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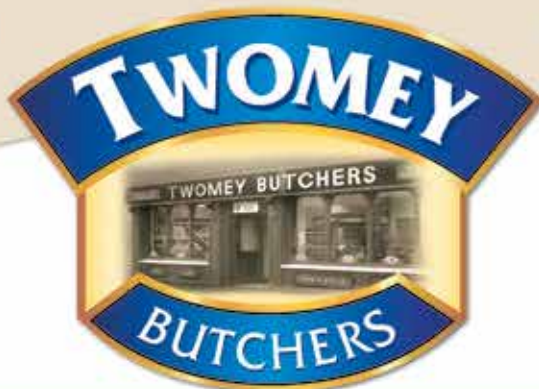


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We are a bi-weekly magazine; therefore, submissions must be on the Sunday before publication at the latest, if you want a piece included in the following week's edition. Due to print processes, late submissions will be published in the following edition.

As always submissions as Gaelige are always welcome too!

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MACROOM FLOWER & GARDEN CLUB

Macroom Flower & Garden Club hosted a Floral Demonstration by Melanie Harris AOIFA entitled "Spring to Life" on Thursday 13th of April. Club Members and visitors were treated to a wonderful evening with Melanie, a newly qualified AOIFA Judge taking to the stage shortly after 8pm. Her knowledge and expertise in craft and floral design was evident and included hand tied bouquet with some beautiful Astilbe, Dianthus, Germini, a no foam design included jute covered test tubes with

Hellebores and Clematis. The audience enjoyed traditional work with inverted crescent in white with complimentary plant material. A short interval gave the audience an opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for the exhibits. The finale was a traditional Symmetrical Triangle with well-chosen flowers and plant material, and when completed looked amazing staged in a beautiful urn. Our chairperson Winifred Lynch thanked the guest Demonstrator, members and visitors who attended. The Committee

were busy on the night and it was a delight to see entries for Club Competitions in both the Horticulture and Floral Exhibits. The Sales table never disappoints compliments to Committee members Marie and Alice for setting it up. The Club Members Annual Outing to East Cork is scheduled for Saturday July 1st. Bus departs Macroom at 8.30a.m. Please contact the Secretary for further details 087-9821708. Our thanks to Coolcower House for all the help and support in staging the event.

MACROOM GIRL GUIDES



Rachel O'Shea, a member of MacEgan Senior Branch was selected to be part of IGG's contingent to Pax Lodge in London at Easter. Pax Lodge is one of five World Centres belong to the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS).

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centre in a variety of roles. On the first morning, Rachel has the privilege of making her Senior Branch Promise at the flag ceremony in front of the assembled group and received her Pax Lodge pin. Included among the many activities that took place during her visit were: a visit to the London residence of Lord Baden-Powell, the founder of scouting, Madame Tussauds, the Science Museum and Covent Gardens. The Guides also went to the Apollo Theatre to see 'Wicked' and spent a morning at the Camden

Markets. A bus tour of the city took them to see Buckingham Palace, Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey and the London Eye. According to Rachel this was "one of the best experiences I have ever had" and she is looking forward to more international experiences in the future with her fellow Guides. For more information on Guiding, contact macroomguides@gmail.com



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NEW TO MARKET

7 MILLBROOK CLOSE, MILLSTREET ROAD, MACROOM, CO. CORK, P12 YE81

Killian Lynch Auctioneers are pleased to offer this beautiful 4 bedroom detached house comprising of C.1767 sq ft living accommodation. This property is part of a very quiet mature development on the western outskirts of Macroom town, only C.1km from the Macroom bypass interchange and C.30 minutes from Cork city. This property comes with manicured front and rear gardens and a very good energy rating of B2. Features include solar panels, stairs to floored attic, manicured gardens and much more to be appreciated. BER: B2

GUIDE PRICE: €390,000



NEW TO THE MARKET

HAREMOUNT, KILMICHAEL, MACROOM, CO. CORK, P12R201

Killian Lynch auctioneers are pleased to offer this traditional 2 bedroom cottage on C.0.47 acres. The cottage has a welcoming, homely feel & boasts impressive county views. The property comprises of C.882 sq ft living accommodation & would make for an ideal family home or fantastic starter home. The property is located only C.15 minutes to Macroom town, C.10 minutes drive to Inchigeelagh & C.45 minutes drive to Cork city. BER: F

