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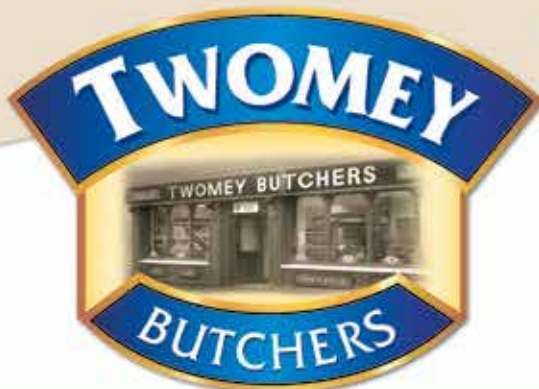
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As always submissions as Gaeilge are always welcome too!

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MACROOM ST. PATRICK'S WEEK FESTIVAL 2023

Macroom's St. Patrick's Week Festival started on Saturday March 11th with the selection of Aoife Coleman as the Flower of Macroom for 2023. Other contestants were Lisa Manning, Aoife Lucey, Eadaoin van Ber Kroge and Annie O'Connell. The contest was presented by Alf Mc Carthy and the Woodland String Band from Philadelphia played Mount Massey the Flower of Macroom when Aoife Coleman was announced the winner by the judges. The festivities continued during the week with a 70's theme night on Monday night and on Wednesday night a Karaoke contest and Irish Music with the Pile Drivers. The Band also visited the two National Schools and the kids had a ball.

The St. Patrick's Day Parade was an outstanding success with over 30 floats and marching groups taking part and music provided by the Cullen Pipe Band and the colourfull Woodland String Band from Philadelphia USA adding to the occasion. St Patrick's morning started with very heavy rainfall and things were not looking but things had improved by noon and by the starting time of 3.30pm a massive crowd had arrived into Macroom to witness a spectacular parade which took 90 minutes to pass the reviewing platform.

The Caithaoirleach of Macroom/Millstreet Municipal District Council Cllr Eileen Lynch addressed the gathering and thanked the



Colourful Ladybirds and Scouts at the Macroom Parade. Pic Con Kelleher

Lee Valley Enterprise Board for organizing the whole festival and she also thanked the volunteers who give of their time to make sure that everything is in place for the parade to take place. She also stated that Macroom Municipal Council were delighted to be involved with the festival and also thanked the other sponsors who support the festival. Canon Donal Roberts PP said that St Patrick's Day is celebrated all over the world and it was great to see such a large crowd gathered in Macroom to day to celebrate our National feast day. Pat O'Connell Chairman of the Lee Valley Enterprise Board acted as MC and he thanked Cork County Council and Macroom/Millstreet Municipal District Council for their continued support of the parade. He also thanked all the Volunteers, An Garda Siochana and the Council workers who were involved in putting diversions in

place in order for the parade to take place. He also thanked Tom Loomis of Woodland String Band for organizing his group of 125 people who travelled from Philadelphia and spent eight day's with us here in Macroom.

COMHGHAIRDEAS TO OUR PARADE WINNERS

NON COMM: 1st Aideen Johnson Dancing School, 2nd Ballinagree Scarecrows, & 3rd Macroom Trout Anglers.

BEST COMMERCIAL: Tim Lyons

SHOP WINDOW: Michael Hurley, Shopeen and TM Cronins

The festival committee would like to sincerely thank our generous sponsors wothour whom there would be no event, go raibh maith agaibh go léir : *AIB, Auld Triangle, Betsy's, Castle hotel, Connections, Coolcower House, Cork Marts, Deasys Pharmacy, Enchanted Flowers, Evelyn McSweeney, Fitzgeralds Bookshop, Richaldine B & B, Granvilles, Haven Pharmacy, Killian Lynch, M & J Kelleher Oils, Macroom Credit Union, Macroom Motors, Mary's Toymaster, Matt Murphy Pharmacy, Michael Purcell Solicitors, Michael Twomey Butcher, O'Flynn Medical, PTSB, Satori Clinic, Super Valu, T M Cronins, T P Cotters, Ted Kelleher Hygiene, Tim Buckley Macroom Dental, Val's Takeaway, Vaughans Café, Macroom Haulage, Kennys Jewelers*

MACROOM FLOWER & GARDEN CLUB

Macroom Flower & Garden Club hosted a Gardening talk at Coolcower House Thursday March 9th. Guest speaker Sonya McGee Horticulturist and Medical Herbalist gave an interesting talk on herbs, plants and their properties. Club Chairperson Winifred Lynch welcomed all present. Despite weather the

meeting was very well attended with the audience taking notes and engaging with the speaker for questions and answers at the interval. Club Competitions returned to the bench and it was wonderful to see entries interpreting the title with plant material and delightful Spring flowers from the garden. Well

done to all the Members who entered. A special word of thanks to Bernie at Coolcower House for all her help and refreshments. The next Club meeting is a Floral Demonstration by Melanie Harris AOIFA (Ballincollig Flower Club) Thursday 13th April at 8.00p.m. Club Competitions and Sales table Further information 087-9821708

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NEW TO THE MARKET

9 WILLISON WAY, BLARNEY, CO. CORK, T23V228
 Killian Lynch auctioneers are pleased to offer this modern 3 bedroom semi detached house which comprises of C.904 sq ft. The property which has been newly renovated in 2021 is located in a fantastic location C. 2 minute drive from Blarney village, C. 2 minute drive from Tower village & C. 20 minute drive to Cork city. The property which comes with large and private rear gardens is ideal for a first time buyer or investment opportunity. Must be seen to be appreciated. BER: C1 (112288626)
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CREATIVE WRITING will meet on Friday March 24th at 11am – members will not be meeting on the usual first Friday of April as the library will be closed (Good Friday).

LEGO Club will be starting again on Saturday March 25th from 3pm – 4pm. LEGO Club is for children aged 8-12 years old and spaces are limited so booking is essential. Please book your place at the library desk or by phoning 026-42483.



Author John FitzGerald with 'The Lament For Art O'Leary' cover in the background. Pic Con Kelleher

ADULT BOOK CLUB will meet on Wednesday April 5th at 11.30am to discuss their latest read 'Paris Echo' by Sebastian Faulks.

Purlies Knitting Group will meet on Thursday

April 6th at 11.30am.

STORY TIME FOR TODDLERS is on Saturdays at 11.30am.

Closures – the library will be closed on Friday April 7th (Good Friday) and also on Saturday April 8th due to the Bank Holiday Weekend. The library will re-open on Tuesday April 11th.

ART EXHIBITION for the month of March, there will be a fantastic art exhibition by Bernice Corcoran on display in Macroom Library. Bernice's collection is titled 'Tuath Lán de Rúndiamhra' (A Land Full of Mysteries) and features a wonderful selection of graphite and pigment-wash drawings inspired by the landscape of West Muskerry, and the Upper Lee Valley. Please call in to have a look.

Macroom Permanent TSB Celebrates International Women's Day



International women's day coffee morning hosted by the PTSB Macroom ; Val, Kitty and Marie

Permenant TSB celebrated International Women's Day 2023 on March 8th with a coffee morning in the Castle Hotel, Macroom.

The ladies enjoyed coffee/tea and delicious treats while listening to inspirational talks from guest speakers Mairead O' Mahony of Irish Life



Julie, Tina and Eileen at the International women's day coffee morning hosted by the PTSB Macroom

and Marjorie Cullen, Macroom Holistic Therapy and Yoga Centre.

We would like express our gratitidue to our speakers, Mairead & Marjorie, to Connections, Macroom for the room decorations and particular mention for Kay in the Castle Hotel



Mary and Gobnait at the International women's day coffee morning hosted by the PTSB Macroom

for her help and professionalism with this event. Finally Go raibh maith agaibh, to all the ladies who attended this event and made it such a success.

MACROOM GIRL GUIDES MacEgan Senior Branch

Emily Mehigan, a member of the Ardilaun Guide Unit, is the Irish Girl Guides' member on the National Youth Assembly. She is also a member of the Youth Advisory Group on Climate Change.

At last week's Assembly held in the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, Emily was one of the chairs for the workshops held during the day, a task that she carried out exceptionally well.

Aileen O'Leary, a member of the MacEgan Senior Branch Unit was selected as the Guest Delegate to represent Irish Girl Guides.

The Youth Assembly was addressed by Ministers Eamonn Ryan and Roderic O'Gorman.

The issues that were addressed by the young people during the various workshops covered topics that are of particular concern to them, including the effects of climate change in areas such as education, transport and agriculture. Having spent the day sharing ideas, worries and solutions, they voted on the final eight recommendations to be put forward to government.

For further information on Guiding contact macroomguides@gmail.com



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MCEGAN COLLEGE



It may have rained this did not dampen their spirits as McEgan College Students got to view their film on the big Screen at the First Cut Youth Film Festival in Youghal.



Nicole Ryan of 'Alex's Adventure' with Students Aaron Forde, Elijah Roberts, Aisling O'Leary, Jade O'Sullivan & Mr. Josh Mullins (teacher).

FRENCH FILM FESTIVAL

On Monday, 6th March, 3rd French class travelled to Cork to watch the film "Rémi sans Famille", part of the Cork French Film Festival taking place at the Gate Cinema. This was a special school screening of this film supported by the Irish Association of French-Language Teachers. The students also visited a traditional French bakery, 'Cameron Bakery', as well as the specialist French food shop, 'On the Pigs Back', in the English Market.

3RD YEAR HISTORY

Students are currently studying the changing role of women in Irish Society to link in with International Women Day on March 8th. Ms Corkery, former Deputy Principal, was invited to speak to the history class about how the role of women in education has changed in Ireland during the second half of the twentieth century. She spoke about the obstacles she faced as a female student throughout her education. She told the students that STEM did not exist for female students when she was growing up. Ms Corkery spoke about her experience from primary school in Carriganima, secondary school in Macroom to her third level education in UCC from a female perspective. Female students were not encouraged to do honours maths and home economics was considered far more important than any science subject. She explained to the students about the

limited opportunities that faced many young girls in Ireland and that emigration was the only option for many to seek better opportunities.

ETB CORE VALUES PROJECT IN MCEGAN

On the 28th February to the 3rd of March, staff and students celebrated ETB 10th anniversary. Students prepared a scabble wordle of the schools' core values Care, Respect, Excellence in Education, Community and Equality. All students within the school displayed their own core values on the outline of their hand. Ms. Warren continued to highlight the core values of the ETB within her classes getting students to produce flags to represent what McEgan does to embed the core values in our school. Staff all got involved by wearing green for a day to celebrate the week. The week then ended with a staff tea party with freshly baked goodies from Pat.

JUNIOR CYCLE PROFILE OF ACHIEVEMENT 2022

On Wednesday 15th March we celebrated our amazing TY and LCA students as they received their Junior Cycle Profile of Achievement certificates. An unprecedented delay meant the certificates were only recently received by the school. Parents attended the awards ceremony which celebrated the many accomplishments of these students throughout their Junior Cycle. Well done to our musicians who provided the entertainment. A huge thank-you to all of the

amazing bakers who brought along such lovely cakes, buns & tarts. It was so lovely to celebrate this special event with you all.

NICOLE RYAN OF ALEX'S ADVENTURE VISITS MCEGAN

On the 8th of March Nicole Ryan from 'Alex's Adventure' visited McEgan College. Nicole met with all of our year groups throughout the day and provided them with a very informative workshop on substance misuse and abuse. Nicole set up 'Alex's Adventure' 5 years ago after the death of her brother Alex. Alex died as a result of a substance overdose. Nicole now travels nationwide visiting schools to deliver her impactful workshops to teenagers. The thrust of her, no holds barred, message is on how their choices on substance use can impact not just their lives but also the lives of others.

FIRST CUT YOUTH FILM FESTIVAL 2023

28 students from 1st yr, TY & LCA who had recently been involved in film making travelled to Youghal to the annual First Cut 2023 Youth Film Festival. The students had entered films in the newest category Athrú Amháin! The films were As Gaeilge and focused on how we can make one change to help the environment. The students were joined by Ms Ni Laoire, Ms Murphy and Ms Creedon on their very rainy trip to Youghal. The inclement weather didn't dampen the spirits of the group as they got to view their film on the big screen.



Later than planned but celebrated none the less. Students receive their Junior Certificate Profile of Achievement (2022) recently during a Ceremony in the school attended by their parents & guardians.



2nd Year Maths Students celebrate March 14th Pi day with their display.

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DE LA SALLE College Macroom



Fourth year biology in De La Salle planting an apple tree with Ted Cooke in the Castle Demesne for 'National Tree Week'.



Junior cross country team De La Salle College, who competed in the All-Ireland Schools Finals March 11th.

DE LA SALLE FLAG DAY 2023

On March 16th 2023 the Irish flag turned 175 years old, this is why the Irish flag is being celebrated across Ireland this St. Patrick's day.

De La Salle students are wearing pins of the Irish flag on their jumpers to commemorate this occasion and each class received a talk on the flag's history and how today the flag stands as, "a symbol to promote inclusion, respect and aims to highlight the meaning of peace, in particular young people of all backgrounds, ethnicities, cultures and genders".

The Irish flag was created by Thomas F. Meagher in 1848. Thomas was an interesting individual born in county Waterford in 1829. Thomas was an Irish nationalist and leader of the 'Young Irelanders' in the Rebellion of 1848. For being convicted of sedition, Thomas was sentenced to death. He fled to Australia in 1849, but he came back to Ireland in 1854. Meagher died by drowning on the Missouri River on 1 July 1867.

The Irish flag is made up of three colours green, white, and orange. The green represents Catholicism. The gold/orange represents Protestantism and the white represents the peace between the two

religions. The flag was first flown on the 16th of March 1848, but was only instated as the flag of Ireland in 1916 after the Easter rising.

By Brian Bradley, Donagh Moss and Simon Condon, 2nd year History students.

TRANSITION YEAR ENGLISH

Last week some of our fourth years got an introduction to podcasting. Students were asked to research "*Musicians that impacted the world*". They enjoyed learning about how the likes of Elvis Presley, David Bowie, Dolly Parton, the Beatles, the Rolling Stones, Stevie Wonder, Aretha Franklin and Bob Dylan left an indelible mark on the music world. Students learned about the cultural and social contexts that influenced their music and how they used their platform to address important issues. While the podcast isn't ready just yet to share online, it has inspired the students of Transition year to launch their own podcast. Watch this space!

CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to our Junior Cross Country team on their performance in the All Ireland Schools Cross Country Final Saturday, March 11th. The team consisted of Finn Yore, Brendan O'Leary, Rory McElroy, Eoghan Healy, Liam Neville, Darragh Murphy, Sam Leavy and Cathal



Pictured Donagh Moss, Simon Condon and Ivan Rybalka of De La Salle College, who helped out with 'Flag Day' and are pictured beside the temporary display on the Irish flag in the school library.

Neville. The boys showed great determination and came a very impressive 4th place. This brings an end to their successful campaign this year in which they become Munster Champions! Well done to all involved, including Mr F.Landers their mentor.

The school had an amazing 'Seachtain na Gaeilge' thanks to our hard working Irish Teachers! Lots of fabulous photos and videos from the week can be seen on our Facebook page. The boys will update everyone on all the activities as Gaeilge in the next edition!



Pictured above: Senior hurling team, De La Salle College.



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- ° Library Book Club Friday 14th April 11am to 12pm
- ° Teaghlaiigh Mhúscraí le Tuismitheoirí na Gaeltachta Dé Sathairn 15ú Aibreán 1.30in go 2.30in

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As I am writing this if I look out of the window to my left, I see blue skies with fluffy white clouds and sunshine highlighting the daffodils that are bobbing, gently in the breeze. However, if I look out the window directly in front of me there are dark, rain bearing, clouds blowing in over the Kerry mountains and the bushes and trees are labouring under a strong, gusting wind. Five minutes later all has changed again!! A typical Irish Spring day. The crows seem to be enjoying it, they are dipping and gliding on the air currents, performing little aerobatic flips and turns, entertaining me with a personalised air show. Meanwhile the little Blue Tits, Coal Tits, Finches and other small colourful birds are flitting around in the holly bushes as if they are playing musical chairs as they watch me through the window. I can imagine their conversation – Look at the human in her block and glass cage, poor thing. Wouldn't she like to be out here with us, enjoying the fresh air, the lovely seeds and worms that we pluck fresh from the grasses and earth? Wouldn't she like to fly down the glen with us – but she has no feathers or wings, poor thing. She's just stuck there. But I think I benefit from seeing them because the birds are so beautiful both in flight and in plumage and I am so lucky to be able to watch their antics from my window. They never fail to entertain me and raise my spirits, because if such tiny, beautiful things are part of my world I am indeed fortunate. Now I do have a small issue with a loved-up couple of starlings that have decided to move into the neighbourhood, as in the eaves of our garage. I am delighted to welcome new arrivals, but do they have to be so noisy at 6am, chattering to each other as they build their nest?

I enjoy looking through the various books in Leabharlann Bhaile Bhúirne that are very informative about Garden Birds of Ireland. The



pictures alone are worth browsing but I do like to see if I can identify which birds are visiting my garden. It's surprising how many breeds are native and how many migrating birds we have literally on our doorsteps – like the cheeky, bossy Robin that would actually cross your doorstep if given the opportunity. There are great suggestions too about what plants attract birds as well as pollinators. There are several books now available on how to rewind your garden to attract birds and insects that are finding it difficult to compete with the loss of their natural habitats. Please do call into Leabharlann Bhaile Bhúirne to see our selection or order from the national catalogue.

I know I mentioned it in my last Lee Valley piece but just in case you missed it I am going to repeat myself. Senior Occupational Therapist (OT) Jess Kennedy from 'My OT & Me' will be visiting Leabharlann Bhaile Bhúirne on Friday 31st March at 10.00am to deliver a talk on understanding the different sensory systems and the benefits of using specific sensory tools available in libraries to support children in school and at home. The sensory toys that are available in the library are specially designed to engage one or more of the senses, many of which can help to support a child's ability to remain calm in different environments. This talk is targeted at parents, teachers, preschool educators, or anyone who is caring for children. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions at the end. Please pass this information on to anyone you think might be interested.

Tá a fhios agam gur chuir mé é i mo fhíosa deireanach sa Lee Valley ach táim chun mé féin a athrú. Tabharfaidh Teiripeoir Saothair Sinsearach (OT) Jess Kennedy ó 'My OT & Me' cuairt ar Leabharlann Bhaile Bhúirne Dé hAoine 31 Márta ag 10.00 rn chun caint a thabhairt ar thuiscint ar na córais chéadfacha éagsúla agus na buntáistí a bhaineann le húsáid uirlisí céadfacha sonracha atá le fáil sna leabharlanna mar thacaíocht chun cabhair á thabhairt do leanaí ar scoil agus sa bhaile. Tá na bréagáin chéadfacha atá ar fáil sa

leabharlann deartha go speisialta chun ceann amháin nó níos mó de na céadfaí a tharraingt orthu féin, agus is féidir le go leor acu cuidiú le cumas linbh fanacht socair i dtimpeallachtaí éagsúla. Tá an chaint seo dírithe ar thuismitheoirí, ar mhúinteoirí, ar oideachasóirí réamhscoile, nó ar aon duine atá ag tabhairt aire do leanaí. Beidh deis ann freisin ceisteanna a chur ag an deireadh. Tabhair an t-eolas seo ar aghaidh d'aon duine a mbeadh suim agat ann, le do thoil.

