIDS FAREWELL: Johnny Kelleher, well known in the village for his work, on schemes and voluntary. His ability to play football, road bowling, barrel walking to mention a few.

He drove busses for his brother Jerry, but his favourite was driving the school bus, which he did for 30 years or more. He was very mindful of all his 'students' and they all loved him, but unfortunately age catches up and Johnny had to hand over the reins last Friday. He will miss the camaraderie and they will all miss him. But we thank you Johnny for all your work and we wish you well in retirement.

MURRAY BEGLEY CONCERT: Can ye all remember how delighted we were to be going to a concert in the Community Hall, despite the numbers having to be small. We were all set with preparations, but Covid struck again and all was cancelled, but take heart 'its back'. Please mark Friday March 25 in your calendar. The tickets you bought are still valid, so root them out and come along. Great night assured.

Since restrictions have now been lifted, people who hadn't purchased tickets can now get them locally, or E Mail Clondrohid2022@gmail.com

G.A.A. U 15's great win over Canovee last Sunday in Clondrohid. Great game boys. Score Clondrohid 6 7, Canovee 3 8.

DROMLEIGH N.S.

Fifth and sixth class students from Dromleigh N.S. are organising a charity collection throughout the month of March. The collection is in aid of Fr John Keane's Mission of Love for the Homeless. Macroom Mission of Love for the Homeless supports the vulnerable on the streets of Cork as well as assisting outreach groups and those in emergency accommodation.

We are accepting non-perishable packaged foods such as sugar, tea, coffee, cereals, tins of peas and beans, ketchup, mayonnaise, cooking oil, fizzy drinks, crisps, chocolate and biscuits. We are also collecting toiletries such as wipes, liquid soap, shower gel and toilet rolls. Average household sized packages rather than jumbo containers for ease of distribution please.

Those who wish to contribute can send items to Dromleigh N.S. on any school day throughout the month of March. We can also arrange collection of goods.



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DAY PARADE 2022

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Macroom Municipal District Council

Five Cork musicians in final for Seán Ó Riada Gold Medal

Éabha Ní Mhurchú, 14, from Ovens, Co. Cork, will be the youngest musicians taking part in the final for the Seán Ó Riada Gold Medal in Cork on Friday 11 March. The event will be broadcast live on RTÉ Raidió na Gaeltachta.

Éabha is a concertina player and also plays whistle. She took home the Dymphna O'Sullivan Memorial Cup from Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann 2019 in the U12 concertina competition. There will be fifteen musicians in total competing in the final this year, five of those from Cork, and twelve in total from Munster, a very strong showing for the province!

This year's competition is for metal reed instruments – box, melodeon, mouth organ and concertina – and Peadar Ó Riada will present the final live from the Rochestown Park Hotel in Cork. The winner will receive the Seán Ó Riada Gold Medal and €2500.

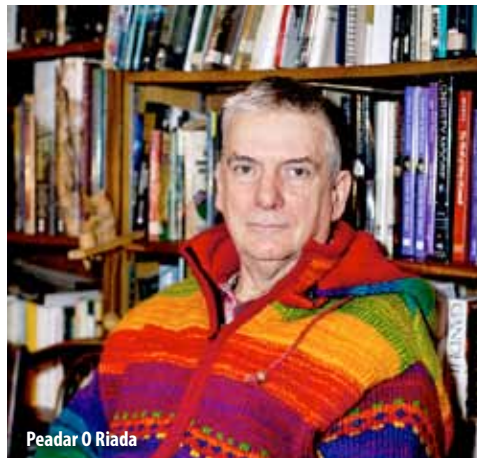
Well-known musicians Mary MacNamara, Noel Hill and Charlie Harris will have the unenviable task of picking the winner, and as well as technical accuracy in the playing, they will also be looking for musicality and heart.

The other finalists this year are Aaron Glancy from Geevagh, Co. Sligo; Amhlaoibh Ó Síocháin Ó Beoláin from Fermoy, Co. Cork; Antóin Ó Cathail from Ballycotton, Co. Cork; Aoife Murphy from Listowel, Co. Kerry; Cliona Halley from Castlemartyr, Co. Cork; Colm de Brun from Cree, Co. Clare; Damien O'Reilly from Corofin, Co. Clare; Éimhear Flannery from Rockchapel, Co. Cork;

Joseph Mannion from Colligan, Co. Waterford; Maura O'Connor from Abbeyfeale, Co. Limerick; Ruby Falvey from Ballylongford, Co. Kerry; Ryan Sheridan from Ballintogher, Co. Sligo; Sárán Ó Maolagáin from Dundalk, Co. Louth; and William Holmes from Rathcabbin, Co. Tipperary.

The event will be broadcast live on RTÉ Raidió na Gaeltachta on Friday 11 March from 7 pm, and also broadcast live on their Facebook page. Tickets are €10, and can be booked with the hotel in advance, or paid at the door.

This year's sponsors are RTÉ Raidió na Gaeltachta, Iontaobhas Fódhla, Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann, Gael Linn, IMRO and the Rochestown Park Hotel.



Peadar Ó Riada



Eabha Ní Mhurchú, the youngest competitor this year in the Seán Ó Riada Gold Medal final



Seán Ó Riada Gold Medal

LEABHARLANN BHAILE BHÚIRNE

The stock in Ballyvourney Library is constantly being updated with the first publications of 2022 fiction titles having already arrived. The Healthy Ireland at Your Library section has also received quite a few new books recently with a comprehensive selection of titles that may be of particular interest to carers of the elderly and of those experiencing dementia. The children's section has a great selection of new books too and of course all the old favourites are still here or available through the national system.

There has already been a great response to the Seachtain na Gaeilge Art Competition for children aged 4 to 12. If you want to get involved you still have until 25th March to enter so pick up an entry form on your next visit to Ballyvourney Library. Don't forget there is also a great writing competition for those over 12 and further information is available at the library.

Thank you to everyone who managed to Squeeze in a Read on Ireland Reads Day 25th February. Over quarter of a million minutes of reading was pledged and I am certain there was a lot more reading done that hadn't been pledged. Remember reading is a great way to spend some time any day of the year, you don't have to wait for the National reading day. St. Patrick's Day – Library Closures: All Cork County Council libraries will be closed on Thursday March 17th, Friday March 18th, and Saturday March 19th. Cork County Library Headquarters will re-open on Monday March 21st, and Ballyvourney Library will re-open on Tuesday March 22nd in line with the other branches. You can renew and request items during this time with your online account by visiting www.corkcoco.ie/en/library-services/library-online.

International Women's Day - Flash Fiction Creative Writing Competition: To further celebrate International Women's Day which was on 8th March, we are running a creative writing competition! You are invited to write a short short-story, of no more than 750 words, that touches on the theme of this year's International Women's Day - Break the Bias - your story must use the following sentence as its title or opening line "They told her it was impossible" Winning entries will be published on the Cork County Council Library website, and there will be prizes too! This competition is for people aged over 18. Entry forms will be available on the library website and from your local library branch. Closing date is Thursday March 31st. I hope the members of Ballyvourney Creative Writing Club will have a bit of fun with this!

Ballyvourney Library is getting a New Library Management System. A new Library Management System will be rolled out in late March across the country. This is the system which enables me to check in/checkout and request items for you the borrower. While it is being installed there will be a few disruptions to the library service but every effort will be made to keep it as minimal as possible so you will not run out of something to read! During the changeover period, however, you may notice that some services may be limited. The new system will have some great new additional features, including new features to your online account. Please remain patient with me, while I become familiar with the new system. Please check with Ballyvourney Library where further details will be available in the coming weeks.

Tá Córás Bainistíochta Leabharlainne Nua á fháil ag Leabharlann Bhaile Bhuirne. Cuirfear Córás Bainistíochta Leabharlainne nua i bhfeidhm ag deireadh Mhí an Mhárta ar fud na tíre. Is é seo an córas a chuireann ar mo chumas seiceáil isteach/seiceáil amach agus míreanna a iarraidh ar iasachtaithe. Agus é á shuiteáil beidh cúpla cur isteach ar an tseirbhís leabharlainne ach déanfar gach iarracht é a choinneáil chomh híseal agus is féidir ionas nach rithfidh tú as rud éigin le léamh! Le linn na tréimhse aistrithe, áfach, féadfaidh tú a thabhairt faoi deara go bhféadfadh teorainn a chur le roinnt seirbhísí. Beidh roinnt gnéithe breise iontacha nua ag baint leis an gcóras nua, lena n-áirítear gnéithe nua le do chuntas ar líne. Fan go foighneach liom, le do thoil, agus mé i dtáthí ar an gcóras nua. Déan seiceáil le do thoil le Leabharlann Bhaile Bhuirne áit a mbeidh tuilleadh sonraí ar fáil sna seachtainí atá romhainn.

"My birthday is in late March, right at that place when the seasons run together.

When the sun is warm but the wind is cold, and trees are starting to blossom but the ground hasn't quite thawed.

Mom likes to say I was born with one foot in winter and the other in spring.

That's why I can't sit still, and why (according to her) I'm always searching for trouble because I don't belong to one place."

Victoria Schwab, City of Ghosts

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UIBH LAOIRE NOTES

Croi na Laoi- St Patrick's Weekend Events

17th March-Croi na Laoi would like to acknowledge the great community spirit shown by so many during the pandemic. A Thank You get together will be held in Creedon's with music by the Sea Captains on St Patricks Night at 9pm. Light refreshments will be served. All welcome.

Pop Up Gaeltacht

18th March As part of our St Patricks weekend celebrations there will be a PopUp Gaeltacht.in Creedons Hotel on Friday night 18th March. All welcome to come and use the cupla focal and have some fun. This is an ordinary night in the bar where you are free to use as many cupla focal as you have.

19th March Walk/Run for Ukraine

Come walk/run, 5km or 10 km for Ukraine. A 5km or 10km walk/run will start from the Parish Hall at 11am. Music and refreshments will follow in the hall from midday until 1pm. A bucket will be at the door of the hall and proceeds will go to the Irish Red Cross in aid of their Ukrainian Appeal. A raffle will be held also in aid of this very worthy cause. Please support.

Ahakeera Drama Group

The group presented "Drinking Habits" by Tom

Smith and directed by Brian Collins, a most exciting comedy in the hall on Saturday night last to a full house. The hall rocked with laughter with this talented company of actors who never fail to give a memorable performance and of course everyone was delighted to see them again after such a long time. Well done, Ahakeera. Croi na laoi members wish to thank all who attended and those who sponsored the big raffle. The hall hadn't seen such comings and goings for such a long time with Bingo on Friday night, Drama on Saturday and Cards on Sunday night. And a thumbs up for the hall committee and those who helped out over the weekend.

Windmill Protest

The Coiste Forbartha in BéalAtha believe they have a strong case for a judicial review against An Bord Pleanála's decision to grant permission for seven wind turbines of 176 meters in height close to Gougane Barra. The project would also have an electrical substation with 2 large battery storage facilities. The cost of such a legal undertaking would be expensive but the committee have been encouraged by the huge support they have received from all quarters and from the 10,000 plus who have signed the protest petition. The opportunity to donate can be found online in SAVE

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Lá le Pádraig i mBéal Átha

Tá sé ar ais! The long-awaited St Patricks Day parade is back in Ballingearry and we all look forward to the excitement, the colour, music and high jinks that takes over the street after 10 am Mass on the 17th of March each year. There's a kid's parade, a vintage parade, local Pipe Band and the comedy of the local "Performers", who never disappoint. I hear that the absence due to the pandemic has only whetted their appetite for even more outrageous antics. Naomh Pádraig himself will be there of course to bless us all and shower us with sweets. If the day is chilly, you can order an uisce beatha te at the local hostelryes or a té nó caife at Frank's nearby.

Seachtain na Gaelige

Bain triall as an méid atá agat. You will be surprised at how much you have. Why not start with discovering the meaning of your townland or the townlands around you. Dip into TG4 or Radio na Gaeltachta Greet someone or thank someone in Irish (as Geilge). Deire seachtaine sona do gach éinne.

BALLINAGREE

Ballinagree National School joins over 500 Primary Schools nationwide saying 'Yes' to Languages! Fourth, fifth and sixth class pupils from Ballinagree National School are taking part in the new Primary Language Sampler this term. The sampler module is a means for raising awareness among pupils of the range of languages available to them. Over 500 schools nationwide are taking part and offering modules in a range of modern foreign languages and Irish Sign Language with the support of Languages Connect and PPLI (Post-Primary Languages Ireland), a unit of the Department of Education. The module being taught in Ballinagree NS will introduce the pupils to German and be taught over a 6-week period during the normal school timetable.

Sandra Healy is delighted to be involved in sharing the German language and her skills and experience of teaching it with the pupils.

The school principal, Shane Lehane says, 'We appreciate the importance of languages as a life skill, an opportunity for the pupils to think in a different way and build opportunities for the future. Along with English and Irish being used by the pupils and staff at our school, this module really helps to build awareness and celebrate a modern foreign language'



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Fourth, fifth and sixth class pupils from Ballinagree NS dressed up as their favourite book character for World Book Day 2022



Class teacher, Ms Sarah Twomey pictured with 1st, 2nd & 3rd class pupils from Ballinagree NS who dressed in their favourite book character outfits for World Book Day 2022



Junior & Senior Infant pupils from Ballinagree NS dressed in their favourite book character outfits for World Book Day 2022

The Macroom and District Environmental Group

Think Globally, Act locally



Local Food for Local People

Chris Barrett here again. Today I have the pleasure of talking with Caroline and Eddie Robinson who own a 30-acre farm one mile south of Cloughduv. They bought the farm in 1998. It had previously been a stock farm, and when they got it, they found it was effectively a blank canvas with no trees.

It contained a rushy field which they turned into a lake surrounded by trees. This was to improve the biodiversity and provide a water reservoir for summer irrigation. Like the trees they planted, the lake also raises the water-table of the farm. It has proved to be very popular with their growing children and visitors alike, and has become a refuge for wildlife. Eddie tells me that if wildlife is given a chance it will come to such a haven when their habitat is destroyed elsewhere.

Eddie used to farm 400 acres of wheat and barley in Kenya. Caroline was a teacher and they realised they could not make ends meet with this kind of farming. So, for three years they managed a saltworks in a remote area along the Tanzanian coast but they knew they always wanted to get back to farming. They reckoned the only way to achieve this was to become a different type of farmer and control everything themselves.

So, they devised a plan which comprised three main points.

1. BUY LAND. This would save them from paying rent
2. USE NO CHEMICALS. This would cut their costs
3. SELL DIRECT TO CUSTOMERS. This would cut out the middle man and maximize their income.

These then were the principles they brought with them back to Ireland and they were lucky enough to start growing and experimenting on Caroline's father's land without incurring debts.

It took them three and a half years to find land that was relatively fertile, south-facing and within 20

miles of a major market. i.e., Cork city.

