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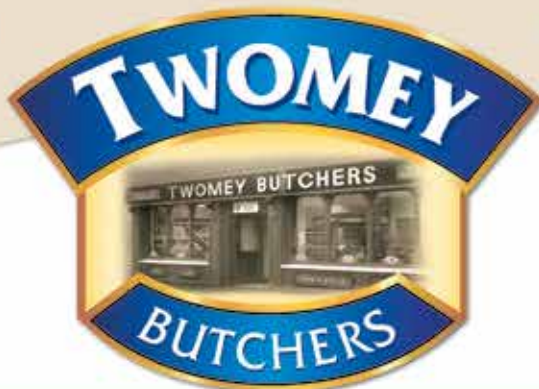
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As always submissions as Gaeilge are always welcome too!

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UPCOMING EVENTS AT MACROOM LIBRARY – ALL ARE FREE TO ATTEND

Purlies Knitting Group will meet on Thursday February 16th at 11.30am.

Musical Morning will take place on Friday February 17th at 11am.

Ciorcal Cainte will take place on Thursday February 23rd at 11.30am.

Story Time for toddlers is on Saturdays at midday.



ART EXHIBITION SPACE

If you are a local artist and would like to display a selection of your work, please call in to us at Macroom Library to arrange for your art to be displayed in our art exhibition space. We would love to show off your creations!

HELP US TO MAKE OUR LIBRARY MORE AGE-FRIENDLY

We're trying to make our library more Age-Friendly for our elderly visitors. To do this, we have created a short questionnaire for you to complete.

We would love to read your thoughts and ideas on how we can make your library-going experience much more enjoyable and easier for you – Clearer signage? Better lighting? Less noise? All feedback is welcome.

The anonymous questionnaires are available in the library and, once completed, they can be put in the box near the library desk. Thank you.



Age-Friendly Book Trolley to help elderly visitors to the library



Spare reading glasses for elderly visitors if they have forgotten their own



MACROOM FLOWER & GARDEN CLUB

Macroom Flower and Garden Club are having their AGM in Coolcower House on February 9th at 7pm, followed by a demonstration by members at 8pm. There will also be a presentation to a local charity. For any information on membership, classes and workshops please contact 0879821708.



This is the time of year for planting bare rooted trees. It is sometimes said that planting should be carried out when there's an 'R' in the month. However, April can be a bit late and a deadline of mid-March is more appropriate. One hundred willow rods were recently planted to extend the live willow tunnel in the fairy garden area. This is one of the popular sensory items in the sensory garden. In the coming weeks our volunteers will be engaged in planting 200 young trees, many of these in Colmans Park to add to the biodiversity



One hundred willow rods were recently planted to extend the live willow tunnel in the fairy garden area, by Macroom Tidy Towns.

planting carried out last year. These trees have been collected are 'trenched in', ready and waiting. Varieties include, Scots Pine, Hazel, Birch, Oak, Walnut, Sweetchestnut, Apple, Pear, Plum, Cobnuts, Spindle, Guelder Rose, Holly, Hawthorn, Beech. Anybody willing to assist in this should make contact.

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UNDER OFFER

TEERGAY, KILBARRY, MACROOM, CO. CORK, P12XC63

Killian Lynch auctioneers are pleased to offer this beautiful 4 bedroom detached house on C.1 acres. This property which is surrounded by lush green fields & breath taking views gives you almost a fort like feel with its bridge driveway crossing over a small stream. The house which is in pristine condition throughout comprises of C.2500 sq ft living accommodation throughout. This property boasts a stunning modern kitchen, 1st floor living room with vaulted ceilings & beautiful south facing views. It is then complemented with a large garage for storage/car parking. The house is located in a rural setting only a C.5 minute drive to Macroom town, C.4 minute drive to Kilbarray school & C.40 minute drive to Cork city. BER: B2

GUIDE PRICE: €395,000



VIEWING ADVISED

35 OAKWOOD, MACROOM, CO. CORK, P12 CD53

Killian Lynch auctioneers are pleased to offer this beautiful 4-bedroom semi detached property located in the mature development of Oakwood. The property which comprises of C. 1130 sq ft living accommodation is only C.4 minutes walking distance from all local amenities & would suit a 1st time buyer or retired couple. Only C.30 minutes' drive to Cork city & C.30 minutes' drive to Killarney. BER: C2

GUIDE PRICE: €265,000



NEW TO THE MARKET

GORTLOUGHRA, KEALKILL, CO. CORK, P75CV40

Killian Lynch Auctioneers are pleased to offer this 3 bedroom traditional farmhouse on C.21 acres agricultural land. The farmhouse is accessed via a shared lane way and is in need of renovation throughout, however it is in good structural condition and comprises of C.828 sq ft living accommodation. The land which has extensive road frontage is divided into two sections of the house and outbuildings on C.9.78 acres and the 2nd section comprising of C.11.2 acres. The lands are of mixed nature but are suitable for grazing purposes. The property is located in a rural quiet setting C.20 minutes from Bantry, C.30 minutes from Macroom and C.1 hour from Cork city. BER: G

GUIDE PRICE: €220,000



1 SITE REMAINING

TOONSBRIDGE, MACROOM, CO. CORK

Killian Lynch auctioneers are pleased to offer this property with full planning permission for 4 individual sites. The sites range in size from C.0.6 acres to C.0.68 acres. This property is ideal for any person looking for countryside living and each site has no restrictions on applicants. Macroom town is located C.5km east of this property and Cork city a C.35 minute drive. BER: EXEMPT

GUIDE PRICE: €90,000



VIEWING ADVISED

9 THE LAWN, MOUNTMASSEY, MACROOM, CO. CORK, P12KX54

Killian Lynch auctioneers are pleased to offer this pristine 4 bedroom detached property which comprises of C.1450 sq ft living accommodation. This spacious house which includes a large back garden must be seen to be appreciated. The house which is an ideal family home is located within walking distance of all local amenities, C.30 minutes drive to Cork city, C.30 minutes drive to Killarney & 8 minutes walk to Macroom town centre. BER: C1

GUIDE PRICE: €325,000



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RALEIGH SOUTH, MACROOM, CO. CORK, P12DC94

Killian Lynch auctioneers are pleased to offer this stunning 4 bedroom bungalow on C. 0.56 acres. The property along with its spectacular panoramic views comes with C.959 sq ft living accommodation. This property is situated in a scenic, quiet area & must be seen to be appreciated. Only C.7 minutes drive to Macroom town, C.40 minutes drive to Cork city & Killarney. BER: D1

GUIDE PRICE: €315,000



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NO.5 OAKWOOD, MACROOM, CO. CORK, P12F961

Killian Lynch Auctioneers are pleased to offer this pristine 3 bedroom semi detached house with front and rear gardens and a very large side entrance. This property which is in excellent condition throughout comprises of C.1011 sq ft living accommodation. Located within walking distance of Macroom town centre, all local services and amenities and only C. 30 minutes drive from Cork city. BER: D1

GUIDE PRICE: €250,000



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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 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 qualifies 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



VIEWING ADVISED

48 OAKWOOD, MACROOM, CO. CORK, P12DW67

Killian Lynch Auctioneers are pleased to offer this beautiful 3 bedroom semi detached property located in the mature and popular development of Oakwood. The property which comprises of C.1000 sq ft spacious living accommodation is close to all amenities and would suit a 1st time buyer or retired couple. BER: C2

GUIDE PRICE: €250,000

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Macroom area, Public Meetings for Communities, an opportunity to have your say

IRD Duhallow are holding a series of community meetings during February and March to give local people an opportunity to discuss their ideas and plans for their communities. This information will feed into IRD Duhallow's LEADER and Social Inclusion plans for the region. The first public meeting will be held in the Castle Hotel, Macroom on Thursday February 16th @ 8.00pm with representatives of IRD Duhallow Board and Staff who will give feedback on previous meetings and consultations.

The information collected will inform future planning for the area and it is important that the meetings are well attended to make sure

that the needs of your community are included in future funding. It is important that everyone, both young and old as well as those not already involved in the community groups attend and avail of the opportunity to have your say. IRD wants to hear your voice, and all local groups and organisation are invited to send representatives.

**MEETINGS ARE SCHEDULED AS FOLLOWS:
MACROOM**

Thursday 16th Feb @ 8pm in Castle hotel, Macroom;

RUSHEEN/BEALNAMORRIVE

Tuesday 21st Feb @ 7.30 in Rusheen Hall;

BALLINAGREE

Tuesday 28th Feb @ 8pm in School Hall;

RYLANE/AGHABULLOGUE/COACHFORD

Tuesday 28th Feb @ 7.30pm in school hall Rylane;

CLONDROHID/CARRIGANIMMA

Thursday 9th March @8.30pm in Clondrohid Community centre;

INCHIGEELAGH/KILLBARRY/TOAMES is yet to be confirmed.

Any queries on these meetings can, in the first instance, be addressed by John Lyons, 086/8175859, IRD's local Community representative on the Board. An opportunity not to be missed.

MACROOM GIRL GUIDES

MacEgan Senior Branch attend "Together We Thrive"

Members of MacEgan Senior Branch took part in the South West Region's overnight event "Together We Thrive" in Minane Bridge. After ice-breaker activities to get to know all the other Senior Branch members from around the Region, they took part in a variety of activities including; planning programmes for themselves and for meetings for the younger members of Guiding, devising new and innovative activities to share with their peers, competed in a table quiz and came 2nd and took part in Taskmaster challenges.



Emer O'Connor being presented with her Silver Gaisce – the president's Award, by Ciara O'Reilly South West Regional Commissioner and Deirdre Henley President and Gaisce Coordinator of Irish Girl Guides. Congratulations to Emer on her achievement.

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Macroom Guides caters for girls from the ages of 5 upwards. For information contact macroomguides@gmail.com

MINNESOTA MUSICIAN WINS SEÁN Ó RIADA GOLD MEDAL

Joe de Georgeo, from Minneapolis, Minnesota in the USA was the winner of the prestigious Seán Ó Riada Gold Medal traditional music competition on Friday night. Joe was one of fourteen fiddlers from across Ireland and the US who competed in the competition final, presented by musician and broadcaster Peadar Ó Riada live on RTÉ Raidió na Gaeltachta from the Rochestown Park Hotel in Cork.

Joe, 20, began playing classical violin at the age of four. His family moved to Galway for a year when Joe was five in 2007, where his father started tin whistle lessons with the legendary Mary Bergin, and that was his first exposure to Irish traditional music.

After returning to the US, Joe and his sister began taking lessons with local fiddle player Jode Dowling at the Center for Irish Music in St. Paul, Minnesota. By the time Joe was in high school, he had moved away from classical music and was focusing exclusively on traditional music and began participating in various fleadhhs. Joe has played with and



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learned from James Kelly and Seán Gavin, two of the other major musical influences he mentions, together with Jode Dowling. Seán Gavin is also a former Seán Ó Riada Gold Medal winner.

Of his win, Joe said: "It feels great. Some amazing musicians have won in the past, and I'm really honoured, especially coming to it as an American, to now be part of that group of musicians. Playing in a solo competition like this was a new experience for me, and to win it was incredible."

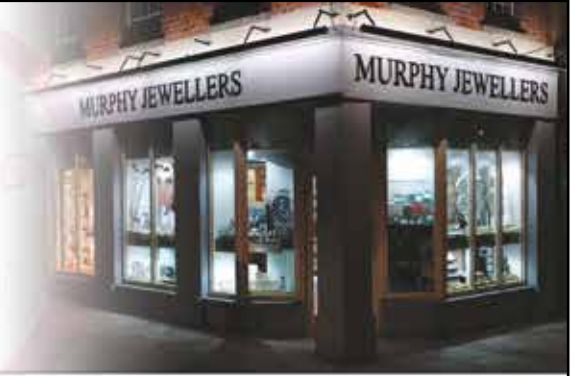


Caoimhe Flannery

Joe is currently in second year in architecture in Northeastern University in Boston where he plays a regular session in The Druid with Colm Gannon and Tina Lech.

Joe took home the Seán Ó Riada Gold Medal and €2500 prize money.

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Fatima Abdulkadir, Brian Healy, Bridget Ward & Kate Buckley, Winners of the Bord Bia Food for Thought competition all prepped up to cook under the studio lights of the TV studio in Bord Bia HQ Dublin.

WINNERS BORD BIA 'FOOD FOR THOUGHT' SCHOOLS COMPETITION

BIG CONGRATULATIONS to McEgan College Students Kate Buckley, Fatima Abdulkadir, Bridget Ward & Brian Healy who were winners of the All Ireland Bord Bia Final. The group of TY students cooked their dish under the lights of a real TV Kitchen studio at Bord Bia Headquarters in Dublin. These students place first of a total 60 participating schools for their dish who ingredients were sourced locally. Well done to the team and hope they enjoy spending their winners vouchers.

ST BRIGID'S DAY

5th year RE students and the students of room 22 recently came together on the 1st of February to celebrate St Brigid's Day. Breda Horgan SNA gave a masterclass to students on how to make the famous crosses. Everyone had fun learning the process and Breda made it easy for everyone to take part and have a cross to take home with them. A lovely way to celebrate our country's female patron saint.

TAG RUGBY TEAM TRAINING FOR JUNIOR CYCLE STUDENTS

Massive thank you to Willie Shubart, dad of Tui 2nd Year for coaching our Tag Team. It has been an absolute pleasure to watch Willie coach and engage with our students. We appreciate him sharing his passion for the sport, his time, his boundless energy and wisdom. He also gifted the students with Rugby Balls and Tag Belts.

THING'S WE LOVE PROJECT

Saint Valentine's Day is approaching, to celebrate the Saint of Love every student in the



Fifth Year Students with St. Brigid's crosses they made with Ms. Warren. Front L to R Davyd Sokolov, Edwin Uzor, Estera Fert, Fahmo Mohamed, Maya O'Mahoney, Nader Alloush. Back L to R Fiachra Kerry, Ms. Warren, Isobel Roberts and Michal Wojcik.

school took part in a project called 'Things we love'. The project entries are now all displayed in the school's assembly area. 1A2 Class group came up with the idea as part of a school wide competition for ideas & were rewarded with a Pizza Party for their winning idea.

FARM VISIT

On Friday 26th January Room 22 visited the Kelleher Family Farm in Carriganima where they received a warm welcome. The students were delighted to be able to see the calves being fed and were allowed to pet the calves who sucked their fingers. Students, & staff, were also treated to a spin on a tractor with plenty of debate over which was the best brand of tractor. A huge thanks to the Kelleher Family and Pat (our driver) for this fantastic experience!

BOOTS GIVE INDUSTRY INSIGHTS TO STUDENTS

Second year students from McEgan college recently had a tour of Boots flagship store at Half Moon Street in Cork City. The tour was organised by the Business in the Community Initiative. This initiative promotes positive



Fatima Abdulkadir, Brian Healy, Kate Buckley & Bridget Ward at Bord Bia HQ in Dublin celebrating winning the Bord Bia Food for Thought cookery competition.

relationships between businesses and the community. Our students were given a tour showing five areas of Boots organisational structure. During the tour, employees from different departments gave insights into what they do daily. These included store management, pharmacy, beauty, logistics and fragrances. Thank you to Celine McGrath from BITC and Lisa Buckley from Boots for facilitating this fascinating, educational experience.



Willie Shubart coach with the 1st 2nd & 3rd Year students who participated in the recent series of coaching sessions for Tag rugby. The students are posing with the rugby balls that Willie presented each of them with at the final coaching session.



L to R Davit Kiknadze, Nikita Koliiesnykov, Jake Crowley, Dian Moss, Cecil Duborg, Ronan Grellis, Emma Rose Twomey, Lily Madigan, Amy Rose Lee, Abbey Bradley, Maria Daria, Brooke Murphy, Liza Syniehovska.



Students from Room 22 enjoying a visit to Kellehers farm recently.

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THE LAWS CONCERNING PESTICIDES

Today I have the pleasure of talking with James Walsh who will clarify the laws concerning pesticide use for us.

All herbicides, insecticides, fungicides, moss-killers and slug-killers are classed as pesticides and they are covered by the pesticide legislation mentioned below.

The current S.U.D Legislation (Sustainable Use of Pesticides Directive, 2009) is the European Legislation, which required every E.U. Country to make it's own laws concerning the safe use of pesticides, and brought into Law by the Irish Government in 2012, (SI 155/2012).

Much of it can be summarised by Articles 12, 14, and 15 of which clearly state there should be no spraying in public places.

SI 155/2012

ARTICLE 12 states that no person can apply pesticides in areas used by the general public, and that priority must be given to non-chemical methods. If these alternatives to applying pesticides (i.e. The use of non-chemical methods), have not been followed, then the party using chemical spray in a public area must produce a documented risk assessment to prove why no non-chemical method was available.