GUIDE PRICE: €180,000



NEW TO THE MARKET

NO. 10 COIS NA COILTE, INCHIGEELAGH, MACROOM, CO. CORK, P12 AK60

Killian Lynch Auctioneers are pleased to offer this spacious 3 bedroom detached house which is in good condition throughout. The house which is located within a private and quiet development of C.17 houses, C.15 minutes from Macroom town and c.40 minutes from Cork City. The house comprises of c.1109 sq ft living accommodation and is an ideal family home. BER: F

GUIDE PRICE: €200,000



NEW TO MARKET

MAIN STREET, COACHFORD, CO. CORK, P12WC92

Killian Lynch auctioneers are pleased to offer this 4 bedroom detached bungalow situated within the heart of Coachford village, close to all services and amenities and only a stones throw from Coachford Greenway and Farran Woods. The house which comprises of C.1162 sq ft living accommodation is in need of decoration but will make an ideal starter home or persons looking to retire to the village from the countryside. Macroom town is located a C.10 minutes drive and Cork a C.20 minutes drive from this property. BER: F

GUIDE PRICE: €205,000



NEW TO MARKET

NO. 7 SALLY GARDENS, MILLSTREET ROAD, MACROOM, CO. CORK, P12 KW59

Killian Lynch auctioneers are pleased to offer this beautiful 4 bedroom house situated on an individual gated site with manicured front and rear gardens and within a quiet and mature development of 15 detached houses. This property comprises of C.2320 sq ft. living accommodation and is in pristine condition throughout, with new flooring and a large new fitted kitchen just installed in 2022. This is an ideal family home and is located only C.1km from the Macroom bypass interchange junction, c.30 minutes' drive from both Cork city and Killarney town and also within walking distance of Macroom town centre. There are many beautiful features with this property which need to be seen to be appreciated. BER: B3

GUIDE PRICE: €410,000



UNDER OFFER

GLANTANE WEST, CARRIGANIMA, MACROOM, CO. CORK

Killian Lynch Auctioneers are pleased to offer this C.80.55 acre agricultural farm holding. The farm comprises of a mixture mostly pasture land and C.25 acres scrub land. This holding is all in one block and is attractive holding suitable mostly for grazing purposes. There is also the remains of a derelict house which be beneficial subject to planning permission. Located adjacent to the Macroom/Millstreet road, C.5 km from Macroom, C.4km from Millstreet and C.40 minutes from Cork city.

GUIDE PRICE: €350,000



UNDER OFFER

KEIMEENS, INCHIGEELAGH, MACROOM, CO. CORK, P12XT22

Killian Lynch Auctioneers are pleased to offer this 2 bedroom house comprising of C.950 sq ft living accommodation. The property which was constructed in the mid 2000's is in excellent condition throughout and is situated in a most scenic setting with frontage onto the River Lee. Inchigeela village is only a 5 minutes walk with Ballingearry village a C.10 minutes drive, Macroom C.15 minutes and Cork a C.40 minutes drive. This property will make a fantastic family home and must be seen to be appreciated. BER: D1

GUIDE PRICE: €245,000



UNDER OFFER

CLODAGH, CROOKSTOWN, CO. CORK, P14 YE61

Killian Lynch auctioneers are pleased to offer this spacious 4 bedroom bungalow and garage on C.0.5 acres. The property which is situated in a much sought after area comprises of C.1,530 sq ft. living accommodation throughout and is in need of minor decoration. The property boasts a large south facing garden which has impressive views of Clodagh castle which dates back to the 16th century. The property would make for a fantastic family home is only C.2 minutes walking distance to Crookstown village, C.10 minutes drive to Macroom town, C.15 minutes to Ballincollig & C.20 minutes drive to Cork city. Viewings are highly recommended for this family home. BER: E2