The farm they bought meets all these criteria, but is a little bit high. Caroline reminds me that for every 200 feet in height you lose a degree in temperature. Because they are 500 feet up, they lose 2.5 degrees compared with someone growing vegetables at sea-level. It means in effect that their farm is two and a half to three weeks behind one at sea-level. The way they get round this is with polytunnels which they use particularly heavily in the Spring.

When they bought the farm there were no prominent hedge-lines and they had to plant hawthorns, alder, birch, etc for the shade and shelter that is essential for growing vegetables and protecting their tunnels from the wind.

They have always felt fortunate with the way selling worked for them. They joined the Coal Quay Market in Cork city when it started on Saturdays in 1996. Then when they bought their farm in 1998, they started selling in Macroom on Tuesdays as well, and they continue in both locations to this day.

From the start the farm had to be run viably because there was no money. This meant they had to follow a stream-lined business model with very low costs. This is where their complementary skills proved to be most useful. Caroline has good business acumen and Eddie is particularly talented at fixing machinery and inventing implements for weeding and harvesting on a field-scale.

They realised that holistic management of their land would take time and a certain mind-set and they were prepared to work with both. They decided to grow a variety of crops. This was advantageous as if one crop was to fail there would be others. Different years suit different crops and a wide range keeps customers interested.

The demand for good fresh vegetables grown locally is increasing and this small business is filling



a gap in the market, particularly by producing crops that are not available in supermarkets such as Purslane, Lamb's lettuce, Stir-Fry Greens, Jerusalem artichokes, etc

Over the years, they have really appreciated their loyal customer base and have been very open about their growing methods and sharing their knowledge freely. They host annual farm walks, which are always well attended, where they can show everyone where and how their vegetables are grown.

I have been on several of these farm walks and have always been made to feel most welcome.

Remember you can contact the Environmental Group by emailing macroomenv@gmail.com

You can find Macroom District Environmental Group on Facebook.

If you or anyone you know would like to contribute an environmental article to this publication, please contact me at chrisleevalley@gmail.com



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Seachtain na Gaelige '22

Cad a chailíonn sé bheith Gaelach sa bhliain 2022?

Bhuel is dócha go mbaineann sé le bheith bródúil as ár dteanga dhúchasach, ár gCultúr agus ár n'Oidhreacht Gaelach. Sin mo thuairim ach cad iad tuairimí mhuintir Mhúscraí? Chuas amach ar cham-

chuart go dtí Mhaighchromtha agus an ceantar máguaird chun na ceiste thuas a chur ar an pobal i gcoitne. *Seo i leanas cuid de na freagraí a fuair.*

Eibhlín Ní Lionáird

"An Ghaolainn a labhairt agus traidisiúin na h'Éireann a choiméad beó. Na daoine óga a spreagadh chun Gaelige a labhairt agus bheith bródúil as ár dteanga natiúnta".

Nóirín Bn. De Búrca, An Tuaim Thiar

"Braithim go bhfuil Éire cosúil leis an t'Seapáin san Áis. Oileán beag leis an méid san culthúr, béaloideas agus stair d'ár gcuid fhéin. Is natsiún beag sinn, i gceart lár an mhuir Atlantach. Mericá ar an taobh thiar dinn agus an Mhór Roinn ar an taobh thoir. Mar sin ba chóir dúinn ár gcultúr ársa a chosaint is a spreagadh sa bhliain 2022.

Tomás Tiernan, Cluain Droichead

"Braithim go gciallíonn sé bheith neamhspléach agus bheith sábháilte san oileán seo ar a d'tugtar Éire. Táim bródúil mar Éireannach gur féidir liom mo theanga dhúchais a labhairt i measc mo phobal féin".

Patricia Nic Cárthaigh, An Gruaigadóir 'Lavender' Maighchromtha / Baile Mhúirne.

Sé a chiallíonn sé domhsa a bheith Gaelach sa bhliain 2022 ná go bhfuil seans agam marachtaint i dtír atá daonlathach. Go bhfuil saoirse agam mar bhean agus ag mná na h'Éireann uilig. Go bhfuil saor-thoil agam mar bhean Gaelach agus nil Deachtair ag smachtú mhuintir na h'Éireann.

Eibhlín Bn. Uí Loinsigh, (An Lion/The Webb) Maighchromtha. Cluain Clod, Cill na Martra.

"Is iontach an rud é bheith Gaelach sa bhliain 2022. Sé atá i gceist agam ná go bhfuilim ann bhródúil as ár d'teanga dhúsachach an Ghaeilge. Ár gcultúr traidisiúnta.

Ach go speisialta an

cluiche ársa, na hiomána. Is breá liom bia is dí Gaelach ach go h'áirithe cáis Mozzarella Buffalo Mhaighchromtha agus an beoir áitiúil Stag Stout, chomh maith le táirgí ó Folláin. Tá ann chionn agam ar ceól traidisiúnta na h'Éireann agus an ceoltóir iomráiteach ó Bhéal Átha an Ghaorthaigh .. an t'Uasal Patrick O'Sullivan agus a mhac Conor".

Donncha ó Loinsigh, Óstán an Chaisleáin, Maighchromtha.

"Is céilliúradh ar ár gcultúr, ár mbéaloideas, ár stair agus ár dtimpeallacht í an Ghaeilge dom. Is dóigh liom go bhfuil an dara gluaiseacht athbheochana Ghaeilge le feiceáil againn faoi láthair ina bhfuil daoine ag cuardach go gníomhach agus ag foghlaim níos mó faoina dteanga agus a dtraidisiún dúchais. Agus tá úsáid na n-árdán ilmheán éagsúil ar nós aipeanna agus na meáin shóisialta ar fáil anois ag déanamh inrochtana do níos mó daoine."

Sarah Kate Ní Mhurchú, Éagarthóir na hirise an Lee Valley.



Seán Ó Riordáin

Mise Éire | Pádraig Mac Piarais

Sine mé ná an Chailleach Bhéarra
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Mór mo náir:
Mo chlann féin a dhíol a máthair.
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Bithnaimhde do mo shíorchiapadh.
Mór mo bhrón:
D'éag an dream inar chuireas dóchas.
Mise Éire:
Uaigní mé ná an Chailleach Bhéarra.

(An dán a bhí mar spreagadh ag an Riadach nuair a chum sé Mise Éire)



Cosúlóidí agus Comórtais

(similarities and comparisons)

- Chomh hárd leis an spéir.
- Chomh beag le dreoilín.
- Chomh dubh le sméar.
- Chomh folláin le breac.
- Chomh láidir le Seán Mór Ó Luasaigh.

AGALLAIMH le leanaí scoile ó rang a cúig / Scoil Abán Naofa, Baile Mhúirne.

Cad a chiallann sé bheith Gaelach sa bhliain 2022?

Tá sé go maith go bhfuilimid Gaelach mar is féidir linn ár dteanga a chosaint agus a labhairt ó ghlúin go glúin. Táimid difriúil mar tá ár dteanga difriúil. Tá Guinness againn freisin. Is maith liom an brat Éireach atá glas, bán agus órga.

Jakub Klimazewski

Sé a chiallann sé a bheith Gaelach domhsa ná go bhfuil an canúint is fear againn sa domhan. Tá an uisce beatha/fuiscí is fear againn chomh maith. Tá bliain iontach romhainn amach.

Micheál Ó Síocháin

Tá sé ar fheabhas a bheith Gaelach i 2022 mar táim i mo chonai sa Ghaeltacht i mBaile Mhúirne agus ag freastal ar scoil lán Ghaeilge. Beidh Gaeilge agam go deo de bharr san agus táim mórálach as sin.

Daire Ó Tuama

Sé a chiallann sé domhsa a bheith Gaelach ná gur Gael mé go smíor m'anam is i mo chroí. Is féidir liom Gaeilge a labhairt ins na siopaí go h-áitiúil agus tá ár gcanúint anseo éagsúil ó aon cheann eile. Tá meas agam air.

Colm Ó Ciarda

Is iontach an rud a bheith Gaelach, mar gheall ar ár n'oidhreacht is stair éagsúil. Táim an bhródúil as.

Aaron Ó Horgáin Ó Loinsigh

Tá sé go h'iontach bheith Gaelach is táim bródúil as. Measaimse agus mórán Éirinnigh gur ár dteanga a saoil... mar a deir an seanfhocal 'Tír gan Teanga tír gan Anam.' Is í an Ghaeilge teanga ar leith agus táim bródúil gur féidir liom í a labhairt.

Rory Ó Suilleabháin

Tá sé ar fheabhas bheith Gaelach mar tá oidhreacht is Béaloideas ar leith againn. Tá an fuiscí is fear againn agus sport Gaelach den scoth.

Lorcán Ó Mathúna

Sé a chiallann sé bheith Gaelach ná go bhfuil ár gculthúr féin againn agus táim mórálach as san agus ár dtír. Táimid difriúil ó gach tír eile agus déanamid na críospaí is fearr sa domhain.

Ben Mac Cárthaigh



Sean Fhocail ó Mhúscraí

- ❖ Lá fhéile Pádraigh Earraigh Bionn nead ar gach coil, Breac ar gach linn, Is laoiigh i ngach cró in Éirinn.
- ❖ Lúí leis an uan agus éirí leis an éan. (ar mhaithe le do shláinte).
- ❖ Cad a dhéanfaidh mac an chait ach luch a mharú?

Tréanna/Traits

Téann tréithe i bhfad siar i litriocht na Gaeilge. Nathanna cainte a bhaineann le meon na Gaeilge. Bionn clisteacht sna focail agus bíonn siad greanta is go minic greannmhar.

Na trí nithe is fearr amuigh?

- Beagán síl i dtalamh cóir,
- Beagán bó i bhféir maith,
- Beagán cáirde i dtigh an óil.



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For the adventurous wanderers adrenaline filled activities range from conquering Carrauntoohil to hiking adventures. If you are after more chill than

thrill, slide into the weekend with some yin yoga or an invigorating sunrise dip, or why not combine both! There are evening activities to boot; with our film festival, inspiring speakers, craic, ceol and foodie favourites.

The Friday evening line up includes the renowned poet, playwright and novelist Michael Harding who many of us may have seen on Late Late Show.

Shane Finn will host his live "Pushing Limits" podcast. He will be speaking with James Mcmanus who will be attempting to climb Mount Everest this season without supplemental oxygen! If he is successful he will be the first Irish person to do so. He will also be speaking with Killarney man Kevin Leahy following his incredible success in the 300 mile Montane Ykon Artic Ultra.

On Saturday evening there will be a Wander Wild Hooley with an incredible line up of Irish artists in the Laurels. The craic will be mighty!

There are plenty for families too. Guided park cycles, Guided pony treks, Urban orienteering and much more to choose from.

A Kids Zone located at basecamp in the town centre will include a climbing wall for our little adventurers and many other fun activities to do.

Organisers are also delighted to announce Nature Valley as official Snack Partners of Wander Wild 2022. Lucky for us Nature Valley haven't put the word 'Nature' in their name for the fun of it. They created delicious, handy-sized bars so they would always be there for your outdoors adventures.

So why not escape the winter and leap into spring with us at Wander Wild 2022. With some events already sold out it's time to get moving and book your space, before it's too late!

For bookings and more information go to www.wanderwildfestival.com

CROOKSTOWN VINTAGE CLUB

Crookstown Vintage Club are delighted to announce that they are back in action again this year, after a 2 year break, for their Annual March Road Run.

The Club has successfully been holding a Show since 1989. In more recent years the Club has enjoyed holding an Annual Road Run and also a High Nelly Run throughout the year which are greatly supported.

In the past the Club has donated to various Charities and this year's beneficiary is the Irish Air Ambulance. This is indeed an exceptionally worthy cause and a

vital service to people.

We are very happy to be able to hold our Annual Show again this August. Another addition in recent years has been a night of entertainment in the local village hall. Previously we have had Bernard Casey and the late great Brendan Grace.

This year's attraction will be comedian Pat Shortt on August 13th.

Thanks to everyone for their continued support and we look forward to seeing you all again on Sunday March 20th for our Annual Road Run. Registration at Cornerstone Bar. Crookstown from 10.30am.



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SVP IN CORK CALLS FOR MORE VOLUNTEERS TO MEET PERFECT STORM 2022



- **191,000 calls for assistance in Ireland in 2021**
- **Spiralling Utility and Energy bills**
- **Covid 19 support payments finishing**
- **Jump in Cost of Living**

Against this stark backdrop The Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP) in Cork is reaching out to those with even a few hours to spare each week to join its volunteers in supporting those in need in the city and county. The campaign theme is 'You know who you are – but we don't'.

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Launching the campaign South West Regional President Paddy O'Flynn said:

'Volunteers are our greatest strength; they know the needs in their communities and can deliver short term help at the right time to give people hope and get them back on their feet in their time of need. Among our many volunteers the qualities of kindness, compassion, respect, discretion and being non-judgmental are key. Our volunteers freely give their time, often changing lives forever and making many friends in this most rewarding charitable work.'

Whatever skills they have to offer, new volunteers will find a place in the diverse range of activities of the Society in the South West with its 94 local branches (conferences) 38 Vincents charity shops; 112 social housing units; 7 Child and family services (Foodbanks, Resource centres, Meals on Wheels); The Society has been in Ireland for 177 years.

Members frequently speak of the enjoyment and sense of fulfilment they get from helping others...

"I feel privileged to be invited into somebody's home to hear their story and to provide support and friendship. It is truly humbling and very rewarding" Anne - visitation conference member.

"I will never forget the glow of delight in children's eyes when we were delivering a large food hamper to a house with empty presses and no money" John – Food Hampers delivery driver.

"We have great fun and chatter among our volunteer group as we sort bags of clothing for sale in the shop. My svp shop volunteering is the highlight of my week which I really look forward to and where I have made new friends" Mary – Clothes sorter volunteer

"I am so happy that my IT skills can be put to use for such important work as helping the most needy in the community. The members have been so welcoming and really appreciate my weekly IT support work with their accounts and records." Mike – IT support volunteer

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Michael O'Leary

By Kathy O'Sullivan

*The Celtic fighting men of yore
Faced fearful odds, and bravely bore
Their proud shields to the kill.
Today O'Leary's daring shows
The blood of old Cuchullin flows
In Erin's warriors still.*

(Cited in Fadó Fadó: More Tales of Lesser-Known Irish History, by Rónán Gearóid Ó Domhnaill, 2015, Troubadour Publishing Ltd.)

The Victoria Cross is one of the world's most well-known awards for bravery "in the presence of the enemy". Instituted in 1857, to honour acts of valour during the Crimean war, this simply designed bronze cross with a crimson ribbon and motto 'For Valour' has been awarded less than 1400 times. Due to its nature, it has most often been awarded posthumously. Michael O'Leary (1890-1961), from Inchigeelagh, was one of those who survived to receive the award, for bravery shown on the front in France during the First World War in 1915.