Don't forget the Cork County Council Library & Arts Service Postcard Competition for children to celebrate Seachtain na Gaeilge. Ireland is the land of one hundred thousand welcomes, so we want you to design a postcard with the theme 'Fáilte' to show that visitors are welcome to Ireland. The competition is divided into two age categories: 5-8 and 9-12 years old. The postcard must be completed on the entry form, and these can be collected from your local library branch including Ballyvourney Library. Return your entry form to the library by the closing date on Friday March 31st. You have a week left before the closing date so get your entries in now and you could win a prize! For adults there is a Flash Fiction Writing Competition which was launched to coincide with International Women's Day and Seachtain na Gaeilge. You are invited to write a short story with the theme "The Door Is Open", max 800 words in Irish or English. The two winning stories will each receive a €60 book token and will be published on the library website. Entry forms and details are available online, from Ballyvourney Library or your local library and the closing date for completed entries is Friday March 31st, so you still have time to get your entry in for that.

Ballyvourney Library will be closed for Easter from 6th April and will reopen on Tuesday 11th April. Please remember to call in before then to stock up on some reading material for the Easter break. *"Easter is the only time when it's perfectly safe to put all of your eggs in one basket."* — Evan Esar

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le Eoin Ó Céilleachair
Chuaigh bliain a haon buachaillí go dtí Baile an Easpaig le haghaidh cluiche cispheile ceathrú cheannais. Déirigh go breá linn ach faraor ní raibh an bua againn. Bhí lá iontach againn go léir. Míle buíochoas lenár dtraenálaí Máistir Ó Liatháin.

RUBGAÍ LEAISTE

Le Daisy-Ann Herterich
Ar an dara lá do mhí an Márta chuaigh grúpa cailíní agus buachaillí ón dara agus ón tríú bliain go Corcaigh chun páirt a ghlacadh i mbliotsa rubgaí leaiste. Chuamar isteach ar an mbus le Máistir Ó Liatháin agus Iníon de Brún. Ní raibh mórán taithí ag aon duine ag imirt rubgaí ach d'imir na cailíní go hiontach. Bhumar an chraobh. Ní raibh an t-ádh ag na buachaillí, bhuaigh siad cluiche amháin. Bhaineamar an-taitneamh as an lá agus bhí sé sos deas ó na leabhair. Tá súil againn go mbeidh níos mó bliotsanna sa todhchaí. Bhí sé go deas bualadh suas le daltaí ó Scoil Mhuire, Coláiste Mac Aodhagáin agus Coláiste Daibhéid.

TURAS CHUIG AIRTASTIC

le hAisling Ní Dheasúna

Ar an 2ú Márta chuaigh an Idirbhliain go Airtastic i gCorcaigh. Bhí an craic againn agus bhí an lá go hiontach. Chuamar ar na preabchaisleáin ar dtús agus ansin d'imríomar mionghalf agus ag an deireadh dheineamar babhláil. Bhí sceallóga, píotsa agus sicín againn. Bhaineamar an taitneamh as an lá. Go raibh maith agat le hIníon Ní Bhuachalla a thaitil linn.

TRÁTH NA GCEIST MATA

le Cian Ó Cearnaigh agus Oisín Ó Cruadlaioich
Bhí an Tráth na gCeist Pí réachtáilte ag Cumann Oidí Matamaitice na hÉireann ar siúl in ár scoil ar an 14ú Márta. Bhí 8 mbabhta ann déanta suas de 6 nóiméad i ngach babhta. Bhí cúig fhoireann ann déanta suas de cheathrar duine ar gach fhoireann. Déirigh na ceisteanna níos deacra agus níos deacra agus bhí an teannas ag ardú. Bhí géar iomaíocht idir na foirne agus níl raibh mórán eadrainn. Ní raibh an t-ádh leis na foirne ó Choláiste Ghobnatan, bhuaigh Coláiste Phobail Bheanntaí. Thugamar bualadh bos maith dóibh agus bhaineamar go léir taitneamh as an lá. Bhí sé mar seans ana mhaith dúinn chun féachaint cá rabhamar ó thaobh máta de. Na daltaí a ghlac páirt ná Aisling de hÍde, Clara Ní Chonail, Emma Ní Chróinín, Cian Ó Cearnaigh, Oisín Ó Cruadhlaioich, Aibigéal Ní Loingsigh, Aoife Ní Mhurchú agus Charlie Tinsley. Míle buíochoas leis an Ionad Cultúrtha as an spás a úsáid agus go raibh maith agat le hIníon Ní Ríordáin a d'eagraigh an ócáid.

LÁ OSCAILTE I GCOLÁISTE EOLAÍOCHT TALMHAÍOCHTA

Le Hazel Ní Éalaithe

Turas iontach a bhí ann. Táimid ag déanamh

staidéar ar an Eolaíocht Talmhaíochta agus dá bharr sin, fuair eamar deis cuairt a thabhairt ar Choláiste Talmhaíochta Cloch na Coillte. Thugadar turas dúinn timpeall na feirme lenár múinteoirí. Chonaiceamar na hainmhithe éagsúla atá acu ann, an talamh, agus an t-innealra ar fad. Thaitin an lá go mór le gach éinne againn. D'fhoghlaimíomar an méid sin as an turas. Bhí sé cosúil is go rabhamar ag freastail ar an gColáiste sinn féin. Lá iontach a bhí ann. Ba mhaith linn ár mbuíochoas a ghabháil le Máistir Ó Laoire agus Bean Uí Thuama d'eagraigh an turas dúinn.

SCRÚDUITHE

Faoi láthair tá roinnt daltaí ón tríú agus ón séú ag obair go dian ag ullmhú le haghaidh scrúduithe. Roimh saoirse na Cásca beidh daltaí ón tríú bliain ag déanamh an scrúdú praiticiúil in Eacnamaíocht Bhaile agus beidh daltaí Ardeiste ag déanamh an scrúdú praiticiúil i gCeol. I rith saoirse na Cásca beidh na scrúduithe béal ar siúl. Gabhaimid ár mbuíochoas leis na múinteoirí atá ag cabhrú leo go háirithe Iníon Ní Bhriain, Iníon de Staic, Iníon Ní Chollata, Iníon Ní Chéilleachair agus Bean Uí Ríordáin. Guímid gach rath ar na daltaí go léir!

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MARCH 23RD - Playground in Canovee Fundraising meeting @8pm in Canovee

National School – All welcome
MARCH 23RD - Presentation to the Irish Cancer Society in memory of Teddy Kelleher @8pm in the Abbey Hotel, Ballyvourney
MARCH 25TH - Daffodil Day in Aid Of The Irish Cancer Society in Tigh Uí Laoighaire Bealnamorrive 11am to 6pm
MARCH 28TH - Toames & District Community Alert group will hold their AGM in Kilmichael GAA Club House on Tuesday 28th

March at 8.00pm
MARCH 30TH- Creedon's Hotel Inchigeelagh is hosting a 'Local Songwriters Night' on Thursday 30th March at 8pm.
APRIL 1ST - Scór na nÓg Cork County Final in Eire Óg @ 1:30pm
APRIL 9TH - Macroom Flower Club Floral Demonstration by Melanie Harris AOIFA (Ballincollig Flower Club) Thursday 13th April at 8.00pm.

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ST MARY'S NEWS



Winning Teams at the Student Enterprise Mini Company Competition with Business Teachers Ms O'Donoghue and Mrs Sheehy



TY Promo team back row L-R Donna Kelleher, Annah Devine, Eimear Dineen, Ciara Kelleher, Front Row L- R Niamh O'Riordan, Kate Brennan, Aoibhe McSweeney and Caoimhe O'Callaghan



Sadhbh Donovan and Rachel Brosnahan with their award winning display at the Student Enterprise Mini Company Competition

SPORT IN ST MARYS

A huge congratulations to our First Year Basketball Team who made it to the Regional Semi-Finals recently in Kanturk. Unfortunately, that is where their league ends for this year, but not without a tough fight. Heads held high the whole game and they put their all into it. They'll be back even stronger next year!

Another massive well done to our Second Year Basketball Team who made it to the Quarter Regional Finals. They played a superb game against Carrigtwohill at home in Macroom. They played their hearts out and we are very proud of all the hard work they put in during the game and throughout the year at training. Back again next year girls.

Congratulations to our Junior Girls Football Team who beat Colaiste Treasa, Kanturk on last Tuesday morning in Millstreet on a scoreline of 6-16 to 4-4. Despite the unfavourable weather conditions, the girls succeeded in putting on a great performance of play. Well done to all involved!

Huge congratulations to our First Year Football Team who won the County A semi-final today against a very strong Fermoy outfit (2-7 1-7 St Mary's win). Well done girls and coaches.

Well done to Saorlaith Murphy who competed in the All-Ireland Schools Indoor championships in the SHOT PUTT competition recently. We are very proud of you Saorlaith, well done.

On the 9th of March our 1st and 2nd Year Camogie Team had a great win against Colaiste an Chraoibhín, Fermoy in miserable conditions. Fair play to the girls, they got soaked but still played so well.

SEACHTAIN NA GAELIGE

Bhí seachtain iontach ag ár ndaltaí do Sheachtain na Gaeilge. Ghlac cailíní ó bhliain a haon agus ó bhliain a dó páirt i gcomórtas na bpostae. Is fíor le rá go bhfuil ealaíontóirí den scoth againn sa scoil. Bhain daltaí ó bhliain 1, 2 agus 4 páirt i gceilithe. Chuireadar am isteach len iad a chleachtadh agus ansin bhí 3 cheilí mór againn. Cuireadh kahoot na seachtaine ar siúl do bhliain a 3 agus a 4 leis. Baineadh an súp astu. D'éirigh le bliain a 5 féachaint ar "An Cailín

Ciúin" ar an gCéadaoin. D'fhéadfeá na deora a fheiceál ag titim ag deireadh an scannáin sin. Mar ba gnáth d'fhreastal muintir na 6ú bliana ar an gciorcail cainte ar an Déardaoin. Is iontach an rud é, nithe difriúla den chultúr a fheiceáil faoi bhláth sa scoil. Beatha teanga í a labhairt. Ba mhaith linn ár mbuiochas a ghabháil le Roinn na Gaeilge sa scoil. Tá croíthe na múinteoirí saíte sa chultúr Gaelach.

FIRST CUT FILM FESTIVAL

Congratulations to Isabelle and Nora Twomey who won 1st and 2nd prize in a TikTok competition (sponsored by the Credit Union) as part of the First Cut Film Festival in Youghal recently. Well done girls.

STUDENT ENTERPRISE PROGRAMME

We had fantastic success at the Student Enterprise Programme Mini Company Competition in The County Hall on Tuesday the 14th of March. We were winners of The Best Display and The Best Brand on the day. Congratulations girls and thanks so much to Mrs Sheehy for all of her hard work. Thanks to Ms O Donoghue and Mrs Sheehy for going to the Competition with the girls on the day. Congratulations to Niamh Foley, Cliona Burgoyne, Lauren O Sullivan, Annie O'Brien and Caoimhe O Callaghan who won BEST BRAND. Congratulations to Sadhbh Donovan, Rachel Brosnahan, Lily Murphy, Daria Smolen and Aoibhe McSweeney who won BEST DISPLAY.

BOOK CLUB

This year a Book Club was formed for 1st and 2nd years in St. Mary's. We currently have over 20 members and meet every Monday. It is a great social outlet and something that we all look forward to at the start of the week! We

have read one book already this year and are now moving on to our second! We find our meetings a great way to discuss the book, laugh and also talk about other books we are reading. Recently we held a Bake Sale for World Book Day on the 2nd of March. All desserts made were themed by some of our favourite books, for example, two girls made Hunger Games Brownies! It was very successful and we raised €125 for a charity called Children's Books Ireland that buys and donates books to less well-off children. We found it very enjoyable and it was all towards a great cause! We look forward to continuing with the Book Club for the next year and hopefully holding more fun events like this. We especially want to thank Ms. Murnane who has been so supportive in letting us run this and helping us in any way she can. Written by Chloe Lehane

VIDEO COMPETITION

Recently a video was created by Nora Twomey with a poem by Chloe Lehane about how our actions in Macroom can have a huge impact when we work together - the video is available to view on our school Social Media. This is an entry for a Video Competition run by An Taisce Green Schools and Uisce Water. The video was put together by the very talented Nora Twomey with a poem from Chloe Lehane. The theme of the competition is Local Water Actions for Global Change. In it the girls show the importance of saving the environment and how every small action when done together can make a huge difference - just as we are trying to do in St. Mary's! Written by Chloe Lehane



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MACROOM MISSION OF LOVE FOR HOMELESS

Macroom Mission of Love for the Homeless is looking for a room or other dry storage space in Macroom Town.

Macroom Mission of Love for the Homeless was started 7 years ago by Fr. John Keane.

We began walking the streets at night giving out teas and sandwiches to people sleeping in doorways and tents. We spent time talking to them at their own level, getting to know them and remembering their names. It is very important to offer a kind work and listening ear. Each one is an individual human being, each struggling with their own difficulties in life.

We organise a collection point in the Parish Centre in Macroom every Sat morning from 10am to 1 o'clock for clean, winter coats, warm clothes, caps, scarves, gloves, shoes and sleeping blankets.

Our donations are stored in a room in the town and from there we delivered into the city as required. Unfortunately, the room that we have been using over the last 7 years is no longer available to us after the 7 April hence the urgent need for a dry storage space.

Items like underwear, socks, wet gear and tents always need to be purchased and this is what we spend our cash donations on. We never give cash to the homeless, only food and clothes and a listening ear.

When we have a surplus of bedding like duvets and sleeping blankets we hand them in to Simon where they are handed to anyone who has to sleep on the streets for the night when Simon is full.

When covid hit and we could not go out on the streets we got in contact with an outreach



Macroom Mission of Love for the Homeless. Front; Mary Deasy, Eleanor Lucey, Norma Murphy, Ann Cronin, Angela Tobin, Back; Linda Bradley, Connie Cronin, Martin Fitzgerald, Pat Lucey, Glen Galvin, John Kelleher, Geraldine Brown and Ann Carroll. © Peter Scanlan

volunteer who we already knew from the Streets. We started supplying our trusted partner with our donations of clothes and food as she was still operating in the city.

We support people who are sleeping rough, people who are accessing temporary accommodation like hostels and B&Bs, and people who live in insecure and inadequate housing, like squats

There are many reasons why people become homeless -

Challenging mental health issues, some were reared in institutions and may never have learned to cope on their own, some are victims of domestic violence and broken homes, some have difficulties with managing addiction, some just withdraw into themselves and want to live in the open, some are foster kids now over 18 years of age leaving state care.

Some of these people are incapable of living alone. They need to live under supervision, with strict rules in halfway houses for a while. Recovering addicts need half-way houses too so they wouldn't fall back into addiction. The day is very long on the street and unfortunately some take comfort in drugs and drink to numb the pain.

We can see the difference our organisation is making for the poorest and most vulnerable people on the streets of Cork, but this is only made possible with the generosity of the people that support us and for this we are most grateful.

We are in regular contact with Fr. John keeping him updated on our work. He is now recovering from long Covid. Keep him in your prayers.

If anyone can help us please contact Eleanor 087 9534976 after 6 pm.

MACROOM Bits & Pieces - Con Kelleher

COVID VACCINATIONS

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

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

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

The video was a great success and had more than 50,000 views. In addition, clips of M.J. Cronin's Patrick's Day window display and the Town Hall were featured in the RTÉ news bulletins on Christmas Day. The video idea

was the brainchild of Jerry Murphy (who also directed, wrote the dialogue and contributed still photographs) and he co-opted John O'Sullivan, video photography, Ann O'Connell, dance tutors, and Eileen Lynch, publicity. The video photography was superb. As well as their main functions all provided ideas and feedback. The Lee Valley Enterprise was fully behind the project and Pat O'Connell and Josephine Cronin were especially. Finally, the co-operation of the various outlets and services was great and the quality of the dancing was very high. It was great to see the big multiples such as Dunne's, Aldi and Lidl getting involved in a local community project. We are all part of the community and we all depend on each other. Because of the quality and success of the St Patrick's video, will there be some more productions? The strong hope is that there will.

DOCTORS RETIRE

Dr John Burke and Dr Peter Cronin have recently retired from practice. Both worked in

Macroom for more than thirty years and gave great service to their patients and the local community. Dr Burke's former surgery is closed and his former patients are now catered for in the Sullane Family Practice, The Fair Green. Hopefully they and their families will enjoy their retirements.

CAMERA CLUB

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

DOGS AND WALKING

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



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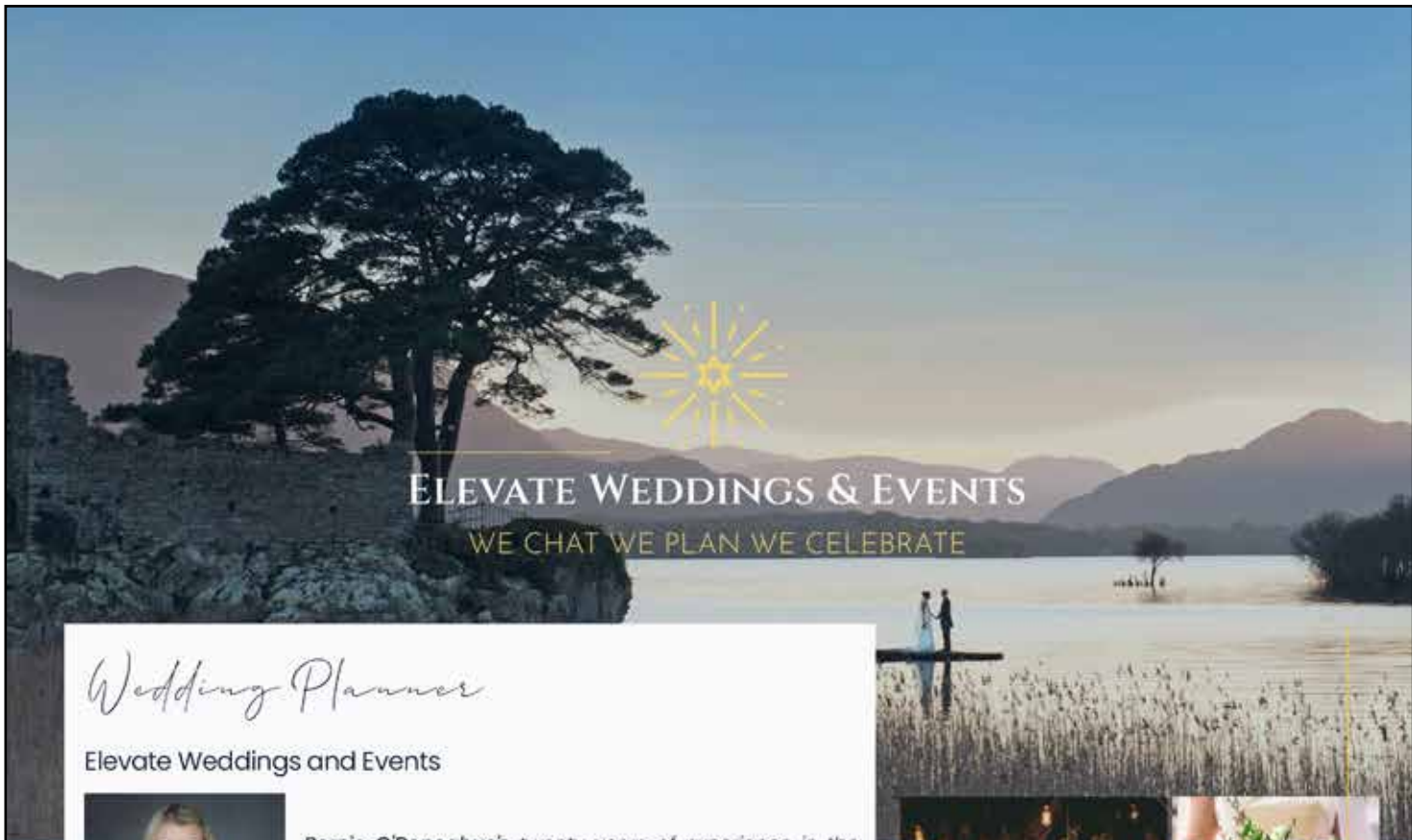


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CLONDROHID NOTES

ARRIGANIMA ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Weather did not deter Seanie and his helpers as once again they excelled with participation, fun, humour, music, and great craic. Seanie even got a phone call from Declan Nenrey during the proceedings wishing them well, and how he is looking forward to seeing everyone in the Summer. Well done to all, to those who participated, to those who helped, and those who supported. It was great to see a special section for children with their various means of transport!!! Congrats

PROUD OF OUR CLONDROHID ATHLETE

Congrats to West Muskerry AC athlete Stephen Bradley who achieved 2 Irish records in 2022 Paralympics. To top this he won best overall Track Athlete. Well done Stephen, you are an inspiration, well done to your parents and family too for all their support.