ARTICLE 14 states that a person must apply the principals of I.P.M (Integrated Pest Management), and keep records to demonstrate that, under Principle no. 4, Organic methods must be given priority.

ARTICLE 15 states that a person has to apply the principles of G.P.P.P., (Good Plant Protection Practice, which places a legal obligation on pesticide users). and that they must demonstrate this.

Page 5 of GPPP states that it is illegal, and therefore never considered G.P.P.P, to apply P.P.P (Plant Protection Products), otherwise known as pesticides, where they can drift from the treatment area towards adjacent sensitive areas such as residences, schools and parks.

(N.B. Under E.U. Law, a sensitive area is any area used by the general public).

On page 4, of G.P.P.P of it states that spray drift

can cause deleterious effects on wildlife and cause a nuisance to neighbouring residents and adjacent landowners and is therefore considered to be illegal.

Article 22 of SI 155/2012 states that Where it is found that a person has contravened Articles 12, 14 or 15 of SI 155/2012 they are liable on summary conviction to a Class A fine. If there is a breach of G.P.P.P., as stated under Article 15, there could also be a disallowance under the Basic Payment Scheme as well as the Fixed Payment Notice.

It is a common feature in rural areas that roadsides are being sprayed by residents and farmers.

This is clearly ILLEGAL (Articles 12 and 15, SI 155/2012)

In the new European legislation, the SUD Legislation mentioned above, will be replaced with the SUR Legislation.

This Legislation has already been passed by the European Commission and in accordance with the new stricter and clearer Pan-European approach, the Department of Agriculture has said that it will be implemented in the next few years.

"In this new upcoming legislation, the new proposals rule out the use of plant protection products altogether in sensitive areas..."

Anne Marie Dillon
(Head of Pesticide Controls' Division within DAFM)

The new SUR directive which replaces the SUD directive, allows member states to lay down very heavy penalties for non-compliance and also requires a distance of at least 3 meters from a public road and other public areas.

I am in no doubt that this will be to the benefit of nature, our children and our grandchildren and I am really grateful to James for sharing his time and knowledge with us.

If you come across sprayed roadside or other public places that have been sprayed such as schools, churches or car parks you can take photographic evidence along with the location details and send it in to the pesticide control

division at DAFM and quote breach of article 12 and 15 of S.I 155/2012.

Remember you can contact the Environmental Group by emailing macroomenv@gmail.com If you or anyone you know would like to respond to this or contribute an environmental article to this publication, please contact me chriseevalley@gmail.com

Guidance for Local Authorities to ensure compliance with the Sustainable Use of Pesticides Directive

Directive 2009/128/EC, establishes a framework to achieve the sustainable use of pesticides ("the SUD") by reducing the risks and impacts of pesticides use on human health and the environment. Statutory Instrument (S.I.) 155 of 2012 gives effect to Directive 2009/128/EC by way of regulating the training and registration requirements for advisors, distributors, equipment inspectors and users of Plant Protection Products (PPPs) in Ireland. Since the 29th November 2015, only a DAFM-registered professional user can apply PPPs that are authorised for professional use regardless of the quantity or the method of application. (Product labels clearly identify whether the product is specifically for professional use).

In order to ensure compliance under the SUD, Local Authorities (LAs) must adhere to the following requirements.

The use of contractors to conduct the application of PPPs does not waive the LA's responsibility in terms of compliance with the SUD; if the LA employs a contractor, the LA must only use trained and registered PUs. In addition, pesticide application and IPM records must be available for inspection. The contact details of the contractor must also be provided.

Restrictions on use in sensitive areas

National legislation (S.I. No. 155 of 2012) provides for restricted use of PPPs in certain designated areas:

- (a) Areas used by the general public or vulnerable groups (public parks, hospitals, public schools, public playgrounds etc.);
- (b) Areas designated as "Special Protection Areas" under the Wild Birds Directive;
- (c) Areas designated as "Special Areas of Conservation" under the Habitats Directive.

Pesticides should not be used in these areas, unless (i) a risk assessment has clearly shown that their use is necessary, and (ii) appropriate risk management measures have been put in place.

Alternative methods such as cultural control measures should always be considered in the first place. In cases where a risk assessment has shown that pesticide use is necessary, low-risk or biological PPPs should be used where possible. If there are no suitable low-risk or biological PPPs, other PPPs may be used but the use of PPPs classified as an acute hazard to the aquatic environment (hazard class: Aquatic Acute, Category 1) should be avoided where possible.

In all cases involving the use of pesticides in sensitive areas, the onus of proof will be on the user to show, in a documented risk assessment, that there were no viable alternatives and that appropriate risk management measures were put in place. Risk assessment records may be requested during DAFM inspections.

Guidance on best practice measures and responsible pesticide use in public areas is available on our website at the following location: www.sca.gov.ie/files/2014/06/20140601-Responsible-Pesticide-Use-Public-Areas-Guidance-Annex200117.pdf

Please visit <http://www.sca.gov.ie/files/2014/06/20140601-Responsible-Pesticide-Use-Public-Areas-Guidance-Annex200117.pdf> for more information on the use of PPPs or alternatively, please contact the Pesticide Control Division at the email address above.

IIA Appendix II - Part I, Fixed Payment Notice

Fixed Payment Notice

This fixed payment notice is being issued in respect of an alleged offence under the:

- European Communities (Pesticide Residues) Regulations 2002, S.I. 589 of 2002
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- * Creative Writing Group Saturday 25th February 11am to 12.30pm.
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There has been a bit of a battle going on in Leabharlann Bhaile Bhúirne recently. I have done my best to keep the peace, I have tried to be fair and impartial but when you get three Saint's feast days falling within 14 days of each other the battle for window space and dominance can be an issue. So the triumvirate of Brigid, Gobnait and Valentine are holding court together at present.

I spoke about Brigid in the last issue and by now we have all enjoyed the new public holiday associated with her. Second to feature on 11th February is Gobnait. I know that while Brigid is now enjoying national fame, Gobnait is celebrated more regionally, mainly on the Aran Islands, in West Kerry and she is beloved and venerated by the people of Ballyvourney. As a blow in I am still, 38 year on, learning about all the stories attributed to and featuring her. But I know that 11th February is a very special day in the area. There are three depictions of St Gobnait that I find very interesting. I am particularly fascinated by the Medieval carved oak statue of St Gobnait that has been lovingly cared for through the passing of over 150 decades and still made available to the public on 2 days of the year. Imagine how many people since Medieval times have seen this statue, touched it, put their faith in it. It's fascinating to think that generations upon generations of past Ballyvourney people are tethered to the present through this statue which their own descendants might now view this year. A second statue of St Gobnait appeals to me. Seamus Murphy the sculptor created the stone statue of Gobnait which was erected where it was imagined her iron works was sited, because Gobnait was an iron smith. It is said that it was one of his finest works and his personal favourite. That Gobnait had an iron forge is not a guess as when the site was being excavated prior to the statue being erected evidence of iron smithing and smelting were found. It is no co-incidence that Gobnait is the patron saint of iron workers. Bees feature prominently in this statue and the stories about Gobnait and her army of bees are retold in the area and to each new generation of school children. She is also the patron saint of beekeepers. My husband's great grandfather was involved in erecting this statue and is buried within site of it, which is fitting. But if I had to choose my favourite depiction of Gobnait it would have to be the one that isn't in Ballyvourney at all but in Cork City. In the Honan Chapel, consecrated in 1916, on the UCC campus there is a stunning depiction of Gobnait. Harry Clarke, Ireland's most renowned



stained-glass artist, crafted an exquisite stained-glass window representing Gobnait in vivid colour. Her bees are included, and she is carrying a honeycomb. The colours are rich and vibrant and everything in the window has meaning associated with Gobnait. It's well worth seeing if ever you find yourself in UCC with a few minutes to spare. Completing the trilogy is St Valentine and I'm sure I don't have to explain to you what Valentine's Day is about. Suffice to say there will be lots of flowers, chocolates and cards changing hands that day! Some great news for the village of Ballymakeera now as it becomes one of the newest WiFi4EU hotspots. Free WiFi is now available all along the street in Ballymakeera as Ballyvourney Library is included in the European roll out of free WiFi4EU hotspots to ensure access to connectivity for all. This means that you can log in to the FREE WiFi4EU from anywhere on the street where you are within a sightline of the transmitter mounted on the wall above the library. Anywhere from what used to be O'Connell's Pub all the way down the street to at least the national school can avail of this free service. On your device, phone, tablet etc go into settings – connections – WiFi, search available networks, click on WiFi4EU and log in and from your car or just strolling along the street you can use all online services.

Leabharlann Bhaile Bhúirne is continuing to work with Tuismitheoirí na Gaeltachta in 2023 by providing the venue for their excellent activity groups. Tuismitheoirí na Gaeltachta is a national Gaeltacht organisation that supplies support, assistance and advice to families who are raising their children with Irish in the Gaeltacht or those parents who wish to do so. Their next activity group in Leabharlann Bhaile Bhúirne is from 1.30 to 2.30 pm on Saturday 11th February. The session encompasses stories, rhymes, songs and games all through Irish. To book a place or for any more information please contact Roibeard at Tuismitheoirí na Gaeltachta on 087 376 2941. This event is run from time to time on Saturdays in Leabharlann Bhaile Bhúirne for parents with young children. It lasts about an hour and a half and parents can talk and drink a drop of tea, together with singing rhymes, colouring pictures and reading a story to the children. Volunteer helpers are always appreciated.

Are you or would you know anyone locally who would be good at reading/telling a story? A lively and friendly person who can tell a story or read books aloud to the group. If so please contact Roibeard, 087 376 2941.

Tá Leabharlann Bhaile Bhúirne ag leanúint ar aghaidh ag obair le Tuismitheoirí na Gaeltachta i 2023 trí ionad a chur ar fáil dá ngrúpaí gníomhaíochta den scoth. Is eagraíocht náisiúnta Ghaeltachta é Tuismitheoirí na Gaeltachta a sholáthraíonn tacaíocht, cúnamh agus comhairle do theaghligh atá ag tógáil clainne le Gaeilge sa Ghaeltacht nó do thuismitheoirí ar mian leo é sin a dhéanamh. Beidh an chéad ghrúpa gníomhaíochta eile acu i Leabharlann Bhaile Bhúirne ó 1.30 go 2.30 pm Dé Sathairn 11 Feabhra. Cuimsíonn an seisiún scéalta, rainn, amhráin agus cluichí trí Ghaeilge. Le háit a chur in áirithe nó le tuilleadh eolais a fháil déan teagmháil le Roibeard ag Tuismitheoirí na Gaeltachta ar 087 376 2941.

Reáchtáiltear an t-imeacht seo ó am go chéile ar an Satharn i Leabharlann Bhaile Bhúirne do thuismitheoirí le leanaí óga. Maireann sé thart ar uair go leith agus bíonn deis ag tuismitheoirí labhairt agus braon tae a ól, mar aon le rann a chanadh, pictiúir a dhathú agus scéal a léamh do na páistí. Bítear buíoch i gcónaí as na cúntóirí deonacha. An bhfuil tú nó an mbeadh aithne agat ar aon duine go háitiúil a bheadh go maith ag léamh/ag insint scéil? Duine briomhar anamúil atá in ann scéal a insint nó leabhair a léamh os ard don ghrúpa. Má tá, déan teagmháil le do thoil le Roibeard, 087 376 2941.

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PEIL NA MBUACHAILLÍ

Le hAdam Ó Duinnín
D'imríomar cluiche fé 16.5 ar an Aoine 20ú Eanáir i gcoinne Scoil Mhuire ó Dhurlas. Bhí an cluiche ar siúl i Ráth Caola ag 11.30in. Bhí an bua againn! An scór deiridh a bhí ann ná 3-15 go 3-5. Thosaigh an cluiche go mall ach de réir a chéile bhraitheamar níos compordaí agus mhéadaigh an difríocht a bhí idir an dá fhoireann. Ar deireadh, bhí an lámh in uachtar againn. Ba chluiche den chéad scoth a bhí ann agus táimid ag súil go mór leis an gcéad bhabhta eile gan mhoill. Míle buíochas lenár dtraenalaí Máistir Ó Duinneacha.

AN TIONSCLAMH GRAFAIC DHEARAIDH AGUS CHUMARSÁIDE

Le hAva Ní Chonaill
Le déanaí chríochnaigh daltaí na hArdteiste an tionscnamh Grafaic Dhearaidh agus Chumarsáide. Bhí an deis againn ár scileanna sceitseála, taighde, dearaidh agus ríomhaireachta le CAD a chur i bhfeidhm agus a fheabhsú le cúpla mí anuas. Bhí an-chuid oibre i gceist leis thar tréimhse cúpla mí. An tasc a bhí ann ná fillteán a chruthú bunaithe ar an gclóg aláiraim; taighde a dhéanamh ar chinn atá

ann cheana féin, agus ansin ceann nua a dhearadh le téama a bhí mealltach do dhaltaí. Gan dabht bhí sceitsí éagsúla le tarraingt againn, agus an clog nua a thógáil ar Solidworks ar an ríomhaire. Is fiú 40% den toradh deiridh san ábhar é, agus is mór an buntáiste é sin do dhaltaí mar laghdaítear an méid brú a chuirtear orthu ag am na scrúduithe. Tá áthas an domhain orainn a bheith tar éis críochnú suas leis an obair tionscadail anois agus beimid ag díriú isteach ar an líniocht arís roimh na réamhscrúduithe. Do bhíomar ag obair ar an tionscnamh seo ó Dheireadh Fómhair agus d'fhanamar i ndiaidh scoile ar feadh cúpla uair an chloig roinnt laethanta chun snas a chur ar ghnéithe áirithe den tionscnamh. Ba mhaith linn ár mbuíochas a ghabháil le Máistir Ó Céilleachair as an gcabhair agus an tacaíocht ar fad a thug sé dúinn.

PEIL NA GCAILÍNÍ - SINSEARACH

Le Sadbh Ní Cheallaigh
Bhí cluiche ceathrú ceannais na Mumhan ag cailíní Choláiste Ghobnatan sinsearach in aghaidh Oileán Ciarraí ar an 25ú Eanáir ag 11r.n. i bPáirc Íosagáin. Bhí bua den scoth ag cailíní Choláiste Ghobnatan le cúil agus pointí áille á scóráil ag na tosaithe. Rinne na cúlaithe cosaint iontach dár gcúl ag cóiméad go leor liathróidí amach. Rinne an cúl báire agus na himreoirí i lár na páirce obair iontach ag teorú na liathróide ó bhun go barr na páirce. Tá na cailíní ag ullmhú anois don chéad cluiche eile agus táid ag súil go mór leis. Míle buíochas lenár dtraenalaí Iníon Ní Shuilleabháin

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le hAlohi Feachem
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linn ár mbuíochas a ghabháil lenár múinteoir CGAT Bean Uí Bhuachalla.

CÁRTAÍ MO CHROÍ

Le Colin Ó Tuama
Tá "Cártaí Mo Chroí" mar cheann de na mionchuideachtaí ata ar siúl ag an idirbhliain faoi láthair. Tá 4 mhionchuideachta á rith san iomlán. Is éard atá inár dtáirge ná cártaí beannachta as Gaeilge atá lámhdéanta agus deartha ag baill an chuideachta Emma Ní Aileasa, Laura Ní Aileasa, Ella Ní Loingsigh, Clíodhna Ní Chárthaigh agus Colin Ó Tuama. Thógamar inspioráid ónár rang ealaíne. Úsáidimid priontaí Lino, a ghearraimid amach sinn féin, ar chun ár gcártaí a dhéanamh. Is é sprioc ár gcártaí ná daoine a spreagadh Gaeilge a labhairt ina saolta ó lá go lá. Le déanaí chuireamar tús le cuntas Instagram agus TikTok "cartai_mo_chroi22" agus tá roinnt mhaith 'likes' agus leantóirí faighte againn, i bhfad níos mó ná mar a bhíomar ag súil leo. Tá cártaí do Lá Fhéile Vailintín ag teacht go luath agus táimid ag súil le roinnt díolachán a fháil orthu sin. Ba mhaith linn buíochas a ghabháil le gach duine a thug tacaíocht dúinn go dtí seo, agus táimid ag súil le leanúint ar aghaidh lenár gcártaí agus an Ghaeilge a spreagadh sa cheantar. Míle buíochas le hIníon Ní Chéilleachair atá mar ár meantóir.