GUIDE PRICE: €350,000



UNDER OFFER

NO. 56 MAIN STREET, MACROOM, CO. CORK, P12TD40

Killian Lynch Auctioneers are pleased to offer this investment opportunity comprising of ground floor commercial and two 1 bedroom apartments, and the 1st floor, the commercial section comprises of C.1580 sq ft restaurant/takeaway which is currently let until 2025. The 1st floor apartments comprise of C.409 sq ft & C.430 sq ft accommodation each with independent access from the main street. The commercial section is currently let under a 10 year lease until 2025 for €16,200 per annum. Both apartments are vacant but would generate a rental return of €20,400 per annum. Overall projected rental return €36,000 per annum. The property which is in excellent condition was constructed in 2005 and is located in the centre of Macroom town, C.30 minutes west of Cork city and C.30 minutes from Killarney. Macroom town has a population of C.4,500 people and is a thriving market town. BER: C1

GUIDE PRICE: €350,000

Macroom Library

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UPCOMING EVENTS AT MACROOM LIBRARY – ALL ARE FREE TO ATTEND.

INTERNET SAFETY TALK FOR ADULTS

Community Garda Orla Doyle will be visiting Macroom Library on Friday April 21st at 11am to give a talk on internet safety for elderly users. You will receive advice on how to stay safe when browsing online, and how to spot and avoid online threats.

LEGO CLUB FOR CHILDREN SAT 22ND APRIL 3-4PM 8YEARS +

Enquire for details/booking as places fill up fast. The club will continue on a rolling basis over

the term.

CIORCAL CAINTE

will meet on Thursday 27th April 11.30am. Refreshments will be served. Fáilte roimh cách.

POETRY DAY IRELAND

Thursday 27th April 2.00pm Join us in Macroom library for Poetry Day hosted by the Macroom Creative Writing Group. This year's theme is 'Message in a Bottle'. The group will read from some of their work & then open the floor to anyone who would like to read a poem.

It is a lovely opportunity to engage with like minded lovers of words in a relaxed & informal way.

MACROOM ADULT BOOK CLUB

meet on Wednesday 3rd May at 11.30am. Refreshments will be served.

PURLIES KNITTING GROUP

will meet on Thursday 4th May at 11.30am. It will be a lively morning of camaraderie as our

fellow Knitters from Dunmanway Library are expected to visit. Refreshments will be served.

ART EXHIBITION

April - 'Endangered Species' by Anne O'Connor (acrylic on paper) is a beautiful exhibition on Irish endangered species showcasing Irish animal and bird life.

WI-FI AND REMOTE PRINTING SERVICES

when you become a library member, you can use the library's Public Wi-Fi for free! We also have a Remote Printing Service that is available for everyone – please contact the library for more details.

CHILDREN'S S.T.E.A.M BOOK MARK COLOURING COMPETITION

for children from 2nd to 6th Class, NS. Colouring sheets are available in Macroom Library. Please drop the entry back to your library branch before the 5th May.



THE AGM OF MACROOM TIDY TOWNS, CASTLE HOTEL, TUESDAY 25TH APRIL, 8.00 PM.

The current Tidy Towns committee was formed in 1983, i.e. 40 years ago. The town clerk at the time called a meeting of elected representatives, local clergy, the Nuns and representatives from various residents groups, not indicating fully the purpose of the meeting, which was in fact the beginnings of a new Tidy Towns committee after a lapse of some years. After some changes of officers over the initial 2 years, the current officers were elected in 1985; Martin Coughlan, (Chairperson), John Lyons (Secretary), and Judy O'Sullivan (Treasurer). These same three officers have soldiered now for 38 years in those positions, an amazing statistic but a situation that is not sustainable. Like various other organisations, succession planning is an issue, and initiatives so far have not been successful in devolving responsibilities and attracting new volunteers that are prepared to make commitments. Over the four decades, the working environment has

changed, how we communicate has changed, the work areas have broadened out with much more focus on biodiversity and sustainable actions. It is time for change.

Macroom Tidy Towns is the envy of so many other Tidy Towns groups with what has been achieved, and the work that continues to be done. In recent years a new operational base has been built in Masseytown and is now the hub of all activities, a place to meet and have a cup of tea, a place to store all power tools, hand tools, power washer, sweeping machine, blower, lawn edger, grass cutting machine, signage. It facilitates repairs of items, prep work for jobs elsewhere, and painting of items etc before erecting in fairy garden etc.