PRESENTATION TO THE IRISH CANCER SOCIETY IN MEMORY OF TEDDY KELLEHER

This will take place in the Abbey Hotel on this Thursday night March 23 at 9pm approx. This fundraiser was held some time ago by the Kelleher family in memory of Teddy, to thank the Daffodil Night Nurses for their great care of Teddy. They are also presenting a 'TEDDYS GIFT' for the night nurses to take in to the homes of 50 families. This gift is a token from the Kelleher

family to any family that now find themselves in the position the Kellehers were in some time ago. They hope it will bring some comfort to them during their stressful time. All are welcome to come along

BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE

Please take note, this so badly needed service will be in the Community Hall Clondrohid on Tues May 2 and Wed May 3. Please support.

IRD DUHALLOW

The meeting organised by IRD to meet people/clubs etc. in the parish, who are interested in the future needs of the village and parish going forward, took place on March 9, though not greatly attended (weather was not great). Those that attended were full of ideas so the wish list was full to capacity

Among some of the top items were Sheltered housing, Playground, Extend Astro Turf, Biodiversity planting, Loop walk, The old School ???, continue supporting the facilities and businesses we have and much more. We await and see can we make any of these a reality or just a dream.

CARRIGANIMA NAT SCHOOL CLOTHES COLLECTION

A great way to donate your unwanted clothes. Donation drop off times on next Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Mar 27,28, and 29 from

9.30am to 2.30pm.

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JUST A DIARY DATE

Muinfliuch Nat. School Parents Assoc, are planning a Fun Day on Sunday June 11, with a Fun Run of 5km, with fun activities, and refreshments later in the school grounds. Mark it in your busy diary !!

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TWO HEARTS PRAYER GROUP

Mass and Devotions First Thursday of every month at 7.30pm

CHURCH PAINTING

Anyone who would like to make a donation towards this cost, can put an extra euro or two in the collection box, or make a separate donation. All funds gratefully received.

BAPTISMS

These will take place for Clondrohid on the 1st Saturday of the month, Cill na Martra on the 2nd Saturday and Ballyvourney on the 3rd Saturday.

CANOVEE NATIONAL SCHOOL

SEACHTAINE NA GAELIGE

Bhain páistí na scoile an taitneamh as imeachtaí Seachtain na gaeilge a déagraigh coiste na daltaí. Bhí gaeilge á labhairt acu chun duaiseanna éagsúla a bhuaicaint. Bhí trath na gceist agus frása an lae ar siúl ins na ranganna go léir agus ag deireadh bhí ceiliuradh iontach le ceolchoirm tradisiúnta, ceilí agus Paráid Lá Fheile Pádraig.

There is a lot of excitement in Canovee National School as our Set Dancers prepare for the Scór County Final in Eire Óg on April 1st. Our Student Council are fundraising for the Irish Cancer Society

on March 24th by asking all the children to wear something yellow to school and donate and our Green Schools committee are busy organising a Scoot To School Week starting March 27th.

Applications for enrolment for the 23/24 school year are now open. Forms can be downloaded from www.canoveens.com or contact the school on 026-48142 or office@canoveens.com

Keep up to date with all of our activities by following us on Facebook 'Canovee National School'.



Canovee NS Scór Entrants



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Scór 2023 – Denis O Donovans wife presenting the cup to Mrs O'Brien, Aisling and Sophie



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We are on our way, we have our site and we have finally have planning permission. We have a development committee in place, who are willing

to see the project through from start to finish, we are just looking for a few volunteers to help us with a little fundraising to get seed money together so we can get this amazing, exciting project off the ground. Be assured you will not be asked to do a lot and the more people we have the less

anyone will have to do, but we need help. If you have family in the area and can see the wonderful amenity this playground will be then Please come to Canovee NS on tonight, Thursday 23rd of March at 8pm and bring your ideas! Many hands make light work!

COACHFORD



Aaron Doherty the young man from Coachford who represented his country and reached the European U23 Pool Final in Malta.



Some of the cast from Coachford Player's upcoming production of *Steel Magnolias Standing* - Irene Kavanagh, Grainne Donovan and Grace Donovan. Seated - Anne Marie McMahon and Katie Ní Nhrúchú.



Coachford National School awarded a Gold Medal at the Cork School Garden Competition. Sarah and TJ Roche accepted the award on behalf of the pupils for their hard work and dedication.

STEEL MAGNOLIAS IN COACHFORD

Coachford Players will be performing the wonderful and brilliant play, 'Steel Magnolias' in Coachford Hall on Saturday April 1st, Sunday April 2nd, Monday April 3rd and Tuesday April 4th. The play is a comedy-drama about the bond among a group of Southern women in northwest Louisiana. The play opens at Truvy's in-home beauty parlor where a group of women regularly gather and covers events over the next three years and how the women who are as delicate as magnolias but as tough as steel cope with their conflicts, while remaining friends.

Coachford players are an excellent drama group who have a long and successful history of putting on amazing plays and this one is no exception. 'Steel Magnolias' is a play not to be missed and one to enjoy with your family and friends.

The play begins each night at 8pm and admission is €12 and concessions are €10.

CHALK IT DOWN, AARON'S A HERO

Coachford man, Aaron Doherty was the toast of the locality in February as the young man represented his country and reached the European U23 Pool Final in Malta. This was Aaron's first international

tournament and to reach the final was an amazing achievement. To reach the final Aaron had to beat some of the top players in Europe and in the final he came up against 2019 World Champion, Luke Gilbert from England. Although Aaron was beaten in the final we are sure it won't be his last appearance in an international tournament and a European title may not be far away.

COACHFORD AFC HEAD FOR TURNER'S CROSS

The Coachford B team have qualified for the final of the President's Cup after defeating Churchvillia Utd in the semi final 4-1. The final takes place in Turner's Cross Stadium on April 6th at 7pm and the Coachford lads will be up against favourites Rathcormac.

Huge plans for Coachford College

A planning application has been submitted for a new school building for Coachford College. This new three story building will help the college to cater for over 1,000 pupils in the coming years.

Coachford College is one of the most successful colleges in the county as it caters for students from all over Mid Cork. The new building will take some time before it's complete but the submission of the planning application is a major

and important first step. The new build will involve the demolition of the existing school buildings, the removal of existing pre-fabricated temporary accommodation and the construction of a new split level, part single storey, part two storey and part three storey 1000 pupil secondary school comprising a four classroom special education unit, a single storey multi purpose hall, general purpose room, general classrooms, specialist classrooms, social areas, library, administration areas, service yards, external stores, covered storage areas for construction studies, toilet and changing facilities and associated ancillary accommodation. The development also includes the provision of new site entrances, car parking area, drop-off areas, new site boundary, new ball courts, playing pitch, landscaped external areas and all associated site works.



Coachford College. This new three story building will help the college to cater for over 1,000 pupils in the coming years.

CILL NA MARTRA & RÉIDH NA nDOIRÍ

LÁ LACHTAÍN

Bhí Lá Lachtaín ann an Domhnach beag seo, an 19ú Márta, agus mar chuid den cheiliúradh bhí siúlóid threoraithe eagraithe go Tobar Lachtaín, treoraithe ag Gearóid Ó hÉalaithe. Is é Lachtaín naomh patrún an pharóiste Chill na Martra. Leanfaidh an cheiliúradh ar aghaidh ar an 26ú Márta, le cuairt an Easpag Liam Crean chun bás Naomh Lachtaín i 622AD a chomóradh.

Lá Lachtaín was celebrated this Sunday, 19th of March, with a guided walk from the village to St. Lachtaín's Well. Naomh Lachtaín lived near Donoughmore at the beginning of the 7th century. He had been directed by his guardian angel, Uriel, to the monastic school of St Comgall in Bangor where he studied to become a priest. He began preaching to the people of the area at the original holy well in Donoughmore. He founded another monastery here in Cill na Martra (the church of the relic).

The relic in question being Lámh Lachtaín and was venerated in the parish from the 12th until the 19th century. It is now on display at the Museum of the Royal Irish Academy in Dublin.

Celebrations continue next weekend with a visit from Bishop Liam Crean to commemorate the death of Naomh Lachtaín in 622AD.

10.30am – Séipéal Lachtaín Naofa, Réidh na nDoirí. Unveiling of a commemorative plaque.

11.30am – Séipéal Lachtaín Naofa, Cill na Martra. Celebrate mass and unveiling of a commemorative plaque.

12.15pm – Paráid Naomh Lachtaín and refreshments provided in Ionad Pobail.

1.45pm – Seisiúin cheoil ag CCÉ Chraobh Lachtaín Naofa.

Pobal ar Aire/Community Alert – Cill na Martra, Réidh na nDoirí, Baile Bhúirne, Cúil Aodha Céadaoin 29ú Márta, 8in.

Óstán Ghobnatan, Baile Bhúirne

Beidh cruinniú poiblí ar siúl in Óstán Ghobnatan. Beidh Orla Doyle (Garda) agus Morgan O Sullivan (CPO) i láthair ar an oíche. Fáilte roimh chách.

Wednesday, 29th March, 8pm.

The Abbey Hotel, Ballyvourney

The local Community Alert committee are holding a public meeting. Present at the meeting will be local Garda Orla Doyle and Crime Prevention Officer Morgan O'Sullivan. Welcome extended to all.

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Tá an éileamh ar áiteanna cheanna féin. There is a lot of demand for spaces already, following on from our successful event last year.

This year we have added a **Scramble Format** for those who are new to the sport or for those that do not play on a regular basis. The scramble format is very forgiving and an enjoyable way to play the course. There is far less pressure on each golfer and makes the whole day a lot more entertaining. This format will be perfect for those without handicaps. We will also have a **Stableford Format** for the more experienced golfers and those with a handicap,

although you are welcome to choose whichever format you are most comfortable with.

Cumann Peile Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh are excited to welcome you all to register a team, sponsor a tee-box or indeed to sponsor a team. We also welcome raffle prizes for the day. Your business will be advertised both on the run up to the day and on the day itself on our social media channels and throughout the golf course itself.

Superb prizes can be won on the day!
 Tá eolas breise ar fáil ó Barra (085) 268 2627 nó Gearóid (Last year's longest drive winner) (087) 672 2762

Scaip an scéal le bhúr dtoil. We appreciate you spreading the word.

TOAMES & DISTRICT

Toames & District Community Alert group will hold their next AGM in Kilmichael GAA Club House on Tuesday 28th March at 8.00pm. The Community Alert group covers the townlands of Toames East and West, Annahala, Inchisine, Cooldaniel, Dromkeen, Inchinashinagane, Farnavarigane and Gortaurrig and anyone living in these areas is welcome to attend the meeting to either renew their membership or join as a new member. The annual membership is €10 and covers the cost of text alerts issued by an Garda Síochana for the purpose of rural crime prevention. This system has been proven to help reduce crime in rural areas. The Community Alert group is also responsible for the issuing of Senior Alert system alarms to qualifying persons. Any enquiries to Elaine Kiernan 0868141732

DROMLEIGH NS NEWS

Students at Dromleigh N.S. have been busy preparing to receive their Green Flag for biodiversity awareness. The school hosted an action day on March 16th to celebrate two years of hard work by pupils on the theme. Children planted wildflowers, took part in the National Spring Clean programme and added a hedgehog house to our school garden on the day. Students and staff thoroughly enjoyed dressing as their favourite authors and book characters for World Book Day 2023 recently.

Senior students also enjoyed a wonderful day of sport in Ballincollig for the FAI primary 5's blitz. Dromleigh N.S. Parents' Association are hosting an Easter Fun Day on March 31st from 10am to 1pm. Join us for a coffee morning, bake sale and an egg-cellent raffle. Contact 026-46212 or office@dromleighns.ie for further details.



Dromleigh N.S. students put in a great performance at the FAI 5 a side soccer tournament on March 1st.



Dromleigh N.S. students celebrating World Book Day 2023 on March 3rd



Green Schools Action Day for Biodiversity at Dromleigh N.S.



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Kilmurry Active Retirement

CLUSTERING

There is a cluster meeting being organised for the 21st of April. It is to be held in Clondrohid hall and it is being facilitated by Clondrohid Active Retirement Association as hosts. According to Kathleen O'Shea, Assistant Southern Regional Development Officer, there will be seven active retirement associations participating in this particular cluster, Clondrohid, Ballyvourney, Millstreet, Coachford, Newcestown, Uibh Laoire and Kilmurry.

These cluster meetings serve several functions. The most obvious is that they provide an opportunity for those entrusted with organising events for their associations to get to know each other, to learn from each other, to share experiences and solutions, to identify issues that may require joint action and to build opportunities for joint activities that may be beyond the capacity of a single association.

Active Retirement Network Ireland is a network of more than five hundred active retirement associations around the country. There are about five thousand volunteers planning and delivering activities at local level throughout the country. Each active retirement association organises its own activities in accordance with the requirements, requests, and tastes of its members. The activities organised in each area are unique and continually changing. However, our overarching aim is to facilitate active and positive aging - to improve and protect the physical and mental well-being of our members. We benefit our society by making a substantial contribution to our own communities, and to our wider society. Our organisational structure makes a good attempt at applying the principle of subsidiarity - in which decisions are taken as openly as possible and as closely as possible to the citizen. While we take responsibility for ourselves, and our primary focus is on being as self-reliant as possible, there are wider social benefits too to our activities that can best be enhanced by working with others in our network. An important role of clusters is to provide an opportunity to advance, feed into, and influence those policies that are best progressed at a more appropriate level in the network. By definition subsidiarity means everything gets done at the most appropriate level. While we can often think that too much has been centralised in our country, wouldn't it be very foolish of us to disengage and to not assist and support those working for us at other levels in our structural hierarchy.

We had a talk on the 8th of March by Marie Nolan



Marie Nolan spoke on the development of Age Friendly homes at the Kilmurry Active Retirement

on the developing scheme, Age Friendly homes. This scheme aims to facilitate us all to live in our own homes for as long as possible. Currently Marie is the only officer employed in the county but thankfully after the success of the pilot scheme it is being expanded. My understanding of Marie's role is to advocate with all the various public bodies, for those people whose circumstances are such that they fear inability to continue staying in their homes. It is often a single or limited number of factors that forces a move to a nursing home. However, with an advocate intervention, a solution may well be found. This may be achieved by focusing on the person's unique needs and ensuring that the various services available be coordinated. Her services are available free of charge. She may be contacted at 0857483462. We think this is an important initiative. It is important primarily for the individual, but also for families, our communities, and our health services.

Following on from the talk on Wednesday 22 February on energy measures, many of our members have been contacted by UCC, and have already had their free energy assessment. This will now be followed by a report on suggested cost-effective solutions. This is part of a UCC / EU initiative. If you have missed it, I know that other ARAs in the locality will be having it too. From the feedback received and the requests for a repeat, we can say that our Country and Irish concert/dance on the 15th of March was a great success. This is down to the great performances of Jerome Coakley and Charlie Crowley, aided by a few volunteer singers on the day, and not forgetting all the dancers, tea makers etc. Hopefully we can repeat before too long.

On Wednesday the 22nd of March we have Public

health nurse, Ann O'Driscoll talking to us in the Heritage room, Independence Museum, Kilmurry, and the following Wednesday 29th it will be bingo followed by cards in Crookstown. We are in the process of organising a few events. We plan to have a talk some evening soon on herbal remedies. We will have a taste of some of those remedies too. (While cannabis is a herb, not to disappoint, NO). We will have ceramic art on either Monday or Tuesday evenings starting April, and we will have gardening and cookery demonstrations and beauty therapy all after Easter, and line dancing will be back Tuesday nights in Crookstown starting May 16. We are also planning a day out, a trip by bus, but more about that later.

Aqua aerobics are on Wednesday mornings in Macroom 10am, and the bowls are on Monday mornings in Coachford 10.30am, (thanks to Coachford ARA). Staying Fit for the Future courses given by Cork Sports Partnership are running in Kilmurry Mondays at 7pm and in Crookstown Thursdays at 5pm and again at 6pm. The next sessions at the same times will be starting after Easter and will cost €50 for 8 lessons.

If you would like to join us, our association is open to all, and now is a great time to join. The membership fee is 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.

UIBH LAOIRE NEWS

CELEBRATIONS

The parish marked the weekend, dedicated to our patron saint, in different ways. In Inchigeela there was music throughout the weekend and people got the opportunity to practice their Gaelige. The members of Croi na Laoi made sure that our national colours were flying high, in the form of flags, bunting and banners and fáilte signs welcomed visitors to the area. Moladh mór tuilte agaibh. In Béal Áthan Ghaorthaidh the parade was held as usual after Mass and a large crowd enjoyed the event. The members of the Túirín Dubh musical performed a beautiful extract from their future show. The banna cheoil were in top form. Megan and Harry made an unexpected appearance to honour the day that was in it and an tUasal de Búrca was very unruly. Gan amhras bhí gach éinne

ar fheabhas. Do dhein Dónal Ó Laoire job breá smacht a choimead ar gach rud. Molaim na daoine óga comh maith a dhein iarracht an mhór.

ACTIVE RETIRED

The group are holding a special night in Creedon's Hotel, Inchigeela, on 29th of March, where community Garda Micheál O Donnchú will talk to those present on the importance on personal security and Internet security and the importance today of keeping safe as we reach retirement years. The Garda will be glad to answer your questions on the night, starting at 8pm.