"When forming one of the storming party which advanced against the enemy's barricades he rushed to the front and himself killed five Germans who were holding the first barricade, after which he attacked a second barricade, about 60 yards further on, which he captured, after killing three of the enemy and making prisoners of two more. Lance-Corporal O'Leary thus practically captured the enemy's position by himself and prevented the attacking party from being fired upon." - Victoria Cross citation in The London Gazette, February 16, 1915.

Though 37 Irishmen were awarded the Victoria Cross during this war, O'Leary was the one who became the most famous. The medal was presented to him by King George V at Buckingham Palace, and hundreds of thousands of people came to see him at a reception in Hyde Park, London. There is even some brief video footage available on You Tube of this (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TtaA2FFN4qE> or type 'London's Welcome - Sgt O'leary Vc' in the search bar).

Michael was also the subject of much patriotic writing, including poems, as well as a song, Michael O'Leary VC, penned by the man who wrote It's a long way to Tipperary, Jack Judge. Accolades poured in from such luminaries of the day as Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, author of the Sherlock Holmes stories, who said that "No writer in fiction would dare to fasten such an achievement on any of his characters, but the Irish have always had a reputation of being wonderful fighters, and Lance-Corporal Michael O'Leary is clearly one of them." Many years later, Cónal Creedon, whose book, The Immortal Deed of Michael O'Leary, was published by Cork City Libraries in 2015, describes how he found the story of Michael's story featured in a May 1979 issue of Victor comic.

For his part, Sergeant O'Leary was anxious to get home to see his parents, as he was concerned that the rumours that existed of his death might have upset them. It is said that the first casualty of war is truth. His reception was repeated in Macroom, as well as in Cork and Dublin, when he visited Ireland,

with crowds turning out to applaud him. Daniel O'Leary was interviewed in a local newspaper regarding his son's exploits, and, with typical bravado, commented: "I am surprised he didn't do more. I often laid out twenty men myself with a stick coming from Macroom Fair, and it is a bad trial of Mick that he could kill only eight, and he having a rifle and bayonet."

The story of his exploits didn't meet with universal acclaim, however, as it led to a satirical play, O'Flaherty VC, by Nobel laureate George Bernard Shaw, with the titular character based on O'Leary, being deemed too provocative to be premiered in Dublin's Abbey Theatre. Did war result in the censorship of freedom of expression? Michael was also booed when he went to Northern Ireland on a recruiting drive.

Even before winning the Victoria Cross (VC), Michael proved himself to be both brave and resourceful. He worked on his father's farm after leaving Kilbarry National School, before serving in the Royal Navy as a Stoker on HMS Vivid from 1909, and being invalided out on 29th April 1910, with rheumatism in his knees. After a period in the Irish Guards, he emigrated to Canada, joining the Royal North-West Mounted Police Force (RNWMP) in Regina, Saskatchewan, in 1913. Following a two-hour running gun battle, he captured two robbers and was awarded a gold ring, which he proudly wore for the rest of his life. Michael was granted a free discharge in 1914 and re-joined the Irish Guards. Having been posted to the 1st Battalion, he went to France as a Lance Corporal, being promoted to Sergeant after the incident in Cuinchy, near the Belgian border, which saw him awarded the VC. Michael served for a time in France with the British actor Stanley Holloway (who starred as Alfred P. Doolittle in My Fair Lady opposite Audrey Hepburn in 1964, winning a Best Supporting Actor Oscar for the role). After the war ended, they remained close friends and Holloway often stayed in The Mayfair Hotel where O'Leary worked as a concierge.

In 1917, Michael returned to the front in Salonika, Greece, with the Connaught Rangers, again being mentioned in dispatches (a report by a superior officer that mentions those who have been extremely brave & recommends them for a medal). He was promoted to Lieutenant and moved to Egypt shortly afterwards, hoping to join the flying corps. However, recurring bouts of malaria instead meant the medical board recommended he return to England. He ended the war having attained the rank of Captain.

Michael married Margaret (Greta) Hegarty in 1919 in Ballyvourney, Co. Cork and they had six sons and a daughter. They lived initially in Ireland, before in 1921, Michael returned to Canada where he worked as a lecturer and worked for a publishing company. O'Leary joined the Ontario Provincial Police, charged with enforcing the prohibition laws (however, banning alcohol created a situation where organized crime thrived). In 1924, with his family recently arrived, O'Leary left the Ontario police force and became a police sergeant with the Michigan Central Railway in Bridgeburg, Ontario.

In 1925, something most out of character happened.



Michael was arrested twice, for smuggling illegal immigrants and for smuggling bootleg. Although acquitted both times, he spent a week in prison following the second arrest and lost his job with the railway. Many have said that he was likely set up in attempts to discredit him. Several months later, the municipal authorities loaned him the fare for him and his family to return to Ireland. Michael, being in straitened financial circumstances, felt his prospects might be better in England, and so they went there instead.



The British Legion gave him a job in a poppy factory to help him out. He then became head linkman at the Mayfair Hotel, London.

In World War Two, he was appointed Lieutenant in the Middlesex Regiment and was Camp Commandant of HQ III Corps and went to France. He was invalided home prior to Dunkirk due to diabetes. He was transferred into the Pioneer Corps in 1941 and then served on the staff of POW Camps in the south of England. At his final retirement from the military in 1945, O'Leary was an Army major in command of a prisoner of war camp. The proverbial apple didn't fall far from the tree, as his twin sons, David and Jeremiah, both won the Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC) in the same war.

O'Leary lived out the rest of his life in England. Returning to civilian life, he worked in the building trade until retiring in 1954. Michael died in 1961. He is buried in Mill Hill cemetery in north London. His medals are displayed in Wellington Barracks, London. In 2015, one hundred years since his famed exploit on the battlefield, O'Leary was remembered with a plaque in Glasnevin cemetery, Dublin.

Michael conformed to the stereotype of the fighting Irish. There are some who say he fought in the wrong war, yet he fought, along with approximately a quarter of a million Irishmen, most of whom believed that in fighting for the freedom of small nations, they were advancing Home Rule in Ireland promised by the British. Similarly, many in India, by 1914 seeking independence, also fought. The Middle East likewise - with Arabs, including those in Palestine, promised liberation if they rose up against the Turks. Disillusionment followed in many geographic contexts.

Tellingly, perhaps, while in Canada, Michael was among those working to help create a Canadian version of the American Commission on Conditions in Ireland (a published account of oral and written testimonies from witnesses in Ireland dating from the end of 1920 and beginning of 1921, detailing the events and circumstances in Ireland) when the Truce of July 1921 was agreed, to bring an end to hostilities of the War of Independence in Ireland. Despite all the acclaim he received, brave Michael O'Leary had no wish to ever talk about war or being a soldier. That, in itself, says it all.

"War is sweet to those who have not tried it, but anyone who knows what it is, is horrified beyond measure if he meets it in his heart" - Pindar (ancient Greek poet, c. 518 BC - c. 438 BC).



1930s school class featuring Richard Barry, Barrett Pace, third from left in the middle row. {Supplied by Kevin Barry, copied by C. Kelleher}.



The Neville children, Dunmarklum, at Teddy's First Communion in the late 1960s. (Dennis Dinneen, copied by C. Kelleher).



Richard and Judy Barry (née Neville), Barrett Place; their wedding photo. {Supplied by Kevin Barry, copied by C. Kelleher}.



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Cork County Council's virtual reality 'Your Life - Your Choice' education programme receives gold at the 2021 European Excellence in Road Safety Awards



Cork County Council's Library and Arts Service has announced two competitions to mark Seachtain na Gaeilge which takes place from the 1st to the 17th of March this year. Pictured are Mayor of the County of Cork, Cllr. Gillian Coughlan, Bernie Wallace, Cork County Council Library and Arts Service, Aileen Loughery, Irish Officer, Cork County Council and Rory Bunce, Cork County Council Library and Arts Service. Photo: Cork County Council



Pictured feeding the cattle is Frank Feighan, Minister of State with responsibility for Public Health, Well Being and National Drugs Strategy with Cathal O' Keeffe and Shane Saunders, Social Farming Participant at Coom Farm in Glenville, Co. Cork Social Farming Initiative run by Cork County Council in conjunction with Avondhu Blackwater Partnership. Photo by Sean Jefferies Photography.



Pictured is Minister Frank Feighan, Minister of State with responsibility for Public Health, Well Being and National Drugs Strategy with Cllr Kevin Murphy, Cork County Council, Elaine Connolly, Cork County Council, Niall O'Callaghan, Healthy Ireland Coordinator, Cork County Council, Sharon Corcoran, Director of Services, Economic Development, Enterprise & Tourism, Cork County Council, Gillian Coughlan, Mayor of County Cork, James Fogarty, Divisional Manager, Cork County Council and Cllr Michael Hegarty, Healthy Ireland Subgroup at County Hall in Cork for the Healthy Ireland Strategy Launch. Photo by Sean Jefferies Photography.

Town Centres First Policy

The Government has published Town Centre First – a major new policy that aims to tackle vacancy, combat dereliction and breathe new life into our town centres. Town Centre First contains 33 unique actions which will give towns the tools and resources they need to become more viable and attractive places in which to live, work, visit and run a business.

The policy is underpinned by multi-billion-euro investment spread across major Government schemes such as the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF), the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF), Croí Conaithe (Towns) Fund and the Town and Village Renewal Scheme. For the first time, designated towns will gain their own dedicated Town Regeneration Officers, who will be crucial to driving future development. The policy also contains a range of actions designed to achieve key objectives such as social and economic revival in towns, the provision of housing, as well as addressing challenges like vacancy and derelict buildings. The actions also support the protection of our environment, as well as the heritage and culture of our towns.

Town Centre First was launched by the Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD, the Minister for Planning and Local Government, Peter Burke TD, and the Minister for Heritage and Electoral Reform, Malcolm Noonan TD. Announcing Town Centre First, the Minister for Rural and Community Development Heather Humphreys TD said: 'Town Centre First' represents a new approach to revitalising communities the length and breadth of this country. This is about bringing together our businesses, our local authorities and our town teams - so that they are at the fore when it comes to planning for the future development of their communities. It's about ensuring our towns have the tools, resources and investment they need to tackle major issues such as dereliction and vacant properties. We know that so many of our towns, particularly in rural Ireland, face considerable challenges. But they also have extraordinary potential. With investment under the likes of the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund and the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund, we will ensure our towns become even better places to live, work and raise a family. 'Town Centre First' will arm our towns with the ability to map out and deliver on their own unique vision, helping to revitalise Rural Ireland and deliver on the objectives of 'Our Rural Future'. The Minister for Housing, Local Government

and Heritage, Darragh O'Brien TD, said: "This Government is determined to act on the fact that many of our town centres, unfortunately, are underutilised for housing, and have limited housing choice. That is why this 'Town Centre First' policy is so important. It will support different types of development proposals so that there is a greater and more mixed supply of private, affordable and social housing in our towns. It will also help reduce vacancy and dereliction in our towns, converting empty buildings into housing. It is another contribution in our absolute commitment to increase housing supply."

The Minister for Planning and Local Government, Peter Burke TD, stated: "Local authorities will play a vital role in assisting towns shape their futures. Town Regeneration Officers and technical expertise will assist local Town Teams in formulating their local responses and accessing regeneration funding. The National Town Centre First Office will help drive this new approach to revitalising town centres and bring together the stakeholders who can help towns realise a vision for their future."

I know there is great enthusiasm within local government, and among community, voluntary and business groups, for the 'Town Centre First' approach. I look forward to seeing towns across Ireland producing ambitious Town Centre First Plans focused on delivering regeneration projects that can transform communities for the better. I want to thank all on the Town Centre First Advisory Group who helped shape this policy and all who will help to put the policy into practice."

The Minister for Heritage and Electoral Reform, Malcolm Noonan TD, added: "Architecturally, culturally and socially, the Irish town is unique in European terms. For far too long, we have turned our backs on this important heritage. The Government's 'Town Centres First' policy seeks to support, enable and inspire communities to be active participants in the heritage-led regeneration of their towns and villages. This in turn will reinvigorate independent retail and promote town centre living, supporting local economic resilience through the co-creation of liveable, vibrant, nature-friendly urban spaces."

Among the specific actions contained in Town Centre First include:

- Town Centre First Plans: Support for towns in producing their own Town Centre First Plans, produced by a local Town Team drawn from local community and business representatives. These will identify challenges, actions and integrated

responses across a number of themes (business/commercial; community/cultural; housing; built environment; heritage)

- Investment: Implementation of plans will be supported by a targeted investment programme across Government, including through the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF), Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF) and dedicated funding streams to tackle vacancy and dereliction in particular.

- A network of Town Regeneration Officers: who will bring a coordinated approach to Town Centre First delivery across the country and support local Town Teams

- A National Town Centre First Office: that will drive implementation of Town Centre First actions and coordinate stakeholder engagement at a national level and across the local government sector.

- This office will also be a forum for best practice

- Capacity building programmes for Town Teams

- Health Check Programme: a national, integrated and scaled-up programme for towns
- A Town Centre First toolkit (including web portal): this will provide access to all resources, funding information and best practice models for developing Town Centre First Plans

- Identification of 'pathfinder towns': to act as demonstrators of the Town Centre First approach and lead best practice. Towns requiring more support with local stakeholder collaboration and access to investment programmes will be identified at an early stage

- A Town Centre First National Oversight and Advisory Group: the group will ensure cross-government focus and policy alignment. It will monitor and guide policy delivery and annual implementation plans.

- Impact assessment methodology: this will help assess the impact of development and investment on town centres. It will be applied to the statutory planning system.

- A research and evidence platform and agreed data measurement requirements: these will relate to key social and economic outcomes and ensure there is an evidence base for the ongoing evaluation of the Town Centre First policy. The Town Centre First Policy is available at <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/473d3-town-centre-first-policy>

Note from Editor – Given the vast number of derelict vernacular homes, and shopfronts in Macroom this policy is really interesting how to see how it implemented locally!

National Tree Week 2022

National Tree Week, organised by the Tree Council since 1985 and in partnership with Coillte since 1989, is a week-long programme of events to celebrate all things trees and this year takes place from March 20th to 26th. It is a week to be proud of our trees; to learn about their folklore and their practical applications and to appreciate how important a healthy and diverse tree stock is particularly important given increasing concerns regarding Climate.

Cork County Council takes pride in the natural heritage of the County and has been supporting National Tree Week for many years.

To be part of National Tree Week, Community groups and organisations, schools and people

everywhere are invited to organise or participate in one or more events for the week. As well as tree planting ceremonies, the range of events can include forest and woodland walks, nature trails, workshops, woodturning displays, listening to the trees and what lives in the trees. Talks, tree climbing, broadcasts, launches, poetry readings, exhibitions and dramas, and other similar ideas and events are all welcome.