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Geraldine Mc Carthy and Annah Devine at the Model United Nations Conference



Marissa, Lucia and Grace Duarte with Baz Ashmway on DIY SOS



Marissa Duarte with Ryan Tubridy on DIY SOS



Erika O Shea presenting Méabh Kelleher with her Munster and All Ireland Medals

WATER AMBASSADOR PROGRAMME

On Tuesday the 25th of January our Water Ambassadors and Ms. Gray travelled to Christ the King Secondary School for a second training day as part of the Water Ambassador Programme. They took part in many activities and will be completing a Litter Pick with other Water Ambassadors in the coming weeks. They also won an award for the work they have been doing over the past school year. They were each given gift vouchers as winners of the Munster Region for their outstanding progress reports. Congratulations to Emily Mehigan, Chloe Lehane, Ellen Murray, Daimhin McKenna and Rachel Twomey.

CEIST DAY

We celebrated "Ceiliuradh" on Wednesday February 1st. This is a celebration of more than 150 years of Mercy Tradition. The theme for the day was "one good deed for the planet" Rita McCabe from our school trustees, CEIST visited our school on the day. She had a training session with the student council, she gave a presentation to 4th and 5th year students, followed by a prayer service. She was given a tour of our First Year gardening and composting project which is part of their Wellbeing programme and she planted a tree on the school grounds. She was also treated to a visit to the "Green Schools" pop up swap shop which is part of their efforts to raise awareness of the effects of fast fashion on the environment. Our staff also joined in with the celebrations by dressing sustainably. Thanks to Mrs O Donovan for organising this day of celebration.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to one of our 5th Year Students Méabh Kelleher who received her All Ireland & Munster medals from past pupil Erika O Shea at a recent Cork Minor awards dinner. Well done Méabh, what a fantastic achievement.

Congratulations to 2nd year student Szonja Mora who has been called up to the C.W.S.S.L Inter League Cork U16 squad . She joined her team mate Maisie Murphy (3rd Year) in the Cork squad last Sunday for their game against Kerry. Well done Szonja. It is a massive achievement to get on a Cork Squad and we are all delighted for her.

Congratulations to 3rd year student Lily Desmond who has been called up to the Cork U16 football panel. We are all so proud of you Lily! Best of luck for the year ahead.

MOVIE PREMIERE

Our principal Mr. McLaughlin and third year Year head Ms. Murnane were delighted to attend the premiere of 'Wheel of Dreams' in Clonakilty cinema on Friday THE 27TH OF January. Starring our very own Rosie Mc Carthy Adair the film received a standing ovation from the audience. We are very proud of Rosie's achievements in the world of TV and film!

DIY SOS THE BIG BUILD

Well done to Duarte sisters Marissa, Lucia and Grace who featured on the RTE show - DIY SOS The Bigger Build, presented by Baz Ashmway. The girls spent 2 weeks last July volunteering and helping their Dad Brandon (project build manager) to renovate 6 derelict houses and gardens for 6 Ukrainian families to give them a temporary home while staying in Ireland. In

the 2 weeks the girls helped with a group of volunteers doing everything from painting to gardening to feeding the workers.

This incredible project was completed in 9 days and was aired on RTE in December. Well done girls, thanks for giving your time to such a worthy project

SENIOR BASKETBALL QUARTER FINALS

We would like to congratulate our U19 senior basketball team on their fantastic achievement of making it to the All-Ireland Quarter Finals in the school league.

On Monday the 23rd of January our girls had a tough battle against Sancta Maria of Rathfarnham. Our team played the very best they could, never putting their heads down at any stage and we are very proud of them. Unfortunately, the girls were unable to compete with their opponents and are finished their basketball journey this year. We have no fear that they will come back even stronger and try again next year. A huge thank you to Paul and Ms Hickey for all the time given to coaching this team, well done all!

MODEL UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE

From the 24th to the 27th of January, two of our 4th year students, Annah Devine and Geraldine McCarthy, took part in the Davis College Model United Nations conference in City Hall. The girls were both representing the delegation of Jamaica, Annah in the Special Conference and Geraldine in the General Assembly. They had a fabulous time and it was an amazing experience. Well done to the girls and thank you to Davis College for the fabulous opportunity!



Rachel Twomey, Emily Mehigan, Daimhin McKenna, Chole Lehane and Ellen Murray at the Water Ambassador Programme



Mr Mc Laughlin, Rosie McCarthy Adair and Ms Murnane at the Premiere of Wheel of Dreams



Some of our First Year Wellbeing Class showcasing our biodiversity and composting modules to Rita McCabe from CEIST pictured with Mr Galvin and Ms de la Cour

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DE LA SALLE NEWS

U16.5 FOOTBALL - DE LA SALLE MACROOM VS MERCY MOUNTHAWK

Match Report by Adam Bradfield and Ben Hinchion

De La Salle College played Mercy Mounthawk in the first round of the Munster A Championship in Tralee, January 25th. The game started off strong for De La Salle with Kilmurphy man Sean O'Leary scoring a lovely point within three minutes. This was followed by 2 quick reply points from the Tralee side. Under pressure, De La Salle responded with a beautifully fisted goal by Sean O'Leary into the net. From here the match became very tight. With little between the sides every ball was fiercely contested but DLS men Sean O'Leary and captain Owen McCarthy showed great leadership. DLS went into half time trailing Mounthawk, 1-03 to 1-05.

Mercy Mounthawk opened the scoring in the second half creating a three-point cushion early in the second half, but De La Salle fought hard, as points from Tim Sweeney and Sean O'Leary brought it back to a one-point game. The Macroom boys didn't give their opponents an inch, a point from the Tralee team was quickly cancelled out by a point from Collin Kelleher and a brilliantly taken goal by Tim Sweeney, making the game 2-06 to 1-07 in Macrooms favour. The last few minutes of the match subs Denis O'Mullane and Donagh Murray were introduced. Both would make an instant impact as Donagh would make many key blocks and

interceptions and Denis O'Mullane alongside Cian O'Sullivan would score De La Salle's final points of normal time. An excellent game was had by Jacob Barry who assisted many of the points scored throughout the match. A late comeback from Mercy Mounthawk including a fine free kick with the last kick of normal time to make the game level with the score 2-07 to 1-10.

Extra time would follow and if normal time was filled with excellent attacking from DLS, extra time would be all about defending, with many excellent blocks by David Lynch, Cormac Bourke, Billy Coleman and Ryan Sabas alongside excellent goalkeeping by Cian "Dezzie" Desmond who made many key saves and many brilliant kick outs throughout the game. De La Salle would score three points in extra time in a cagey and tight affair with points from Cian O'Sullivan, Sean O'Leary, and a last grasp point by Denis O'Mullane to equal the points scored by Mercy Mounthawk to send the game to penalties on a final score of 2-10 to 1-13.

De La Salle started off well with an impressive save from Cian Desmond. This took pressure off Denis O'Mullane who slotted it into the top right corner as coolly as you like. The pressure was on Mounthawk who sent their second penalty over the bar. Jacob Barry was up next to make it 0-2. Mounthawk scored their first penalty to keep them in it. Tim scored his penalty with ease followed by another penalty

converted by Mounthawk. It was then up to Sean O'Leary who got the job done to send De La Salle into the next round.

With the Match ending 4-2 on penalties De La Salle move onto the Quarter Finals of the Munster A Championship where they will play either St.Francis Rochestown or Chorca Dhuibhne with the date and location TBC.

Team: 1-Cian Desmond (Kilmurphy), 2-David Lynch (Kilmichael), 3- Michael Downey (Kilmichael), 4-Fionn O'Reilly (Kilnamatra), 5-Ruadhan McKenna (Macroom), 6-Cormac Bourke (Macroom), 7-Billy Murphy (Macroom), 8-Owen McCarthy[C] (Clondrohid), 9-Ryan Sabas (Macroom), 10-Cian O'Sullivan (Macroom), 11-Sean O'Leary (Kilmurphy), 12-Colin Kelleher (Macroom), 13-Tim Sweeney (Uibh Laoire), 14-Jamie Hourihane (Clondrohid), 15-Jacob Barry (Aghinagh)

[Subs] 16-Daragh Hodman (Uibh Laoire), 17-Denis O'Mullane (Kilmurphy), 18-Ray Griffin (Macroom), 19-Gavin Leahy (Aghinagh), 20-Oadhnan Creed (Macroom), 21-Luke Ring (Aghinagh), 22-Fionn Fitzgibbon (Clondrohid), 23-Donagh Murray (Macroom), 24-Billy Coleman (Macroom), 25-Ben Hinchion (Aghinagh), 26-Ciaran Fitzgerald (Aghinagh), 27-Ruari Kiernan (Macroom), 28-Cian McCarty (Kilmichael), 29-Niall Kelleher (Kilmichael), 30-Jamie Murphy (Macroom), 31-Mark Condon (Macroom), 32-Marty Fitzgerald (Macroom)



De La Salle College U16.5 Football Team

SNIPPETS | DIARY

Snippets may include details of upcoming Lee Valley functions, fundraisers, sports events etc. We may include commercial events that are also being advertised simultaneously in the magazine.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February 9th - Macroom Flower & Garden Club AGM - Coolcower House @7pm
February 9th - Carrigadrohid/Killinardrish Tidy Towns AGM in Canovee National School @ 8pm

February 13th- Chris Larkin will give a talk on The Cork Railway covering the Macroom-Cork line in the Castle Hotel @8pm
February 16th - IRD Duhallow Public Information Meeting Castle Hotel @8pm
February 19th - Inchigeela Hall Social Dancing continues, 3pm to 5.30pm. Music Dermot Lyons
February 24th- Clondrohid Active Retirement AGM 7:30pm in the Community Hall
February 26th - Annual Dripsey Ambush Parade @ 3:00pm
February 26th - KHAA Lecture - 'Old Cork seen

through the lens', a lecture by Michael Lenihan in Kilmurphy Museum @ 7pm
March 4th - Scór Na bPaistí, Aghabullogue GAA Complex Coachford, @ 12:30pm
March 5th - Scór Na Nóg, Aghabullogue GAA Complex Coachford, @ 2:00pm
March 9th - Kilmurphy Museum AGM @ 8:30pm
March 9th - Macroom Flower & Garden Club Meeting @
March 11th - Coachford Induction Day for 1st years - 9:00am

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CLONDROHID NOTES

FUNDRAISER FOR COMMUNITY HALL

Ahakeera Drama are making a return visit to Clondrohid Hall. How we all enjoyed their drama last year, as we were coming out of covid hibernation, they were like a breath of fresh air. So, they are back again performing "Nobody's Talking To Me" by Tommy Marren, in the Community Hall on Friday March 3. Tickets at door, Post Office, or from Committee member, costing €12, commencing at 7.45pm. This drama is celebrating the 40th wedding anniversary of Mattie and Maggie Conway, despite the fact that they haven't spoken to each other for 10 years, so all hell breaks loose. The rest you will have to come and see for yourself!!! Come along and enjoy a good laugh. You will also be helping the Community Hall to fundraise for the last phase of their upgrade. For those who may not know, Clondrohid Community Hall has been awarded a grant to replace the roof, and the heating system, and needs to fundraise to cover some of the costs, a stipulation of being awarded the grant. This is

their first fundraiser, so please support, as when this work on the Hall is completed, we will have a top venue for any event. A great achievement for a village the size of Clondrohid

PARISH OFFICE

Please note the Parish Office at the Parochial House is open on Thursday's mornings from 11am to 1 pm. The landline is 026 61933. Emergency sick calls number is 0858471249

CLOYNE ANNUAL PILOGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

This will take place June 2 to June 7. Booking to be made through Joe Walsh Tours, 89 Harcourt St., Dublin 2 D02WY88.

ST GOBNAIT'S DAY FEB 11TH

Mass times in Ballyvourney 11am, 4pm, and the vigil mass at 6.30pm. Prayers at St. Gobnait's shrine at 3pm.

CLONDROHID PARISH ACTIVE RETIRED

All looking good for this group as they ease themselves back into activities. They have up to 50 members now. They will hold their AGM on Fri



Tom Corkery, Sean Meehan, Michael Lucey, at the recent presentation of medals to 7 Clondrohid winning teams at a function in the Abbey Hotel

Night Feb 24 at 7.30pm, in the Community Hall.

SET DANCING AND LINE DANCING

These continue in the hall on Tues and Thurs nights. All are welcome.

CLOUGHDUV N.S.



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Africa, Spain, the Middle East, the frozen North and the Far East. The children were introduced to some amazing instruments with very diverse and unique sounds such as the marimba, the vibraphone, gongs,

Spanish castanets, African shells, a spring drum, a temple bowl, rainsticks and much much more. The children also had an opportunity to play with the professional musicians using body percussion to recreate a thunderstorm.

DROMLEIGH NS NEWS

Students from Dromleigh N.S. thoroughly enjoyed a recent visit from some very talented musicians from Bangers & Crash Percussion and West Cork Music. Pupils participated in games to develop musical foundations in pulse, dynamics and

rhythm as well as hearing the artists perform. Children were also very busy on St. Brigid's day making crosses for distribution within the locality. Applications for enrolment are now being accepted for the 2023/2024 academic year. Forms

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Students from Dromleigh N.S. thoroughly enjoying their percussion workshop with West Cork Music.



Dromleigh N.S. students busy making St. Brigid's crosses for their local community

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COACHFORD NEWS



Some members of Coachford Players at their Christmas Party

MAGS CHIPPER DESTROYED BY FIRE

One of Coachford's two fast food restaurants was destroyed by fire on January 30th when a chip pan caught fire and swept through the old building in the village. Thankfully no one was hurt in the blaze. Macroom Fire Brigade were quick to the scene but the blaze had taken control of the single story chip shop and nothing could be saved.

The owner, Mags O' Brien celebrated 30 years in business in 2022 and there has been a chipper on the premises for over 52 years.

Mags chipper was known far and wide and many people traveled to Coachford from all over to enjoy the gorgeous chips, burgers and other delicious food. When the terrible news of the blaze broke the outpouring of concern, good wishes and support for Mags and her staff was enormous and was testament of the high regard Mags was held in by all her customers, neighbours and friends.

Although in business for over 30 years and having a huge and loyal customer base, Mags never rested on her laurels and was always developing and improving her menu. She introduced pizzas years ago and her battered Mars Bars were a delicacy that were always in demand. Mags also was one of the first rural chip shops to introduce a phone ordering service where orders could be collected or even delivered. Mags was well ahead of the 'Just Eat' and 'Deliveroo' style companies. Mags is determined to get her business up and running again as soon as possible and we hope she is back in business in the

near future.

GP GETS MORE TIME TO FIND NEW PREMISES

The Coachford GP Family Practice has been asked to vacate the premises which it shares with Macroom Credit Union in Coachford. The premises which is owned by the Credit Union has been used by the GP for over 15 years but due to new Central Bank Rules the Credit Union has been forced to ask the GP to find new premises in the village. Initially the GP was given 6 months to find a new premises but after consultation with Macroom Credit Union this time frame has been extended. The Credit Union currently opens the sub office in Coachford one evening a week on each Thursday but has plans to expand credit union services in the village. Meanwhile Dr. Kingston is exploring every local avenue to try and get a suitable premises as soon as possible.

THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETS LOCAL COUNCILLORS

The Coachford members of the ACR Community Council met with local Councillors, Michael Looney, Ted, Lucey, Eileen Lynch and Gobnait Moynihan last week to look for their advice and help on a number of local issues including flooding in the village, footpath improvements, pedestrian crossings, speed ramps, new housing developments and Village Enhancement schemes. The Community council members

were very appreciative of the support they received from the elected officials and were encouraged by the scale of improvements and projects planned for the Coachford.

MORE HOUSES FOR COACHFORD

Planning permission has been lodged with Cork County Council for the construction of 45 no. dwelling units (including 4 no. 4 bed dwelling houses, 33 no. 3 bed dwelling houses, 4 no. 2 bed dwelling houses and 4 no. 2 bed duplex apartments) for the piece of land between Dairygold and the Grotto car park. The proposed development will be accessed through a new entrance road opposite the Garda Station on the main Coachford to Macroom road.

COACHFORD PLAYERS

Coachford Players party Coachford Players celebrated a very successful 2022 when they got together to enjoy their Christmas party in early January at Paddy Mac's Bar in Coachford. The members of the drama group had a ball as they sang songs all night long. Some were from well known musicals and others from more modern ones like 'Shame the Devil' that some of their members were involved in. The group are busy rehearsing for their next play, 'Steel Magnolias' which will be performed in Coachford Hall on April 1, 2, 3 and 4. Keep those dates in your diary! Captions - Screenshot - Site of new housing development in Coachford

COACHFORD CYCLING CLUB SAVE THE DATE!

Coachford Cycling Club Sportive in aid of Down Syndrome Cork and the Irish Community Air Ambulance is taking place on Sunday 2nd April. There is an 85km long route and a 46km short route. Join us and help raise funds for great causes!