DANCING

Make a diary note for Sunday, April 2nd and come dancing to the music of Adrian Ryan in Inchigeela Hall, 3pm to 5.30pm Eircode P12D635



Creedon's Hotel Inchigeela is hosting a 'Local Songwriters Night' on Thursday 30th March at 8pm. It will be an evening of original live music with performances from three local artists of distinctive and diverse musical styles; Laura McCarthy, Margaret Creedon O'Shea, and The Lost Gecko.

NAOMH FIONNBARRA

Please support the girls of the local parish club, Naomh Fionnbarrá, in their fundraising lotto between 1st April and 14th of June. Tickets on sale in local shops, pubs and from players and committee members.



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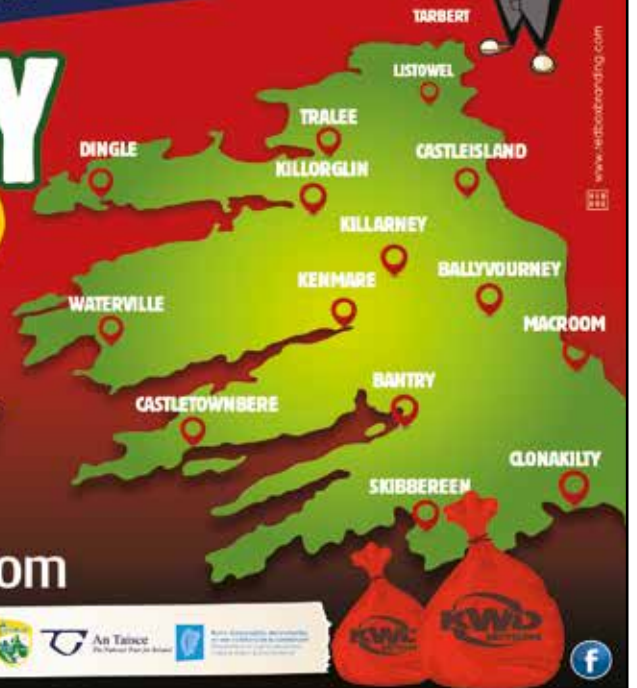
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Rewilding: where less is more

Hi! Chris Barrett back again. Today I have the great pleasure to hear from Tom Jordan, smallholder and nature writer, regarding the importance of rewilding, what it is and how we can help.

Successive reports on biodiversity have revealed ongoing wildlife decline and dozens of Irish species are now red-listed. It's clear that we have to change our relationship with the natural world. One good suggestion is to make room for nature by allowing surviving wild areas to expand naturally. This is the basic tenet of rewilding. Like all catch-phrases, 'rewilding' can be somewhat misleading. What is required is simply more room for nature and an end to needless habitat destruction.

Where patches of important habitat like wood, bog or heath are found within intensively worked land, it is proposed that corridors are encouraged so these can join up. It could be quite effective, even if the natural corridors are narrow. This is because many species simply require connectivity for survival and the distance between existing wild areas is too great for them to maintain genetic diversity. Animals and insects searching for mates often cannot cross vast fields or areas of non-native plantation forestry, so their numbers are dwindling. This phenomenon is called fragmentation and its dire impacts have only recently been fully understood by ecologists.

As a result there have been many suggestions to expand wild areas and the call has been made loudly across the spectrum of society. The term rewilding has however annoyed some farmers and foresters. They feel like this loud rumble is coming from urban activists who don't understand the realities of their industries, and they fear that if the government listens it will impose impossible restrictions on their work and economic welfare. It's a fair point, given the ways in which previous interventions have led to muddled approaches. So let's take a closer look at rewilding and what it might involve.

Firstly, it is important to acknowledge that our countryside, though lush, green and often quite pretty to look at, is rarely natural. For example, Irish upland heaths, where harmful plantation forestry has not taken them over, are generally bare and overgrazed. This is mainly due to long-standing EU farm policies under the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), which for years have encouraged productivity over conservation.

Farmers are rewarded for increasing their stocking rates using artificial fertilizers, while controlling overgrowth through annual burning or use of harmful herbicide sprays against rushes. Natural features are penalised under direct payments, so excavators are employed to drain wetlands and clear scrub. This policy is vigorously imposed and has done untold damage to countless species.

One way to tell an upland area has been overgrazed or burned is to note the presence of heather which should be abundant, but which is often destroyed by the annual fires. This leads to the tell-tale yellow winter sheen of molinia grass which, being fire-resistant, subsequently takes over the ground cover. Gorse, although the main target species of burning, also benefits as its seeds germinate prolifically in the ashes.

Under CAP, farmers have been penalised for allowing natural areas to form on their land. This policy alone has probably contributed as much to declines in wildlife species as anything else. The



Healthy heath with bog myrtle, heather and emergent woodland verges. Photo TomJ



Veteran oak woods Killarney. No young trees present, forest floor tightly grazed. Photo TomJ

new CAP has proposals to reverse this, which are welcome, but they do not go far enough and as I write, farmers are still receiving satellite images of their land with natural areas highlighted for deduction from basic payment.

In addition to poor farm policies and practices, Ireland's wild areas are also over-grazed by wild deer. Although red deer are a native species, much of the damage is caused by large roaming herds of Fallow, Sika and Reeve's Muntjac, all introduced deer species. Because they favour young trees and saplings, their presence in an area can be quite effective in preventing native woodland regeneration. This is a major problem even in Killarney National Park, which contains Ireland's most extensive old-growth woodlands. Most of these woods are deemed veteran woods as they have stopped regenerating themselves due to overgrazing by deer and roaming sheep from neighbouring commonage. Compounding this is a massive problem with invasive *Rhododendron ponticum*, which unfortunately is not eaten by deer. The fate of Killarney will now inevitably be decided by human intervention.

Because of this imbalance in our biodiversity, any talk of rewilding must be accompanied by a strategy which can deal with the impacts of invasive species. Some proponents favour the reintroduction of locally extinct predators like lynx or wolves, whose stalking of deer in turn reduces their impact on young trees. This would be extremely controversial however and has been rejected out of hand by farming groups. Given the poor state of Ireland's countryside, ecologists also doubt we have enough habitat to support healthy populations of mammalian predators. It is therefore much more realistic to encourage

more widespread consumption of wild venison, a delicious and ecologically defensible meat. This of course might not win support from farming lobbies, but it could help in real terms with tackling biodiversity decline.

Rewilding is nothing to be afraid of and indeed it poses no threat to the viability of Ireland's farming or forestry sectors. On the contrary, it stands to benefit both, by offering increased resilience to extreme weather events which we are likely to receive due to Climate Change, while providing homes for multitudes of beneficial species. A well-balanced ecosystem will maintain itself much better and require fewer expensive inputs than a crazed and determined assault on nature, which polices thus far have only encouraged. Giving space to nature represents the easiest step in the necessary realignment of our very dangerous trajectory. In May 2019 Ireland's politicians passed a motion to declare a Climate and Biodiversity Emergency, the second country in the world to do so. Unfortunately as yet the grandiloquent promises that accompanied this move have not been realised. We need to see polices that will stem the tide of rampant biodiversity loss from current practices. In the words of Aldo Leopold: "Having to squeeze the last drop of utility out of the land has the same desperate finality as having to chop up the furniture to keep warm." Hopefully we are not so desperate, nor destined to be so forlorn.

I would like to thank Tom Jordan for sharing this important knowledge with us.

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Ballinagree N.S. pupils and teachers had great fun dressing up as their favourite book characters for World Book Day recently.

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MEP KELLEHER CALLS FOR IRISH BANKS TO MOVE SWIFTLY TO INTRODUCE INSTANT BANK TRANSFERS

IRISH BANKS SHOULD MOVE BEFORE THEY ARE FORCED TO INTRODUCE SERVICE

Fianna Fáil MEP, Billy Kelleher has said that Irish retail banks must catch up with other European banks by introducing instant transfers between IBAN accounts.

Kelleher, a member of the European Parliament's Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECON) Committee, said, "The current situation simply is not fair to Irish banking customers. At present, it can take at least a day for a transfer to be processed and to show up on an Irish bank account. Whereas, in many European countries, these transfers are instantaneous.

"While there is no legal requirement on banks to offer this service at present, it is coming down

the tracks. The European Commission recently published a proposal that would make it mandatory for all IBAN to IBAN transfers to be 'instant'.

"The Irish banking sector needs to realise the direction of travel and start making a move ahead of it becoming mandatory if they want to catch up. "Why is it that Irish banks always have to be dragged kicking and screaming in terms of introducing pro-consumer innovations.

"Ireland prides itself on being a leading Fin-Tech country. Yet, we can be incredibly slow at introducing basic services like this for customers.

"This is one of the many reasons why Revolut and

other online banking providers are growing their market share in Ireland.

"I appreciate there may be a cost associated with introducing this service, but Irish banking customers are paying bank charges on a monthly or quarterly basis; they deserve this service," concluded Kelleher.



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Macroom and district Lions Club 'Clubs Day' officers, organisers.



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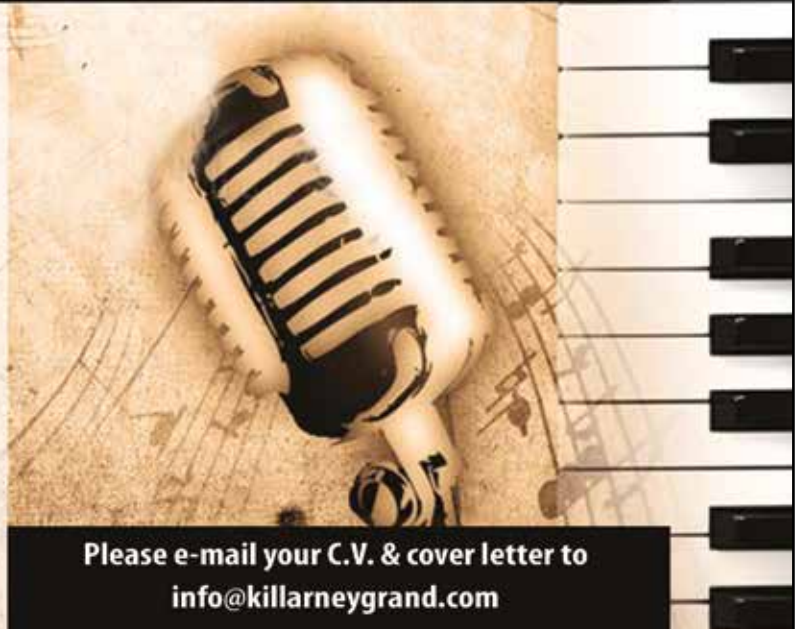
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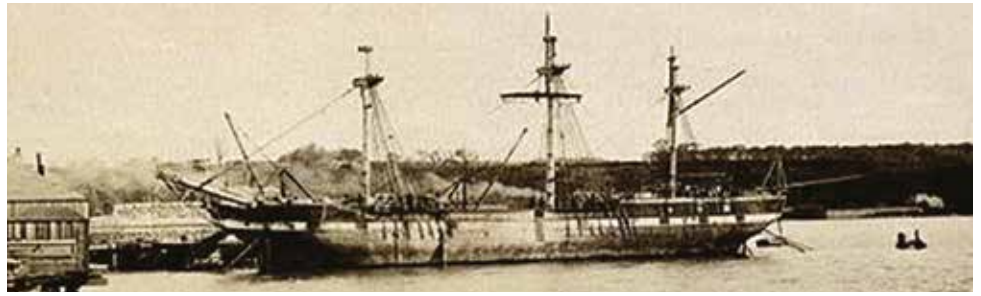
From 1649 until 1853, many convicts from Ireland were transported overseas to serve their sentences as indentured servants and slaves, mainly in North America, British Caribbean islands and Australia. Convicts were sent to penal colonies for a range of offences, even for as little as stealing a loaf of bread. In 1867–8 the sentence was briefly revived for Fenian prisoners, whose goal was to secure Irish independence. The term Fenian comes from Fianna, meaning a band of warriors, associated with the legendary Fionn mac Cumhaill, who was a seer and poet, as well as a warrior. The Fenians' stated aim was an Irish democratic republic, and they also called for the complete separation of church and state.

On October 12th, 1867, the last ship to transport convicts to Australia, the *Hougoumont*, set sail from Portsmouth, England, arriving in Freemantle, Australia on January 10th, 1868. Of the 280 convicts and 108 passengers on board were 62 Fenians. The transportation of political prisoners contravened the agreement between the UK and Western Australia, and news of their impending arrival caused panic. Among these prisoners was Cornelius O'Mahony, who was 27 years old.

Cornelius was born around 1840 in Macroom, the son of a farmer, later moving to Dublin. Growing up during the time of the Great Hunger, *An Gorta Mór* (often called the Great Famine, though this is a misnomer, as, during this time, large quantities of food continued to be exported), witnessing utter devastation, it is hardly surprising that he wanted independence for Ireland. To this end, he joined the Irish Republican Brotherhood (IRB), an organisation established by James Stephens on St. Patrick's Day in 1858, dedicated to the establishment of an 'independent democratic republic' in Ireland. Members would soon be known as Fenians, by supporters and detractors alike.

By 1862, Cornelius was working in the teacher training college in Marlborough Street, Dublin, which would likely have served as a useful recruiting ground. However, although seen by all as a gifted teacher, he didn't work there for long, resigning his post in 1863, so that he could focus exclusively on his work with the IRB and especially its newspaper, *The Irish People*. This was a paper critical of the establishment, which was possible during a time when literacy rates were increasing and there were no censorship restrictions such as those that came into effect during the First World War. Also, they didn't receive government funding, and thus were truly independent, which had a corresponding influence on the quality – and truthfulness – of their reporting. In the 1860s, the authorities acknowledged the influence of newspapers and suppressed freedom of speech by imprisoning their editors where / when they could. During this time, Cornelius lived in 12 Parliament Street, Dublin, part of what is known today as Temple Bar. He remained on *The Irish People's* staff as both journalist and bookkeeper / clerk until 1865, when it was raided and shut down, due to British worries about an armed uprising.

Arrested along with several others, Cornelius was sent to Kilmainham Gaol, known as being the site of the executions of the 1916 leaders, and of the imprisonment of many of those involved in the struggles for independence during the 19th and early 20th centuries. He was convicted



The ship 'Hougoumont' at the Forth Bridge works

and sentenced to five years penal servitude at the Assizes in Dublin (the higher criminal court in Ireland, prior to 1924) on 16th January 1866, following a retrial, as the first jury was dismissed by the judge. Sent to Mountjoy Prison, he was later transferred to Pentonville prison, north of London. After two months there, he was moved to Portland jail, Dorset, along with 23 other Fenian prisoners, a jail which had as its stated purpose to 'largely to make use of convict labour in the construction of the breakwaters of Portland Harbour and its various defences'. His sentence was subsequently commuted to transportation to a penal colony in Western Australia, which is how he came to be on the *Hougoumont*, the last ship to transport convicts to Australia. The convicts were chained together on embarking. This meant that there were many more literate convicts on board than was usual for such a voyage, which led to a number of articles, journals and letters about the voyage, some written years later, when the prisoners gained their freedom. Amongst the convicts were 62 Fenian political prisoners, transported for their part in the Fenian Rising of 1867. After 18 months of extreme physical and mental hardship in British prisons, Cornelius must have wondered, with no small amount of trepidation, what awaited him next.

To stave off monotony on the long voyage, the convicts decided to produce a newspaper. A Protestant Fenian among them suggested the title *The Wild Goose*, most aptly, it was felt by all, being that it was a name given at the time to Irishmen who were forced to flee their own country and who fought for freedom in armies in Europe. A helpful priest found them the paper to write on, so, between November and Christmas, they produced a total of seven handwritten issues. All were in copperplate, with ornate headings, and included poetry, prose, and Irish tales.

Needless to say, the authorities on board were not amused, finding what they could and confiscating it. Only one complete copy of each issue was made. However, all seven issues survive, and were passed by a granddaughter of one of the men to the Mitchell Library, Sydney, in 1967, a digital copy of which can now be viewed in the National Library of Ireland.

One darkly amusing passage, describing Australia from the point of view of those who were sentenced to imprisonment there, shows how they kept each other's spirits up in what were undoubtedly dire circumstances:

Upon arrival in Australia, the Fenians were sent to notoriously brutal Fremantle Prison, known to inmates as 'a living tomb', being quickly used as slave labour, building roads for the new colony. Fortunately for Cornelius, within a year of his arrival in Australia, he had been granted a Ticket of



The grave of Cornelius O Mahony



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Leave (a ticket of parole), and on 18th May 1869, he received his Certificate of Freedom. This was part of a general amnesty granted by the UK government, led by prime minister William Gladstone.

Following his release, Cornelius was employed as a teacher of senior grades at the Catholic Boys' School in Perth. In 1874 he married Mary Butler, who arrived in Australia from Kilkenny, in 1865, at the age of 15. They had two children, a son and a daughter. In 1877, following the birth of their daughter, they moved to Melbourne, where Cornelius became head teacher at St Mary's Primary School, West Melbourne.

Perhaps part of the reason Cornelius moved to Melbourne was because in 1876, he came under police suspicion for assisting in the escape of six

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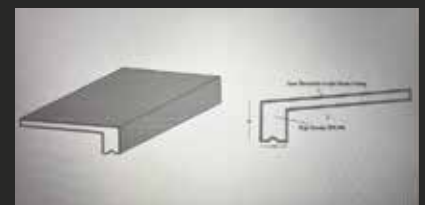
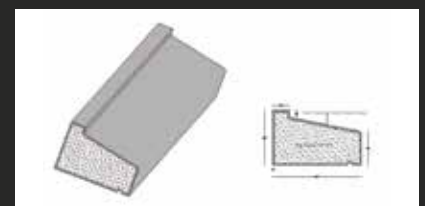
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Fenian prisoners. Not every Fenian who travelled on the Hougoumont was not as fortunate as Cornelius – some were still imprisoned. This prison break, known as the Catalpa Rescue, masterminded by John Devoy (1842-1928), Irish rebel and journalist who owned and edited *The Gaelic American*, a New York weekly newspaper, from 1903 to 1928, is still considered today as one of the most daring in history. It is a story of triumph against seemingly insurmountable odds. Devoy was ably assisted by John Boyle O'Reilly (1844-1890), a poet (said to be President John F. Kennedy's favourite poet), journalist, civil rights activist – and fellow convict on the Hougoumont, who escaped from Bunbury, Western Australia, whose life story is a fascinating tale in its own right (in 1999, then British Prime Minister Tony Blair refused to grant O'Reilly a pardon, when requested to do so by the Western Australia opposition leader). A 2007 documentary, *The Catalpa Rescue*, that describes the gripping story of the audacious escape, can be viewed on YouTube. At the time, the fight for Irish independence had reached a low point, but it was galvanised after the morale-boosting rescue. If he was involved, and Cornelius seems to have been the type of man who worked quietly behind the scenes, no wonder he would have wanted to escape unwanted attention! Of course, with a young family, he would also have wanted to leave behind some very dark reminders of his past. In Melbourne, Cornelius was widely respected,

considered to be an honest man of both talent and class, a man of literary pursuits, well-liked by the pupils, teachers and parents at his school. He was known to be fond of reciting many lines of Thomas Davis (1814-1845), something he was also said to have enjoyed doing when in Ireland. Thomas Davis, from Mallow, Co. Cork, a descendant of O'Sullivan-Beare, was someone who was passionate about Irish heritage and culture. He was one of the founders of *The Nation*, a weekly newspaper published from 1842 to 1844. Fort Davis, at the entrance to Cork Harbour, is named after him. A creative thinker, he wrote many essays and songs, including *A Nation Once Again* (encouraging Irish people to stand up and fight for their land. 'Once again' refers to Gaelic Ireland before the 12th century, largely independent of foreign control. Davis based the melody for the chorus on the second movement of Mozart's clarinet concerto) and *The West's Awake* (alluding to the west of Ireland moving from a state of slumber to awakening):

That chainless wave and lovely land
Freedom and Nationhood demand—
Be sure, the great God never planned,
For slumbering slaves, a home so grand.
And, long, a brave and haughty race
Honoured and sentinelled the place—
Sing oh! not even their sons' disgrace
Can quite destroy their glory's trace.
Like Thomas Davis, who died at the age of 30,

from scarlet fever, Cornelius had a tragically short life, and would die at a young age, on 5th March 1879, shortly after contracting typhoid. 1878 was the worst year ever known in Melbourne for typhoid fever. He was 39. It is likely that his years of imprisonment and slave labour meant that his health was severely compromised. A glowing obituary in *The Melbourne Argus*, on March 7th, noted that he 'never grew weary nor lost hope or faith in the cause he had espoused, even when others grew diffident and doubtful! Cornelius kept the faith.