Thanks to the support of the Tree Council of Ireland, Cork County Council's Heritage Unit, will have a number of native trees to give out to local schools, community groups and organisations on a first come first served basis, which can be planted during local Tree Week Events.

All proposed Tree Week events can be registered on the Tree Council's website <https://treecouncil.ie/registeranevent> and to ensure maximum exposure and promotion it is advised that event details are registered on the website as early as possible.

Over 40 groups from throughout County Cork were allocated trees as part of Tree Week 2021 by Cork County Council and interest in National Tree Week 2022 suggests it will be the benchmark for years going forward. For groups looking to avail of trees for planting and or simply to find out more about our trees and Tree Week itself, email corkheritage@corkcoco.ie or phone 021 4285905.



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All our thoughts and prayers are with the people of Ukraine at this very difficult time. I can't believe we have war in Europe in 2022. This war has the potential to be the deadliest conflict Europe has seen since World War 2 and it's the women, children and poor that will be the victims of this conflict as well as a huge number of casualties.

There's a real possibility of mass displacement leading to a new refugee crisis in Europe. At the moment we have over a million refugees leaving Ukraine to go to neighbouring countries because they are torn apart by violence and insecurity. Could we ever imagine only one short week ago these people had homes, work and families and now all that's left is what they can carry.

I'm so delighted this beautiful little girl from Kyiv, the capital of Ukraine, fled to safety over the border into Poland with her mother while her home city of Kyiv is being bombarded by the Russians who have outside the city sixty miles long of tanks and killing machinery.

Signed Mary O Callaghan Hallissy, Raleigh, Macroom, Co.Cork



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MACROOM GAA

Rebels Bounty

The sign-up for this year's Rebels Bounty Draw has come to an end. Everyone at Macroom GAA and Macroom LGFA clubs would like to sincerely thank everyone who has supported our clubs in this draw. The support means everything and we are hugely appreciative. Our clubs simply could not function without your support each year.

The costs involved in catering for such high numbers of players continues to rise yearly as well as maintaining and improving our local facilities for our players as well as the public to use. The funds raised from this draw allows both clubs to meet these rising costs while continuing to provide top class facilities and equipment to all of our players.

We wish all our members who have participated this year the very best of luck in the monthly draws which contains 30 cash prizes each month.

Underage GAA

Macroom GAA are holding a Welcome Weekend at the GAA Pavilion, Castle Grounds from 10:30am to 12pm on Saturday and Sunday the 12th and 13th of March 2022. Everyone is welcome.

After-School GAA training is currently up and running on Wednesday afternoons from 3pm to 4pm in the Sports Complex and we are always on the look-out for new players. Please contact Alan O'Shea 087 7973820 or email Claire at secretarybng.macroom.cork@gaa.ie for more details.

All our younger underage teams are hoping to return to the field on Saturday the 19th of March



Macroom U8 team with Erika and coaches Mary Kate and Sharon



Macroom U-9 team with Erika and coaches Mary Kate and Sharon.

2022. As above, please contact Alan O'Shea 087 7973820 or email Claire at secretarybng.macroom.cork@gaa.ie for more details. We are actively seeking new members and would

encourage people to get involved in any capacity, both players and parents/adults willing to help out.

Tom Creedon Cup

The launch and draw for the 2022 Tom Creedon Cup kindly sponsored by Fitzgeralds Bookshop Macroom took place last night in the Castle Hotel.

The draws were made for the Tom Creedon Cup 2022 and we have some fantastic group games in store kicking off on the 23rd April.

Fantastic to see the participating clubs in attendance at the launch and we wish every team participating the very best of luck as we work towards the final on 9th July in Macroom



James O'Sullivan (Adrigole), Alan Quinn (Macroom), Daniel Dineen (Kilnamartyra), Ruairi Deane (Bantry), Tony Dineen (Macroom) and Mike O'Gorman (Boherbue) at the 2022 Tom Creedon Cup Launch. (Pic. Con Kelleher)



Marion Creedon-Hegarty speaking eloquently at the 2022 Tom Creedon Cup Launch. (Pic. Con Kelleher)



Gus Kelleher giving a poignant and funny address at the 2022 Tom Creedon Cup Launch. (Pic. Con Kelleher)



Donie McSweeney and Pat O'Connell Mac. GAA Club President, making the draw. (Pic. Con Kelleher)



LAOCHRA ÓG



Muskerry U14 Intercounty Camogie v Tipperary 5th March 2022

Laochra Og were one of the lucky clubs to get Sponsorship from Munster Camogie Council a few months ago to promote Camogie in a local Secondary school that being Colaiste Ghobnatan. (Schools to Club link programme). Six fantastic players have joined Laochra Og as a result of the programme. Emma, Klaudia, Caoimhe, Sara, Aibigeal and Orlaith.

Congratulations to St. Mary's of Macroom U16½ team winning a Camogie County title at Castle Road today after eleven years. The St. Mary's girls were absolutely superb throughout and

won well in the end. A big congratulations to all the Laochra Og girls on the St. Mary's team. Rachel Bradley, Ellie Jane Walsh, Leanne Healy, Eimear Healy, Lorraine O'Connell, Lily Desmond, Ava McSweeney, Saorlaith Murphy and Abbie Sweeney were outstanding girls and all played your part not only today but the other matches along the way during the school year.

U13 camogie had their first league game of the season away to Grenagh. Fantastic to see the girls back out on the pitch and they gave a great performance against a very good Grenagh team.

Our girls got off to a great start and maintained that lead throughout the game and showed great skill and teamwork. Thanks to Greangh for hosting the match and their facilities and to our team sponsors James Hickey & Family.

Muskerry U 14s went intercounty today. The sun was shining on our girls today playing U14 Tipperary development squad. Thanks to Tip for hosting us for a great day out the girls represented their clubs so well. Massive thanks to their mentors Daire, Suzanna, James, John, Ais and Flor.



U13 Camogie v Grenagh 4th March 2022



St. Mary's Camogie 2022

MACROOM SOCCER

Munster Schoolgirls Cup

Macroom U17s travelled to Mooncoin in Co Kilkenny last Sunday, defeating the home side 5-0 in the opening round of the Munster Schoolgirls Cup. The fact that this Munster fixture was played in Leinster is quite novel. Of course, this was not the concern of the Macroom girls who duly delivered a fantastic performance.

Any early nerves were settled by Grace O' Riordan who struck a beautiful shot into the top corner of the Mooncoin net. The opening goal really settled the visitors and further goals were scored by Avril Manning and Caoimhe O' Brien. Macroom led 3-0 at half time. Some changes in personnel for the second period enhanced Macroom's position further. The lively O' Brien hit the net for her second goal. A fine afternoon's work was ended in great fashion when a fantastic team move was finished off by Lisa O' Donovan.

A large and vocal band of Macroom supporters made the trip and this is very much appreciated. Macroom FC would also like to thank Mooncoin

Celtic for the excellent reception and hospitality which was afforded to the visitors. Macroom will entertain Waterford side Bohemians in the next round in April.

Junior and Senior Action

Both adult sides saw action last weekend.

The Murray's Bar sponsored Seniors were back in action in the league at home to Mallow at Murrayfield and had a fine 3-0 win. The first half was pretty even with both defences on top. The best chance of the half was probably for the away side, when their right winger cut in and hit a looping shot-it was expertly tipped over by Macroom custodian Caleb Dineen.

The home side started the second half well, Llyod Asling was unlucky to see his glancing header turned around the post. The subsequent corner from Greg Fitton was fired to the net by Tommy Condon on 48 minutes. The second goal arrived on 70. Asling competed well with the Mallow keeper, Michael Fitton picked up the rebound and was ice cool with his finish. The scoring was completed at the death when Asling broke down the left flank. He squared the ball neatly for the

arriving Mateusz Juszczak to finish well.

This was a solid team performance and another clean sheet, next up is an away tie to premier side Ringmahon Rangers in the Beamish Stout Senior cup this coming Saturday.

Team: Caleb Dineen, Barry O'Donnell, Mikey Dineen, Shane Meaney, Tommy Condon, John James Healy, Jack Cronin, Michael Fitton, Greg Fitton, Llyod Asling, Dylan Twomey

Subs: Thomas Morgans for Jack Cronin, Danny Kelleher for Mikey Dineen (50) Mateusz Juszczak for Dylan Twomey (65) Jack Kearney for John James Healy (85).

The Junior team, sponsored by GP Wood Products, travelled to Riverstown on Sunday morning and were unlucky in a 1-0 defeat. The first half was very even, both sides pretty comfortable defensively. Riverstown took the lead midway through the second half with a scrappy goal. Macroom then piled on the pressure in search of the leveller. A number of clear chances came and went and in the dying seconds keeper Declan Kiely, up for a corner, had a fine header cleared off the line. Best were Kiely, Cathal O' Riordan, Dylan Dineen and James O' Connor.



Round Up

The U11 schoolgirls have been busy of late, with excellent matches against Riverstown and Midleton. All players are doing great. The U9 girls played a blitz in Carrigtwohill. All players were delighted to take part in four separate games. The U15 girls were at home to Lakewood Athletic in the Una Moore Cup and had a comprehensive 4-1 win. Behind to an early goal, the home side rallied well. Goals from Lisa O' Donovan and Mya O' Sullivan had Macroom ahead at half time. Further pressure yielded another goal from Sonia Mora and Lisa O' Donovan notched her second late on. The U14A schoolboys, sponsored by Billy Murphy Taxi, moved into 3rd in the league with a fine 3-0 away win in Rathcoole. Oskar Pasuit and Rory McElroy had early goals, giving Macroom

a commanding lead. The points were sealed in the second period when Jakub Zulawnik was on target. Michal Pilat had a fine game for Macroom and he had a hand in all 3 goals. The U12A lads won 4-2 away at Passage. Fionn Fabrizi was in great form and scored two goals-fine finishes with both his right and left feet. The skilful Kynan McGarry popped up with a close-range finish and Cathal Lyons also struck a super goal. Good performances from David O' Leary, Oisín Rybalka, Fionn Fitton and keeper Dylan O' Connell. Macroom remain 2nd in the league table. The U13 boys were at home to Mallow Utd and remain top of the table following a 3-1 win. In frosty conditions, Jacob Barry gave the homesters the lead on 20 minutes. Dara Fehily was in great form and he added two fantastic second half finishes. A

top outing from the whole squad. The U13A side were away to Corinthians and lost out 2-0. Two down at the break, Macroom ruled the second period but found the home keeper in inspired form. He made a string of fine saves but Macroom kept going until the finish and on another day, could well have had a different outcome.

Referee Beginner Course

The FAI is currently looking for new referees and there are courses coming up over the coming weeks. Anyone interested in becoming a referee, particularly for schoolboy and schoolgirl games can contact Rhys Hopkins at 085 7134303.



Macroom FC U11 schoolgirls and coaches who played Mallow Utd at Murrayfield.



Macroom FC U12A boys who won 4-2 away to Passage.



Macroom FC U17 schoolgirls and coaches. Macroom defeated Mooncoin Utd in the Munster Cup in Kilkenny.



Macroom FC supporters in great spirits at the Munster Schoolgirls U17 cup game at Mooncoin

2022 MID CORK CHAMPIONSHIP DRAWS 2022

The draws for the 2022 Mid Cork championships have been made. The Junior A championships are being played in a new format with groups for the early stages, as per the practice at county board level. Two teams to advance from each group in hurling and football.

Ross Oil Junior A Football Championship

Group One:

Kilmurry, Clondrohid, Dripsey, Kilmichael

Group Two:

Canovee, Éire Óg, Cill na Martra

Group Three:

Ballincollig, Grenagh, Donoughmore

Group Four:

Aghinagh, Inniscarra, Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh

Ballincollig Credit Union Junior B Football Championship

Round One: (Knock out)

48 Outlook 10.03.22

Kilmurry v Ballincollig
Iveleary v Macroom
Canovee v Ballinora
Naomh Abán v Éire Óg
Aghabullogue v Blarney
Inniscarra v Gleann na Laoi

Rochestown Park Hotel Junior C Football Championship

Naomh Abán v Grenagh
Aghinagh v Kilmichael
Macroom v Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh
Cill na Martra v Clondrohid
Éire Óg v Dripsey
Ballincollig v Donoughmore
Inniscarra – a bye

MJK Oils Junior A Hurling Championship

Group One:

Inniscarra, Donoughmore, Blarney

Group Two:

Grenagh, Cloughduv, Kilmichael, Aghabullogue

Group Three:

Ballinora, Ballincollig, Éire Óg, Iveleary

Oriel House Hotel Ballincollig Junior B Hurling Championship

Preliminary Round:

Laochra Óg v Gleann na Laoi

Quarter Finals:

Four winners to semifinals; four losers and preliminary round loser to a special Plate competition.

Blarney v Preliminary round winners

Éire Óg v Grenagh

Inniscarra v Ballinora

Ballincollig v Donoughmore

Mid Cork GAA – Macroom Motors U21 Football Championship

The 2022 Macroom Motors Mid Cork U21 Football Championships are being played with 3 grades. The A and B grades are being played on a round robin basis with top two teams qualifying for their final. The C grade is being played with a first round and then a Losers round, producing eight teams for quarter final stage.

A championship – 4 teams – Round Robin
Top two teams to final on March 12th 2022.

Round One:

Éire Óg 1-9 Ballincollig 0-5
Inniscarra 3-6 Ballinora 0-10

Round Two:

Ballinora 0-6 Éire Óg 2-8
Ballincollig 3-12 Inniscarra 0-3

Round Three:

Ballincollig v Ballinora at Ballincollig
Éire Óg 1-12 Inniscarra 0-11
Final: Éire Óg v Ballincollig or Inniscarra

B championship –3 teams – round Robin

Naomh Abán 2-14 Aghabullogue 0-11
Canovee 3-9 Aghabullogue 0-3
Final: Canovee 2-15 Naomh Abán 2-11

C championship – 11 teams

Round One:

Macroom 3-16 Kilmichael 2-14
Grenagh w/o Cill na Martra conceded
Blarney 0-5 Beal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh 3-21
Clondrohid 2-8 Donoughmore 2-10
Kilmurry 1-12 Aghinagh 1-10
Iveleary a bye

Round Two (1st Round losers):

Kilmichael 2-8 Cill na Martra 4-6
Iveleary w/o Blarney conceded
Aghinagh 5-14 Clondrohid 1-6

Quarter Finals:

Iveleary v Macroom
Kilmurry v Grenagh
Beal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh v Donoughmore
Cill na Martra v Aghinagh
Games to be decided on Saturday March 12th 2022.