We are looking for sponsorship to cover the running costs of the event. If you can help, please contact Olivia Smith by email - osmith75@gmail.com

UIBH LAOIRE NEWS

DANCING

Social dancing is very popular in Inchigeela Hall, every Sunday afternoon, once a fortnight. "The only Sunday afternoon dance in West Cork." Make new friends, have a few laughs and shake off the winter chill. Next dancing date, Sunday 19th of February, 3pm to 5.30pm its dancing to the famous Patrick O Sullivan. Mark it in your diary! And coming up soon will be duo, Martin Kearney with Derry Kennedy and later the talented Peter Burke.

NOBODY'S TALKING TO ME!

We look forward to the Ahakeera Drama Group's arrival at Inchigeela hall on Feb 11th with their new play entitled "Nobody's Talking to Me". We are told it's "a hilarious play by Irish playwright Tommy Marren. A fast-paced comedy set in rural Ireland in the 1960s. Despite the fact that nobody is talking to anybody, the play is chock full of hilarious one-liners and put-downs. The script is complete with a wake, a whiskey-loving priest and a much-used hanky and a case of mistaken identity. Treat yourself and friends to a good night out with a laugh a minute in Inchigeela hall, This Saturday, 11th of February 8.00pm.

CROI NA LAOI

The above moniker was adopted by the group who gathered to promote the development of the upper Lee valley about 30 years ago. This

development society still operates with the same aims as then. It incorporates the Inchigeela Tidy Towns. It is a totally voluntary group and is open to anybody who wishes to see their locality improved for the benefit of all. Among its present aims is the development of mountain and woodland walkways for the benefit of locals and tourism, the rebuilding of the footbridge to Carrignacurra Castle and the loop walk, the building of a new hall/community centre, further development of the River Island etc. Among last years successes were the following: funding that cleared the choked up Derrivane River (or Garbh Abha), planting the island with a wild flower meadow and fruit trees with the assistance of the school community (and achieving an award for same) and the successful results from running a festival with massive community involvement.. The financial result of this last venture has been put aside for the hall/community centre project. And well done and congrats to the Tidy Towns group for their willing efforts and increase in competition points. The possibilities are endless with community support and volunteers. So please consider joining the good work even if it's an hour here and there.

BINGO AND CARDS

These continue as usual on Friday 8pm and Sunday 8.30pm nights in the hall, Inchigeela. Bingo

SNOWALL stands at €190 in 49 calls.

ACTIVE RETIREMENT

The Uibh Laoire Active retirement group are planning for the year. Please look out for advertised meetings and feel free to join. It's good to get out for an activity, a chat and a cuppa.

EXPO BÉAL ÁTHA.

A display of all the clubs and voluntary committees in Ballingearry will take place in the GAA club house on Sat 18th 6.30 pm to 8.30pm and on Sunday 10.30 am to 12.30pm. Beidh ionadh ort nuair a fheicfidh an lion mór díobh atá ann. Tar isteach agus tabhair tacaíocht dóibh.

SIUL SLÁINTE

Beidh an siúl (health Walk) ann gach Mairt agus Aoine ag tosú ag an halla 7.30 pm High viz riachtanach. Enjoy

TO DOG WALKERS

There have been lots of complaints recently of dog poo left where canines are being walked in Inchigeela and Béal Átha. Please clean up after man's (and woman's) best friend has left its card. Not to do so is very unfair to adults and children who have to use the same routes not to mention the health aspect involved.

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KILMURRY NEWS

The AGM for Kilmurry Historical & Archeological Association (KHAA) will take place on Thursday 09th March, 8:30pm at Independence Museum Kilmurry. All are welcome. We are always looking for volunteers for our various committees-organising, fundraising, curating, manning the

reception desk Sundays 2-5pm, guiding, helping with exhibitions, stewarding at events etc. if anyone would like to help, please get in touch. We would be delighted to hear from you. Our February lecture is on Sunday February 26th at 7pm in the Heritage Room, Independence

Museum Kilmurry. Titled 'Old Cork seen through the lens', a lecture by Michael Lenihan, author of 'Cork Burning'. Entry is free to members and €5 for non-members.

Kilmurry Active Retirement

The wisdom of our oldest

I had a conversation recently with what many would consider an old woman. What I mean by that is a woman in the age bracket of those that distinguish themselves from the rest of their sex by revealing their age and do so with satisfaction. It is a privilege to speak with such women of maturity and wisdom. You would think therefore that I would have asked her to bring her wisdom and precision to those issues of the day that I struggled with. No better woman. But instead, perhaps unconsciously or instinctively, I steered our conversation to things past. I have been pondering why I did that. I have come to realise that for me there is a magnetic attractiveness to reminiscing. I suppose I hope to gain another's insight. I hope to get a deeper understanding of what we took as normal, but which has passed by and has proven not to be so at all.

Looking back at the past can be a dry conversation topic for many. Some find it difficult to make a meaningful connection with it. Stories that old relatives and acquaintances might tell may not be of importance to you. Navigating the present may be just difficult enough, and it is in the present that you find your meaning.

Many of us find it beyond us to understand the complexity of our world. Re-remembering the past helps me to get at least some grasp on understanding our present world. When we examine the past, we can see what has stayed constant and what has changed. It can guide us in distinguishing between persistent values and fleeting fashions. Our culture changes as our thinking changes. We come to value this more so, and that less or not at all. We can in retrospect get some idea of what gave rise to the changes. We evaluate the efforts and outcomes of earlier generations. We can be both forewarned by their errors and inspired by their overcoming. The past retains relevancy, captured in what is often attributed to Mark Twain, 'history doesn't repeat itself but it rhymes'. Seeking an understanding of the past therefore helps us to understand and navigate the present.

On occasions when we are chatting about our shared past, we may, if we pay close attention, notice the objective facts are softened and broadened. The subjective interpretations both past and present now intermingle, bringing the events very much alive again, but with new meaning. The essence and the colouring of a long-gone experience or event can change for us, bringing shared insight in a surprisingly delightful

way. For some, reminiscing with others on our earlier days is a process of personal self-discovery. We hope to understand and reinterpret the social context that has produced us and our quirks and idiosyncrasies. This can have a transformative impact for us personally. Where shared past is re-remembered in communities or in public discourse it can be transformative for societies.

Our culture, when at its best, represents the culmination of the learning and the wisdom of humanity. We greatly value knowledge and so we should. But knowledge does not of itself generate wisdom. It requires reflection on what has been learned. Wisdom can take time to accumulate and is augmented by lived experience.

If this is so one would think that those with the longest-lived experience would be among the most valued by society. This was so in many cultures down through the centuries but perhaps an imbalance has occurred in our culture. Economics has always been a key driver of the world of business, increasingly the world of education, and more recently the world of sport and culture. Our generation is a hungry one and devours the new and fashionable. New knowledge yells out and is often priced to sell. Wisdom on the other hand seems to be a shy creature, it does not blow its trumpet, nor can it be priced.

One lesson we can take from Covid is the extent to which the young generously inconvenienced their lives to protect the old. We know too that many older people are willing and waiting to convey their reflections and their wisdom. Nonetheless our present normality is that our young, and even those they would consider old, are far too busy with their lives to be interested in chatting with those who are the oldest among us. While some would value a meaningful chat sometime with their elderly relatives or acquaintances, most will never do so.

The world of our oldest has passed away and so too will ours. When we engage with our oldest, it can stimulate us to question our society and our role within it. We can see the tendency to mindlessly follow the trend that has dominance. We disregard the fact that present normality might appear most strange to the generations that follow.

Our old have lived for only a snippet of time. Nonetheless, the wisdom they have gleaned is a unique part of the human story. Wouldn't it be an unwise society that would let them go without hearing their wisdom. Listening to our oldest can help us rebalance education and wisdom. Seeking that balance is prudent as it is together that education and wisdom empowers and liberates.

Now to the news! Our AGM is on Monday 13th

February Heritage room, Independence Museum, Kilmurry. This is to be preceded with a talk on 'skin care as we age' at 8.15pm to be given by Mary Mullins. All are welcome and there is no charge. However, if you want to join us the annual membership is just twenty euro. (No inflation there).

We are restarting our Wednesday ACT (Activities Chat and Tea) on February 15th in the Heritage Room, Kilmurry museum at 2pm. We will have Rose McCarthy returning for a session on Yoga, Tai Chi, mindfulness, and meditation. Rose will be back again to us later but not until April 19th. In the meantime, there will be a talk on Wednesday 22 February on energy measures, part of the UCC initiative. If you are present you may give your name and they will call to your house and carry out an assessment and provide cost effective solutions. We will have a talk on the developing scheme, Age Friendly homes, which aims to facilitate our loved ones staying in their own homes as long as possible. This is on the March 8th. We will also have a talk some evening yet to be fixed on herbal remedies. We will taste some of those remedies too. We will be doing ceramic art on either Monday or Tuesday evenings, and we will have gardening and cookery demonstrations and more besides, but let's wait because I am afraid you will be getting tired by just reading and before you get to the activities at all.

Aqua aerobics are back Wednesday mornings in Macroom 10am, and the bowls are back on Monday mornings in Coachford 10.30am.

Staying Fit for the Future courses given by Cork Sports Partnership have re-started in Kilmurry at 7pm and in Crookstown at 5pm and again at 6pm. However, you can still contact me about how you may join the remainder of these sessions. If you have not done this course before it is well worth trying out. There are eight weeks remaining, one hour per week, and the cost would be €48.

We are really looking forward to seeing all our current and our new members as we begin another active season for all tastes.

If you would like to join us, our association is open to all, and now is a great time to join, you get a full year for your membership fee of just twenty euro. Our philosophy is that age makes no difference, but health does. We try to do what we can to keep healthy and challenged in body and in mind, and together that is easier. You will be kept as busy as you choose to be and positively engaged in the community, and we think you will enjoy it. For more information contact Aidan at 0894057676 or aidanpbarry@outlook.com.

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Macroom Ploughing Association milestone in the existence of the celebration, it is also their turn. Final a sixth for the club. This major event will be held (weather permitting) on the lands of Ang Macroom P12 KV00, commencing. meet up with old friends and old men and plough women, as they

SOME HISTORY ON

The idea of forming a Ploughing Association and former members of Macra at that time. Macroom in the early 70's, with about 50/50. The Victoria Hotel was their anchor, with advocate of "See after them in their young as they have a bit of money !!! How right he was. The Club was formed and the first ploughing by Murphy Leeview on a Tuesday in February. It wasn't permitted to plough on a Sunday in the club in Cork to plough on a Sunday in the early. The Victoria Hotel continued to be their base. The together's took place, and the Ploughing Order year, competing at all levels, in both tractor Ireland. Many, both male and female members Ireland Ploughing in both Tractor and considering the high standard required at the time. In later years they moved to Coolcower House and hospitality. As a matter of interest, a founding member of Ploughing Match, and came second, he was planning on being first !!!



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Macroom Ploughing always attracts great local interest, first of all it is the only agricultural event now in the Macroom area, and secondly, there is a great interest in watching the local competitors testing their skills in the Standard 3 Furrow, the Reversible, the Beginners, and of course the Horse Class, to mention just a few. Results will be announced in Coolcower House that night, where there will be music, song and dance, and finger food. So come along and celebrate with the committee their 50 years in existence.

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The love of Horse Ploughing is very evident in the Macroom Club, and this, no doubt emanated from the famous Horgan brothers, Johnny and Jerry, who ploughed with horses in the late 60's and early 70'
Jerry had the honour of being the first President of the newly formed Club.
The Macroom Club would also be unique in that they have, and had members, male and female who competed and came 1st in the All Ireland U 40 Horse class.
Macroom Ploughing Assoc are very proud of the fact that they hosted the 1st Millennium Ploughing Match in Ireland on 1/1/2020. It was held on the lands of the Casey Family Coolcower, and attracted a huge crowd. An occasion remembered proudly by the Club.
The Club would like to thank all those who are not members but help out on the day of the ploughing, your help is much appreciated. One could say the backbone of this club is family participation handed down from generation to generation
Unfortunately the membership is no longer 50/50, but women still play their part in the Club, and can presently boast of an exceptional female Secretary. The 1st Secretary of the Club was also female.
The Club would like to acknowledge and thank their generous sponsors, year after year they continue to give generously of their hard earned cash to keep the Club up and running.
' THANK YOU'
The Club has also been so lucky with excellent ploughing sites, mainly Lea ground, with very obliging landowners, 'THANK YOU'
The present Committee would like to acknowledge also the contribution the deceased members of the Organisation made to this Club. Their commitment and drive is one of the reasons Macroom Ploughing is still so vibrant.
On a final note, the club appreciates the fact that some of their members, who still attend meetings, and work for the club, are founding members. This is to be commended. The Club definitely has benefited from their advice over the years.
The Organisation is lucky also to have young people joining on a yearly basis, so all in all Macroom Ploughing Association can enjoy this milestone and look forward to the next 50 years !!!!

Imeachtaí Eile / Other Events

- Drámaíocht - Ceardlanna drámaíochta do dhéagóirí 12-18 bliain á reáchtáil san Ionad Cultúrtha le Esther Uí Chruaí.
- Gary McCarthy nó GMC Beats i mbun ceardlanna 'rap' le daltaí na hidirbhliana ó Choláiste Ghobnatan & Scoil Mhuire Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh.
- 23ú Feabhra - Ceardlanna ar dhéantús ciseán traidisiúnta le Rosemary Kavanagh.
- Dé Luain 3ú Aibreán - Fíodóireacht le Johnny Shiels (traditional weaving).
- Ensemble Mhúscraí – Ceolfhoireann faoi stiúir Paul Clesham dírithe ar dhéagóirí. Fáilte roimh ceoltóirí nua – cleachtadh ar conas ceol a chumadh & a chóiriú.
- 'Tacaíocht' - Ranganna Ealaíne do sheanóirí ar fáil sna hionaid lae i gceantar Mhúscraí le Helen Quill.
- Aoine 24ú Feabhra @ 6.30pm - Coirm ceoil le Daltaí Henry Cronin.



Taispeántais Ealaíne

Feabhra - Bailiúchán de phictiúir Con Kelleher
Aibreán - Taispeántas le déagóirí Choláiste Ghobnatan
Bealtaine – Tacaíocht leis na seanóirí



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Éadain O'Donnell: Ag soláthar ceardlanna ealaíne bainteach leis an gceol agus an nádúr – fuaim an cheoil agus an samhlaíocht a spreagadh i bhfoirm ealaíne. Beidh sé seo dírithe ar na scoileanna.



Ranganna Ceoil le Henry Cronin

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Mac Diarmada - 7pm

Mac Diarmada agus rince na Mac Diarmada; Stiúrthóir Mac Diarmada Seosamh Ó Loinsigh. Ceol faoi stiúir Mac Diarmada.



Dé hAoine, 24ú Márta 8pm

Paul Clesham - Consairtín, Conor Arkins - Fíidil, agus Jim Murray - Giotár.

Coirm ceoil speisialta leis an triúr acu seo!



Dé hAoine, 31ú Márta 8pm

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Dé hAoine, 28ú Aibreán - 8pm

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Dé hAoine, 5ú Bealtaine

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Dé hAoine, 30ú Meithimh - 8pm

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DRIPSEY NATIONAL SCHOOL NEWS

Some of our 4th to 6th class boy and girls took part in the Sciath na Scol Quiz which took place in Rochestown Park Tuesday 17th of January 2023. We are very proud of our girls team who came 2nd place. Well done to our boys team who also competed. We have consent from all the students in the photos.



Some of the 4th to 6th class boy and girls from Dripsey School took part in the Sciath na Scol Quiz which took place in Rochestown Park Tuesday 17th of January 2023. We are very proud of our girls team who came 2nd place.

RYLANE COMMUNITY PARK ASSOCIATION – PRIDE OF PLACE 2022

Rylane Community Park Association was nominated by Cllr. Eileen Lynch to represent County Cork in the 2022 IPB/Cooperation Ireland sponsored Pride of Place Awards. Pride of Place Awards is an all-island competition that acknowledges and celebrates the work that communities are doing all over the island of Ireland. The competition is based on communities demonstrating directly to the judges their pride in their place by oral presentations where they highlight community activities, culture and many other aspects that contribute to their pride of place.

In August 2022 the judging panel spent an afternoon with members of RCPA in Rylane. They

were given an overview of the RCPA and the creation of our Community Park. Our local TDs, Councillors, County Mayor and members of Rylane community groups, school etc were invited to the presentation. The judges were also taken on a tour of Rylane and the surrounding areas in the Garda Community Bus. It was a great opportunity for the RCPA to showcase our village and our achievements to date. Following our presentation, the judges mentioned that the results would be announced in January 2023.