Much respected in his community, a group of admirers bought a Fenian plot in the Melbourne General Cemetery. Hundreds of people attended his funeral, many wearing green scarves, to remember his short, eventful life. A monument was commissioned in 1880 and erected shortly afterwards, a large, bluestone Celtic cross. It bears the inscription *In Memory of Cornelius O'Mahony, Macroom, County Cork, Ireland, Released Political Prisoner, Died 5th March, 1879. R.I.P.*

On the centenary of his death, in September 1979, a commemoration ceremony was held to honour Cornelius at the Melbourne General Cemetery. Although his daughter, Hanora Mary, never married, his son, O'Connell Daniel, married and had five children. One of them, a Loreto nun, Sister Mary, was there to lay a wreath on her grandfather's grave.

'ART Ó LAOGHAIRE: ENGLISHING THE CAOINEADH' – A LECTURE BY JOHN FITZGERALD

13 March, 2023: Castle Hotel, Macroom.

Macroom History Group's eight presentation of the season was given on 13 March, 2023 in the Castle Hotel before an audience of sixty-five. Lissardaman John FitzGerald, former UCC Head Librarian/Head of Information and distinguished poet was commissioned to translate again *Caoineadh Airt Uí Laoghaire*, the famed Irish eighteenth century lament on the 250th anniversary of Art's slaying. John follows in the footsteps of Seán Ó Tuama, Frank O'Connor, Brendan Kenneally, Thomas Kinsella and Angela Burke. The idea is to bring the classic and important poem to a new audience.

John first heard the lament from teacher John Browne in Macroom Boys' National School. He became more familiar with it in De La Salle, Macroom and in his university studies, and his work. Revisiting it as an adult, he was better able to understand its themes of love, loss, persecution and hate. The poem's action centres on Macroom, Raleigh, Hanover Hall, Carriganima and Kilcrea. The background is eighteenth century Ireland. The Penal Laws which subjugated Catholics and denied them the rights of ownership and participation in the state. While the Penal Laws were harsh, some Irish families had retained some wealth and position. Art came from one such family that enabled him to be educated in France and obtain a commission in the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Having done well, he returned home where Eileen Dubh O'Connell 'eyed' the dashing young soldier in Macroom and fell in love with him. Eileen, one of twenty-two children, was from the wealthy Derrynane O'Connell family – she was



Author John FitzGerald with 'The Lament For Art O'Leary' cover in the background. Pic Con Kelleher

an aunt of the Liberator Daniel O'Connell – and the O'Connells also had a strong poetic tradition. Because of her wealth she had been educated. When Eileen first saw Art, she had been a widow for six years and without children. She had already composed a lament for her first husband, O'Connor of Firies. Despite family disapproval, she married Art and came to live in Raleigh. Her sister had already settled in nearby Kilnamartyra. The appeal of the lament rests on many things: the universal themes of love and loss, and a tragic slaying of a young brave man/husband/father; the fact that the characters were real and the story is authentic, and the emotions are real and raw; and

the skill and elegance of the poem itself, written in the form of a lament but with Eileen's imprint on its language, imagery and rhythm.

John outlined the provenance of the lament: that it was meant to be recited and heard. Four versions survived, three of which were available to him. Two of the three translations were done by an t-Athair Peadar Ó Laoire but, according to John, he used 'flowery' language and because of being a priest, an t-Athair's versions were sanitised. So John used Seán Ó Tuama's version and consulted the other translations. Because John was trying to reproduce the feeling, rhythm and sound of the *Caoineadh*, he used the three-stress lines of the original.

What is very striking was the richness and possibilities of 18th century Irish culture – instanced here by its language and poetry – and the arrogance, ignorance and awfulness of its suppression, mostly for land, possession, position and monetary gain.

The highlight of the night was John's superb reading of his new work. Coupled with a lovely venue, a good and knowledgeable audience and a pleasant atmosphere, it made for a most enjoyable night.

John will be launching his 'The Lament for Art O'Leary' in the Castle Hotel in April 28, 2023. I congratulate John and wish him well: his translation is one that many inside and outside Macroom and District will treasure, appreciate and enjoy.

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CORK TEAMS

The Group stages of the various National Leagues are coming to an end and Cork teams have had mixed fortunes to date. Cork hurlers finish unbeaten in their group of Div One and now play Kilkenny in the league semi final. Cork footballers have had a moderately successful campaign, winning three of their six games to date, and will not be promoted nor relegated this season.

In camogie, Cork are in the very Ireland Division 1 league final, undefeated after four games to date, while in Ladies Gaelic Football, Cork will not make the Lidl Div 1 final league final but are team building and have three wins and a draw from six games played to date.

ALLIANZ NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE - DIV 2

Jan 29 Cork 0-19 Meath 3-14

Feb 5 Kildare 0-7 Cork 2-14

Feb 19 Cork 2-10 Dublin 0-18

Feb 26 Cork 6-18 Limerick 0-12

Mar 5 Clare 1-8 Cork 3-10.

Mar 19 Louth 1-10 Cork 0-10

Mar 26 Sun Cork v Derry

MUNSTER SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Quarter Final: Cork v Clare, Easter Sunday, April 9th in Ennis, 2pm

Semi Final: Winners play Limerick on April 22nd

MUNSTER U20 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Semi final: Cork v Limerick or Waterford, April 17th.

ALLIANZ NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE - ROUND 6

Louth 1-10 Cork 0-10

Cork footballers lost to Louth at Ardee and this was not a good result for the Rebels. Cork had to play the entire second half against the wind with 14 men after losing full back Daniel O'Mahony to a red card, and conceded an earlier penalty which eventually finished in the net after Micheál Martin had saved the spot kick but could not deny the follow up. Cork led by a point at the break, 0-8 to 1-4 but Louth finished strongly and their match with Dublin now is a battle for second spot in the final, Derry being all but assured of the other place. Cork had led by 0-7 to 0-2 after 25 minutes, and were in control up to the penalty award and the sending off soon after but will be disappointed to lose to Louth whom they beat well in Cork last season. Cork missed some glorious goal opportunities and their form is now once again lacking consistency with a vital Munster

championship quarter final in Ennis looming.

Scorers for Cork: S Sherlock 0-4 (0-2 f, 0-1 45), L Fahy 0-2, T Walsh, L Fahy, C Corbett, C Óg Jones, R Maguire 0-1 each.

Cork: MA Martin (Nemo Rangers); M Shanley (Clonakilty), D O'Mahony (Knocknagree), T Walsh (Kanturk); Luke Fahy (Ballincollig), R Maguire (Castlehaven), S Meehan (Kiskeam, c); Colm O'Callaghan (Éire Óg), I Maguire (St Finbarr's); E McSweeney (Knocknagree), S Powter (Douglas), R Deane (Bantry Blues); S Sherlock (St Finbarr's), Chris Óg Jones (Iveleary), C Corbett (Clyda Rovers). Subs: B O'Driscoll (Tadhg MacCarthy's) for McSweeney 53, K O'Hanlon (Kilshannig) for Jones and J O'Rourke (Carbery Rangers) for Corbett 61, M Cronin (Nemo Rangers) for Sherlock 70+2.

ALLIANZ NATIONAL HURLING LEAGUE DIV 1 A

Feb 4 Sat Cork 2-17 Limerick 0-22

Feb 12 Sun Galway 3-22 Cork 4-24

Feb 26 Sun Cork 2-21 Westmeath 0-21

Mar 12 Sun Cork 2-14 Wexford 0-18

Mar 19 Sun Clare 2-18 Cork 2-18

Mar 25/26 Allianz League Div 1 Semi Final: Cork v Kilkenny

ALLIANZ HURLING LEAGUE - ROUND 4

Cork 2-14 Wexford 0-18

A goal for Cork from substitute Cormac Beausang in the 72nd minute gave the home team the lead for the very first time and the Rebels still retained an advantage at the final whistle and so are now through to the league semi finals with a game still to play. It was a tough defeat for Wexford to suffer as they had played really well and deserved some reward, but they will be happy with the performance.

Wexford had conceded 6-25 to Clare the previous week but held Cork scoreless for the opening 20 minutes and led by -10 top 0-6 at half time. Wexford had opened up a six point gap by the 45th minute 0-13 to 0-7 when an opportunist goal from Blarney's Pádraig Power brought Cork right back into contention and the introduction of seasoned campaigners like Seamus Harnedy, Jack O'Connor and Robert Downey along with Beausang paid dividends for Cork in the final quarter as Wexford suffered badly from injuries to key players.

Scorers for Cork: Shane Kingston 0-8 (0-7f), Pádraig Power 1-1, Cormac Beausang 1-0, Shane Barrett 0-3, Brian Hayes and Jack O'Connor 0-1 each.

Cork: Patrick Collins; Niall O'Leary, Eoin Downey,

Eoin Roche; Ethan Twomey, Ciarán Joyce, Tommy O'Connell; Brian Roche, Luke Meade; Declan Dalton, Conor Cahalane, Shane Barrett (Blarney); Shane Kingston, Pádraig Power (Blarney), Brian Hayes.

Subs: Séamus Harnedy for Dalton (46), Jack O'Connor for Hayes (46), Rob Downey for Meade (48), Cormac Beausang for Twomey (66), Alan Cadogan for Power (70+1).

Clare 2-18 Cork 2-18

Cork maintained their unbeaten record in the Allianz Hurling League at Ennis and now meet Kilkenny in the Allianz National League semi final, Tipperary and Limerick meeting in the other semi. Cork had already qualified for the knockout stages and Clare were rooted in mid table so the outcome was of little consequence to either side and the lethargic loose play demonstrated as much. Cork had to come from behind with two late points to get a draw and will be happy that the league has given the management plenty of opportunity to see the available talent. Pádraig Power of Blarney had a good outing and is displaying nice form.

Scorers for Cork: S Harnedy 1-3, C Lehane, D Dalton (0-3 f) 0-4 each, P Power 1-1, B Hayes 0-2, B Roche, J O'Connor, A Cadogan, C Cahalane 0-1 each.

Cork: G Collins (Ballinhassig); N O'Leary (Castlelyons), D O'Leary (Watergrasshill), E Roche (Bride Rovers); C Cormack (Blackrock), R Downey (Glen Rovers), C O'Brien (Newtownshandrum); B Roche (Bride Rovers), E Twomey (St Finbarr's); D Dalton (Fr O'Neills), S Harnedy (St Ita's), B Hayes (St Finbarr's); A Cadogan (Douglas), Pádraig Power (Blarney), J O'Connor (Sarsfields).

Subs: C Lehane (Midleton) for S Harnedy (25 inj), C Cahalane (St Finbarr's) for D Dalton (34 inj), S Kingston (Douglas) for A Cadogan (45), G Millerick (Fr O'Neills) for B Roche (55), D Cahalane (St Finbarr's) for D O'Leary (60).

MUNSTER SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP (ROUND ROBIN FORMAT)

Cork v Waterford April 30th, Páirc Uí Chaoimh 4pm

Cork v Tipperary May 6th, P Uí Chaoimh 7pm

Cork away to Clare 21st May and then away to Limerick May 28th.

MUNSTER U20 HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP (ROUND ROBIN)

Cork v Waterford in Cork, Wednesday, March 29th, 7pm.



Pictured at Macroom Golf Club drive which took place recently.

From left President Dan Kiely, Lady Captain Rose Beamish, Lady President Annie Piotrowski and Captain Tim Keating.



The Mills Ladies Golf Society and their first outing this year

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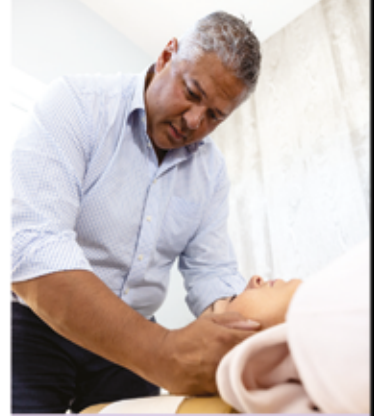
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The Mills Ladies Golf Society and their first outing this year



U12 Sullane FC Girls SFAI National Cup Last 16 Win over Freebooters FC 19/02/2023

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 1-15 (18) Cork 4-4 (16)
 Feb 26 Cork 5-11 Donegal 0-1
 Mar 19 Cork 1-17 Kerry 2-6
 Mar 26 Cork v Meath
 Cork 1-17 Kerry 2-6

A goal from Hannah Looney and some superb shooting from Eimear Kiely saw Cork get the better of their arch-rivals Kerry in their Lidl Ladies NFL clash at Páirc Uí Chaoimh.

Overall the Rebels were the better side but they did have to withstand a Kerry second-half comeback before they inflicted the first league loss on the Kingdom this season.

Orlaith Cahalane, Eimear Kiely, Katie Quirke, Kiely, Ciara O'Sullivan, Libby Coppinger had points before Ciara O'Sullivan set up Hannah Looney for the game's opening goal, to make it 1-6 to 0-2 with 19 minutes played. Cahalane and two more from Kiely saw Cork lead by 1-9 to 0-4 at half-time.

Kiely, with two pointed frees pushed the Rebels further in front, Abigail Ring increased Cork's lead to make it 1-12 to 0-4. Cork led 1-13 to 1-5 with 15 minutes left. Three minutes later another Kerry goal made it 2-5 to 1-15 as the visitors showed why they had been undefeated in the league but Cork took the points for their third league win.

Kerry were already qualified for the league final stages and were not fully focused here.

Scorers for Cork: E Kiely 0-8 (0-7 f), H Looney 1-1, O Cahalane 0-2, K Quirke, C O'Sullivan, L Coppinger, A Ring, S Kelly, D Kiniry 0-1 each.

Cork: M O'Sullivan; M Duggan, E Meaney, R Phelan; S Kelly, M O'Callaghan, R Leahy; H Looney, S Leahy; L Coppinger, K Quirke, Emma Cleary (Éire Óg); Orlaith Cahalane (Éire Óg), E Kiely, C O'Sullivan. Subs: D Kiniry 23, A O'Mahony and A Ring both ht, A Ryan 42, E Jack 49, S McGoldrick 50, B O'Sullivan 52, L McDonagh and A McDonagh (N Abán), both 57.

INTER VARSITY O'CONNOR CUP

University of Limerick 7-14 Queen's University, Belfast 1-9

University of Limerick set up a Yoplait O'Connor Cup final against DCU as the reigning champions produced a scintillating opening half display to power through.

The holders laid the foundation for an impressive win when they led by 6-9 to 0-4 at the break with

Erika O'Shea producing marauding runs from deep and the inside forwards able to pick the perfect pass.

Final: DCU 3-14 University of Limerick 1-13

DCU were crowned Yoplait O'Connor Cup champions for the first time since 2018, ending UL's hopes of three Yoplait O'Connor Cup triumphs in a row. DCU led 1-3 to no score after six minutes but UL fought back and were only 1-8 to 1-7 behind at half time. DCU were the better team in the second half, UL to their credit continued to battle away.

UL: M Bolger, D Kiniry, L Spillane, S Ni Chonaill, A Molloy, N Ward, Erika O'Shea (Macroom), C Needham, A Reidy, N O'Connor, D Beirne, E Fitzpatrick, A Hurley, S O'Shea, A O'Rourke. Subs: Z Fay for Spillane (17), A Sexton for Hurley (ht), S Cunney for O'Rourke (41), C Murray for Reidy (48), E Murphy for O'Connor (49).

CAMOGIE - VERY IRELAND NATIONAL LEAGUE DIVISION 1A

Feb 18 Cork 3-17 Dublin 0-5

Feb 25 Cork 2-19 Clare 1-10

Mar 4 Tipperary 1-12 Cork 1-14

Mar 19 Kilkenny 1-10 Cork 0-23

Mar 26 Sun Cork v Galway P Uí Chaoimh, 12 noon Division One 1A will consist of Clare, Kilkenny, Cork, Dublin, Tipperary and Galway.

Kilkenny 1-10 Cork 0-23

Cork are through to the Very Camogie national League final after this fine win over a strong Kilkenny team at Nowlan Park, the All Ireland champions were however without key figures Player of the Year Miriam Walsh and All-Ireland hero Denise Gaule. Cork were without Katrina Mackey, Ciara O'Sullivan, and Ashling Thompson of their All Ireland final team.

Cork's work-rate was once again impressive, defensively they swarmed, blocking well and forcing Kilkenny into errors. Up front, particularly on Kilkenny's short puck-outs, Cork applied good pressure and overturned a few.

Cork scorers: A O'Connor 0-5 (0-3 f), F Keating 0-4, C Healy 0-3, S McCarthy, O Cahalane, S McCartan, H Looney 0-2 each, L Hayes, E Murphy and A Smith 0-1 each.

Cork: A Lee; M Murphy, L Coppinger, M Cahalane; P Mackey, L Treacy, L Hayes; S McCarthy, F Keating; I O'Regan, C Sigerson, Cliona Healy (Aghjabullogue); A O'Connor, O Cahalane, S McCartan. Subs: E Murphy for O Cahalane (44), A O'Neill for C Sigerson (47), C Finn for A O'Connor (53), K Wall for H Looney (55), A Egan for C Healy and A Smith for S

McCartan (56), H Ryan and A Barrett for S McCarthy and M Murphy (59).

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.

Division One Rd 1: Éire Óg 1-8 Cill na Martra 2-5, Ballincollig 1-3 Nemo Rangers 1-13, Castlehaven, Carbery Rangers, Kiskeam, Douglas, St Finbarrs, Valley Rovers.

Division Two: Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh 3-13 Clyda 3-12, Carrigaline 1-10 Clonakilty 0-13, Kanturk 2-15 Aghada 1-7, O'Donovan Rossa 0-11 Fermoy 1-8, St Michaels 1-6 Newcestown 1-9.