B Championship Final

Canovee 2-15 Naomh Abán 2-11

After a lapse of nine years, Canovee are once again Macroom Motors Mid Cork U21 B football champions. In an interesting and sporting final at the Dripsey GAA venue on Saturday last, Canovee emerged very deserving winners after being on top for much of the game but never quite able to shake off the persistent Naomh Abán challenge. Canovee led by 1-7 to 1-2 after 20 minutes but then found themselves in arrears at half time by a point as the Baile Mhuirne men kicked six points without reply to come right back into contention. In the third quarter however Canovee re-established their superiority, went three points clear and a second goal from Darren McMahon in the 38th minute gave them a commanding lead and this time they did not allow N Aban to come back. Conditions were excellent with a firm sod and glorious sunshine, if a little cold for spectators.

Two points from Jack Kelleher in the opening two minutes got Canovee off to a good start, Daniel O'Ceallaigh pointed in the 6th minute to open the N Aban account, Jack Kelleher shook the N Abán post with a fierce drive and then in the 10th minute the Gaeltacht side were awarded a penalty after a foul on Wayne MacCarthaigh. Daniel O'Ceallaigh made no mistake from the spot kick but from the kick out, Canovee came straight down the field and Darren McMahon shook off a defender before slamming the ball to the N Abán net, 1-2 to 1-1 in favour of Canovee. Canovee then proceeded to dominate the play with Evan Dodd, Brian McNabola, Odhran O'Driscoll, Darren McMahon and Jack Kelleher in top form and the attack put scores on the board to send Canovee 1-7 to 1-2 clear. In the ten minutes before half time however Naomh Abán turned the tide and the western attack showed its capabilities and free takers Daniel O'Ceallaigh and Daire F Ó Loinsigh punished every indiscretion. Naomh Abán led by 1-8 to 1-7 at the break, a remarkable about turn in their fortunes after the game's earlier trend.

There was no disputing the superiority of Canovee in the second half. Four points in quick succession from Jack Kelleher, split evenly between play and frees, had them three clear within five minutes and in the 38th minute they struck to effectively settle the outcome. Evan Dodd in defence broke clear of tackles to fire a high ball goalwards, the ball struck the intersection of upright and crossbar and Darren McMahon reacted quickest to grab the rebound and smash the ball to the N Abán net. Canovee now led by 2-11 to 1-8, were dominating the play based on midfield area control and were not going to leave the title slip from their grasp. Wayne MacCarthaigh and Darragh F Ó Loinsigh kicked points in reply for Abán and a late goal from the latter deep into time-added was too late to

affect the outcome.

Scorers: Canovee: Darren McMahon 2-2, Jack Kelleher 0-9 (0-4f), Tomás Óg Twomey 0-2, Evan Dodd and Conor Higgins 0-1 each. Naomh Abán: Daire F Ó Loinsigh 1-4 (0-3f), Daniel Ó Ceallaigh 1-3 (0-2f), Wayne MacCarthaigh 0-2, Caoimhín Ó Donnchú, Seán Ó Riordáin 0-1 each.

Canovee: Cathal O'Driscoll: Conor Higgins, Eoin McNabola, Shane Hughes: Cian Cronin, Evan Dodd, Darren Moynihan: Brian McNabola, Odhran O'Driscoll: Dylan Delaney, Daire McMahon, Pádraig O'Driscoll: Jack Kelleher, Eoin Moynihan, Tomas Óg Twomey. Subs: Ryan Delaney 35, James O'Neill 47, Callum O'Callaghan 55, Olan Lehane 57, Darragh Moynihan 53.

Naomh Abán: Finlay Walker: Seán Ó Laoire, Tomas Ó Catháin, Chris Ó Tuama: Seamas Ó Muineacháin, Brian Ó Riordáin, Ciarán Ó Luasa: Dara F Ó Loinsigh, Colm de Róiste: Wayne MacCarthaigh, Aodhán Ó Luasa, Ciarán Ó Colman: Seán Ó Riordáin, Caoimhín Ó Donnchú, Daniel Ó Ceallaigh. Fir Ionaid: Jack Ó Donnchú, Martin Ó Súilleabháin 56.

Referee: John Horgan, Gleann na Laoi.

Aghinagh 5-14 Clondrohid 1-6

Aghinagh were altogether too strong for their neighbours at Rusheen and were impressive in a victory which was assured long before the finish..

Aghinagh: Conor Lucey: Dylan O'Riordan, Seán Barrett: Tom Buckley, Euan Coughlan, Jack Kearney: Tadgh Sheehan, Thomas Morgan: Con Buckley, Darragh McCarthy, Seán O'Riordan: TJ Buckley, Noah O'Leary. Subs: James O'Connor, Cathal O'Riordan, Alan Kelly, David Kelleher, Cathal O'Riordan, James Keenan, Alan McMahon, Seamus Murphy.

Clondrohid: Conor Murphy: Darragh Dineen, Charles Kelleher: Lorcan Flanagan, Nathan Kelleher, David O'Connell: Ciarán O'Leary, Luke Dineen:



Foireann fé 21 Ceann an Mhaighe (Canovee) bua, they won. (Pic. Nóra Uí Luasa).



Foireann Idirmhéanach Príomha Naomh Abán (Sraith Peile Chorcaí Roinn 2, chaill siad (they lost, Ceann Toirc won) (Pic. Nóra Uí Luasa).



Odhran Manning, Fionnán O'Leary, Michael Buckley: Seán Murphy, Colin Murphy. Subs: Aaron O'Riordan, Eoin Kelleher.

Referee: Dave McCarthy, Kilmurry.

Kilmichael 2-8 Cill na Martra 4-6

Two goals for Cill na Martra just before half time helped the visitors to a 3-1 to 0-3 lead at half time. Six points separated the teams at the three quarter

stage and Cill na Martra raised the lead to ten points 4-6 to 0-8 before the home side hit them for two goals and had the winners under pressure at the finish.

Cill na Martra: Timmy Ó Conaill: Cormac Ó Cróinín, Luke Ó Leighin: Andí Ó Buachalla, Aaron Ó hUidhir, Paddy de Búrca (1-0): Antóin Ó Loinsigh (0-4), Micheál Ó Cathasaigh: Aodhagán Ó Riordáin, Jack Ó Tuama (1-0): Daibhí Ó Céilleachai (1-1), Jason

Mac Cárthaigh (1-1).

Kilmichael: David O'Leary: Con O'Sullivan, Alex Wood: Sam Wood, Seán O'Sullivan, Tom Downey: Andrew Kelleher, Jonathan McCarthy: Danny Horgan, Ronan Murphy, Daniel Cotter: Aidan Manning, Chris O'Connell.

2022 Cork County Championships Draws

Bon Secours Hospital Football and Co-Op Superstores Hurling

Premier Senior - Football

Group A – St Finbarr's, Éire Óg, Carbery Rangers, Carrigaline.

Group B – Douglas, Valley Rovers, Mallow, Ballincollig.

Group C – Clonakilty, Castlehaven, Nemo Rangers, Newcestown.

Hurling

Group A – Midleton, Douglas, Kanturk, Newtownshandrum.

Group B – Glen Rovers, Erins Own, Na Piarasigh, Bishopstown.

Group C – Sarsfields, Blackrock, St Finbarr's, Charleville.

Senior A - Football

Group A – Ilen Rovers, Clyda Rovers, Newmarket, O'Donovan Rossa.

Group B – Béal Ath An Ghaorthaidh, Dohenys,

Bandon, Kiskeam.

Group C – St Michael's, Knocknagree, Bishopstown, Fermoy.

Hurling

Group A – Newcestown, Mallow, Cloyne, Fermoy.

Group B – Fr O'Neill's, Blarney, Killeagh, Courcey Rovers.

Group C – Carrigtwohill, Bride Rovers, Ballyhea, Ballymartle.

Premier Intermediate - Football

Group A – Cill na Martra, Nemo Rangers, St Vincents, Iveleary

Group B – Bantry Blues, Aghada, Na Piarasigh, Castletownbere

Group C – Kanturk, Naomh Abán, Macroom, Rockchapel

Hurling

Group A – Castlelyons, Carrigaline, Éire Óg, Watergrasshill

Group B – Bandon, Valley Rovers, Youghal, Inniscarra

Group C – Ballinhassig, Kilworth, Castlemartyr, Ballincollig

Intermediate - Football

Group A – Kilshannig, Ballydesmond, Gabriel Rangers, Adrigole

Group B – St Nicks, Glanworth, Glenville, Kildorrery

Group C – Mitchelstown, Millstreet, Boherbue, Glanmire

Group D – Aghabullogue, Dromtariffe, Ballinora, St Finbarrs

Hurling

Group A – Aghada, Midleton, Lisgoold, Blackrock

Group b – Cloughduv, Aghabullogue, Douglas, Dungourney

Group C – Sarsfields, Mayfield, Kildorrery, Meelin

Premier Junior Hurling

(formerly Lower Intermediate)

Group A – Kilbrittain, Milford, Barryroe, St Finbarrs

Group B – Ballygarvan, Argideen Rangers, Dripsey, Ballygiblin

Group C – Glen Rovers, Tracton, St Catherine's, Russell Rovers



Celebratory photos of Ceann an Mhaighe buaitheoirí Cluiche Ceannais fé 21 Mhúscraí (Pic. Nóra Uí Luasa).



Foireann fé 21 Naomh Abán (they lost, chaill siad an cluiche) (Pic. Nóra Uí Luasa).

Cork Credit Unions County Senior & Intermediate Football Leagues 2022

The football leagues have commenced and almost all teams in Div 1 and Div 2 saw action on the opening weekend.

Division 1

Results:

1A:Éire Óg 0-13 St Finbarrs 3-5: Ballincollig 1-9 Mallow 0-7: Kiskeam 1-12 Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh 1-10: Castlehaven 1-14 Newcestown 0-10: St Michaels 0-9 Fermoy 2-14

1B: Ilen Rovers 0-8 Clyda Rovers 0-9: Cill na Martra v O'Donovan Rossa March 14th at Cill na Martra: Nemo R 0-10 Clonakilty 0-3: Carbery Rangers 0-9 Carrigaline 1-6:

Division 2

Results:

1A:Macroom 0-17 Rockchapel 1-7: Nemo Rangers 1-9 St Vincents 1-8: Bandon 0-9 Dohenys 0-9: Bantry 6-14 Glanworth 1-8: Newmarket 3-12 Ballydesmond 0-8

1B: Kanturk 4-13 Naomh Aban 2-9: Aghabullogue 4-13 Dromtariffe 2-12: Aghada 3-16 Na Piarasigh 0-10: Mitchelstown 3-8 Castletownbere 0-9: Knocknagree 0-16 Bishopstown 0-8

Allianz National Hurling League

Division One A – 6 teams – Cork, Clare, Limerick, Galway, Offaly, and Wexford.

February 5: Cork 2-30 Clare 2-21

February 13: Offaly 1-15 Cork 4-25

February 27: Limerick 1-13 Cork 2-19

March 5: Cork 1-26 Galway 0-23

March 20: Wexford v Cork, Chadwicks Wexford Park, 1.45pm.

March 26-27: Allianz Hurling League Division 1 semi-finals: 1st v 2nd from Group A and Group B; Relegation play-off: 6th Group A v 6th Group B.

April 2-3: Allianz Hurling League Division 1 final.



Munster Hurling Championship:

The group stage system is back, starts on April 17th with each county having two home and two away fixtures, with the top teams then moving into the Munster final, the third-placed side going into the qualifiers.

April 17: Munster round robin: Cork v Limerick, Páirc Uí Chaoimh.

April 30/May 1: Munster round robin: Cork v Clare at Thurles.

May 8: Munster round robin: Waterford v Cork, Walsh Park.

May 22: Munster round robin: Tipperary v Cork, Semple Stadium, Thurles.

June 5: Munster final; third-placed team in the province goes into the qualifiers.

Allianz Hurling League Division 1 Group A

Limerick 1-13 Cork 2-19

Visitors Cork beat Limerick with something to spare - the 12,081 spectators in the Gaelic Grounds getting an eventful, entertaining game as Cork hurlers make it 3 wins from 3 games in the Allianz League.

Cork were marginally sharper in the opening stages, leading 0-6 to 0-3 on 15 minutes thanks to Patrick Horgan's accuracy from placed balls, On 19 minutes Robbie O'Flynn's long delivery was won by Patrick Horgan, who placed Shane Kingston for a goal: 1-7 to 0-3. Cork hit 1-6 before Limerick responded with a David Reidy point. Conor Lehane answered with Cork points and the visitors led by nine approaching the half-hour.

Shane Kingston found the net again for Cork with half-time looming, but the same player was red-carded moments later for a challenge that saw Sean Finn leave the field. Seconds after that Seamus Flanagan saw red for a similar challenge on Cork's Niall O'Leary. The visitors led 2-13 to 0-5 at half-time.

Limerick made three changes at the break and were better - by the 45th minute it was 2-15 to 0-9. Cork hit three in a row to make it 2-18 to 0-9 entering the final quarter.

On 53 minutes Cathal O'Neill soloed through for a fine goal: 2-18 to 1-9, but Limerick needed more goals to be in with a shout, and Cork kept a spare pair of hands at the back to shut down the route to goal.

Cork scorers: P. Horgan (0-9, 1 65, 6 frees); S. Kingston (2-0); D. Fitzgibbon, C. Lehane, R. O'Flynn, M. Coleman (1 free) (0-2 each); T. O'Mahony, C. Cahalane (0-1 each).

Cork: P. Collins; N. O'Leary, D. O'Leary, S. O'Donoghue; T. O'Mahony, M. Coleman (c), G. Millerick; D. Fitzgibbon, C. Joyce; M. Keane, C. Lehane, R. O'Flynn; S. Kingston, P. Horgan, S. Barrett. Subs: C. Cahalane for Keane (40); J. O'Connor for Lehane (45); C. O'Brien for O'Leary (inj, 55); A. Connolly for Horgan (61); S. Harnedy for Barrett (64); S. Twomey for O'Flynn (70).

Cork 1-26 Galway 0-23

Cork led all the way to make it four wins from four outings and secure their place in the Allianz Hurling league semifinals.

It was a game with a shadow over it due to the sudden death of Galway manager Henry Shefflin's brother Paul but Cork will be pleased with how things went as the Rebels again came out on the right side of the result, the first time since 2005

that Cork put together four consecutive league wins, which is a sign of growing consistency.

Cork, with changes in personnel, demonstrated the growing depth within the panel. Daire O'Leary, given his start last week, again did very well in the full-back line while Séamus Harnedy, recalled to the first team, scored four points. Shane Barrett showed up well at centre-forward and Damien Cahalane limited Cathal Mannion to just a point. Patrick Horgan's contributed 1-13 and his goal in the 27th minute was ultimately the cushion that ensured Cork never looked like being overhauled in the second half after leading by five at half-time, 1-13 to 0-11.

Muskerry men, Inniscarra's Seán O'Donoghue at corner back, team Captain Mark Coleman at centre back and his Blarney clubmate Shane Barrett at centre forward, all can be pleased with their performances and indeed their current form.