Theresa Dennehy, Mary Casey-Buckley, Pride of Place Judge, Cllr. Danny Collins Mayor of County Cork, Cllr. Michael Looney, Garda Orla Doyle, Aindrias Moynihan T.D., Linda Grimes, Diarmuid

Cronin, Cllr. Gobnait Moynihan, Martina Casey, Cllr. Eileen Lynch, Pride of Place Judge.

On 21st January two members of RCPA travelled to Dublin for the awards ceremony. Also in attendance were Cllr. Eileen Lynch and County Mayor Cllr Danny Collins. Groups from all over Ireland were represented and each group eagerly awaited the results of their category. Our category (Population 300-1000) was won by Lawrencetown Community Development Group in Co. Galway. Each group was presented with a Certificate of Participation. While we didn't win on the night we are proud of what we presented in August and proud of our Community Park.

BALLINAGREE NS NEWS



Ballinagree N.S. pupils from 1st to 6th class pictured with their teachers Mrs. O'Sullivan and Mr. Lynch at the River Láine on World Wetlands' Day.

COMMUNITY WATER OFFICER VISITS BALLINAGREE NATIONAL SCHOOL

Cork County Council Community Water Officer, Catherine Seale-Duggan, visited Ballinagree N.S. on World Wetlands' Day. She visited each classroom and spoke to the children about the Láine river and how the Láine catchment is classed as a Blue Dot catchment, which means the river is in good health. Children from 1st to 6th class visited the river with Catherine where they did a 'kick sample' of the river bed to discover what invertebrates were present. The children were enthralled to see Stoneflies and

Mayflies at nymph stage and a juvenile Lamprey in the samples. Catherine explained that the Láine is known to have freshwater pearl mussels between Ballinagree and Macroom which is another sign of a healthy river ecosystem.

BALLINAGREE N.S. ARE 3D DESIGN CHALLENGE PRIZE WINNERS

Ballinagree National School's 4th class team of Aoibheann Kelleher, Kayleigh O'Sullivan, Aoibheann O'Brien and Mia Noonan were named as runners-up of 'Manufacturing a Healthy Future' – a 3D printing design challenge recently. The



Community Water Officer, Catherine Seale-Duggan, enthalls the children of Ballinagree NS with what she finds in the river Láine.

competition was initiated by I-Form, the SFI Research Centre for Advanced Manufacturing, and Stryker, a leading medical technology company which employs approximately 4,000 people across eight facilities on the island of Ireland. All 4th, 5th & 6th class pupils took part in the challenge which was to come up with a solution to an everyday problem in the classroom using 3D printer technology. The children won a trip to Stryker and a voucher for €500 to spend on Science and Art materials for the school as well as individual prizes.

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'WEST CORK RAILWAYS BIRTH BEAUTY AND BETRAYAL' (2022)



The opening day of Macroom Railway Station, 1867. (Macroom Through the Mists of Time (Denis Paul Ring)).



Macroom Mural by Denis O'Reardan and Cormac Shiels) of the last train to leave Macroom in 1953 (C. Kelleher).

by Chris Larkin.

Book Review by Con Kelleher.

Transport is a hot current topic in Macroom and the 8th December, 2022 By-Pass opening should prove a boon to drivers, Macroom and the 'Healy-Rae' county. Chris Larkin's book deals with transport of a different kind and in a different era but even more momentous than our by-pass. His book deals with the history of railways in West Cork - their origin, benefits, beauty and demise. The Cork-Macroom line is referenced in his book.

Larkin's train of talents includes carriages of enthusiasm, a deep well of knowledge, in-depth research, a great eye for photographs, a precision for dates, an appreciation of context, an artist's dexterity and a the skills of a great story-teller. His book is divided into three parts: the first outlines the beginning and development of the railways and deals with the effects of trains on farming, animals, tourism, socialising/pubs and he charts various incidents. These include the carriage of The Prince of Wales, Gregory Peck, Robert Mitchum and Billy Fury whose stage act in Cork offended the late Bishop Lucey, Cork.

While all sections have an abundance of beautiful black-and-white and colour photos, part two, 'Beauty', lets the photos 'speak' for themselves. Among these is a photo of Macroom Engine No.

5, nicknamed 'Andrew', pp. 78-79. Other gems are pictures of Albert Quay Station, the viaduct and snaps of various smaller stations such those at Crossbarry and Waterfall.

'Betrayal' is the title of the last section and outlines the demise and closure of the railways. Starved of investment and under pressure from the motor industry, trains were neglected, reduced in importance and finally closed. Was this another example of 'short-termism' and 'state vandalism'? In view of our present dependence on oil and our planet 'burning', one can say for certain that it was a wrong decision to close our rural railways. With regard to Macroom, the flooding of the Lee Valley in the 1950s for the Carrigadrohid Dam was an added local factor.

As well as the photo, there are many references to the Cork-Macroom line. To quote a few: The line was opened in 1865 (other sources claim 1886) and according to Larkin, closed in 1955 (again other sources claim 1953). In its later years, it was freight only. The railway was a lifeline to the town from its inception. For example, it allowed for the rapid transport of eggs, butter and other goods rapidly to Cork city markets. Newspapers reached the town more quickly and people's range of travel extended. Sport, and in particular the GAA (founded in 1884) took advantage of relatively



Macroom Bus Station and former Railway Station (and currently being roofed and refurbished) (C. Kelleher.).

cheap and quick travel that enabled matches between distant clubs to take place. One of the first organised official GAA events – an athletics meeting - took place in Kilmichael in 1884, almost immediately after its founding, and the location depended on the presence of a nearby train station to facilitate access. The Bork-Macroom line had 'stops' at Crookstown and Dooniskey, and at Bandon, Enniskeane and Dunmanway on the Bandon-Cork line. During the War of Independence trains brought British soldiers, supplies and arms to and from Macroom, and they were frequently attacked on route by the IRA.

If you are looking for a lovely book for yourself or a loved one, then this book would make a splendid choice. Happy 2023.

AUNTIE SHEILA'S PUB OR 'SHEILA BABES', NEW STREET, MACROOM

I grew up in a farm in the country but my Mother's sister, Sheila Murphy, lived in Macroom. It was exciting visiting her, as she owned and managed a public house at 29 New Street. The pub was previously owned by Julia O Leary (Auntie Sheila's Aunt) hence the name that was over the door.... O Leary's. Sadly, I have no idea of when the pub first opened and all those who might know are long gone. I can see it all in my mind now. It was a bit dark and dingy but cosy and warm at night when the lights were on. The main entrance door was a solid wood door which led into a small space. This space had small double opening doors into the main bar and a smaller door to the left which led into a tiny room. This was called the "cábús" I never found out what that means but it sounds like it is derived from the Irish language. It was also referred to as "the snug". Only three people could sit comfortably there. There was also a hatch from here to the main bar through which drinks were served. This was generally used by females who did not wish to enter the public bar. The main bar had a long counter to the left as you entered the main bar. Patrons (all men) stood at the counter or sat at one square table further back . About 6 men could sit

here. In my child's eye, the bar was big, but it would be regarded as small and basic today. As well as whiskey, stout (Murphy's, Beamish and Guinness) and minerals, tea, sugar and biscuits were also sold. The biscuits came in large tin boxes and were sold by weight. I remember Marietta, Mikado, and Kimberley. Tea and sugar was also weighed on a very old fashioned scales and sold in strong brown paper bags tied with string. I remember mirrors and boards advertising whiskey, and stout. Glasses were kept under the counter and were washed as soon as the pub closed. The barrels containing the draft stout were also under the counter. Money was kept in a drawer on a shelf opposite the counter. This was the era pre cash-register! Off the main bar there was another small room called the 'Tap Room'. This was a really cosy room in winter as there was a small open fire there. As it had no door it afforded a certain amount of privacy while also being part of the public bar. I remember my Aunt being very careful that the grate wasn't too full.... she had a fear of coal falling out and setting fire to her pub. Most of the patrons were regulars who lived on New Street (also referred to as Pound Lane) and the surrounding streets. They all knew

each other. The only exception to this was when there was a funeral in St Colman's cemetery and attendees called in for a drink afterwards. Life seemed simpler than and nobody ever seems to be in a hurry. Auntie Sheila was a frail looking thin lady who lived alone in the private quarters at the back and above the public bar. However she had the reputation of being strict and she would not tolerate rowdy behaviour, over-indulgence or even singing! She was, I suspect, respected by her customers who knew her well and knew that there was a line they could not cross. As children during the nineteen sixties my sister and I often stayed with Auntie Sheila . We liked standing behind the counter, giving change and standing at the front door watching the daily happenings in New St. This world was very different to life in the countryside. Our Dad and his friend and neighbour came every Sunday night for a few drinks. The Pub closed in the late seventies and was subsequently sold. Our lovely aunt died on 14th November 1989 in Nazareth House in Mallow. She is buried with her parents and aunt in St Colman's cemetery, Macroom.

Eileen Sheehan Nee O'Callaghan, September 2022.



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Jan 29 Sun Cork 0-19 Meath 3-14
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 Feb 26 Sun Cork v Limerick
 Mar 4 Sat Clare v Cork
 Mar 19 Sun Louth v Cork
 Mar 26 Sun Cork v Derry

Allianz National Football League 2023

Importance of league for Cork: To qualify for the All Ireland championship (Sam Maguire) series, Cork footballers must qualify for the Munster final or failing that, to have some chance of qualifying, they must at least finish very near the top of Division Two of the league. In the Munster semi-finals, Cork play the winners of the Clare v Limerick quarter final. Kerry play the winners of Tipperary v Waterford game. Kerry v Cork is the prediction for the final but one can never be sure of anything in championship football.

There will be 16 teams in the All Ireland (Sam Maguire) series.

The 16 counties that will compete are to be seeded in the following way:

First seeds: The four provincial champions.

Second seeds: The four provincial runners-up
 Third seeds: The next four highest ranked teams at the conclusion of the league
 Fourth seeds: The next four highest ranked teams at the conclusion of the league
 There is one exception - the previous year's Tailteann Cup winner (Westmeath, 2022) if not already qualified as one of the teams, will be eligible instead of the lowest ranked fourth seeded team following the conclusion of the Allianz Football League.

The remaining 16 teams, who don't advance to the All-Ireland SFC, will compete in the Tailteann Cup. New York will enter the Tailteann Cup at the preliminary quarter-final stage.

All-Ireland SFC

During the Round One group phase (16 teams – 4 groups of 4) the schedule of matches is pre-determined with each team playing one home and one away game in the opening two rounds. Round Three fixtures will be played at neutral venues.

Game 1: Seed 1 v Seed 3, Seed 2 v Seed 4: Game 2: Seed 3 v Seed 2, Seed 4 v Seed 1
 Game 3: Seed 1 v Seed 2, Seed 3 v Seed 4
 Twelve counties (Top 3 in each group) will advance to the All-Ireland SFC knockout stages.

The preliminary quarter-finals will consist of the second placed teams being at home to third place teams. At the quarter-final stage the four group winners will meet the preliminary quarter-final victors.

Cork 0-19 Meath 3-14 - Round 1

The concession of three goals proved disastrous for Cork's chances in their opening game in Division Two of the Allianz National Football league in Páirc Uí Chaoimh. Cork had started well, but conceded a goal early on against the run of play yet recovered to deservedly lead by 0-11 to 1-6 at half time and had been playing against the wind. Two goals for Meath in a devastating nine-minute burst in the second half turned the game on its head and Cork were a beaten outfit long before the final whistle. It was a bitterly disappointing outcome for Cork who had entered the game full of confidence after

their successful run in the McGrath Cup but defeat brings some reality to the present standing of Cork football in the overall national picture.

Cork led by 0-11 to 1-6 at the end of an entertaining first half, Steven Sherlock was the standout figure, and Cork had enjoyed plenty of possession, attacking at will and earning a high return in the shooting stakes, registering just one wide. It took a while for Cork to resume their scoring flow on the restart but three in a row, from Chris Óg Jones, a Sherlock free and Powter, had them 0-14 to 1-8 clear only for Meath to come roaring back for a deserved victory.

Scorers for Cork: S Sherlock 0-14 (0-10 f, 0-1 45), C Óg Jones 0-2, S Powter, M Shanley, M Taylor 0-1 each.

Cork: Micheál A Martin (Nemo Rangers); Maurice Shanley (Clonakilty), Daniel O'Mahony (Knocknagree), Kevin O'Donovan (Nemo Rangers); Seán Meehan (Kiskeam), Rory Maguire (Castlehaven), Mattie Taylor (Mallow); Colm O'Callaghan (Éire Óg), Ian Maguire (St Finbarr's); Eoghan McSweeney (Knocknagree), Seán Powter (Douglas), Brian O'Driscoll (Tadhg MacCarthaighs); Chris Óg Jones (Iveleary), Brian Hurley (Castlehaven), Stephen Sherlock (St Finbarr's).
 Subs: Tommy Walsh (Kanturk) for O'Donovan 43, John O'Rourke (Carbery Rangers) for McSweeney 52, Luke Fahy for R Maguire 54, Cathal O'Mahony (Mitchelstown) for Hurley 60, Rory Deane (Bantry Blues) for Powter 65.

Kildare 0-7 Cork 2-14 - Rd 2

Well, well! Cork after their second half collapse against Meath a week earlier travelled to Newbridge to tackle Kildare and turned in a super performance to win well, take an invaluable two league points home and give themselves a nice boost for their next encounter, against Dublin in Cork on Sunday February 19th, 3.45pm throw in.

Cork put up the shutters in front of keeper Micheál Aodh Martin, who kept a clean sheet on this occasion while up front Brian Hurley, Steven Sherlock and Brian O'Driscoll brought their shooting boots.

Cork, made two changes from the Meath game, both in defence, Tommy Walsh and Luke Fahy coming in as Cork kept Kildare scoreless for the first 27 minutes by which stage Cork had compiled 1-6. Points from Hurley and Sherlock and a goal from Seán Powter had given Cork the perfect opening quarter, and points from Sherlock and Colm O'Callaghan were added. It was 1-8 to 0-2 at half time and Cork's game to lose but they did not relax.

Kildare lost a man to a needless red card after 50 minutes and Cork answered every Kildare score until substitute Cathail O'Mahony crashed home a second and long threatened goal in the dying minutes, the chance set up by Colm O'Callaghan.

Cork Scorers: B Hurley 0-4 (0-1 f, 0-1 m, 0-1 45), C O'Mahony 1-1, S Sherlock 0-4 (0-1 f, 0-1 45), S Powter 1-0, B O'Driscoll 0-3, C O'Callaghan, L Fahy 0-1 each.

Cork: MA Martin (Nemo Rangers); M Shanley (Clonakilty), D O'Mahony (Knocknagree), T Walsh (Kanturk); Luke Fahy (Ballincollig), R Maguire (Castlehaven), M Taylor (Mallow); Colm O'Callaghan (Éire Óg), I Maguire (St Finbarr's); E McSweeney

(Knocknagree), S Powter (Douglas), B O'Driscoll (Tadhg MacCarthaighs); Chris Óg Jones (Iveleary), B Hurley (Castlehaven), captain, S Sherlock (St Finbarr's). Subs: C O'Mahony (Mitchelstown) h-t, R Deane (Bantry Blues) 51, C Corbett (Clyda Rovers) 54, K O'Hanlon (Kilshannig) 69, Cian Kiely (Ballincollig) 72.

Allianz National Hurling League – Div 1 A

Feb 4 Sat Cork 2-17 Limerick 0-22

Feb 12 Sun Galway v Cork

Feb 26 Sun Cork v Westmeath

Mar 12 Sun Cork v Wexford

Mar 19 Sun Clare v Cork

Allianz Hurling League - Round 1

Cork 2-17 Limerick 0-22

Shane Kingston scored an 80th-minute winner as a strong second-half revival saw Cork take the points in their Allianz Hurling League Division 1 Group A opener against Limerick at Páirc Uí Chaoimh before a fine attendance of 19,516 patrons.

Cork were eight points in arrears at half time but hugely aided by goals from Robbie O'Flynn and Declan Dalton managed to hit the front by the three quarter stage before they lost Robbie O'Flynn to a serious ankle injury which caused 10 minutes of injury time to be added and on resumption four points moved Limerick into a 0-22 to 2-14 lead. Cork battled on however and Patrick Horgan's tenth point was followed by a first from Conor Lehane. Late in time added (79th minute!) Horgan provided the pass for Shane Kingston to create space and shoot the winner.

Both sides had seven of the same starters as in their last 2022 championship outings – Cork's All-Ireland quarter-final loss to Galway and Limerick's final win over Kilkenny. In the first half Limerick looked to be the better team by far and led by 0-16 to 0-8 at the break. Limerick had availed of their chances, Cork had not done so with nine wides in the half, and the contest looked to be destined to be going the way of the All Ireland champions. Patrick Horgan was the outstanding Cork forward but even the Glen Rovers star had wasted some scorable opportunities.