Division Three: Rockchapel 1-12 Macroom 3-7, Nemo 0-8 Castletownbere 0-12, Bishopstown 3-12 Ilen Rovers 2-8, Glanworth 1-3 Mallow 5-19, Knocknagree 1-5 Dohenys 1-6.

Division Four: Aghabullogue 0-11 Naomh Abán 1-7, Kilshannig 1-10 Iveleary 0-7, Bantry Blues 0-10 Newmarket 1-9, Mitchelstown 1-15 Na Piarasigh 0-7, St Vincents 2-8 Bandon 1-9.

Division Five: Ballinora 2-8 Mayfield 3-5, Adrigole 0-8 Boherbue 0-10, Ballydesmond 1-8 Glenville 1-7, Dromtariffe 0-7 Glanmire 2-18, Kinsale 1-9 Millstreet 0-10.

Division Six: Gabriel Rangers v Kilmurry March 24th, St Finbarrs v Cobh, St Nicks v Buttevant, Urhan v Kildorrery.

Division Seven: Aghinagh v Ballinhassig March 26th 11.30am, Castlemagner v St Michaels, Cullen v Argideen, St James v Ballyclough.

Round 2 Results:

Cill na Martra 1-3 Castlehaven 1-12, Ballincollig 0-6 Éire Óg 1-11,

Aghada 0-6 Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh 2-8, Macroom 0-10 Bishopstown 2-9, Naomh Abán 2-11 Mitchelstown 0-10, Bandon

3-12 Aghabullogue 4-10, Iveleary 1-11 Bantry Blues 0-5, Boherbue 1-9 Ballinora 0-4

Table standings after Two Rounds

Div 1 Castlehaven and Nemo on 4 pts, Éire Óg 3, Cill na Martra 1 and Ballincollig 0

Div 2 Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh 4, Clonakilty, Carrigaline, O'Donovan Rossa 3 each.

Div 3 Dohenys and Bishopstown 4 points, Macroom 2

Div 4 Kilshannig, Newmarket and Aghabullogue 4 each, N Abán and Iveleary 2.

Div 5 Kinsale, Boherbue, Ballydesmond 4pts each, Ballinora 1.



Sullane Junior Team WCL Championship League Winners 2023. 26/02/2023

HURLING

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

The opening round games were played on March 4th/5th.

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

Division Two: Ballincollig 2-10 Glen Rovers 0-22, Fermoy v Bride Rovers, Mallow v Courceys, Midleton v Bishopstown, Newtownshandrum v St Finbarrs.

Division Three: Blackrock Int 4-22 Inniscarra 0-17, Éire Óg 1-25 Kilworth 1-15, Ballymartle v Carrigaline, Castlelyons v Bandon, Newcestown 1-19 Blarney 0-17

Division Four: Aghabullogue 2-14 Ballyhea 2-14, Ballinhassig v Milford, Cloyne v Valley Rovers, Lisgoold v Youghal, St Catherine's v Kildorrery.

Division Five: Cloughduv 1-12 Midleton 2 0-12, Argideen v Aghada, Ballygiblin v Watergrasshill, Castlemartyr v Dungourney, Russell Rovers v Mayfield.

Division Six: Douglas 2, Meelin, Kilbrittain, Na Piarasigh 2, 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 Ballinascarthy.

Div 2,Rd 2: Ballincollig 3-11 Bride Rovers 0-21

Div 3: Inniscarra 2-11 Castlelyons 0-12, Carrigaline 0-19 Éire Óg 1-18, Blarney 1-13 B'martle 0-11

Div 4: Valley Rovers 0-15 Aghabullogue 0-12

Div 5: Dungourney 2-17 Cloughduv 0-15

Div 6 and Div 7: commencing April 1st.

Table standings after Round 2:

Div 1: Blackrock, Na Piarasigh and Sarsfields – 4pts each

Div 2: Glen 4 Courceys and St Finbarrs 3pts each, Ballincollig 0.

Div 3: Éire Óg, Blackrock 2 and Newcestown 4 pts each, Inniscarra 2, Blarney 2

Div 4: Valley Rovers 4, Aghabullogue 1

Div 5: Dungourney 4, Cloughduv 2

MUSKERRY GAA

MID CORK LEAGUES 2023

FOOTBALL

Division 1 – 8 teams: Canovee 1-8 Kilmichael 0-5, Éire Óg 0-6 Inniscarra 2-10, Ballincollig 2-8 Clondrohid 3-20, Donoughmore 0-7 Grenagh 0-13.

Division 2 East – 8 teams: Dripsey 4-14 Ballinora 0-1,

Inniscarra2 3-12 Ballincollig 2 1-5, Aghabullogue 0-15 Éire Óg 2 3-6, Blarney 3-12 Donoughmore 2 0-9

Division 2 West – 8 teams: Kilmurry v N. Abán , Macroom 1-7 Iveleary 1-17, Cill na Martra v Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh, Canovee2 0-8 Aghinagh2 1-11. (Note: Aghinagh 1 are in County League 7).

Division 3 East -5 teams: Ballincollig3 1-11 Gleann na Laoi 2-9, Grenagh 2, Dripsey 2, Inniscarra 3.

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

HURLING

Division 1 – 8 teams: Grenagh 3-20 Kilmichael 1-5, Éire Óg 3-17 Blarney 1-14, Ballincollig, Donoughmore, Dripsey, Inniscarra.

Division 2 – 8 teams: Uibh Laoire 0-9 Inniscarra 2 0-8, Blarney 2 v Grenagh 2, Eire Óg 2 2-10 Cloughduv 4-10 , Ballincollig 2 1-5 Aghabullogue 3-17.

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



Macroom FC U13 schoolgirls who played away to Fermoy.



The U15 girls from Macroom FC who defeated Watergrasshill in the U15 shield.



MACROOM SOCCER CLUB

ASTRO PITCH AND COMMUNITY WALKWAY FUNDRAISING DRAW

The eagerly awaited draw took place at Murray's Bar function room recently. There was a large attendance and the Facebook live stream of the draw also proved very popular. Lotto committee member Catherine O'Connor performed the draw in the presence of club members and supporters and the following were the results:

1ST PRIZE: Daniel Harte, Crookstown (2 x Tickets to Republic of Ireland v France, Euro 2024 Qualifier, Aviva Stadium, 27 Mar 2023 + Accommodation for 2 at The Gresham Hotel, Dublin + €200 spending money). Seller: Darragh Deasy.

2ND PRIZE: Cian O'Donovan, (12 month subscription to Macroom FC Weekly Lotto draw), Online Ticket.

3RD PRIZE: Aidan McMahon, (12 month subscription to Macroom FC Weekly Lotto Draw). Seller: Craig Ronan.

There was an unbelievably positive response to this fundraiser. Huge thanks to everyone who supported the club. Thanks also to all who made a fantastic effort to sell tickets and to the sub committee responsible for organising the draw. Fundraising efforts for the Macroom FC Astro Pitch and Community Walkway are continuing. You can find more information about the project and how you can support it at <http://www.macroomfc.ie> or by speaking to any club or committee member.

BEAMISH STOUT SENIOR CUP ROUND 2, BLARNEY UTD 3 MACROOM 2.

In what was a gallant effort from the Seniors this past Thursday night, Macroom came up

painstakingly short on a bitterly cold evening at O'Shea Park, losing out narrowly to premier outfit Blarney.

The hosts started quickly here and were unlucky not to have opened their account on 6 minutes. The Blarney centre forward finding himself one-on-one with Caleb Dineen but his effort crashed off the post before being scrambled out for a corner. Only minutes later, they would take the lead when a cross in from the right wing found a Blarney man in space to force home from close range. Macroom responded well and on 13 minutes Dylan Twomey sent a long range effort crashing off the crossbar. Macroom were now finding their feet and Twomey would go close again on 18 minutes, when his half volley from distance almost caught out the home side's number one. Blarney came close to doubling their lead midway through the second half but, Dineen produced a fine save to his left hand side. On 36 minutes, Dineen became provider as his long ball over the top found the run of Twomey. This time, he made no mistake and finished well to the bottom right, 1-1. However, the sides didn't stay level for long. On 40 minutes, a cross towards the back post was headed into the danger zone and an advancing Blarney player slotted home from close range, 2-1 Blarney. The home side would come close again before the interval, only for another fine save from Dineen preventing the winger finding the top corner. Macroom began the second half with a sense of urgency and Michael Fitton would go close on 49 minutes. His attempt from the edge of the box being tipped around the post for a corner. On 61 minutes, Szymon Sanetra

saw his fine effort go narrowly over. Macroom were standing resilient here against Premier opposition with Ben O'Connell & Mark Hunt defending well when required. John James Healy & Lloyd Asling were putting in great shifts in the middle of the park. An equaliser was certainly on the cards and it would come on 81 minutes. Dineen again providing the assist finding the run of Sanetra. His half volley well finished to the bottom right corner, 2-2.

As the minutes ticked away, extra time and penalties loomed large as the sleet rained down at O'Shea Park. However, on 87 minutes a low cross from the right wing found a target man. The initial effort was well smothered by Dineen but the rebound was poked home to seal victory at the death for Blarney, who progress to round 3.

U12 SUCCESS

The U12 schoolboy teams had two great wins in the Local cup at Murrayfield on Sunday morning last. The U12A side took on higher ranked Richmond and ran out 3-2 winners after extra time. A fully deserved win and a tremendous performance from all players with goals from Fionn Desmond (2) and James O'Brien. The U12 lads entertained Blarney Utd and delivered another exciting 3-2 result. Interestingly extra time was needed here too. Macroom led 2-0 with Conor Angland netting a brace. Blarney responded well and equalised with literally the last kick of normal time. Macroom were stronger in the extra periods and Kennan Deasy was the match winner when he netted from close range late on. Two fine results from the U12s and well done to all players and coaches involved.



Macroom FC U19 Women's team who drew with Carrigaline at Murrayfield



Aghabullogue Minor Football team who defeated Inniscarra in the Rebel Óg Div 1 League



U12 Sullane FC Girls SFAI National Cup Last 16 Win over Freebooters FC 19/02/2023



Doireann O'Shea & Evie McMahon from Macroom, members of Ballincollig Gymnastics Club who recently competed in Ireland Gymnastics in Limerick coming 1st & 2nd place.



Looking Back to 2013 - Ten Years Ago

MID CORK U 21 FOOTBALL LEAGUE/ CHAMPIONSHIP 2013

Group Two, Final Round

Canovee 0 – 6 Ballincollig 2 – 15: Inniscarra 2 – 6 Cill na Martra 3 – 15

With two victories each coming into the game at Carrigadrohid, Canovee and Ballincollig had a place in the A semi finals to play for with the losers guaranteed a place in the B semi final.

Group Outcome: 1 Ballincollig 2 Canovee 3 Cill na Martra

Group Three (3 teams)

Aghabullogue 2-9 Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh 1-9

This was a fine game of football and conditions at Ballingearry were excellent, the pitch in immaculate condition and the sun shone down from a cloudless sky.

Aghabullogue: Mark O'Flynn: Greg Long, Eamonn Murphy, Anthony O'Sullivan: Alan Hogan, Sean O'Sullivan, David O'Connell; Aidan Barry Murphy, Michael Dennehy: John Corkery, Mark Long, James Lynch: Pat Walsh, Michael O'Sullivan, Evan O'Sullivan. Subs: Ryan Dennehy, Ian Barry Murphy. Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh: Caoimhín Ó Buachalla: Antóin Ó Cremín, Seán Ó Donnchú, Daire Seartan: Liam Ó Criodáin, Darren Ó Coill, Pronsias Ó Riordáin: Cian Ó Duinnín, Eanna Ó Duinnín: Nollaig Ó Laoire, Seán Ó Coill, Caoimhín Ó Loinsuigh: Diarmuid MacTomáis, Ben Seartan, Barra Ó Sé. Fear Ionaid: Ciarán Ó Núnáin Referee: Mr Peter Downey, Inniscarra.

BÉAL ÁTHA'N

GHAORTHAIDH 1-12 IVELEARY 1-10

When Cathal Vaughan sent over his ninth point in the 47th minute to give Iveleary a 1-10 to 0-7 lead over their neighbours at Ballingearry it seemed that this game was as good as over as Iveleary were in near total control at this stage. However in the remaining time Ben Shorten cut loose and scored 1-5 for Béal Átha to bring victory to his side and bring his own personal contribution to the victory to 1-11 of the total scored. Cathal Vaughan scored 0-9 of the Iveleary total. The sides were level at half time, 0-5 each.

Iveleary: Joseph Creedon: Tim O'Shea, Sean O'Leary, Finbarr McSweeney: Micheál Ó Lionáird, Kevin Manning, David Murphy: Daniel O'Riordan, Barry O'Leary: Liam Kearney, Cathal Vaughan, Mathew O'Donovan: Liam O'Leary, David Hourihan, Kevin Jones. Referee: Mr Pat O'Leary, Kilmurry.

IVELEARY 1 – 17 AGHABULLOGUE 2 – 15 AET

Iveleary had to win this home game to qualify for the B championship after losing their earlier game to Béal Átha, who had themselves lost to Aghabullogue.

Outcome: 1 Aghabullogue 2 Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh 3 Iveleary

GROUP FOUR (4 TEAMS)

Éire Óg 3-4 Naomh Abán 1-9

This game was played under lights at Cloughduv and Naomh Aban really put it up to the defeated finalists of last year. Éire Óg were lucky to survive this test and it was the opportunism of their attack which won the day for them

Éire Óg: John McCarthy, Killian Dennehy, Colm Murphy, John Mullins: Mick O'Shea, Sean O'Connor,

Ronan Dennehy: Ciarán Hutchinson, Daniel O'Shea: Aonghus McCarthy, Killian Murphy, Daniel O'Connor: Tadg Creedon, Kevin Hallissey, Craig O'Driscoll. Subs: Ronan O'Toole, Jack O'Driscoll.

Naomh Abán: Micheál Ó Donnchú: Donncha Ó Duinnín, Eanna Ó Criodáin, Seamus Ó Donnchú: Ronán de hIde, Crios Ó Deasunaigh, Tomás Ó hAilliosa: Peadar de Roiste, Micheál Ó Liatháin: Pól Ó Cathasaigh, Diarmuid Ó Liatháin, Cathal Ó hAilamháin: Donal Ó Donnchú, Jermy Ó hUidhir, Jamie MacGiolla Bríde. Fear Ionaid: Seamus Ó Suilleabháin. Referee: Mr David Murnane, Macroom.

BLARNEY 5-11 BALLINORA 3-14 AET

This game was decided in extra time after Blarney had recovered from a half time deficit of 1-11 to 0-3 to earn a draw in normal time. It was a historic day in Blarney as this was the first ever game on the new pitch at the coursing field.

ÉIRE ÓG 2-9 BLARNEY 0-3: NAOMH ABÁN 1-8 BALLINORA 0-6

Ballinora 2 – 4 Éire Óg 0 – 18: Blarney 5 – 3 Naomh Abán 0 – 12

Éire Óg finished the group stage unbeaten with a comfortable win over Ballinora and thus qualified for the A championship semi final. Blarney's victory over Naomh Aban made it two wins from three games in the group stage and so they qualified for the B championship. Naomh Abán with an earlier win over Ballinora qualified for the C semi finals.

Outcome: 1 Éire Óg 2 Blarney 3 Naomh Abán

A CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI FINALS

Ballincollig 0 – 18 Éire Óg 3 – 3

This first A semi final was played under lights at Cloughduv. Kevin Hallissey slotted home two penalty awards for Éire Óg and added two points from frees with substitute Ronan O'Toole getting the third goal and Daniel O'Sullivan the other point. Ballincollig however started well and always remained confidently in control and now look likely to retain their Mid Cork title.

Ballincollig: Jack Gibbons: Chris Collins, Darren Murphy, Shane Murphy: Cian McCarthy, Luke Prendergast, Dylan Kirstein: Sean Kiely, Rob Noonan: Mark Prendergast, George Durrant, Peter O'Neill; Morgan O'Mahony, Stephen Coughlan, Cian Dorgan. Subs: Evan O'Donoghue, Colin O'Donovan, Matt O'Sullivan.

Éire Óg: John McCarthy: Ger McSweeney, Colm Murphy, John Mullins: Ronan Dennehy, Sean O'Connor, Daniel O'Connor: Daniel O'Shea, Kieran Hutchinson: Denis Murphy, Aonghus McCarth , Donnchadh Kelly: Vincent Coffey, Kevin Hallissey, Killian Murphy. Subs: Ciarán McKenna, Ronan O'Toole, Jack O'Driscoll, Daniel O'Sullivan.

Referee: Mr. David Murnane, Macroom.

AGHABULLOGUE 1 – 14 KILMURRY 1 – 9

Kilmurry's best period in this second semi final at Carrigadrohid was in the opening ten minutes when a goal from Stephen Hartnett and points from Jonathan Buckley and Sean O'Sullivan gave them to a 1-2 to 0-1 lead. John Corkery was the scorer of the Aghabullogue point and it was Corkery who now led the Aghabullogue revival and the sides were level at 0-5 to 1-2 by the 17th minute. Aghabullogue continued to have the edge up to the interval and Corkery set up the

goal chance for Alan Hogan in the 20th minute, which was dully availed of. Aghabullogue were deserving of their five-point interval lead, on a score of 1-8 to 1-3 and had gained slight control by this stage.

Aghabullogue failed to increase their lead through bad shooting on the resumption and Kilmurry fought back to reduce the gap to three points by the three quarter stage. When the need was greatest John Corkery stepped up to the mark however for Aghabullogue and he pointed two frees to ease their concerns and they remained in control to the finish against a spirited Kilmurry side. Aghabullogue: Mark O'Flynn: Greg Long, Eamonn Murphy, Anthony O'Sullivan: Seán O'Sullivan, David O'Connell, Alan Hogan (1-0): Aidan BarryMurphy, Michael Dennehy: John Corkery (0-11, 0-5 frees), Mark Long, James Lynch: Miceál O'Sullivan (0-2), Pat Walsh, Evan O'Sullivan (0-1). Kilmurry: Jason McDonnell: Seán Curzon, Daniel Cahalane, Michael John Grainger; Oisín McSweeney, Adam Healy, Robert Cahalane: Stephen Hartnett (1-0), Daniel Buckley; Jonathan Buckley (0-2), Pádraig Berhanu (0-5, 0-4 frees), Seán O'Sullivan (0-1): James Berhanu (0-1), Patrick Grainger, Liam Ryan. Subs: Luke McCarthy, William Crowley.

Referee: Mr. Hugh Kelleher, Canovee.

B CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI FINALS

Canovee 2 – 18 Blarney 1 – 5

Blarney had been the surprise team of Group Four and it was their ability to score goals which had given them victories over Ballinora and Naomh Aban. In this semi final against Canovee at Rusheen, Blarney again found the net early on when Keith Bradfield's goal gave them a slender lead. They quickly added a point and it seemed that strong favourites Canovee were in trouble as Blarney were on top subsequently but they failed through faulty shooting to add to their tally. Canovee steadied and then began to get scores on the board. James Moynihan and Darragh Ring who had earlier opened the scoring in this game, and Charles Kenneally kicked over points and then after Blarney goalkeeper Shane Jordan made an outstanding save from a well placed Mark Verling penalty, Sean O'Connor pointed the resultant '45'. A smashing goal for Canovee followed when a great bout of combined play ended with Charles Kenneally placing John Buckley for a vital score and Canovee were in control at half time leading by 1-7 to 1-3 and having weathered the early storm. Canovee quickly got down to business again on the restart and the points flowed to put the game beyond Blarney's reach. A second Canovee goal, from James Moynihan, was the icing on the cake.