Scorers for Cork: P Horgan 1-13 (0-10f, 0-1 65), S Harnedy 0-4, M Coleman, R O'Flynn, S Barrett 0-2 each, T O'Mahony, D Fitzgibbon, G Millerick 0-1 each.

Cork: P Collins; D Cahalane, D O'Leary, Seán O'Donoghue; T O'Mahony, Mark Coleman, R Downey; D Fitzgibbon, G Millerick; R O'Flynn, Shane Barrett, J O'Connor; P Horgan, A Connolly, S Harnedy.

Subs: C Lehane for O'Connor (44), S Twomey for Connolly (49), L Meade for Downey (53), C Cahalane for Barrett (62), B Roche for Harnedy (70).

Allianz Football League

Division Two (8 teams) – Cork, Derry, Down, Clare,

Offaly, Galway, Meath and Roscommon

Cork Fixtures:

Sunday January 30th; Roscommon 1-13 Cork 0-10

Saturday February 5th: Cork 1-13 Clare 1-13

Sunday February 20th: Derry 1-13 Cork 0-7

Saturday February 26th: Cork 2-17 Galway 3-22

Sunday March 13th: Meath v Cork, Pairc Tailteann 2pm

Sunday March 20th: Cork v Down at P Uí Chaoimh, 1pm

Sunday March 20th: Offaly v Cork at Tullamore 2pm.

April 2/3: NFL Div 2 Final: Top two teams with both promoted

Munster Senior Football Championship:

May 7: Munster football semi-final: Cork v Kerry, Páirc Uí Rinn (the other Munster semi-final is Tipp or Waterford v Clare or Limerick.)

May 28: Munster final.

Cork 2-17 Galway 3-22

The wait for a first Allianz National League Division 2 victory of the season goes on for Cork. Despite a gutsy showing, Keith Ricken and his new-look Cork panel are facing into a relegation dogfight after suffering a third league defeat in four outings on the Rebels.

The outcome of Cork's remaining league games with fellow relegation dwellers Down, Meath and Offaly will decide if the former stays in Division 2 or faces the prospect of dropping down to Division 3. Blake Murphy fired in a superb goal early on for Cork before their opponents responded. Shane Walsh won and converted a penalty prior to the

Connacht side enjoying a productive spell to move 1-08 to 1-04 ahead.

Cork hit back with Steven Sherlock landing four consecutive frees and Blake Murphy adding a marvellous score from distance to edge Cork 1-9 to 1-8 ahead after 30 action-packed minutes.

There was still plenty of injury time to allow both sides find their range with Owen Gallagher, Shane Walsh, Robert Finnerty and Matthew Tierney scoring for the visitors. Kevin O'Donovan, Tadhg Corkery and John O'Rourke responded for the Rebels to leave nothing between the teams at the interval.

Shane Walsh converted a free at the beginning of the second period but once again, Cork responded with Sherlock levelling from a free. Cork lost Sean Meehan to injury; Galway upped the tempo forcing Chris Kelly into a pair of excellent saves. Sherlock kept Cork in touch before two goals in 90 seconds decided the outcome of the match.

Cork can take solace from their efforts and their best display of the year so far.

Cork: Chris Kelly (Éire Óg); Billy Hennessy, Kevin Flahive, Tadhg Corkery (Cill na Martra) (0-1); Kevin O'Donovan (0-1), Seán Meehan, Mattie Taylor; Ian Maguire (0-1), Rory Maguire (0-1); Dan Dineen (Cill na Martra), Fionn Herlihy, Colm O'Callaghan (Éire Óg); Blake Murphy (1-2), Steven Sherlock (0-10, 0-6fs), John O'Rourke (0-1).

Subs: Cian Kiely (Ballincollig 43, Paudie Allen 57, Eoghan McSweeney 60, Daniel O'Connell (1-0) 63, Michéal Martin 65.

Ladies LGFA

CORK ladies' football panel for the 2022 Lidl National league: Máire O'Callaghan (Mourneabbey) captain, with Dohenys' Melissa Duggan the vice-captain.

The 2022 Cork senior football panel is as follows: Sarah Leahy (Aghada), Rachel Leahy (Aghada), Shauna Kelly (Araglen Desmonds Bui), Emma Spillane (Bantry Blues), Clare O'Shea (Beara), Áine O'Sullivan (Beara), Katie Quirke (Bride Rovers), Sarah Murphy (Bride Rovers), Martina O'Brien (Clonakilty), Melissa Duggan (Dohenys), Chloe Collins (Dromtarriffe), Meabh Cahalane (Éire Óg), Emma Cleary (Éire Óg), Eimear Scally (Éire Óg), Aisling Hutchings (Fermoy), Abbie O'Mahony (Glanmire), Caoimhe Moore (Kanturk), Sadhbh O'Leary (Kinsale), Orla Finn (Kinsale), Faye Aherne (Kinsale), Dara Kinry (Lisgoold), Erika O'Shea (Macroom), Orlagh Farmer (Midleton), Máire O'Callaghan (Mourneabbey), Ciara O'Sullivan (Mourneabbey), Doireann O'Sullivan (Mourneabbey), Meabh O'Sullivan (Mourneabbey), Bríd O'Sullivan (Mourneabbey), Eimear Meaney (Mourneabbey), Ellie Jack (Mourneabbey), Laura Fitzgerald (Mourneabbey), Laura O'Mahony (O'Donovan Rossa), Roisin Phelan (St Brigid's, Dublin), Libby Coppinger (St Colum's), Aisling Kelleher (St Vals), Ciara McCarthy (St Vals), Marie Ambrose (St Vals), Daire Kiely (Valley Rovers) and Eimear Kiely (Valley Rovers).

After losing their two opening games, both away against top opposition, Cork are now out of contention in the Lidl National Ladies League. Victory over Waterford was essential to round off Cork's National League campaign on a high note. Now preparations for this year's All-Ireland senior championship can begin in earnest.



Cork 1-14 Waterford 0-14

Cork avoids a relegation play off at MUT Cork Grounds!

Orla Finn scored seven points to secure their first win in Division 1B of the Lidl National Football League - and send Waterford into a relegation decider. Katie Quirke's first-minute goal proved the difference at MTU as Waterford must now turn their attentions to a play-off against Westmeath. Quirke had the ball in the net after 24 seconds and it meant that Waterford were always chasing the game.

Cork took a 1-3 to 0-3 lead at the water break.

Finn increased Cork's advantage on the resumption before Aine O'Neill put just a goal between the teams again. But Cork opened up with three points in three minutes- Abbie O'Mahony, Finn and Quirke on target to make it 1-7 to 0-4. Two late pointed frees from Hogan left Waterford 1-8 to 0-6 adrift at half-time.

Finn got the first score of the second-half with Aoife Murray replying for Waterford. And further scores from O'Mahony and Finn had Cork, 1-12 to 0-7, ahead at the second water break.

Two more frees from Hogan gave Waterford hope and with five minutes to go it was 1-14 to 0-9. Waterford finished strongly with three from Hogan helping to reduce the gap. With time running out they had two goal chances, Chloe Fennell hit the post and Martina O'Brien saved well from Aoife Murray as Cork hung on for the win, and safety. Scorers for Cork: O Finn (0-7, 3f), K Quirke (1-2), A

O'Mahony (0-3), L Coppinger (0-1), L Fitzgerald (0-1).

Cork: M O'Brien; D Kinry, R Phelan, Meabh Cahalane; L O'Mahony, M Duggan, Erika O'Shea; A Hutchings, S Kelly; Emma Cleary, L Coppinger, A O'Mahony; R Leahy, K Quirke, O Finn. Subs: S Leahy (40), L Fitzgerald (40), Aisling Kelleher (45), S O'Leary (45), Ciara McCarthy (45), E Spillane (50), M O'Callaghan (50), O Farmer (50), F Ahern (57), A O'Sullivan (57).

Camogie:

Cork 5-17 Limerick 0-6

Cork stroled to a facile triumph against Limerick in their Littlewoods Ireland Camogie League Division 1 Group 2 game at Páirc Uí Chaoimh.

Ashling Thompson was a notable presence throughout and exerted her influence from the outset as Cork hit three points in the first two minutes via Saoirse McCarthy and the brilliant Cliona Healy's pair.

Five minutes had elapsed when Amy O'Connor, the St Vincent's speedster billowed the net.

Michelle Curtin got Limerick off the mark but within seconds, Sorcha McCartan was rattling a shot to the net after being put into splendid isolation by Izzy O'Regan.

Further goals from O'Connor, O'Regan and Healy, who finished with 1-07, made it 5-10 to 0-3 at half-time, Curtin providing all of the Shannonsiders' scores.

The highlight of the first half was the performance

of Healy whose roaming play, accuracy, and neat passing saw her create confusion for Limerick's defence. Scoring 1-4, she also had a hand in another two of Cork's goals.

Meabh Murphy of Ballinora was handed her second start of the season at right corner-back while Kate Wall made her debut in place of Katrina Mackey.

Coach Davy Fitzgerald was absent from the pitch after being sent off in Cork's opening league game against Clare in Cusack Park the previous Sunday.

With the winning outcome never in doubt, Cork introduced eight substitutes in the second half but Cork still notched up a further nine points.

It's two wins from two with just one game left to play, against Kilkenny. The top teams from each group head straight to the final.

Scorers for Cork: C Healy 1-8 (0-2 f), A O'Connor 2-2, S McCartan 1-2, I O'Regan 1-0, C Sigerson 0-3 (0-1 f), A Thompson 0-2.

Cork: A Lee; M Murphy, L Coppinger, M Cahalane; L Hayes, L Treacy, S McCarthy; K O'Mahoney, A Thompson; C O'Sullivan, I O'Regan, C Healy; A O'Connor, S McCartan, K Wall. Subs: C Sigerson for C O'Sullivan, E Murphy for I O'Regan (h-t), O McAllen, A Hurley, M Ring for L Treacy, K O'Mahoney, A O'Connor (39), C Buckley for A Lee, C Dooley for M Cahalane, E Flannagan for K Wall (55).

Ten Years Ago - 2012

2012 Allianz National Football League

Cork continues to show mediocre form in the Allianz National Football league, losing tamely to Kerry and then staging a great rally to beat Mayo in Castlebar by a single point. Fintan Goold and Sean Kiely of Macroom have been in action, as have Noel O'Leary of Cill na Martra and Paddy Kelly of Ballincollig with Eoin O'Mahony of Macroom also on the team panel. Cork play Dublin in their last league encounter and could yet qualify for the semifinal stage.

Cork, the winners of the National League Division One title for the past two seasons, are through to the semifinal of this year's competition after their defeat of Dublin at Pairc Uí Chaoimh.

Fintan Goold and Sean Kiely of Macroom, Nollaig O Laoire of Cill na Martra and Paddy Kelly of Ballincollig all saw action for Cork. Cork now play Down in the semifinal at Croke Park. That game will be preceded by the other semifinal between Kerry and Mayo.

Allianz National Football League - Semi Final Cork 2-17 Down 1-12

Cork are through to another National League final - their third successive Div. One final and fourth consecutive league final if one counts in the Div. Two final of 2009. They had an easy win over Down at Croke Park and now meet Mayo, who surprised Kerry after extra time in the other semifinal and

who, it will be remembered, beat Cork in the All-Ireland quarter final of last year. Mayo are the only team apart from Kerry to have beaten Cork in a major fixture at Croke Park since Conor Counihan took over in 2008.

Noel O'Leary of Cill na Martra, Fintan Goold of Macroom, and Paddy Kelly of Ballincollig all started for Cork and Daniel Goulding of Eire Og, coming back after injury, made an appearance for Cork as a substitute late in the game.

Allianz Football League Division I Final: Cork 2-10 Mayo 0-11

Cork gave a masterful second half performance to claim a third successive Allianz Football League Division I title at Croke Park. Having been outplayed for long periods of the first half, the Rebels went into the break 0-9 to 0-5 down, but with the wind at their backs in the second half, Conor Counihan's side outscored their opponents by 2-5 to 0-2 to secure the first three-in-a-row since Kerry managed the feat in the early 1970s. Cork hit 1-3 without reply at the start of the second half to wipe out Mayo's lead, with Colm O'Neill scoring their opening goal in the 47th minute, before Aidan Walsh's second killed off Mayo's challenge nine minutes later.

It was yet another miserable afternoon for the Westerners in Croke Park, losing their 11th national final in the last 12 they have contested. Both sides started nervously and struggled with a strong breeze that was blowing straight down the pitch into the Davin Stand end, favouring Cork in the

first half. Pearse O'Neill was gully of one of Cork's early wides before he steadied himself and hit the opening score of the game after six minutes.

Mayo were reliant on the free-taking prowess of Cillian O'Connor in the first quarter - a mostly stale affair - and the Young Footballer of the Year had the Westerners 0-3 to 0-2 ahead on 16 minutes, with Fintan Goold getting Cork's second. O'Connor nudged Mayo further ahead with another well-struck free from his hands before Goold responded for the champions, scoring their third from play in contrast to Mayo, whose first four scores came from frees. Keith Higgins' point after a trademark foray upfield was Mayo's first from play, before two more followed in a minute. O'Connor scored his fifth and first from play, but he probably should have had greater reward for his endeavour, choosing to go it alone and blast over the bar when a pass inside to the unmarked Barry Moran might have reaped a greater dividend. When Donal Vaughan broke upfield and slotted over another Mayo point, James Horan's side had stitched together three scores without reply and led by 0-7 to 0-3, having played the sharper football.

Two quick frees brought Cork to within two points - the second a long-range effort from Graham Cauty which bounced before going over and nearly embarrassed Mayo goalkeeper David Clarke - but it was a temporary reprieve. Mayo were dominant in the first half, and Andy Moran opened his account in added time, finishing a flowing move with a fine score. Mayo, however, were still not finished, and when Barry Moran



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claimed a towering catch from a kick-out, he fed the rampaging Vaughan, who was stopped abruptly in his tracks with a shuddering tackle by Pearse O'Neill, who was booked for the challenge. O'Connor sent over the resultant free, landing his sixth point of the half to leave his side 0-9 to 0-5 ahead at the break.

That gap was down to a point within three minutes of the restart. Alan O'Connor, Paddy Kelly and Pearse O'Neill showed just how significant the breeze was by hitting just as many scores from play in three minutes as Cork had managed in the entire first half. Cork were level on 43 minutes when Donncha O'Connor flashed over a point. O'Connor then played a pivotal role in Cork's goal, finding Colm O'Neill in space on the edge of the square and the Ballyclough man hammered home his fourth goal of the campaign, leaving Clarke with no chance. It was 10 minutes before Mayo managed a shot in the second half and five more before Kevin McLoughlin checked the Rebels' progress with a point.