Within 11 minutes of the restart, delayed by the non emergence of Limerick to the annoyance of the huge attendance, Cork were back on level terms. After a Horgan point from a free, Robbie O'Flynn fired home a great shot, David Reidy had his sixth for Limerick in reply, Horgan had two more Cork points and then Declan Dalton lashed a ground shot to the net. Points were exchanged, Ciaran Joyce landed a huge point from distance to put the home side in front for the first time to the delight of the home following. Another from Horgan left it 2-14 to 0-18 before another Reidy point and then the long injury delay. When the action resumed, Limerick levelled and went two clear but Cork came back for a memorable victory. Cork were not perfect but they did turn in a fine spirited second half performance urged on by the enthusiastic supporters and should benefit in confidence from the win.

Cork captain Seán O'Donoghue, playing well, had to retire with a leg injury after the opening half hour, Blarney's Shane Barrett came on in attack in the second half and was effective.

Next up for Cork is Galway in Salthill.



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Scorers for Cork: Patrick Horgan 0-10 (0-5 frees, 0-1 65), Robbie O'Flynn 1-1, Declan Dalton 1-0, Eoin Downey, Ciarán Joyce, Luke Meade, Brian Roche, Conor Lehane, Shane Kingston 0-1 each.

Cork: Patrick Collins; Seán O'Donoghue (Inniscarra), Eoin Downey, Conor O'Callaghan; Tommy O'Connell, Ciarán Joyce, Damien Cahalane; Brian O'Sullivan, Luke Meade; Brian Roche, Conor Lehane, Cormac Beausang; Declan Dalton, Patrick Horgan, Robbie O'Flynn.

Subs: Niall O'Leary for O'Donoghue (30, injured), Shane Kingston for Beausang (40), Shane Barrett (Blarney) for O'Sullivan (43), Brian Hayes for Dalton (55), Conor Cahalane for O'Flynn (63, injured).

LGFA Lidl National League - Div One

Jan 22 Mayo 0-12 Cork 2-11

Jan 29 Waterford 2-9 Cork 2-9

Feb 5 Cork 3-15 Dublin 4-13

Feb 19 Galway v Cork

Feb 26 Cork v Donegal

Mar 19 Cork v Kerry

Mar 26 Cork v Meath

Waterford 2-9 Cork 2-9 - Rd 2

Katie Quirke earned Cork a share of the points in the LIDL LGFA National League Division 1 encounter with Waterford in Piltown, Kilkenny. The Bride Rovers forward landed a free six minutes into injury-time as a new-look young Cork team emerged from a hard-hitting league encounter with a 2-9 to 2-9 draw to add to their win a week earlier away to Mayo.

Waterford led from the third minute but couldn't hold on. Instead, a Cork team that, at one juncture, trailed by seven points left with a hard-earned share of the spoils. The venue was the cause of much pre-and post-match comment because of the poor state of the playing surface.

Aine Fitzgerald and Lauren McGregor's first-half goals helped Waterford to a 2-4 to 1-3 interval lead. Daire Kiely's goal just before half time proved crucial for a struggling Cork team, Daire collecting a Libby Coppinger pass after a turning over in possession deep in their own half.

A high-scoring third quarter saw Erika O'Shea raise a green flag to level matters, 2-7 apiece, heading into the closing stages. Both teams played their hearts out before points were exchanged. Emma Murray looked to have won it late on for Waterford but Katie Quirke, who finished with five points, salvaged a draw, pointing a real pressure free six minutes into injury-time for a relieved Cork.

Cork scorers: K Quirke 0-5 (0-3f), D Kiely and E O'Shea 1-0 each, E Kiely 0-2, L Coppinger 0-1 and E Cleary 0-1 each.

Cork: Meabh O'Sullivan; Shauna Kelly, Eimear Meaney, Dara Kinry; Aoife Healy, Hannah Looney, Melissa Duggan; Rachel Leahy, Erika O'Shea (Macroom); Emma Cleary (Éire Óg) (captain), Libby Coppinger, Daire Kiely; Katie Quirke, Eimear Kiely, Abigail Ring. Subs: Orlaith Cahalane (Éire Óg) for A Ring (ht), L O'Mahony for L Coppinger (40), B O'Sullivan for D Kiely (40), A Ryan for E Kiely (46), Sábh McGoldrick (Éire Óg) for A Healy (62), E Jack for E Cleary (62). Amy and Lydia McDonagh, Naomh Abán, were on the Cork panel.

Cork 3-15 (24) Dublin 4-13(25) - Rd 3

Dublin won a thrilling LGFA Lidl National league encounter at Páirc Uí Chaoimh by a single point, the concession of four goals by the Cork defence too heavy a burden to overcome.

Cork denied by Dublin's four-goal blast in the

second quarter and after a spirited comeback, they were edged out by two late Carla Rowe frees.

Cork had led by 0-7 to 0-2, after the first 13 minutes and were ripping the Dubs apart. Cork then went on to concede four goals in the space of 14 minutes, three off their own kick-outs and they led by 4-8 to 0-10 at half time.

Cork manager Shane Ronayne introduced three substitutes and the fight back started. An Erika O'Shea hand pass across goal was fumbled into her own net by Dublin goalkeeper, Kiely buried another in the 37th minute, Orlaith Cahalane won a free for Quirke to convert and the deficit was down to 4-9 to 2-12.

Each side had two points and the teams were level with 10 minutes to go, when Orlaith Cahalane fired a rocket into the roof of the Dublin net. Katie Quirke put Cork ahead for the first time but Dublin twice drew fouls for Rowe to kick the leveller and 60th-minute winner.

Cork Scorers: E Kiely (1-4, 0-1 free); K Quirke (0-5, 2 frees); L Magee (own goal), O Cahalane (1-0 each); L Coppinger (0-3); R Leahy, A Healy, H Looney (0-1 each).

Cork: M O'Sullivan; S Kelly, M O'Callaghan (capt), D Kiniry; A Healy, M Duggan, H Looney; S Leahy, Erika O'Shea (Macroom); Emma Cleary (Éire Óg), K Quirke, R Leahy; L Coppinger, E Kiely, D Kiely. Subs: L O'Mahony, A Ryan and Orlaith Cahalane (Éire Óg), all ht, B O'Sullivan 45, K Redmond 46, R Phelan 58, A Ring 58.

2023 Cork County Leagues

Football: In the Cork Credit Unions county football leagues there are seven divisions, 10 teams in each of divisions 1 to 6, 8 teams in 7 and in 8. Promotion and relegation applies in every division.

The leagues commence on February 25th/26th next and continue until June.

Division One: Éire Óg v Cill na Martra, Ballincollig v Nemo Rangers, Castlehaven v Carbery Rangers, Kiskeam v Douglas, St Finbarrs v Valley Rovers.

Division Two: Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh v Clyda, Carrigaline v Clonakilty, Kanturk v Aghada, O'Donovan Rossa v Fermoy, St Michaels v Newcestown.

Division Three: Rockchapel v Macroom, Nemo v Castletownbere, Bishopstown v Ilen Rovers, Glanworth v Mallow, Knocknagree v Dohenys.

Division Four: Aghabullogue v Naomh Abán, Kilshannig v Iveleary, Bantry Blues v Newmarket, Mitchelstown v Na Piaras, St Vincents v Bandon.

Division Five: Ballinora v Mayfield, Adrigole v Boherbue, Ballydesmond v Glenville, Dromtariffe v Glanmire, Kinsale v Millstreet.

Division Six: Gabriel Rangers v Kilmurry, St Finbarrs v Cobh, St Nicks v Buttevant, Urhan v Kildorrery.

Division Seven: Aghinagh v Ballinhassig, Castlemagner v St Michaels, Cullen v Argideen, St James v Ballyclough.

Hurling

In the Red FM county hurling leagues there are seven divisions.

The opening round games are on March 4th/5th.

Division One: Blackrock, Carrigtwohill, Douglas, Erins Own, Fr O'Neills, Charleville, Killeagh, Na Piaras, Sarsfields, Kanturk.

Division Two: Ballincollig v Glen Rovers, Fermoy v Bride Rovers, Mallow v Courneys, Midleton v Bishopstown, Newtownshandrum v St Finbarrs.

Division Three: Blackrock Int v Inniscarra, Éire Óg v Kilworth, Ballymartle v Carrigaline, Castlelyons

v Bandon, Newcestown v Blarney Division Four: Aghabullogue v Ballyhea, Ballinhassig v Milford, Cloyne v Valley Rovers, Lisgoold v Youghal, St Catherine's v Kildorrery.

Division Five: Cloughduv v Midleton 2, Argideen v Aghada, Ballygiblin v Watergrasshill, Castlemartyr v Dungourney, Russell Rovers v Mayfield.

Division Six: Douglas 2, Meelin, Kilbrittain, Na Piaras, Tracton, Sarsfields 2, Barryroe, Ballygarvan.

Division Seven: Ballinora v St Finbarrs 2, Éirins Own 2 v Nemo, Glen Rovers 2 v Kilshannig, Valley Rovers v Ballinascorthy.

Muskerry GAA

Mid Cork Leagues 2023

FOOTBALL – commencing in early March

Division 1 – 8 teams: Inniscarra, Canovee, Ballincollig, Grenagh, Éire Óg, Kilmichael, Clondrohid, Donoughmore Division 2 East – 8 teams: Dripsey, Blarney, Inniscarra 2, Ballincollig 2, Éire Óg 2, Ballinora, Aghabullogue, Donoughmore 2.

Division 2 West – 8 teams: Iveleary, Kilmurry, Cill na Martra, Macroom, Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh, Canovee 2, Naomh Abán, Aghinagh 2. (Note: Aghinagh 1 are in County League 7).

Division 3 East -5 teams: Gleann na Laoi, Grenagh 2, Dripsey 2, Ballincollig 3, Inniscarra 3.

Division 3 West – 4 teams: Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh 2, Clondrohid 2, Kilmichael 2, Naomh Abán 2.

HURLING – commencing St Patrick's Day weekend Division 1 – 8 teams: Grenagh, Inniscarra, Éire Óg, Blarney, Ballincollig, Kilmichael, Donoughmore, Dripsey.

Division 2 – 8 teams: Cloughduv, Aghabullogue, Uibh Laoire, Inniscarra 2, Blarney 2, Grenagh 2, Éire Óg 2, Ballincollig 2.

Division 3 – 4 team (home and away): Laochra Óg, Gleann na Laoi, Donoughmore 2, Ballinora 2. (Note: Ballinora 1 are in County League 7)

1982 – A MEMORABLE YEAR FOR MACROOM GAA

Forty years ago Macroom GAA was celebrating a unique and historic year for the club. Macroom were 1982 County Intermediate (now Premier) Football champions and to complete an historic double, the Macroom Under 21 footballers won the County U21 Football Championship.

Macroom had made a very disappointing first round exit from the 1981 championship but the team held together and won the league title by defeating Nemo Rangers in January of 1982. In the first round of the county intermediate championship in May, the Mid Cork side were too strong for Adrigole and won well on a 3-13 to 1-5 scoreline. The team was: Paul Kingston: Gerard O'Leary (Codrum), Michael Moloney, Gussie Kelleher: Peter O'Halloran, Thomas Creedon capt., Kevin Hinchion: Barry Lynch, Mickey Browne: Eamonn Goold, Colman Corrigan, Michael O'Riordan: Tim O'Sullivan, Leo Goold, Tony O'Sullivan.

In the quarter final, played at Coachford in late June, a very strong St Finbarrs team with then current Cork seniors in Christy Ryan and Tadgh Reilly in its ranks, was defeated on a score of 0-9 to 1-2 after a fine display from Macroom. Michael Moloney and Tom Creedon were dominant in defence, Colman Corrigan and Mickey Browne starred at midfield as Macroom went into a 0-6



to 0-1 interval and remained in control all though the second half. Macroom: Tadgh O'Mahony: Gus Kelleher, M Moloney, Gerard Buckley: Ger O'Leary, Tom Creedon, Peter O'Halloran: Mickey Browne, Colman Corrigan: Michael O'Riordan, Barry Lynch, Leo Goold: Tim O'Sullivan, Eamonn Goold, Tony O'Sullivan. Subs: Conor Goold, Kevin Hinchion.

Macroom were faced by Grange in the semi final, the team which had bossed them and beaten them in the '81 championship in the rain at Mallow. This game was played at Church Road, a very determined Macroom dominated from the start and led by 1-7 to 0-2 at half time. Within nine minutes of the restart Grange were only three points adrift as the rains poured down but Leo Goold halted the slide with a point from a free after a foul on Conor Goold. In the 43rd minute a fast Macroom movement saw Leo Goold and Tony O'Sullivan combine to release Gerry Fitzgerald and the latter's well placed shot hit the net and restored Macroom's dominance. Macroom: T O'Mahony: G Kelleher, M Moloney, G O'Leary: G Buckley, T Creedon, P O'Halloran: C Corrigan, E Goold: M O'Riordan, Gerry Fitzgerald, C Goold: Tim O'Sullivan, L Goold, Tony O'Sullivan. Sub: Michael Hinchion.

In the final, played at Cloughduv on October 31st, Macroom were in top form and defeated Bandon by 1-12 to 1-8, a thoroughly deserved victory on the day. Macroom led by 0-6 to 0-4 at half time, Leo Goold in scoring form and on the restart Leo finished a move started by Eamonn Goold, progressed by Barry Lynch, to shoot a goal which ignited Macroom once again. Macroom were not going to be caught thereafter and a late 1-1 for Bandon only improved the appearance of the scoreboard.

Seán Mac Suibhne, Cork Co Board, presented the Cup to Macroom captain Tom Creedon. It was the first time ever Macroom have won this championship.

Macroom: Tadgh O'Mahony: Gus Kelleher, Michel Moloney, Gerard O'Leary (Codrum): Gerard Buckley, Tom Creedon, Peter O'Halloran: Mickey Browne, Colman Corrigan: Ger Fitzgerald, Barry Lynch, Leo Goold: Tim O'Sullivan, Eamonn Goold, Tony O'Sullivan. Subs: Michael O'Riordan, Conor Goold, Paul Kingston (used) and Don Crowley, Kevin Hinchion, Michael Hinchion, Connie Foley, Noel O'Riordan, Eddy Neville, Paddy Murphy, Tim Kelleher.

A month later Macroom U 21s took their first ever County title with a 1-10 to 1-7 victory over St Finbarrs in the final at Cloughduv. The Barrs struck for an early goal and led by 1-1 to 0-2 after the opening quarter but Macroom recovered to be level at half time, 1-2 to 0-5, Eamonn Goold with three points and one each from Connie Foley and Tom Murray. A goal from Tom Murray put Macroom three points clear in the 35th minute, points from Noel O'Riordan and Michael O'Riordan had Macroom four clear and the latter made it 1-8 to 1-3 in the 41st minute. Macroom scented victory, matched the Barrs on the scoreboard, defended well and held out for an historic victory. Macroom: Tadgh O'Mahony: Eddie Goold, Gerard O'Leary, Gerard Creedon: Kevin Hinchion, Don Crowley, Peter O'Halloran: Colman Corrigan capt., Eamonn Goold: Michael O'Riordan, Barry Lynch, Noel O'Riordan: Tim Kelleher, Tom Murray, Connie Foley. Sub used: Gerard O'Leary (The Rectory).



Macroom – Cork Co. U 21 Football Champions 1982



Macroom – Cork Co. Intermediate Football Champions 1982

CLONDROHID GAA

GAA NEWS: Clondrohid GAA held its medal presentation on Saturday January 28 at the Abbey Hotel to celebrate the achievements of seven winning teams from the 2020, 2021 and 2022 seasons. Cork footballer Sean Meehan (Kiskeam) presented the medals to all the players involved. Medals were presented to the following winning teams, 2020 U21C Muskerry Championship

2020 U12 West Cork Division 3 Shield
2020 U16 Mid Cork Division 3 League
2021 U15 West Cork Division 3 Championship
2021 U18 North Cork Plate League
2022 U12 Mid Cork Division 2 Shield
2022 U15 West Cork Division 3 Shield
A great night was had by all and we wish the players and coaches all the best for 2023.

INNISCARRA GAA

On Tuesday night the 31st January, 2023 a presentation of the proceeds from the Seamus Noonan Memorial Poc Fada held by Inniscarra GAA and Camogie Clubs, was made at the Wayside Inn, Cloghroe. Sean O'Mahony, on behalf of the Poc Fada Committee, thanked everyone who took part and once again outlined its success. The proceeds were presented to Marymount Hospice and the Mick Cronin Appeal Fund. Anne Ellard accepted the cheque on behalf of Marymount, and thanked the Poc Fada Committee for their continued support, and the support it has given Marymount over the years, as all donations, no matter how big

or small, are greatly appreciated for the successful running of the Hospice.