Canovee: Jamie Lynch: William Ahern, Jerry Lucey, Donal Cronin: Daniel O'Sullivan, Damian Ahern, Blake Ring: Sean O'Connor, Paul Twomey: Charles Kenneally, Darragh Ring, John Buckley: James Moynihan, Mark Verling, Liam Kelleher. Subs: Niall Cronin and Tadg O'Riordan.

Referee: Mr John Ryan, Macroom.

BÉAL ÁTHA'N GHAORTHAIDH 2 – 10 DONOUGHMORE 3 – 7

This 'B' championship semi final at Kilmurry was very exciting and both sides were reasonably content at the end with getting a second chance



to advance to the final against Canovee. Béal Átha were on top early on but Donoughmore made a strong second quarter recovery and deservedly led by 2-5 to 1-6 at half time. Both Donoughmore goals were scored by full forward Anthony Horgan, Frank O'Riordan got the Béal Átha goal. Béal Átha started the second half in very determined fashion and scored three points in a row to go one point clear but Donoughmore again came back and their third goal, this one from substitute Conor O'Rourke, gave them the advantage. A second goal for Béal Átha, this one from Ben Shorten, had the Gaeltacht men in front by a point late in the game but Donoughmore equalised from a free and went back in front before Béal Átha equalised again and even though both sides had chances of getting a winner, no further scores materialised and so the teams must meet again to decide the issue.

Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh: Caoimhín Ó Buachalla: Antóin Ó Cremín, Seán Ó Donnchú, Daire Seartan: Liam Ó Críodáin, Darren Ó Coill, Ciarán Ó Núnáin: Cian Ó Duinnín, Eanna Ó Duinnín: Pronnsias Ó Riordáin, Seán Ó Coill, Caoimhín Ó Loinsuigh: Diarmuid MacTomáis, Ben Seartan, Barra Ó Sé. Fear Ionaid; Nollaig Ó Laoire.

Donoughmore: Donal Buckley: Mark Foley, Kevin Horgan, Barry Crowley: Stephen O'Connor, Alan Twomey, Shane Lucey: Seanie Daly, Christy Mangan: Ger Buckley, William Murphy, Shane Healy: Gearóid O'Rourke, Anthony Horgan, Leon Cogan. Subs used: Conor O'Rourke and Conor Kennedy.

Referee: Mr Ted Hayes, Eire Óg.

C CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI FINALS

Iveleary 3 - 10 Macroom 0 - 12

Seven minutes from time, Macroom led by 0-12 to 1-8 but then Iveleary struck for two goals in as many minutes and added three more points to embellish their winning margin. It was an impressive performance by last year's B county champions and they will be difficult to beat in the final.

The first half was very evenly contested and Macroom led by 0-9 to 0-7 at half time. Cathal Vaughan pointed five frees for Iveleary and Tim O'Shea and Daniel O'Riordan had a point apiece. Patrick Lucey had four points for Macroom, two from frees, David Horgan had two more and Ricky Murphy, Emmet Quinlan and Michael Cronin

had a point each.

Immediately on the restart Iveleary were awarded a penalty and Cathal Vaughan slammed the ball to the net to put Iveleary ahead but points from two frees from Patrick Lucey had Macroom quickly back in front and when Vaughan equalised for Iveleary, Darren Creed restored the lead to Macroom in the 50th minute. The game was decided in the 53rd minute when David Hourihan was allowed to work his way through the Macroom defence before shooting a goal for Iveleary and within a minute Iveleary were in for another goal, this one from Barry O'Leary. Kevin Jones and Cathal Vaughan added points to give Iveleary an eight point winning margin. Cathal Vaughan finished with a personal total of 1-8, 1-0 from a penalty, 0-1 from play, 0-1 from a '45' and 0-6 from frees.

Iveleary: Joseph Creedon: Tim O'Shea, Sean O'Leary, Finbarr McSweeney: Miceál Ó Lionáird, Kevin Manning, David Murphy: Barry O'Leary, Daniel O'Riordan; Liam Kearney, Cathal Vaughan, Mathew O'Donovan; Liam O'Leary, David Hourihan, Kevin Jones. Subs: B J Smith and Gavin O Callaghan.

Macroom: Dylan Dinneen: Colm Casey, Darren Kelly, Pádraig O'Connor: Shane Creedon, Darren McKenna, Emmet Quinlan: Robbie O'Dwyer, David Horgan: Darren Creed, Patrick Lucey, Michael Cronin: John Murphy, Michael Browne, Ricky Murphy. Subs: Cillian O'Mahony and Cathal O'Mahony.

Referee: Mr Gene Buckley, Grenagh.

CILL NA MARTRA 0 - 11 NAOMH ABÁN 0 - 10

Level six times in the first half which finished level at 0-6 each these two neighbouring parishes were still level at the three quarter stage and it was still any sides game. Cill na Martra then went three points clear but Naomh Aban rallied and cut the deficit to the minimum. A final point for Cill na Martra was answered by a similar score for Naomh Aban and with four minutes remaining the Baile Mhuirne side went about securing the equaliser. Naomh Aban simply owned possession in this period but shot three wides in succession and this, allied to outstanding defending by the Cill na Martra defence which did not concede any scorable free, meant that at the final whistle Cill na Martra still had a point to spare and so will face Iveleary in the final.

The first half could not have been more evenly

contested. Shane Dineen opened the scoring for Cill na Martra, Charlie Allen replied for Naomh Aban. Daire McLoughlin pointed for Cill na Martra, Danny O'Donoghue replied for N Aban. Shane Dineen again put Cill na Martra in front, Allen pointed a fee to equalise as the first quarter ended. Danny O'Connell eased Cill na Martra in front, Two points in succession from Cathal Allen, one from a free, had Naomh Abán in front for the only time in the game but Shane Dineen's point in the 26th minute levelled matters again. Michael Desmond for Cill na Martra pointed a '45' but Jeremy Hoare ensured that the teams would finish the half level with a late point from play.

On the restart, Michael Desmond, who along with Peter Moynihan formed a strong midfield partnership for Cill na Martra, pointed a free but Charlie Allen did likewise for his side to maintain equality. Cill na Martra then broke clear with three points in succession, two from Shane Dineen and one from Daire McLoughlin, and they led by 0-10 to 0-7 in the 48th minute. Dean Kelly, who was a very effective substitute for Naomh Abán now kicked over two points in a row and so only a point separated the teams again with ten minutes remaining. A foul on Cill na Martra substitute Conor Corkery in the 53rd minute gave Michael Desmond the opportunity of doubling the Cill na Martra lead from the resultant free but Charlie Allen pointed a free in the 56th minute for Naomh Abán to reduce the gap to the minimum. An outstanding save by Cill na Martra 'keeper Anthony O'Connell from a Dean Kelly blast was one of the reasons why his side were still in front at the final whistle.

Cill na Martra: Antóin Ó Conaill: Finín Ó Faoláin, Gearóid Ó Goillí, Eoin Ó Loinsuigh: Concur Ó Cronín, Nollaig Ó Loinsuigh, Pádraig Ó Goillí: Peadar Ó Muineacháin, Miceál Ó Deasúna: Donal Ó Buachalla, Danni Ó Conaill, Seán Ó Cronín: Liam Ó Loinsuigh, Shane Ó Duinnín, Daire MacLochlainn. Fear Ionaid: Conchuir Ó Corcora.

Naomh Abán: Micheál Ó Donnchú: Donnadh Ó Duinnín, Eanna Ó Críodáin, Seamus Ó Donnchú: Ronán de hIde, Cristóir Ó Deasúna, Tomas Ó hAilíosa: Paidí de Róiste, Maidhchí Ó Liatháin: Cathal Ó hAllamhain, Diarmuid Ó Liatháin, Pól Ó Cathasaigh: Donal Ó Donnchú, Jeremy Ó hUidhir, Jamie Mac GiollaBríde. Fear Ionaid: Dean Ó Ceallaigh.

Referee: Mr Jerry Masters, Kilmichael.



St Marys Junior Girls Football Team who recently beat Colaiste Treasa



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Bhí m'fhear chéile éirithe go moch, maidin Lae Phádraigh chun an planda beag na dtrí gcluasach a chuardach is a phioca san iothallainn. Bhí suaintais deas néata déanta agus réitithe aige dúinn ceathrar nuair a thanamar anuas an staighre. Nuair a bhíodar socair ar liopaí ár gcasóga bhróstaíomar linn chun Aifreann d'éisteach i gCúil Aodha mar is gnáth dhúinn. Cuireadh iontas orainn nuair a thánamar amach ón tséipéal tar éis aifreann, le paráid eagraithe ag na feirmeoirí áitiúla, de tharacóirí de gach sórt agus gluaiseáin ársa agus cúpla sean gluais rothair ar nós na 'Honda 50's'. Bhíodar maisithe le gurléidí glas agus chaith na tiomáinthe hataí is éadaí uaine. Chur sé go mór leis an mhaidin agus thug sé árdú meanmain don pobal a bhí i láthair.

Bíonn paráid go bliantúil i mBéal Átha an Ghaorthaidh agus gan amhras thugadar taispeántas iontach spríouil spreagúil arís i mbliana. Bhí Naomh Pádraigh ag céimniú roimhe tríd sráid bhaile Bhéal átha agus Banna Phib an bhaile ag mársáil is ag ceól ina dhiaid. Lean Crístóir ó Luasa, Con-Ghuagán agus Scottie iad, ar rothair ag déanamh ar **An Túirín Dhubh** agus iad ag teitheadh ós na Sasanaigh a bhí á leanúint is iad go teithe ar a sála. Sea go deimhin is iad na daoine ar a bhfuilim ag tagairt dóibh ná foireann na n-aisteoirí ón gceóldrán nua scríofa '**Túirín Dubh**' atá bunaithe ar eachtra a tharla sa bhaile fearthainn den ainm cheana, le linn cogadh na saoirse.



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Dála an scéil tabhairfidh an **tEaspag Liam ó Croidhean** cuairt ar Chill na Martra agus Ré na nDoirí an Domhnach seo chughainn 26ú Márta, chun bás Naomh Lachtaín a chomóradh. Siad seo na imeachtaí i leanas:

10:30am; Séipéal Naomh Lachtaín, Réidh na nDoirí;
Nochtfaidh an tEaspag leac chuimhneachain.

11:30am; Séipéal Naomh Lachtaín, Cill na Martra;
Beidh Aifreann á cheilliúradh ag an Easpag agus beidh leac chuimhneacháin á nochtadh aige chomh maith.

12:15pm; Rachaidh Paráid Naomh Lachtaín timpeall an bhaile,
ag críochnú san ionadh pobal ina mbeidh sólaistí ann do cách.

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THE MIRACLE PRAYER



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A Word of Victory

Welcome back dear student "When I said, 'my foot is slipping!' Your unfailing Love, Lord, supported me. When anxiety was great within me, Your comfort brought me joy and renewed Hope....the Lord has become my Fortress and the Rock in Whom I hide and take refuge" (Psalm 94:18, 19 & 22). Anxiety is everywhere. All anxiety boils down to fear. So many people are feeling overwhelmed with fear and don't know what to do. "My people are being destroyed (for lack of knowledge) because they don't know Me" (Hosea 4:6). Knowing God and walking with Him in faith is very different from fulfilling religious rituals. A husband and wife can have sex, but if they don't love each other or take the time to know each other's needs and nature, it's just an empty ritual - going through the motions. God isn't interested in rites or token works - He wants real relationship (Matthew 9:12-13). It's why He sent His Son Jesus to die on the Cross for you and me - to be the Way for us to be redeemed and restored back into God's family - washed from our sin, and delivered from Satan's powers of darkness (John 14:6; Colossians 1:13-14).

It is natural to feel fear in certain situations - for instance when close to the edge of a cliff - instinct kicks in that it's dangerous, so step back from it. But there is a fear that is employed by the devil as a weapon to paralyse, taking victims captive - this is a demonic spirit. The Lord Jesus taught that the devil is a liar and a murderer and his way of lying to and deceiving people is worked by ignorance of Who God is, and lack of knowledge of His Word (John 8:44). The fears people struggle with may be carried deep inside, and fear can cause sickness and mental health issues. Fear of future disaster; fear of dying; fear of past traumas happening again; fear of getting sick, or fears about not being able to carry on life as normal if something bad happens - whatever the scenario - big or small, the result is the always the same. Fear brings one into bondage causing loss of hope, separating the person from the Truth of what God has declared over their lives. The Lord identifies fear as a spirit which the enemy uses to torment people and tie them up in bondage - creating strongholds that imprisons them (Psalms 142:6-7; Zechariah 9:11-12). But, Hallelujah! Jesus came to set the captives free! (Isaiah 61:1; Luke 4:18-19). "For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of Power, and of Love, and of a sound mind and self-discipline" (2 Timothy 1:7). Elisha the prophet was helping the King of Israel giving him words of knowledge and wisdom which protected Israel from their much stronger enemy (2 Kings 6:8-17). So the enemy King turned on Elisha, surrounding his house one night waiting to kill him. When Elisha's assistant went outside next morning he was terrified at what he saw. But Elisha prayed 'Lord open his eyes' and God opened his spiritual eyes and he saw the real story. Yes, they were surrounded by the enemy - but, they were more closely surrounded by God's Angel Armies - a much mightier army! O Lord God, forgive us for fearing. Please open our spiritual eyes to see You, and to know Your Love and Power, in Jesus Name we pray, Amen.

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FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of
**TED (TEDDY)
O'BRIEN**
Srelane, Ovens
who died on the 28th of March 2022

As we lovingly remember Ted (Teddy) on his first anniversary, we his family would like to express our sincere gratitude to all those who sympathised and supported us on our great loss.

Thanks to our neighbours and friends who were a huge support to us in such a difficult time.

To all who sent Mass cards, flowers, telephone calls, letters, online condolences on RIP and those who attended his funeral Mass in person and online. Our gratitude to

Dr. Eamonn O'Grady and Dr. Ann Nicholson for their care. Special thanks to Fr. Liam O'H-ici for celebrating his funeral Mass and prayers at the graveside.

Thanks to Crowley's Undertakers for their kindness and professionalism.

As it is impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our appreciation.

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



Fondly remembered by his wife Anne & Family.

Ted's (Teddy's) First Anniversary Mass will take place on Sunday 26th of March at 11.30am in St. John The Baptist Church, Ovens.

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**

FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of
**MARY
O'SULLIVAN**
Ballytrasna, Lissarda

As we lovingly remember our mother on this the first anniversary we her family would like to express our gratitude to our relatives, friends, neighbours and work colleagues for the kindness and support shown to us on our sad loss.

We thank all those who attended the funeral, sent mass cards and left condolences online. Sincere thanks to Canon Donovan, muskerry family practice, homehelp Angela and Fitzgeralds undertakers. To everyone who helped us in anyway please accept this as a token of our appreciation.

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



Dearly loved and sadly missed by John Joe, Andy, Margaret, Bernie, Iiz, Carmel, Denis, Tim and their families.

3RD ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of
**MAURA RING
(NEE O' CALLAGHAN)**
Caherbrane, Clondrohid
Who died on March 19th, 2020.

*There is no night without a dawning
No winter without a spring
And beyond the dark horizon
Our hearts will once more sing
For those who leave us for a while
Have only gone away
Out of a restless, care worn world
Into a brighter day
- Helen Steiner Rice*



Sadly missed by Jeremiah and Mary.

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

FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of
**NÓIRÍN
O'DRISCOLL**
Kilcrea, Ovens
who died on the 28th March 2022.

Noirin's family offer our heartfelt thanks to the friends, neighbours and well-wishers who provided emotional and practical support during those difficult days.

A special word of thanks to Margaret and all the night nurses, the staff at the North Lee section of Marymount Hospice.

A sincere thanks to Fr. Liam Hickey and Fr. Liam Crowley and the undertakers Pat and David Daly. To those who helped in any way, please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our deepest gratitude.



16TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of
**CON
MOYNIHAN**
Coachford, Co. Cork,
who died on 28th March 2007

Ar Dheis Dé go raibh a h-anam dheilis.

*Will those who think of Con today,
A little prayer to Jesus say.*



Always remembered by his loving family,
Seamus & Mairéad

4TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of
**MARY
KELLEHER**
Avalon, Macroom, Co. Cork
Who died 22nd March 2019

*Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord
And Let perpetual light shine upon her.
And may her soul and all the souls of the
Faithful departed rest in peace.*



Lovingly Remembered
by all her family

28TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of
**JOHNNY
MC CARTHY**
Who died on the 25th of March 1995



Never forgotten by his loving family at home in Ballinagree and overseas.

Masses offered.

May he Rest In Peace .

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. **M.M**

FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of
CHRISTINE O'REGAN
Codrum, Macroom, Co. Cork & Donadea, Co. Kildare who died on the 25th March 2022.

As we lovingly remember Christine on her 1st Anniversary, we her partner Tom, brothers Michael, Donal, Brendan and sisters Breda and Gbnait along with our families wish to express our appreciation and gratitude to all who sympathised with us on our sad loss.

Sincere thanks to the First Responders who attended to Christine at her home. Sincere thanks to all who attended the Removal and Funeral Mass and Burial.

Thank you to Christine's wonderful neighbours and friends who came from Kildare and to the many people who sent Mass Cards and floral tributes.

Thank you to Fr. Joe O'Mahony and the Priests of the Parish for celebrating the Funeral Mass. Thanks to Mary McSweeney for the music and Michael Bradley for the beautiful singing at the Mass. Thanks also to Teddy, Sacristan. A special thanks

to the neighbours in Codrum who came and stood outside our homeplace on her final journey. It was very moving and much appreciated. We also extend our gratitude to FitzGerald's Funeral Directors, Macroom and Oliver Reilly Funeral Directors, Kildare for their professional service and guidance and also to the grave diggers. Thanks also to The Castle Hotel for looking after us on the day of the Funeral.

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

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



Though your smile is gone forever and your hand we cannot touch, we shall never lose sweet memories of you we loved so much.

Christine's First Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 25th March 2023 at 7.30pm in St. Colman's Church, Macroom.

3RD ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of
JERRY MCCARTHY
Scotland and late of Ballinagree who died on the 30th of March 2020.

Kind friends who think of him today. A little prayer to Jesus say.



Sadly missed by Mary, Ann and Ryan in Scotland and also his family in Nottingham and in Ireland.

May he Rest In Peace .

5TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of
NORA WALSH
Kielnarovanagh, Toames. Died 21st March 2018

*A bouquet of roses just for you,
Sprinkled with teardrops instead of dew.
In the center, a forget-me-not,
To let you know we have not forgot.
May the winder of love blow gently,
And whisper so you can hear,
That we still love and miss you,
And wish that you were here.
Your parting was so sudden,
Only God knows the reason why.
The hardest part of all
Was we never said good-bye.
This month comes with deep regret,
It brings back a day we will never forget.
The tears in our eyes we can wipe away.
But the ache in our hearts will always stay.*



Always loved never forgotten, your daughter Noreen, sons Jimmy, Pat and Stephen, sons In law, daughters in law and your 17 grandchildren.