But Mayo's hopes of a first league title since 2001 were dealt a hammer blow when Cork scored a lucky second goal. Goold's angled shot struck a post and fell kindly for Aidan Walsh, the Kanturk man making no mistake with an emphatic finish despite the attention of two defenders. Cork led by 2-9 to 0-10. A Conor Mortimer free and a brilliant Daniel Goulding point rounded off the scoring with five minutes left to leave five points between the sides in the end.

Cork Scorers: P O'Neill 0-2, F Goold 0-2, G Canty 0-1 (0-1f), D O'Connor 0-2 (0-1f), P Kelly 0-1, A O'Connor 0-1, A Walsh 1-0, C O'Neill 1-0, D Goulding 0-1.

Cork: A Quirke; R Carey, M Shields, E Cadogan; Noel O'Leary, G Canty, P Kissane; P O'Neill, A O'Connor; Fintan Goold, Paddy Kelly, P Kerrigan; C O'Neill, A Walsh, D O'Connor. Subs: B O'Driscoll for A Walsh (58-64, temp), Daniel Goudling for C O'Neill (64), N Murphy for A O'Connor (64), B O'Driscoll for P O'Neill (68).

Attendance: 22,827

Under 21 Football Munster Final:

Cork 2 - 12 Kerry 1 - 14

All Ireland Semi Final: Dublin 3 - 11 Cork 0 - 14 Cork defeated Kerry in the Munster final at Tralee in a dramatic game, which needed extra time to decide. It was Cork's seventh title in nine seasons and Kerry never led them. Kevin Hallissey of Eire Og at left half forward was the sole Mid Cork player on the county team.

In the All-Ireland semi at Portlaoise, Cork with Kevin Hallissey again in the half line of attack, were

deservedly beaten by a very powerful Dublin team and so for the second year in a row Cork, after a thrilling Munster campaign, lost out in the All-Ireland semifinal.

County Senior Hurling Championship

CIT 2 - 18 Muskerry 0 - 5

Muskerry hurlers exited the county senior hurling championship when they were beaten by CIT at Riverstown, their second defeat of the campaign. As the scoreline indicates, CIT, last year's defeated finalists were much too strong on this occasion and the divisional side can have no complaints at the outcome. It was 2-8 to 0-2 at half time and CIT could afford to wait until the second half before introducing a fine hurler like Aidan Walsh into the action. Muskerry did well last year but the loss of several players since has meant a weakened side this year. Mark O'Sullivan (2), Ciaran O'Sullivan, Aidan O'Mahony and Shane Sexton were the scorers of the Muskerry points. Muskerry: Paul Ryan (Eire Og): Liam Jennings (Ballincollig), Noel Galvin (Ballincollig), John Barrett (Blarney): Neil Buckley (Aghabullogue), Stephen O'Donoghue (Ballincollig), John Carey (Dripsey): Tom Kenny (Grenagh), Aidan O'Mahony (Inniscarra): Alan Donovan (Ballincollig), Ciaran O'Sullivan (Ballincollig), Mark O'Sullivan (Dripsey): Mark Cremin (Blarney), Tim O'Leary (Eire Og), Donal Corkery (Cloughduv). Subs: Conor Cotter (Kilmichael), Shane Sexton (Donoughmore), Brian Ahern (Cloughduv), Kelvin Cummins (Grenagh), Colm Ryan (Cloughduv).

Three Muskerry men, Niall O'Doherty of Grenagh, Colm Casey of Inniscarra and John Corkery of Aghabullogue saw action with the students of CIT. John O'Callaghan of Inniscarra was in action with UCC in their championship victory over Carbery in a replay.

County Senior Football Championship

Muskerry 0 - 5 Avondhu 0 - 9

Muskerry footballers are out of the Cork Senior Football championship after their second-round defeat to Avondhu under lights at Riverstown in miserable freezing conditions. Muskerry with five Cork senior football panellists in their lineup, Noel O'Leary, Liam Shorten, Fintan Goold, Sean Kiely and Daniel Goulding, were a well-prepared team but when the pressure came on in the final quarter it was the all-round balance of the winners which told. Ray Carey, Paudie Kissane, Colm O'Neill, Cian O'Riordan of Mallow and sharp shooter Teddy O'Shea of Ballyclough all stepped up to the mark and Avondhu with four unanswered points in the

final quarter were deserving winner at the final whistle. Muskerry kicked 12 wides in all, six in each half, Avondhu kicked only three in all, and these statistics are pretty telling ones in explaining the outcome. Still, it was a match Muskerry could have saved with a little bit of luck with their goal chances.

Muskerry started well with two points in the opening four minutes. Daniel Goulding scored after only a minute and Paddy Lynch added another point three minutes later. Muskerry, though assisted by the wind, did not score again until Fintan Goold pointed in the 27th minute, a scoreless period of 23 minutes in which six wides were recorded. Avondhu in that period had put five points on the board and so at half time led by 0-5 to 0-3.

On the restart Muskerry missed some good chances of scores during a period of control. Muskerry at last cut the deficit with a point from a Daniel Goulding '45' in the 40th minute. Two minutes later the sides were level when Liam Shorten pointed a free for Muskerry and one would have expected that the Mid Cork side could now drive on to victory. They were not to score again however and the very experienced Avondhu side showed the benefits of being in last year's championship semifinal with a very controlled final quarter. They added four points to their total, one from a free, and were in control at the finish. Muskerry: James O'Connell (Macroom): Amhlaoibh O Loinsuigh (Beal Atha'n Ghaorthaidh), Nollaig O'Laoire (Cill na Martra), Aidan Corkery (Donoughmore): Seamas O Mathuna (Naomh Aban), Sean Kiely (Macroom), Dermot O'Herlihy (Eire Og): Sean O Ceilleachair (Cill na Martra), Fintan Goold (Macroom): Paddy Lynch (Clondrohid), Conor Brosnan (Ballinora), Martin O Conchuir (Cill na Martra): Daniel Goulding (Eire Og), Liam Seartan (Beal Atha'n Ghaorthaidh), Declan Ambrose (Aghinagh). Subs: Cathal Vaughan (Iveleary), Colm O Laoire (Cill na Martra), both used. The panel was completed by Eddy Walsh (Ballinora), Conor Hayes (Dripsey), Kevin Barrett (Kilmurry), Leonaird O Conchuir (Beal Atha'n Ghaorthaidh), Conor Kelleher (Donoughmore), Maidhchi O Duinnin (Cill na Martra), Conor O'Neill (Grenagh), Tadgh O Scannaill (Naomh Aban), Colm de hilde (Naomh Aban). The selectors were Miceal O Criodain (Naomh Aban), Leo Lowney (Eire Og), Tim Keelan (Donoughmore), William Buckley (Dripsey), Gearoid O hEaluithe (Cill na Martra). Team Sponosrs were The Auld Triangle Bar and Restaurant, Macroom.

Players and Management team were thanked by Acting Board Chairmen Pat Malone for their



efforts all year. The Leas Cathaoirleach said that everybody had given of their best and forecast that success will come to this group of players if all persevere with their efforts.

Allianz National Hurling League

Cork 1 – 25 (28) Tipperary 2 – 15 (21)

Cork hurlers under new manager Jimmy Barry Murphy, his coaches and selectors, are through to the National Hurling League Division One final after a thrilling win over Tipperary in Thurles. Tom Kenny of Grenagh came on as a second half substitute for Cork. Cork have been playing some great hurling since the league started in late February and have the hurling followers back in full support of a very young and skillful team whose stickwork is a joy to watch.

Cork play Kilkenny in the league final and it will be interesting to see if they stand up to the physical challenge they will undoubtedly get in that game from the All-Ireland champions.

National League Final

Cork Hurlers were heavily defeated by Kilkenny in the National Hurling League Division One final at Thurles. Cork were not mentally ready for the onslaught from the ruthless champions and the game was over after ten minutes when Kilkenny led by 2-6 to 0-1. It was a major disappointment but a reality check for the Cork supporters. The road back to the top will be a difficult one but the team is young and all are good hurlers and must be persevered with. No Mid Cork hurler figured on the county team in this final.

Kilkenny 3-21 Cork 0-16

Kilkenny fizzed through the opening period in Thurles like men who were expertly programmed

to impress on Cork's new-look team that there's a world of difference between routine league games and a final. Kilkenny led by 2-6 to 0-1 after 11 minutes, setting Cork a recovery target which was never likely to come anywhere close to being realised. By half-time Kilkenny were 14 points ahead (3-11 to 0-6), leaving Cork facing a further 35 minutes of torture. "From half-time on, we were fighting for respectability," said Jimmy Barry-Murphy in an honest assessment of a game where the warning lights flashed for Cork right from the off. "We'd have liked to get a few goals to take the bare look off the scoreboard but we couldn't manage it. "It's very disappointing to be beaten by so much — we didn't show what we're capable of." Kilkenny grabbed power in a manner which left Cork in no doubt that they were up against a much different outfit than the one they had beaten by two points at Pairc Ui Chaoimh. It was as if the sight of the trophy gleaming on the presentation podium concentrated Kilkenny minds to a degree that took them much closer to the championship pace than Cork. Their third goal arrived just before the break, when the Cork defence finally surrendered to the sheer weight of pressure of another wave of attack, allowing TJ Reid an unchallenged strike which whizzed to the net. Cork scored only two points from open play in the first half, whereas Kilkenny landed 3-7, with the remaining 0-4 evenly shared off frees from Larkin and Paddy Hogan. There was never the remotest chance that Cork would peg back a 14-point lead so the only real target they could give themselves for the second half was to make some inroads into the deficit. They failed on that front too (the second-half was drawn on 0-10 each) and even when Kilkenny dropped the tempo, they still had the craft to close Cork down.

It all helped to install them as league champions for the sixth time in the Brian Cody era

Cork: P Horgan 0-9 (6f, 1 pen), D Sweetnam 0-2, J Gardiner, N McCarthy, J Coughlan, W Egan (f), C Naughton 0-1 each.

Cork — M Coleman; S O'Neill, S McDonnell, B Murphy; S Og O hAilpin, E Cadogan, W Egan; L McLoughlin, J Gardiner; C Lehane, P Cronin, N McCarthy; L O'Farrell, P O'Sullivan, P Horgan. Subs: D Sweetnam (h-t), C O'Sullivan (h-t), C Naughton (46), J Coughlan (50).

Munster Minor Hurling

Cork minors lost to Limerick at home in the Munster Minor Hurling championship and so faced Kerry in the loser's group to keep their chances of honours alive. They had a facile win in this game and now face Clare at Ennis in a knock out semifinal.

Munster Minor Football Championship

Cork 3 – 13 Limerick 0 – 6

Cork minor footballers had a facile win over Limerick at the Gaelic Grounds and now meet All Ireland champions Tipperary in the Munster semifinal. Mid Cork was well represented on the county team with Sean O'Leary (Iveleary and Western Gaels) at left corner back, Colm de hide (Naomh Aban) at centre back, Cathal Vaughan (Iveleary) at centre forward starting and Aidan Moynihan (Canovee) and Peter Kelleher (Kilmichael/Western Gaels) coming on as substitutes in the second half. Darren Kelly of Macroom was also a sub for Cork as was Daniel O'Connor of Eire OG.



Aghinagh Juniors 2012



Clondrohid U21 2012.



Iveleary Juniors 2012



Macroom Intermediates 2012



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Some young players.



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Erika and Martin O'Brien with her presentation from Macroom GAA Club.

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AGHINAGH GAA:

Aghinagh G.A.A.Lotto Results 21st February, 2022
The jackpot was €1,300.00. The numbers drawn were 5, 26 and 28. There was no jackpot winner. Consolation prizes: €50.00 Jerry Noonan, Aghabullogue. €20 each to Jack & Thady Murphy, Carrigathow; Seamus O'Leary, Droumduve; Bina O'Connell, C/O Láine; Noel & Kathy Hinchion, Mashanaglass.

Aghinagh G.A.A.Lotto Results 28th February, 2022
The jackpot was €1,450.00. The numbers drawn were 27, 30 and 33. There was no jackpot winner. Consolation prizes: €50.00 to Stephen & Flora Murphy, Carrigathou. €20 each to Mgt. O'Connor, Lyroe; Seanie Burns, C/O Martin; Niamh McCarthy, Castleview; Alan O'Shea, Coolkisha.

COACHFORD AFC:

Coachford AFC Lotto Results 28/2/2022
Jackpot: €1,800. Numbers Drawn: 1 - 13 - 27. No Winner: €40 Mags & Yvonne. €20 Jim Bergin. The Crowley Girls. Frank Buckley. Eileen Martin (Main Street).

RCPA (RYLANE COMMUNITY PARK ASSOCIATION) LOTTO RESULTS:

Feb 28th 2022 RCPA (Rylane Community Park Association) Lotto results:

Winning numbers: 12, 19 & 28 Jackpot - €2,100

No Winner

Lucky Dip winners who received €20 each: Rita Ring (Rylane); Martina Kelleher (Rylane); Conor & Noreen McSweeney (Knockrour - yearly); Elaine O'Sullivan (Rylane - online). Seller's prize: Crowleys (Rylane)

Next week's Jackpot will be €2,200.

Monday Feb 14th 2022 RCPA (Rylane Community Park Association) Lotto results:

Winning numbers: 13, 23 & 37 Jackpot - €2,000

KHAA upcoming lecture:

Wednesday March 23rd, 8pm Independence Museum Kilmurry. Lecture by Kevin Corcoran 'The Gearagh, Past, Present and Future'. Admission free for members, €5 for non-members.

St John the Baptist Church

Rosary - St John the Baptist Church, Bealnamorrive, every Tuesday night during lent at 8pm, all welcome.

Rosary and prayer for the people of Ukraine

Rosary and prayer, St John the baptist church, Bealnamorrive, Friday the 18th of March, 8pm to 12 midnight, all welcome

Macroom Flower & Garden Club

Club Meeting Thursday 10th March 2022
Coolcower House - A.G.M. Followed by Gardening talk with guest speaker Liam Grainger Greenpiece Nurseries at 8.00p.m.
New Members and Visitors most welcome. Further enquires 087-9821708

No Winner

Lucky Dip winners who received €20 each: Kathleen Crowley (Coachford); Kay Ring (Rylane); Eileen O'Connell (Rylane - yearly); Ava Crean (Rylane - online). Seller's prize: Sheila O'Sullivan (Rylane)
Next week's Jackpot will be €2,100.