James Murphy, from Bishopstown GAA Club accepted the cheque on behalf of the Mick Cronin Appeal Fund. Mick suffered catastrophic life-changing injuries in a fall in November, 2021. Mick, originally from Kiskeam, is a member of Bishopstown G.A.A. Club, where he worked as a mentor and coach at underage level. The Poc Fada Committee would also like to thank The Wayside Inn for their hospitality on the night.

HAVE YOU A NEWS STORY?

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COACHFORD AFC

Well done to the Coachford AFC U12 team who came from a goal down to win 3-1 at home against College Corinthians. The boys should have been two up after 10 minutes but the woodwork and some great goalkeeping denied them. The U12s showed great character when they went a goal behind midway through the first half and it was Patrick Merrigan who met the crossed ball to equalise the game just before the break. The second half began very evenly balanced but as the game went on Coachford were starting to find more space up front and Ryan Young and Tommy Ross were causing Corinthians all kinds of trouble. With only 7 minutes left on the clock Ryan put the Coachford side in front after some great midfield play. In the remaining minutes Corinthians threw the kitchen sink at Coachford to try and find an equaliser but some terrific goalkeeping and tight defending kept the visitors at bay and then deep into injury time, Tommy put the game to bed and ensured maximum points were earned. This was a great team performance and well done to all the players. The league title is within their grasp but there are some really tough games ahead as we head into the final run in.



Brothers, Evan, Cianan, Aaron and Mike O'Sullivan at the Coachford AFC Dinner Dance

COACHFORD REACH LINNANE CUP FINAL
Coachford AFC Premier team defeated Village Utd 2-0 to qualify for the Mossie Linnane Cup Final on March 5th at Turners Cross Stadium. This competition is only open to teams in the top league of the Cork AUL and sees the best of the best go up against each other. Coachford last won

the cup in 2019 and are looking forward to playing at Turners Cross again. Their opposition for the final are Grattan Utd who had a very impressive path to the final and will prove a very tough side for Coachford to get past if they want to lift the trophy.

MACROOM SOCCER CLUB

WOMENS U16 NATIONAL CUP LAST 32: MACROOM 5 TORRO UTD (CO MEATH) 1.

Macroom welcomed Torro FC from Meath to Murrayfield on Saturday 28th January in what was an eagerly awaited tie, the home side running out deserving winners in front of a large crowd in near perfect conditions.

It was absolutely fantastic to see so many people from the Town coming down to support the girls in what was a real community atmosphere. A special thanks also to all the girl's schoolfriends who came along to watch and support them.

Macroom gave the home support something to cheer about with a well taken goal by Lisa O'Donovan early on. In fairness to the Leinster visitors Torro, they were not going to let this upset them and replied with a goal of their own mid-way through the half to level matters. Luckily however, Macroom pressure before half time paid dividends when Szonja Mora gave the hosts a deserved 2-1 half time lead.

Macroom roared into the second half with another Szonja Mora strike and Lisa O'Donovan dispatched a penalty, the in form Szonja Mora then got her hat trick (her second hat trick in her last 2 games) following a lovely through ball from captain Saorlaith Murphy.

This win was a real team performance from the keeper, defence, midfield sector and attackers with everyone giving full commitment and bravely showing for the ball. This resulted in some great passages of play which isn't easy especially playing in front of a large home crowd. The draw for the last 16 took place during this past week and Macroom have been drawn away to Kilnamanagh FC from Dublin in an exciting last 16 tie.

Team: Mya O'Sullivan, Szonja Mora, Lucy Hinchion, Maisie Murphy, Lisa O'Donovan, Saorlaith Murphy (Capt), Shauna O'Sullivan, Daria Smolen, Ellen Duggan, Erin Kelleher, Eimear Healy, Aisling Twomey, Rachel O'Shea, Chloe O'Sullivan, Joy Griffin; Daimhin McKenna and Ruth Cotter. Coaches: Brian Murphy and Mick Gould.

INTER LEAGUE AND INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION

We were all absolutely thrilled to hear of the news that our U15 striker Szonja Mora has been called up to the C.W.S.S.L Inter League U16 Cork Squad. This is a well deserved call up as you may have seen Szonja's name has been mentioned over the last few weeks for her goal scoring prowess with 7 goals in the last 3 games. Szonja will now join her team mate Maisie Murphy in the squad and we wish both girls the very best of luck. We also wish our two girls that have signed with Cork City FC, namely Lauren Hughes (U19) and Caoimhe O'Brien (U17) the very best of luck for the season ahead. This now brings to four the number of girls wearing the Cork jersey from Macroom FC and we could not be happier for them and their coaches. We would also like to send best wishes to U17 player Daria Smolen with the Irish Volleyball team and also Molly Murphy (U17 keeper) who was selected on the Cork LGFA Minor Football team for the coming year. Well done and good luck to all from everyone at Macroom FC.

GIRLS ROUND UP

A massive well done to our U10 girls that travelled to Fermoy on Saturday 28th January to play a fantastic sporting game and provide a real goals fest. Our U13's made the trip to Midleton to play in the Kay McGrath Cup. They played a strong

Midleton side, however the Macroom girls put in a fantastic performance and showed a fine display of football, coming home with the victory with 4 goals from the in form Aine O'Riordan and another from the excellent Evie McMahon. Park United came to Murrayfield Sunday afternoon to take on the Macroom U15 girls. This was a must win game for Macroom as they were looking to keep pace with league leaders Youghal. Macroom started off the game brightly and dominated early on, making numerous chances and converting with goals from Maisie Murphy, Shauna O'Sullivan, Szonja Mora, Chloe O'Sullivan and Claire Hughes. A great team performance in which the large squad available to the coaches afforded them plenty of options throughout.

SCHOOLBOYS

The U13B side entertained Midleton at the Town Park and were really unlucky to lose out 1-0 to the visitors. It was another fine performance from this ever improving bunch with excellent performance from David Kelleher and Daragh McSweeney. Macroom U13A travelled to Riverstown for a tough league division 5 game and lost out 2-0. Coaches were extremely satisfied after as it was clear every player gave his all on the day. Best for Macroom were Cayden Dunton Holden and Cormac Healy. The U13 division 2 side welcomed Corinthians to the Town Park and ran out convincing 6-1 winners. Goals from Conor Doyle, Micheal Deasy, Ryan Brophy, Aled Hopkins, Ciaran Coleman and Ramon Fuentes Quintero in what was a good squad performance.

The U15 boys secured a much welcome 3 points on the Town Park with a 4-1 defeat of Leeds. Macroom were on the front foot from the off with Christopher Lane finishing well in the opening



minute following good work from Jack Kelleher Leavy. It was 3-0 15 mins in with Robert Fitzgerald a constant threat on the right wing providing plenty of ammunition. Leeds got a goal back from a corner just before half time but the Macroom boys controlled the game well in the 2nd half. A last minute goal from Jack Kelleher Leavy, set up by Brian Bradley, topped off a fine 4-1 win. Scorers were Christopher Lane, Eoghan Healy, Sam Kelleher Leavy and Jack Kelleher Leavy. Well done to all players and coaches.

MUNSTER SENIOR LEAGUE DIVISION 2, PASSAGE AFC 4 MACROOM 3

Rockenham Park, Passage West was the setting for this Munster Senior League Division 2 fixture, where the home side ran out narrow winners against an unlucky visiting Macroom outfit, sponsored by Murrays Bar. The opening minutes started at a frantic pace but neither side were really able to get a foothold. A number of tame efforts causing no real trouble for either goalkeeper. It was on 18 minutes when Macroom posed their first real threat. A great ball from Lloyd Asling was played into Keith Holden's stride but his curling effort went just wide of the right post.

From here, Macroom were the team setting the pace and it was certainly a sign of things to come. On 20 minutes, Craig Ronan played in a great corner and it was Dylan Twomey who had the deftest of touches to head his effort into the top corner. 1-0, Macroom. A poor free out from the back almost saw Passage draw level but a weak effort was comfortably dealt with by Caleb Dineen. On 33 minutes, great link up play between Twomey and Holden allowed the latter to release Mark Corrigan who finished well from an acute angle, 2-0 Macroom. The away side now had their tails up and almost immediately made it 3-0. A great interception from Cathal O' Riordan in the middle of the park allowed Twomey space on the edge of the box. The finish was exquisite as it nestled perfectly into the top corner, leaving the Passage number one rooted to the spot.

Unfortunately, the tide began to turn in favour of the home side and they began to show their worth as current league leaders. On 43 minutes, Passage caught Macroom on the counter but an expert piece of defending from Thomas Morgans



Macroom FC U16 schoolgirls who have qualified for the last 16 of the National Cup. The defeated Torro Utd from Co. Meath 5-1 at Murrayfield.

forced a corner. Macroom failed to deal with the resulting danger and Passage forced home their first of the night, 3-1. Almost immediately, Passage were through again but another last ditch tackle resulted in a penalty. The effort was coolly slotted home, 3-2 and Passage were well and truly back in the game, before the short whistle sounded.

The second half resumed with a handful of half chances for each side. However, as the hour mark approached, it was Passage that were looking the more dangerous side. Some outstanding defending from the Macroom rearguard of Morgans, O' Riordan, Danny Kelleher & Mark Hunt nullified the home side's attack for the most part. Ultimately though, Passage found the equaliser in the 77th minute with a well dispatched effort from the edge of the box to the bottom left corner.

Macroom's defence again stood strong and were determined not to wilt with both Morgans and Kelleher putting in outstanding shifts. This game would have yet another twist and as the final whistle loomed, Passage were awarded their second penalty of the night. Although the opposite corner proved the target, the outcome was the same, 4-3 Passage. The comeback was complete and the hosts would go on to secure a huge 3 points.

Macroom will be bitterly disappointed to come away empty-handed. It was a game the away side dominated for long periods with some exceptional

performances throughout. Plenty of positives to take from this one.

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Darragh Deasy, Declan Kiely and Lelia Graham.



Torro United, Navan, Co. Meath, defeated by Macroom U-14s.



Torro United U-14 and Macroom captains, overseen by the referee, exchange pennants before their match in Macroom, 28 Jan., 2023.



SULLANE FC



Sullane FC U12's Girls, reaching the last 16 in Ireland, defeating Holycross AFC in the SFAI National Cup. Next round they will play Freebooters AFC from Kilkenny.



Sullane FC U12 Girls Captain Lily Hoare



Macroom FC U11A boys who played Coachford away.



The U11 boys from Macroom FC after their game away to Mayfield Utd.



Macroom FC U13 Div 2 schoolboys who defeated Corinthians 6-1 at the Town Park



Tommy Mullins, Rory O'Murchu, Clodagh Mullins, Culann O'Murchu, Odhran O'Murchu and Caoimhe Mullins, along with their instructor Grandmaster Dalton of Ballyvourney Taekwon-Do club who competed that the Lenister Championships in Athlone recently.



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What happens gifts which had been exchanged between the engaged couple?

When two people who are engaged give gifts (including an engagement ring) to each other, there is a presumption that the gifts will be returned (if requested), should the engagement end. However, if the giver dies, it is presumed any gifts were given without any conditions. In this case, the surviving fiancé(e) can keep the gifts.

You can contest either of these presumptions in court if there is evidence to the contrary. These presumptions only apply to gifts given during the engagement. They do not apply to gifts given before or after the engagement.

What happens gifts from a third party?

If someone gives an engaged couple (or one of the couple) a wedding gift, it is presumed that the couple are joint owners. This can be contested if there is evidence to the contrary. It is also presumed that the gift will be returned (if requested), should the engagement end and the marriage does not take place for any reason. This includes the death of one of the engaged couple.

If a third party gives a substantial benefit (not a wedding gift) to one of the couple as a result of the engagement, the third party can take legal action if the engagement ends. For example, if a relative carries out or pays for substantial work to improve a property which the couple had intended to use as their family home, the relative can apply to the courts for compensation.

Can somebody claim compensation for wedding preparation expenses if the wedding is cancelled?

Where an engagement has ended and one of the couple has incurred substantial expenses in preparation for the marriage (and has not benefited from the expenses), that person may apply to the courts for compensation from their ex-fiancé(e). Examples of expenses might include:

- Booking the wedding reception
 - Booking the honeymoon
 - Hiring a photographer or videographer
- A third party (for example, a family member or friend) who incurs expenditure on behalf of one of the couple in preparation for the marriage and has not benefited, may also apply to the courts for compensation.

What are the property rights of engaged couples when the engagement ends?

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What are the options for legal action?

If your engagement has ended and you want to take legal action, you must do so within 3 years. Such cases are usually heard in the Circuit Court. However, if very valuable property is involved, you may ask that it be heard in the High Court. Legal actions in relation to substantial, non-wedding gifts from a third party (or wedding preparation expenses), can be brought in the District Court if the amount sought is under €15,000.

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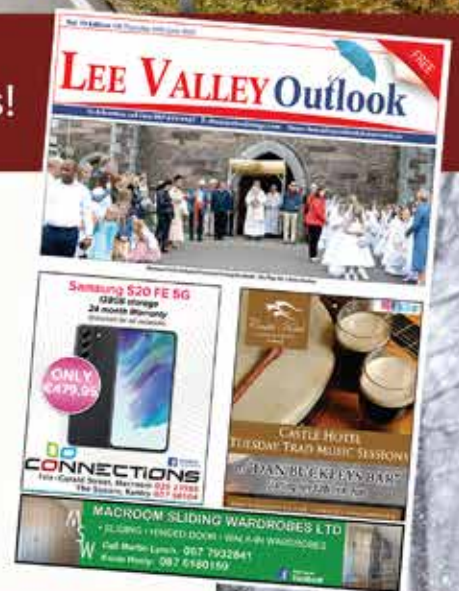
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A Word of Victory

Welcome back dear student does it feel like God has forgotten you? Life can be difficult and lonely at times. Tough seasons are hard to cope with but God's Word gives hope for restoration! King David poured out his heart to the Lord a lot - he was honest and real with God, but he also listened to hear what God spoke to him. The Lord always answered David because He is Faithful to those who seek Him. Let's study Psalm 13 together..... "O Lord, how long will you forget me? Forever? How long will You look the other way? How long must I struggle with anguish in my soul, with sorrow in my heart every day? How long will my enemy have the upper hand? Turn and answer me, O Lord my God! Restore the sparkle to my eyes, or I will die. Don't let my enemies gloat, saying, 'We have defeated him!' Don't let them rejoice at my downfall. But I trust in Your unfailing Love. I will rejoice because You have rescued me. I will sing to the Lord because He is good to me" (Psalm 13 NLT).

When David opened his heart to God the Lord strengthened him. Throughout the Bible, whenever God's people endured difficulties those who trusted God's Faithful Love were able to stand strong because God delivered them from their troubles (Psalm 34:19; 2 Chronicles 20:1-30). In Psalm 13 David acknowledges the coming Messiah 'Yeshua' as the One Who rescues him: 'I will rejoice because You have rescued (yøsøla) me'. Yeshua is Jesus' Hebrew name. ('Jesus' is the Greek translation of Yeshua, the language of the New Testament) 'Yeshua' means Salvation by God; Help; Deliverance; Saviour; Rescuer; Welfare, Victory and: Health! Christ is the Greek translation of the Hebrew word 'Messiah' - which means the 'Anointed One'. So Jesus Christ / Messiah Yeshua means: the Anointed One who rescues, saves, heals, delivers and restores. Yeshua is prophesied as God's Saviour throughout the Old Testament, and in the New Testament He is revealed as God's Son - the Lamb of God Who took away our sins and Redeemed us with His sinless Blood. "God decided in advance to adopt us into His own family by bringing us to Himself through Jesus Christ" (Ephesians 1:5 NLT) with the result that "...in Him we have Redemption through His Blood, the forgiveness of our sins, according to the riches of His Grace" (Ephesians 1:7).

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7TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**MAUREEN
HORGAN
(NEE KISSANE)**

**Lynageeha, Ballyneary,
Who died on 3rd February 2016.**

*God looked around his garden
and found an empty place
He then looked down upon the Earth
and saw your tired face
He put his arms around you
and lifted you to rest
With the help of his angels they flew
you to your heavenly place*



Remembered with love by all her family
and friends

Are dheis De go Raibh a anam dilis

7TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**MICHAEL
O'RIORDAN**

**Lake View Macdoneigh Macroom,
Co Cork, who died on 18th
February 2016**

*We lost a Dad, Husband & Grandfather
with a heart of gold,
How much we miss him
can never be told,
He shared our troubles
and helped us along,
If we follow his footsteps,
we will never go wrong.*

*We miss you from your fireside chair,
Your loving smile and gentle air,
Your vacant place no one can fill.
We miss you Dad and always will*

*He was a Dad, Husband & Grandfather
so very rare,
Content in his home and always there,
On earth he toiled, In Heaven he rests,
God Bless you Dad, you were the best.*

*Each time we look at your picture,
You seem to smile and say,
Don't be sad but courage take,
And love each other for my sake.*



Sadly missed by your loving wife
Josephine & 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. **MM**

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2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of
KITTY O'LEARY

Clondrohid and Chapel Cross
Macroom Co. Cork who passed away
on 20th February 2021.