"Never Goodbye, Always Good Luck"

6TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of
OLIVER SOMERS
Dromatimore, Aghabullogue, Co.Cork Who died on the 21st of March 2017 Aged 67 Years. Rest In Peace



Always remembered by his loving wife Eileen.

1ST ANNIVERSARY



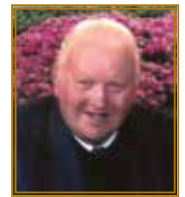
In loving memory of
CHRISTINE O'REGAN
Codrum, Macroom, Co. Cork & Donadea, Co. Kildare who died on the 25th March 2022.

*You are not forgotten Christine
Nor will you ever be
as long as life and memory last
your soul will live in me.
I'll miss you now, my heart is sore
as time goes by, I'll miss you more
Your loving smile, your gentle face
no one can fill your vacant place.*



Always loved and will never be forgotten Tom. XXX

HAPPY HEAVENLY BIRTHDAY



In loving memory of
DANIEL O'REGAN
Codrum, Macroom Whose birthday occurs on the 25th March, 2023

*Today is your Birthday in Heaven above
My Blessings I send on the wings of a dove
not just for today but everyday hereof
I think of you always with all of my love.*



Lovingly remembered by Michael, Gbnait and Owen. xxx

5TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of
MICHAEL MC SWEENEY
Barrett Place, Macroom. Who died on March 28th 2018.

*A daily thought
A silent tear
A constant wish
That you were here.*



Sadly missed by your loving wife Mary.

Anniversary Mass on Tuesday 28th of March at 10am at St. Coleman's Church, Macroom.

THE MIRACLE PRAYER



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5TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

MARTIN BURKE

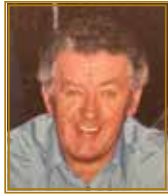
Stamford, Connecticut formerly Rahoona, Ballymakeera. 30th March 2018

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



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

20TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

DIARMUID DINEEN

Dirrinculling, Coolea Whose Anniversary occurs on the 21st March

Softly out of the shadows, there came a gentle call, you took the hand god offered you and quietly left us all and although we cannot hold you we will never let you go, because in our hearts you will live forever, because we loved you so.



Dearly Loved and missed by Bridie & family

Anniversary mass in Séipéal Chúil Aodha on Sunday 26th March at 10 a.m.

Naomh Gobnait guidh air

6TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

OLIVER SOMERS

Dromatimore, Aghabullogue, Co.Cork

Who died on the 21st of March 2017 Aged 67 Years. Rest In Peace

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



Always remembered by his daughter Noreen & Son in law Liam, grandchildren Olan, Kieran, Aaron & Oliver.

6TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

MICHAEL LEAHY

Droumreague, Kilnamartyra, who died on the 30th of March 2017.

We miss you now our hearts are aching as time goes we miss you more. your loving smile and gentle face no one can fill your vacant place.



Sadly missed by your loving wife Ann, John and family

1ST ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

CHRISTINE O'REGAN

Codrum, Macroom, Co. Cork & Donadea, Co. Kildare who died on the 25th March 2022.

We'll think of you at sunrise as beautiful as your smile we will hear your voice in birdsong and remember you all the while we'll think of you when rain falls and hear your favourite tunes we will miss you in the sunshine and in golden afternoons we'll remember you in evenings as days end in hazy blue we will look for you in rainbows and know you're watching too



Always loved, never forgotten, forever missed, Michael, Gobnait & Owen. XXX

1ST ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

CHRISTINE O'REGAN

Codrum, Macroom, Co. Cork & Donadea, Co. Kildare who died on the 25th March 2022.

You gave us years of happiness Then sorrow came with tears You left us lovely memories We will treasure through the years



Sadly missed and always remembered by Brendan, Máirin, Liadan, Odhran and Fionn xxx

6TH ANNIVERSARY



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Always remembered by his daughter Eileen & grandchildren Miriam & Sara.

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Always remembered by his son Edward.

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PRAYER TO THE ST. MARTHA



Oh Saint Martha, the miraculous, I take refuge in your protection, giving myself completely to you, so that you may help me in my tribulation. In proof of my affection and as an act of thanks I offer to propagate your devotion to which I am already given. Console me in my anxiety and affliction. I supplicate thee by the great joy that gladdened your heart, when you harboured in your home in Bethania the Saviour of the world. Intercede for me and all my family, so that we may conserve our God in our hearts and thus remedy our necessities especially that which I now ask. I implore you to vanquish the difficulties as you did the dragon that lay at your feet Amen. Feast Day 29th July. To be said while a blessed candle is lighting. This devotion is so powerful that before the end of the 9 Tuesdays, that which you desire will be granted, no matter how difficult it may be. **E.D**

FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of
**EILEEN
MC SWEENEY**
Mullaughroe, Dooniskey, Lissarda,
who died on 23 March 2022

Siobhan, Eileen, Mary, Martina and Patrick wish to thank most sincerely all who sympathised with us on the sad loss of our beloved mother Eileen. Thank you to those who sent Mass cards, sympathy cards, online condolences, letters, flowers and all who attended the removal and funeral. We deeply appreciate the kindness and support of our wonderful neighbours, friends and relatives. Special thanks to the staff of the Mercy University Hospital, Sullane Medical Practice, carers, home helps and all the health care professionals who cared for our mother at home. Sincere thanks to Canon Bernard Donovan, Fr. Patrick Hickey, Anne O'Callaghan (Sacristan) and Fitzgerald's Funeral Home for their guidance and support. We trust that this acknowledgement will be accepted as a token of our appreciation. Mass will be offered for your intentions.



6TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of
**ANN
SPILLANE**
Ballymackeera,
who died on the 24th of March 2017.

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



Lovingly remembered and sadly missed by her daughters, sons, daughters in law, sons in law, grandchildren, great grandchild & friends.
St. Gobnait pray for her.

2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of
**QUEENIE
MASON**
Kilnamartyra,
who died on March 26th 2021.

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



Lovingly remembered by friends and neighbours.

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN



O Most Beautiful Flower of Mount Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendour of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother (Make request). O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succour me in this necessity. There are none, that can withstand your power. O show me herein you are my mother. Oh Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 times). Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days and then publish it and request will be granted to you. This prayer must be published in thanksgiving for favours received.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL



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

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

ST. JUDE NOVENA



O Holy St. Jude! Apostle and Martyr, great in virtue and rich in miracles, near kinsman of Jesus Christ, faithful intercessor for all who invoke you, special patron in time of need; to you I have recourse from the depth of my heart, and humbly beg you, to whom God has given such great power, to come to my assistance; help me now in my urgent need and grant my earnest petition.

In return I promise to make your name known and cause you to be invoked. St Jude pray for us all that invoke you. State three Our Fathers, three Hail Marys and Three Glorias. This Novena must be said for nine consecutive days and publication must be promised.

6TH & 13TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of
**JUSTIN & SHEILA
WHITE**
Whose anniversaries occur
on 14th & 17th March

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



Fondly remembered by your daughters Mary, Liz and Sheila

THE MIRACLE PRAYER



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

6TH ANNIVERSARY



Cherished memories of

**WILLIE
GOOD**

Lissarda, Co. Cork
who died on 25th March 2017

*A loving nature, a heart of gold,
The very best this world could hold
Never selfish always kind,
These are the memories you left behind.*



Always forever in our hearts,
Charlie, Isabel, Helen, Lillian & Families

17TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**PEGGY
LEHANE**

Lisbee, Kilnamartyra,
Macroom, Co. Cork.
who died on 23rd March 2006.
Aged 79 years.
Rest In Peace.

*Fold her O Jesus in Thine arms,
And let her henceforth be
A messenger of love between
Our human hearts and Thee.*



Always remembered by your
loving family.

13TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**MAUREEN
RING
(NÉE LOONEY)**

Rathonoane, Carrigadrohid
who died on 28th March, 2010

*Those we hold most dear
never truly leave us,
The live on in the kindness they showed,
the comfort they shared
And the love they brought into our lives.*



Lovingly remembered by the extended
Ring and Looney families.

**FIRST ANNIVERSARY
AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**



In loving memory of

NOREEN MURPHY

Kielnarovanagh, Toames, Macroom, who
died on 25 March 2022.

As Noreen's family, on the first anniversary of her death, we wish to acknowledge and thank those who sympathised with us at her funeral and since then. Your kind words and outlaying of sympathies were a special comfort to us. We sincerely thank those who attended her wake and funeral, those who left condolence messages on RIPie, those who sent mass and sympathy cards, those who contacted us by phone and those who visited us.

We thank all who brought refreshments to the house, those who helped out with parking and traffic management, Fr Pat O'Donovan for celebrating the funeral mass with assistance from sacristan Kathleen Buckley, and the choir for playing music and singing during the mass.

We thank the staff at Marymount University Hospital and Hospice for providing gentle and professional care to Noreen and to us while we visited. The compassion and kindness shown by all the staff made this difficult period easier for us.

We thank Crowleys Funeral Directors for their professionalism, support and guidance during and after the funeral.

As it is impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our appreciation.

During Noreen's illness, the support shown by the local community provided a great pillar of strength to her and our family. Many people called to the house, phoned or texted, or sent letters, all which were very much appreciated. To those who turned out in huge numbers to the rounds in Gougane Barra, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to you. This, in particular, helped Noreen and us greatly. Noreen was very active in the local community, demonstrating her social side and her great faith.

She carried out flower arranging and Minister of the Eucharist duties in the parish churches for many years. She was a member of Kilmichael Legion of Mary and helped to spread The Word in England and Scotland. She went on pilgrimages to Knock, Lourdes, Medugorje, Fatima, Santiago and Rome. She made lifelong friends in the Commodore and Metropole Hotels while working there in the 1960's.

She was a member of the Macroom Flower and Art Clubs, and the Terelton Knitting and Friendship Clubs, all into which she integrated and made great friends. She was a keen traveller, venturing to many countries in Europe, the USA and even twice to Australia and New Zealand.

We miss Noreen dearly but we are grateful for the times we had with her and that she touched so many people during her life.



Noreen's First Anniversary Mass will be in
St. Finbarr's Church in Toames at 11.30am on
Sunday 26th of March 2023.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**TEDDY
O'BRIEN**

Srelane, Ovens
who died on the 28th of March 2022

*Dad,
Your life was a blessing,
Your memory we treasure,
You are loved beyond words,
And missed beyond measure.*



Loved and remembered by Lisa, Kevin,
Shannon, Colleen & Charlie.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**TED (TEDDY)
O'BRIEN**

Srelane, Ovens
who died on the 28th of March 2022

*Dad,
Remembering you is easy,
I do it everyday,
Missing you is heartache,
That never goes away*



Lovingly remembered and sadly missed
by Sammy, Stephen, Conor,
Molly & Danny.

4TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**JOHNNY
CREEDON**

9 An Gleann, Macroom
Who passed away on the 29th
of March 2019.

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



Lovingly remembered by
family and friends.

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2ND ANNIVERSARY AND 15TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of
MARY BARRETT
Who passed away on
2nd April 2021



In loving memory of
JOHN BARRETT
Who passed away on
30th March 2008

Glounaglouh, Rylane.
Our Lady of Knock pray for them.

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



Always remembered by your loving family

FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of our Dear Dad
TONY O'CONNELL
Masseytown, Macroom.
Who died on 5th April 2022

As we lovingly remember Tony on his first anniversary, we, his heartbroken family, would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all of our friends, neighbours and to all those who sympathised with us. Thank you to all those who attended the rosary, removal and the funeral mass. To those who sent mass cards and put messages of condolences on R.I.P, we are most grateful.

We would like to thank the team of consultants that Dad attended in the Mercy Hospital Cork, Cork University Hospital and the palliative care nurses in Marymount.

A sincere thank you to everyone who participated in the funeral mass - Fr. Joe O' Mahony and Fr. Filip. To Michael Bradley and Norma the organist, we thank you for the music in the church.

Thank you to Fitzgeralds for their professionalism.

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



Sadly missed by Joan, Rebecca, Marcella, Joanne, Colette & Anthony and his adored grandchildren and extended family.

*God saw you getting tired,
And a cure was not to be,
So he put his arms around you,
And whispered "Come with me".*

Tony's 1st Anniversary mass will be held in Macroom Church on Wednesday 5th April at 10am.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of
MAURA DINEEN

As we fondly remember Maura on her first anniversary, her husband Dan, Sons Seán and Mícheal, daughter Noreen, sisters Nora and Sheila and the extended Dineen and Lucey families. We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to our families, neighbours, friends and all those who sympathised with us and supported us in any way during this sad loss.

Sincere thanks to all those who sent mass cards, enrolments, messages on RIP, letters, called to the house and brought food and refreshments. We would also like to thank those who travelled long distances to be with us, those who lined the road from home to the church and a big thank you to the teachers, pupils and staff of Scoil Fionnbarra and Cuan Barra for their guard of honour.

A very special thank you to Fr Anthony O' Mahony for celebrating such a meaningful mass and for all his kindness shown to Maura during her illness, Also to Fr Michael Corkery, Fr Cormac Breathnach and Fr Liam Hickey.

Thanks to the sacristans Nora and Michael for preparing the church, Norma and Michael for their beautiful music and singing, To Cyril and staff of Casey's undertakers for their sensitive and professional handling of the funeral, the gravediggers, Creedon's Hotel Inchigeelagh, Dr. Colette Faul, Nurse Margaret and Nora, Her doctors and nurses of CUH and Bons Secours Hospitals, To nurse Joanne and the West Cork Palliative Care team, In Particular Olywyn, Pauline, Kathryn and Mary Teresa for their care and advice, and also to Sinead and staff of Deasy's Pharmacy Ballymakeera.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our Appreciation.



Maura's first anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Ballygeary Church on Sunday the 26th of March at 10:00am.

32ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of
GERARD CUNNINGHAM
Sleaveen Rd. Macroom
who died on the 17th March 1991

*Beautiful memories silently kept of one
that we loved and never forget.*



Always remembered by
Denis, Priscilla and family.

4TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of
MARY MCCARTHY
Bellmount Place, Crookstown
Who passed away on the 30th
March 2019

*Your home was such a warm
and inviting place
But now there is a sense of loneliness
Your favourite cup your comfy chair
The chats on end when you were here
Spring is in the air we have the flowers
you planted there
We will forever hold you close and dear.*



To us you were the best and miss you
more and more each year.
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and friends

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FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

EILEEN MURPHY

Derria, Inchigeela/Killinear, Newcestown, Co. Cork.

Who passed away on the 27th March 2022.

As we lovingly remember Eileen on her first anniversary, we her family would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all our extended family, friends, neighbours and all those who helped us over that difficult time and the past year.

We are most grateful for your prayers and support which brought us so much comfort.

A sincere thank you for all the condolence messages on RIP.ie and mass cards received which showed us how many people Eileen really touched.

To the paramedics we would like to thank you for the professional and personal care given to Eileen at the time of her passing.

A special thank you to Fr. Diarmuid, Fr. Anthony and everyone who helped to make her mass so meaningful.

We would also like to sincerely thank Casey's funeral directors for their support and professionalism throughout the funeral proceedings.

For the refreshments, kind words and support after the funeral we would like to thank Creedons Hotel for their hospitality.

As it is quite hard to thank everyone please accept this as our sincere appreciation for all your help, condolences and prayers.

*A loved one never leaves
They're never far away
They watch you from a distance
They guide you everyday.*



Sadly missed and always loved by her husband Joe, daughter Mary, sons Brian, John and Barry, son in law Sean and grandchildren Sophie and Conor.

Eileen's First Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday 26th of March at 11:30am in St. Finbarr and Holy Angels Church Inchigeela.

20TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

MIKE BUCKLEY

*Everyday in some small way
Memories of you come our way.*



5TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

HOWARD (SPUD) MURPHY

**Raleigh South, Macroom
Died the 23rd March 2018**

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



Remembered everyday by Noelle, Clodhna and Jessica

FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

MAUREEN CUNNINGHAM

**Sleaveen Rd. Macroom
who died on the 29th March 2022.**

As we lovingly remember Maureen on her first anniversary, we her family would sincerely like to thank those who sympathised with us on the sad loss of our dear mother. To those who sent Mass cards, phone calls and online condolences. Sincere thanks to Fr. Joe, Fr Filipe and Fr Roberts on their beautiful funeral Mass and to Fitzgerald undertakers for their professionalism and compassion during the funeral. We would also like to thank Dr Sean Foley and Dr John O'Riordan.

A special thanks to the staff of Marymount Hospice for the outstanding care there gave to our mother in her final weeks.

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



Maureen's Mass will be held in Macroom Church on the 29th of March at 10.00am

2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

SHEILA (JULIA) CREEDON

**Rossmore, Kilbarry, Macroom
Who died on 1st April 2021**

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



Always remembered by your loving family.

3RD ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

FINBARR O'REILLY

**Inchirahilly, Farnanes
Who died on the 26th March 2020**

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



Remembered every day by Betty, Jonathan & David.

NOVENA TO ST. ANTHONY



Blessed Anthony, in spite of many difficulties you were enabled by the Holy Spirit to discover your place in God's plan and to use your gifts and talents in making society a better and happier place for all. Implore the Lord Jesus to grant me suitable employment which may obtain for me an mine a decent livelihood and at the same time be able to live truly human and Christian lives and to be of real service to all people. Amen

THE MIRACLE PRAYER



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



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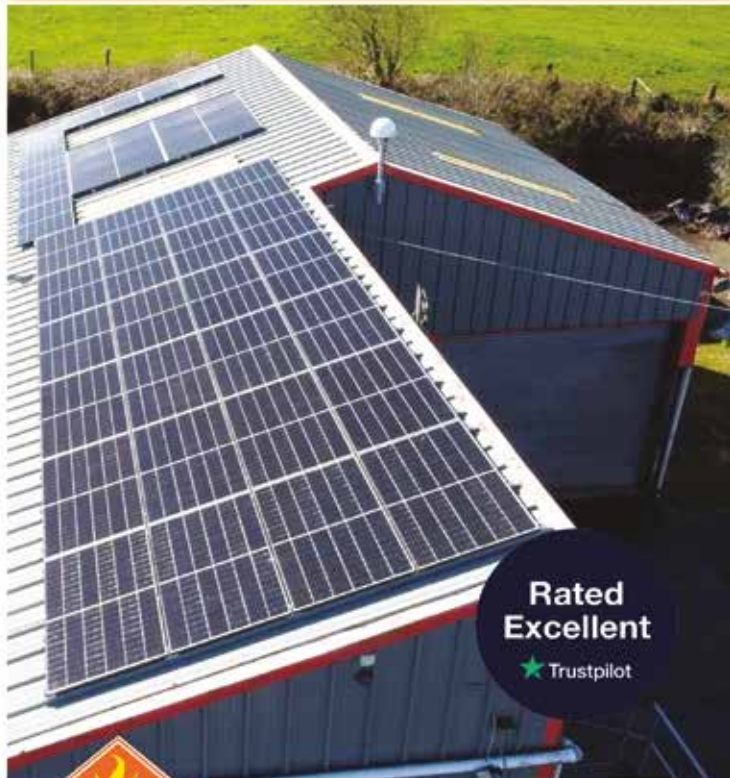
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