CLONDROHID LOTTO G.A.A.:

LOTTO: The 3 Early Bird yearly lotto tickets, the draw took place last week. There were 73 tickets in the drum and the 3 winners were Thomas O'Connor, Louise Corcoran, Siobhan Walsh
Results for Feb 23

€70 Denise Murphy c/o Laine

€20 Patrick Casey Rusheen, Jerry Dineen Ballincollig, Marian, Claire, Jack c/o Laine, Margaret Crowley Dromree

Results for Mar 2 - Jackpot €7,600

€70 Margaret Crowley Dromree

€20 Mary Cooney c/o Greyhound, Helen Kelleher Aghabullogue, Ann McSweeney Carrighphooka, Ann & Marcella Kelleher Moulnahorna

MACROOM GAA LOTTO RESULTS:

22 February 2022 : No Winner - €70. Jennifer & Austin Murphy, 9 Cork Street, Macroom. €20. Ella & Leah Goold, Gurteenroe, Macroom. €20. Pat Kelleher, Ford Dealers, Macroom. €20. Joe Carroll, Dooniskey, Lissarda. €20. Gerard Angland, New Street, Macroom. €20. John & Carmel O'Mahony, Cork Street, Macroom. Next Week's Jackpot €3200. Tickets available at usual outlets or online www.macroomgaa.ie

01 March 2022

No Winner - €70. Mort Twomey, Rockboro, Macroom. €20. Judy O'Sullivan, Kilnagurteen, Macroom. €20. Conor Buckley, Lower Farren, Co. Cork. €20. Dave Martin, Rathalisk, Macroom. €20. Breda Mc Carthy, Ballyjourney, Macroom. €20. Aidan O'Shea, Sullane Weirs, Macroom. Next Week's Jackpot €3400 -Tickets Available from Usual Outlets or online at www.macroomgaa.ie

KILMURRY G.A.A.:

28.2.22 lotto results: The Lotto wasn't won this week. Congratulations to the consolation winners
Next week it goes to €1,700 it will take place on

the 7.3.22. The club lotto ticket can be bought at: - Sheila's in Kilmurry village -Quik pick in Crookstown -The Post Office in Crookstown
-Mai Fitz's in lissarda - Centra Aherla
-Spar Lissarda -Cuddihy's Cloughduv
-The Diamond Bar at Beal Na Bláth
-The Castlemore Arms -The Cornerstone
-Clifford's bar and the club force website <https://clubforce.com/clubs/kilmurry-gaa-cork/>
Kilmurry Gaa lotto from the 21.2.22: the Lotto wasn't won this week. Congratulations to the consolation winners

MACROOM FC: 28/02/22

Jackpot: €2,400. Numbers drawn: 23, 25, 33. No Winner. €80 Joan Hunt c/o Twomey's Butchers. €20 each: Pat O'Riordan, John Moss c/o Murray's, Darrin Ring c/o Darrin, Dan Cronin c/o Connie.

Berrings Macra Information Night

There will be a Macra information night held in An Sibín on Friday the 11th of March at 8.30pm
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coffee morning at our Macroom Residential service. We are asking you all to help us raise much needed funds for Acquired Brain Injury Ireland Services this year by making a donation to one of our charity boxes located in our local cafes and shops or online www.abiireland.ie/events/bakeforbraininjury2022/

10TH ANNIVERSARY

Bake for Brain Injury

MARCH 2022

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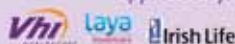
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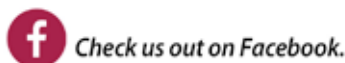
A Word of Victory

Welcome back dear student, I pray that you are growing with us as we study God's Word together. There are so many things competing for our attention at present. Some of the issues merit attention: for instance, the attack against Ukraine and her people - for whom we are praying God's hand of deliverance and protection upon every day. Other things are not worthy of attention, tactics spun by the devil to distract, bringing clutter and confusion into our overfilled minds. It seems like many people are suffering with A.D.D. type symptoms as a result of being constantly bombarded by negative news reports, widespread fear, and never-ending pages of social media posts. Never have adults and children had to deal with such information overload. A.D.D. stands for Attention Deficit Disorder. It affects physical learning hindering the ability to organise, prioritise and focus, but many also battle something similar even spiritually and emotionally, and find life exhausting and difficult as a result. Concentration is so essential to our learning, and planning, and completing tasks. Our lives revolve around a series of daily tasks that require our attention in order to be successfully completed. If we find it hard to focus, plan and prioritise then every part of life is adversely affected.

So, how do we untangle ourselves from unnecessary clutter, filtering out the garbage, yet retaining the important stuff in order to be able to move forward? By speaking out and meditating upon God's Word (Joshua 1:5-9; John 15:4-7). God wants you to overcome the problems that are blocking you from reaching goals by receiving and understanding His immense love. God is for you! He is not against you (Romans 8:37-39). Fear will rob you from entering into the destiny and plans that God has for you (Jeremiah 29:11). Fear is the primary weapon that Satan uses, and he is the one behind all confusion and chaos (John 10:10). "For the one who fears has not been made perfect in love" (1 John 4:18). Make a decision to get rid of fear - repent for allowing fear to influence and control you, and ask Jesus to come into your life as Lord and fill you with His Peace, because He is the Prince of Peace - the only One Who can still the storms and restore calm (Isaiah 9:6; Psalms 107:29; 1 Timothy 2:5).

To counteract the lies of the devil, let's study this further using these letters 'A.D.D.', beginning with the letter 'A' - for Attention. "My child, pay attention to what I say. Listen carefully to My Words. Don't lose sight of them. Let them penetrate deep into your heart, for they bring life to those who find them, and healing to their whole body" (Proverbs 4:20-22 NLT). Next, the letter 'D' - for Deficit, meaning loss or shortfall, "...when your faith is tested your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete - lacking nothing" (James 1:4). Finally the last letter 'D' for Disorder - "for God is not a God of confusion and disorder, but of peace" (1 Corinthians 14:33). "You will keep in perfect peace all whose minds are stayed upon You" (Isaiah 26:3-4; Psalm 23). Write out these Scriptures and pray them aloud over your mind, and allow the Lord to restore your peace.

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5TH ANNIVERSARY
Who passed away on the
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SHEILA WHITE

12TH ANNIVERSARY
Who passed away on the
14th March 2010


Ballyverane, Macroom

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

✝

This day and every day
greatly missed by John and family

THE MIRACLE PRAYER



Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked many favours. This time I ask you this special one, (mention favour). Take it dear heart of Jesus and place it within your heart where your father sees it. Then in his merciful eyes it will become your favour, not mine. Amen. Say this prayer three times for three days and your favour will be granted. Never known to fail. Must promise publication of prayer.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



Remembering with love

MICHEÁL (HALLIE) BARRY

Raleigh, Macroom

Whose anniversary occurs on the 17th March

As we lovingly remember Hallie on the first anniversary of his passing, Mickey, Mary, Liam, Sinéad, Fran and Shane wish to extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who supported and sympathised with us at a very difficult time.

Thank you to those who called to the house or phoned and offered their kindness, for the mass cards, enrolments, messages of condolences and letters of sympathy these were all so comforting. To friends and neighbours who sent food, we are forever grateful for your generosity. Our deepest appreciation to anyone who helped out at the scene and to the emergency services whose professionalism was outstanding.

To Fr. Joe O'Mahony, Canon Donal Roberts, Fr John Keane and Monsignor James O'Donnell, thank you for your support, for celebrating Hallies Funeral Mass and for your many visits to the house. We took great courage from your presence.

Heartfelt thanks to all those who paid their respects by standing on the roadside, who gathered outside the church and at the graveside on Hallies final journey, we were very touched by these lovely gestures.

Thank you to Cyril, Shane and all at Casey's Undertakers for your professional handling of all the funeral arrangements in such a sensitive, calm, reassuring manner.

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

The holy sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

Hallies anniversary Mass will be held in St. Colmans Church on the 17th March at 10.30am.



Always loved, always cherished.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

CORNELIUS (NEILY) DUGGAN

Rossmore, Kilbarry, Macroom.

Who passed away peacefully on 16th March 2021

As we lovingly remember Neily on his first anniversary, we his family, his sister Sheila, nephew Charlie, nieces Helen, Lillian, Isabel and extended families would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all our friends, neighbours and all those who sympathised with us. We are grateful for your prayers and support.

We are forever indebted to the staff of Macroom Community Hospital for the excellent care and attention Neily received in the months preceding his passing.

Special thanks to his wonderful neighbours in Rossmore who visited him while in the hospital.

Thank you to Fr. Anthony O Mahony, sacristan Marie Noonan, Norma & Martina for the music, Cyril Casey and staff for their kindness and professionalism.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually please accept this as a token of our appreciation. The Holy sacrifice of the mass will be offered for all your intentions.



Neily's Anniversary Mass will be on Sunday 20th March at 11.30am in Inchigeela Church.

2nd ANNIVERSARY

In loving memory of

MAURA RING (NEE O'CALLAGHAN)

Caherbrane, Clondrohid

Who died on March 19, 2020

At the rising of the sun and it's going down, we remember her.

At the opening of the buds and the coming of spring, we remember her.

In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of the summer, we remember her.

In the rustling of the leaves, and in the beauty of autumn, we remember her.

In the chill of winter and the blowing of the wind, we remember her.

So long as we live, she too shall live for she is part of us.

When we grow old and forgetful we still know God remembers her.



Sadly missed by Jeremiah and Mary

Weep not that I have gone
But rejoice that I have been.

40th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

JERRY (JOEY) O'CONNELL

**Lisboy More, Kilnamartyra
Who died on 11th March 1982**

*May the roads rise to meet you,
May the wind be at your back,
May the sunshine warm upon your face,
The rains fall soft upon your fields,
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.*



Always remembered by your loving family.
Rest in Peace.

2nd ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

DERMOT CHAPMAN

**Late Oakwood, Macroom, Co.Cork
who died on 19th March 2020**

*Happy memories will keep forever,
Of days when we were all together,
They bring a smile often a tear,
But always a wish you were here.*

Will those who think of Dermot today a little prayer to Jesus say.



Sadly missed by his wife Joan and family.

Anniversary Mass on Saturday 26th March at 10am at St. Colmans Church.

22nd ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

JERRY COTTER

**Late of Ballingearry Village
Died 10th March 2000**

*Jerry a native of the village,
He loved its every stone,
In the early days of motorcars, He had the only one,
May he see the light of Heaven
May he have eternal rest.
Although you had to leave us,
You are never far away,
As we fondly recall the memories,
And the things you would say,
We miss you from your fireside chair,
But your work on earth was done,
And so may God reward you,
With the crown you've truly won.*



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12th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

DENIS (DENNY) MOSS

**Clonmacow, Crookstown, Cork
Died 12th March 2010**

*Those special memories of you,
Will always bring a smile,
If only we could have you back for just a
little while,
Then we could sit and talk again,
Just like we used to do.
You always meant so very much
And always will do too.
The fact that you're no longer here
Will always cause us pain
But you're forever in our hearts
Until we meet again.*



Always remembered by his wife Hannah & family.

10th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

MICHAEL O'HERLIHY

**Milleen, Kilbarry, Macroom
Who died on 21st March 2012**

*A silent thought, a secret tear
Always a wish that you were still here
Life goes on, we know that's true
But it's not the same since we lost you.*



Always remembered by his loving wife Mary, son Denis, daughter in law Breda, & grandchildren Aimee & Michéal

10th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

TIMOTHY GALVIN

**Gortaneadin, Inchigeela, Co. Cork
Who died 18th February 2012**

*Deep are the memories
Precious they stay,
No passing of time,
Can take them away.*



Fondly remembered by family, friends and neighbours.

5th & 12th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

JUSTIN & SHEILA WHITE

**Whose anniversaries occur
on 14th & 17th March**

*There'll be blue birds over
The white cliffs of Dover
Tomorrow just you wait and see
There'll be love and laughter
and peace ever after
Tomorrow when the world is free.*



Fondly remembered by your daughters Mary, Liz and Sheila

THE MIRACLE PRAYER



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

Take it dear heart of Jesus and place it within your heart where your father sees it. Then in his merciful eyes it will become your favour, not mine. Amen.

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

Never known to fail.
Must promise publication of prayer.

x

3rd ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

PAT O'RIORDAN

**Colman's Pk, Macroom
Who died on 19th March 2019**

*We thought of you today
But that is nothing new,
We thought of you yesterday
And will tomorrow too,
We think of you in silence
And make no outward show,
For what it meant to lose you
Only those who love you know,
Remembering you is easy
We do it everyday,
It's the heartache of losing you
That will never go away.*



Always remembered by his loving family Margaret, Rosemary, Patrick, Michael, Eileen and his extended family

4th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

ABBIE O'LEARY

**Gortnahoctee, Inchigeela
Who died 10th March 2018**

*Its sometimes hard to know,
Why somethings happen as they do,
For so much joy and happiness,
was centred around you Abbie,
It seems so hard to comprehend,
That your no longer here,
But all the happy memories
Will help to keep you near.*



Fondly remembered today and always
Your loving partner Mickie.

20th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

PAT KELLEHER

**Aharas, Ballingeary
Whose 20th Anniversary occurred on
February 20th 2022**

*No longer in our lives to share,
But in our hearts, you're always there,
Will those who think of Pat today,
A little prayer to Jesus say.*



Always remembered by Joan & Family

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8th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

KITTY BARRY

Who died on the 11th March 2014.

*God saw you getting tired
And a cure was not to be
So he put his arms around you
And whispered "come with me".
With tearful eyes we watched you
And saw you pass away
And although we love you dearly
We could not make you stay.
A golden heart stopped beating
Hard working hands at rest
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.*



Sadly missed by her loving husband Garry and Family.

26th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

TED O'CONNELL

Shronegare, Clondrohid, Macroom
Who died on March 6th 1996

*Time changes many things,
But not the memory this day brings,
You always had a smile to share,
A laugh, a joke and a time to care,
A beautiful nature, warm and true,
We just want to say
we will always love and miss you.*



Fondly remembered by your wife Eileen and daughter Noirin.

4th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

MARGARET MCELROY

Aghavrin, Coachford,
who died on the 15th March, 2018

*The eyes we loved are sleeping
The hands that toiled are still,
The one who did so much for us,
Is resting at Gods will,
Loving thoughts of times together
Memories of you will last forever.*



Dearly loved and sadly missed by her loving family.

8th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

JERRY VAUGHAN

Teerbeg, Macroom, Co. Cork.
Who died on the 17-03-2014.

*We think of you in silence,
we often speak your name.*



Teresa + Marie

8th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

HANCY HUBBARD

Inchalea, Aghinagh
Who died on 5th March 2014

*Deep in our hearts
Your memory is kept
To love, to cherish
And never forget.*



Always remembered by her loving husband Ned and family

7th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

MARY (MAURA) RING

Colmans pk, Macroom
Who died 14th March 2015

*Deep in our hearts
Your memory is kept
To love
To cherish
And never forget*



Always remembered
Niall, Ruth, Grace, David, Olan & Keelin

7th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

MARY (MAURA) RING

Colmans pk, Macroom
Who died 14th March 2015

*To us you were
someone special,
Someone set apart,
Your memory will live forever,
Engraved within our hearts.*



Sadly missed & fondly remembered
by her husband Ally Ring & family

7th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

MARY (MAURA) RING

Colmans pk, Macroom
Who died 14th March 2015

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



Always in our thoughts
Darrin, Aine, Adam & Luke

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