*Those we love don't go away
They walk besides us each day
Unseen, unheard, but always near
So loved, so missed, so very dear*



Sadly missed and always remembered
by Kitty's family.

Kitty's 2nd Anniversary Mass will be in
St Abina's Church Clondrohid on Sunday
19th February at 9.30am.

25TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of my dear mother

**BREDA
O' RIORDAN**

Crookstown,
who died on the
7th of February 1998.

*You left me beautiful memories,
Your love is still my guide
And though I cannot see you,
You are always by my side.
Forever in my heart
Miss you Mom.*



From your loving daughter
Marguerite and Family.

13TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**NORMA
O'CALLAGHAN**

O'Connor Park, Masseytown,
Macroom
Who died 21st February 2010

*The happiness you brought
In your own special way
Is remembered with love
Every single day*



Always remembered by
her husband Dan, sons John & Paul,
daughters Emer & Niamh,
sons in law, daughters in law
and grandchildren.

2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**NORA
QUINLAN**

Cork Street, Macroom and formerly
of Clondrohid who died on the 15th
February 2021.

*Deep are the memories,
Precious they stay,
No passing of time can take them away.
St. Anthony pray for us.*



Fondly remembered by
family and friends

7TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**JIM
MURRAY**

Lackaduve, Clondrohid.
Who died on February 8th 2016

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



Always remembered by his wife Nora,
daughters Marie and Caroline,
son Jim and their families.

4TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**NORMA
MCCARTHY**

Pound Cross, Crookstown
Who died on the 17th February
2019.

*It broke our hearts to lose you,
But you did not go alone.
For part of us went with you,
the day god called you home.
You left us beautiful memories,
Your love is still our guide.
And though we cannot see you,
You are always by our side.*



Sadly missed and remembered fondly
every day by her husband Denis,
children Eugene, Denise, Liz and James,
daughters in law Lorna and Elaine, son in
law James and her grandchildren.

9TH & 4TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of our dear Mam and Dad whose Anniversaries occur around this time

**MARY
O'REGAN**

Who died on 18th February, 2014.

**DANIEL
O'REGAN**

Who died on 1st March 2019

Codrum, Macroom

Until We Meet Again

*"Those special memories of you
will always bring a smile
if only I could have you back
for just a little while*

*Then we could sit 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 me pain
but you're forever in my heart
until we meet again"*



Lovingly remembered by Michael, Gobnait and Owen
xxx

4TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**DAN
LYNCH**

**Togher Ballymakeera
Died on 22nd January 2019**

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



Remembered by his brother
Denis

2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**HUMPHREY
(HUGH) HURLEY**

**Carrigadrohid, formerly from
Farnanes.**

RIP

*We thought of you with love today,
But that is nothing new.
We thought about you yesterday
And days before that, too.
We think of you in silence.
We often speak your name.
Now all we have are memories
And your picture in a frame.
Your memory is our keepsake
With which we'll never part.
God has you in his keeping.
We have you in our heart.*



Always remembered by Jerry, John,
Margaret and his grandchildren Mary
and Joseph.

6TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**NOEL
O'KEEFFE**

**Schronagare, Clondohid, Macroom
Who died on
12th February 2017**

*Those we love dont go away,
They stand beside us everyday,
Unseen, unheard but always near,
So loved, so missed, so very dear.*



Lovingly remembered by your wife Mary,
daughter Zoe, son John, son in law Niall
& Grandson Micheal.

2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**DECLAN
COUGHLAN**

Kilnagurteen, Macroom, Co. Cork.

*'Gone too soon'
Words cannot describe the loss we feel,
saying farewell to you.
But heaven chose to give you wings,
and now it's the you flew.
We wish that we could have more time,
that God had let you stay.
Forever, would not be long enough,
But we would take one more day.
We wish we had just one more chance
To see that tender smile.
To laugh with you again my dear,
Just for a little while.
Gone too soon, but not forgotten.
Forever, you will remain.
Our guiding light, our shining star,
Until we see your face again.*



With love always Mary, Claire and Aidan,
your heartbroken siblings.

5TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**DENIS
HARTNETT**

**Carrigeigh, Inchigeela, Macroom
who died on 4th February, 2018**

*We thought of you with love today,
But that is nothing new.
We thought about you yesterday,
And the days before that too.
We think of you in silence,
We often speak your name.
All we have are memories,
And your picture in a frame.
Memories are our keepsake,
With which we will never part.
God has you in his keeping,
And we have you in our hearts.*



Sadly missed by his loving wife Anne,
family and grandchildren.

RIP



The death took place of the late

**NELLIE KELLY
(NEE MOYNIHAN)**

**Teernaspideoga, Inchigeela and
Woolwich, London on
the 29th of September 2022.**

*Her funeral took place at St. Peters'
and the Apostle Roman Catholic Church,
Woolwich on 8th November 2022.*

*Nellie was the last remaining member of
the Moynihan family and regularly returned
home to Inchigeela, a place she dearly loved.*

May her gentle soul rest in peace."



7TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of a dear father
and grandfather.

**TOMMY
KELLEHER**

**Moulnahorna, Carriganima, who
died on the 14th of February 2016.**

*We lost a Father and Husband
with a heart of gold,
how much we miss him
never be told.
He shared our troubles
and helped us along,
If we follow his footsteps
we will never go wrong.*



Sadly missed and never forgotten by his
loving Wife Ann, Son Stephen, Jennifer
Tommy and Skye.

7TH ANNIVERSARY



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and grandfather.

**TOMMY
KELLEHER**

**Moulnahorna, Carriganima, who
died on the 14th of February 2016.**

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



Always remembered and sadly missed
by your son Anthony, daughter in law
Amanda and grandchildren Sadhbh,
Fiadh and Gearoid.

5TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

DERMOT HORGAN

Raleigh South, Macroom

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



Lovingly remembered by his wife Margaret, Sons: Derry, John & Finbarr and his Daughter in law Martina.

7TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of a beloved husband cherished Dad and devoted Grandad.

MICHAEL P. O'SULLIVAN

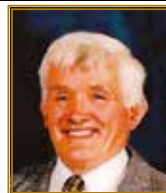
Ballyvoige, Kilnamartyra
whose 7th anniversary on the 18th February

*Beautiful memories are treasured forever,
Of happier days when we were all together,
Out of our lives you may be gone,
But in our hearts you still live on.*



Sadly missed by his wife Mary, sons Peter and Sean, daughters Margaret Norma Michelle Sinead and Claire, sons in Law and Daughters in Law and all his grandchildren.

11TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

JERRY KELLEHER

Deshure, Terelton, Macroom,
Co. Cork, Who died on 2nd February 2012
Aged 79

*We hold you close
Within our hearts
And there you shall remain.
To walk with us
Throughout our lives
Until we meet again.*



Rest In Peace.

2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

KATHLEEN (KITTY) CURTIN

Macroom.
(formerly of Carriganima and Aghabullogue)
Who died on February 21st 2021

*Do not stand at my grave and weep
I am not there. I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow.
I am the diamond glints on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.
I am the gentle autumn rain.
When you awaken in the morning's hush
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled flight.
I am the soft stars that shine at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry;
I am not there. I did not die.*



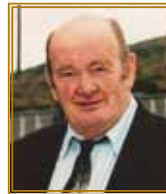
Kathleen is remembered on the second anniversary of her passing, by her loving family , Caroline and Kevin, Michelle and Dillon, Conor, Maeve and Liam.

**FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
NOEL O'DONOVAN**

In Loving Memory
Of our dear Dad,
Who is greatly loved and missed by family, friends and kind neighbours.
We would like to express our sincere gratitude to everyone who helped him along the road of life.
"May the Lord bless and keep you"
Noel O'Donovan
7/01/1937 - 11/02/2022
Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory
Noel O'Donovan
"Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy."
John: 16:22

5TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

JAMES O'SULLIVAN

Horsemount, Ballinagree, Macroom
Who died on the 15th February 2018

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



Missed, and always remembered, by your loving wife, Phyllis and family.

NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT



O Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can attain my goal. You gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me and that in all instances of my life you are with me. I want in this short prayer to thank you for all things you have given me as you confirm once again that I never wanted to be separated from you in spite of all material illusions. I wish to be with you in Eternal Glory. Thank you for mercy towards me and mine. This prayer must be said for three days, after three days the favour will be granted.

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8TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**BERNIE BERGIN
(NEE MCELROY)**

**Nadrid, Coachford.
Who died 17th February 2015.**

We Remember Her.

*In the rising of the sun and
it's going down.*

We remember her.

*In the opening of the buds,
and in the warmth of summer.*

We remember her.

*In the rustling of the leaves,
and in the beauty of autumn.*

We remember her.

*In the beginning of the year and
when it ends.*

We remember her.

*When we are weary and
in need of strength.*

We remember her.

*When we are lost and sick of heart.
We remember her.*

*When we have joys we yearn to share.
We remember her.*

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

We remember her.

*When we grow old and
forgetful we still know.*

God remembers her.



Always loved, never forgotten.
Jim, Frank, Siobhan, Lisa, Damian,
James, Lilly, Charlie, Mae, Bonnie & Elly

*Weep not that I have gone,
Rejoice that I have been.*

*Anniversary Mass will take place on
the 18th February, 2023 at 6p.m.
in Coachford Church.*

2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

NORA LUCEY
Raleigh South, Macroom
1st February 2021

*If I could have had a special wish or a
dream that could come true
It would be to hold you close and see
and speak to you, Right now you're in a
different place but we are not apart,
We are closer than we've ever been inside
each other's heart.*

*I miss your smile, your laugh,
your hugs & I still cry day & night.
You are not gone Nora my love, You're
merely out of sight, You left so many of us
heartbroken, You left us precious
memories too.*

*I didn't want this broken heart my love,
I only wanted you.*



Missed everyday by your heartbroken
husband and family .

4TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**MARGARET
(PEG) O'SHEA**

**7 O'Mahonys Terrace,
Dripsey, Co Cork**
Who died on 11th of February 2019

Too dearly loved to be forgotten.



Lovingly remembered
Your Sister Joan,
Nephew John & Mary.

**FIRST ANNIVERSARY
AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**



In loving memory of

**SALLY
MCHENRY
MURPHY**

**An Moinear, Ballinagree and Moville
Co. Donegal Who died on 15th
February 2022.**

As we lovingly remember Sally on her first anniversary, her husband Pat, sons Robert, Colin and Hugh along with their wives and children wish to express our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for the support shown to us since our very sad and sudden loss. A sincere thank you to our extended family in Cork and Donegal, to her carer Miriam Spillane, and to our kind neighbours and friends who have supported and helped us. Your presence at Sally's wake, removal and Funeral Masses in both Ballinagree and Moville, Mass cards, phonecalls and online condolences brought us great comfort and meant so much to us.

Heartfelt appreciation to everybody who participated in the funeral Mass, Canon Donal Roberts, Fr. Joe O' Mahony and Fr. Aidan Vaughan OFM.CAP. Sacristen Nora Mc earthy and vocalist Martina Ring and Norma Galvin, Organist. Thank you all for making the Mass so special.

To Cyril Casey of Casey Undertakers and his team, you went above and beyond to ensure Sally was taken home to her beloved Donegal despite horrendous weather conditions. We will be forever grateful for you professionalism, your kindness and caring way you handled the whole funeral.

We would also like to acknowledge Fr. Pat O' Hagan, Liam Collins Undertakers and the Ballinacree Choir who welcomed Sally home with open arms to Donegal.

As it is impossible to mention everybody, please accept this as a token of our gratitude and appreciation.



Sally's first Anniversary Mass will take place in Ballinagree Church on Saturday February 18th at 8pm.

21ST ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

JOAN MURRAY
Mountmusic, Toames, Macroom
Who died on 10th February 2002

*O Ever Immaculate Virgin Mother of mercy,
health of the sick, refuge of sinners,
comfort of the afflicted, you know my
wants, my troubles, my sufferings; deign to
cast on me a look of pity.*

*By appearing in the Grotto of
Lourdes, you were pleased to make it a
privileged sanctuary, whence you dispense
your favours, and already many sufferers
have obtained the cure of their infirmities,
both spiritual and corporal.*

*I come, therefore, with the most
unbounded confidence,
to implore your maternal intercession.
Obtain, O Loving Mother the grant of my
requests. Through gratitude for your
favours, I will endeavour to imitate your
virtues, that I may one day see your glory.*



Our Lady of Lourdes pray for her.

Always remembered by Nellie and family.

7TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**TOMMY
KELLEHER**

**Moulnahorna, Carriganima, who
died on the 14th of February 2016.**

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



Always remembered and sadly missed by
your son Kevin, daughter in law Denise
and grandchildren Angel, Chloe and
Daniel.

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7TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**CON
KELLEHER**

Dooneens, Rylane, Co. Cork
Who died 12th February 2016

*We lost a husband and father
with a heart of gold,
how much we miss him
can never be told.
He shared our troubles
and helped us along,
if we follow his footsteps
we will never go wrong.*



Remembered always by
Concepta, Ann, Mort and Celina,
sisters and brothers

3RD ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**GERARD
SHEEHAN**

Chapel Rd, Coachford
Who died on 10th February 2020

*Three years have passed since that sad day
you closed your eyes and slipped away.
You left so quickly without a fuss and
broke the heart of all of us.*



Remembered always and sadly
missed by Sheila.

**FIRST ANNIVERSARY
AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**



In loving memory of

**MAONNA
LORIGAN**

"Aisling", Gurteenroe, Macroom.
Who died on the 11th of
February 2022.

As we lovingly remember Maonna on her
1st anniversary, we, her family would
like express our sincere gratitude to all
those who sympathised with us on our
great loss. We are deeply grateful to our
extended family, friends and neighbours
for their support and kindness.

Thank you to all those who attended the
wake, removal and the funeral Mass,
especially those who travelled long
distances to be with us.

To those who sent mass cards, mass
enrolments and letters of sympathy we
thank you most sincerely.

We would like to thank Dr. Desmond
Murphy and his team in C.U.H. Dr. Maeve
Bradley and all at Sullane family practice.
Thanks to her wonderful home helps for
their kindness and care of our mother.

A special thanks to Fr. Donal Roberts and
Fr. Filip for prayers at the wake, removal
and for the beautiful funeral Mass.
Thanks to the sacristan and altar servers.
Thanks to Michael Bradley and Norma the
organist for the beautiful music.

A special mention to Fitzgerald funeral
directors and their staff for their kindness
and professional guidance.

As it would be impossible to thank
everyone individually, we hope that this
acknowledgement will be accepted as a
token of our gratitude.



Maonna's Anniversary Mass will be held
in St. Colmans Church Macroom
on Monday 27th of February at 10am.

**FIRST ANNIVERSARY
AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**



In loving memory of

JOHN O' BRIEN

Inchinossig, Ballygeary.
12/1/2022

On the first anniversary of John's passing,
his family would like to express our sincere
gratitude to all our family, friends and
neighbours for their continued support,
sympathy and kindness in the sad loss of
our beloved father and grandfather.

We would like to take this opportunity
to thank Dr. Ken Harte, Dr. Kearney and
the staff of CUH, Cyril Casey Undertaker
and staff, grave diggers, Fr Anthony, Nora
Cremin and all those who attended the
wake, removal and funeral and all those
who sent cards, letters and messages of
sympathy.

*As it is not easy to thank everybody
individually, please accept this
acknowledgement as a token of our deep
appreciation.*

John's Anniversary Mass will be held
at 10am in Ballygeary Church on
Sunday the 12/2/23.



2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

JOAN LYNCH

Cahirdahy, Kilnamartyra.
15/4/41 – 13/2/21

*As each day dawns
We think of you,
As each night falls
We pray for you.
And throughout our lives,
No matter where,
In our hearts,
you are always there.*



Sadly missed and always remembered,
by Michael, Billy, Sean and families.

6TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**NOREEN
RING**

Bawnatoumple, Ballygeary,
died aged 93 on Feb 17th 2017

*Silent memories keep you near,
As time unfolds another year,
Out of our lives you may have gone
But in our hearts you will always live on.*



Sadly missed and always remembered by
your daughter Geraldine, sons Aidan,
Brendan and Patrick and their families,
friends and neighbours.

**PRECIOUS MOTHER OF
JESUS**



Mother of Divine Grace you can find a way,
where there is no way.
Please hear my prayer and grant me my
request.

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