The last five years has focused on the development of the Fairy Garden, Sensory Garden and Biodiversity Garden, all in Masseytown Park. These all require ongoing maintenance, on top of all the other jobs like the flower baskets, the flower beds, the litter picking, emptying poo bins, disposal of all rubbish, installing recycled plastic seating (20

to date), liaisons with schools and other groups like Asylum Seekers, as well as dozens of other projects/initiatives. This is too much for the small core group.

Volunteers have put countless hours into enhancing the town and its environment and amenities, for the benefit of others. A pleasant town attracts more visitors and customers and businesses benefit also. To date there has been a significant lack of involvement on the part of businesses in general, something that disappoints the hard working volunteers.

Grass cutting in the estates is a major issue. Much of this is managed over the years by the Tidy Towns since the abolition of the Town Council. This is also something that cannot continue as is and Macroom Tidy Towns reps have met with the local Council on the matter. Volunteers in other Tidy Groups do not cut the grass in residential estates, and Ballincollig as an example has 80 estates and each estate must organise their own grass cutting or repurpose some areas and manage for biodiversity. This will be happening in Macroom shortly as the Tidy Towns withdraw from this commitment.

The AGM is a public meeting and everybody is invited. This is the first AGM since before COVID. It provides an opportunity for everybody to come along and get an update on what is happening and what is planned and see how you can make your contribution.

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Staff presented Deputy Principal Iggy Dineen with a Print by Anabel Langrish during a farewell Lunch on Thursday 30th March. Mr. Dineen will take up his new appointment in Kinsale on April 17th.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL MR. IGGY DINEN LEAVING MCEGAN

On Friday March 31st McEgan College said Farewell and Good Luck to Deputy Principal Mr. Iggy Dineen as he moves to a new position in Kinsale Community School. Students and staff gathered together in the Assembly area on Friday to present Mr. Dineen with gifts and flowers and to thank him for his innovation and kindness to all during his time in McEgan.

NEW SPORTS GEAR

Mc Egan College Sports Department will be togging out in future in the new sportswear which arrived at the school before the Easter Holidays began. The students will now be

kitted out for a range of sports played in the school including Basketball, Camogie/hurling, football, Soccer & Rugby. Well done to Mr. Dineen and the school staff who coach the students for the selection of the kit. The kit has been generously sponsored by the School Completion Programme lead by Colette Dineen.

Thanks to Gaelic Sports Technique (GST) especially Aaron Dewey & William O’Riordan who were so helpful during the process and who sponsored tops for the Coaches.

FIRST CUT YOUTH FILM FESTIVAL

Check out the McEgan College Facebook page to view the Athrú Amháin entries from McEgan College for the First Cut Youth Festival 2023.



TY Students Niamh O’Callaghan Taylor Power, Clodagh Byrne, Mikie Buckley Elijah Roberts & Luke Madigan with their ‘Hug in a mug’ gifts which they presented to residents at Macroom Hospital before the Easter Break.



Olamipo Yusuf, NoraKate O’Leary, Noé Kollar & Rory Murphy presented Mr. Iggy Dineen with Flowers & a Card signed by the Students on the occasion of his moving to a new post in Kinsale.



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MACROOM EASTER COMMEMORATION 2023

The Annual Easter Commemoration took place at the Monument, Town Square, Macroom, on Easter Sunday 9th at 3.00pm. Donal Kelleher entertained the crowd with some lovely Irish airs before the ceremony started. Stephen O’Connor from Ballymakeera acted as MC and he first called on Ted Cunningham to raise the National Flag at the Town Hall. Con Healy from Clondrohid laid the wreath at the monument in memory of all those who died for freedom. Con Lynch recited a decade of the Rosary and the proclamation was read by Emily Mehigan and the Oration was delivered by Andrais Moynihan. The ceremony concluded with Michael Bradley singing the National Anthem.



Emily Mehigan read the proclamation at the Easter Sunday Commemorations in Macroom



Con Healy Clondrohid laying the wreath Easter Sunday Commemorations in Macroom

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- ° Library Book Club Friday 12th May 11am to 12pm
- ° Internet Safety Information Talk with Community Garda Orla Doyle Tues 23rd May 11.30am
- ° Please confirm monthly meetings with the library on 026 45767 during opening hours

The lambs are having great fun around the fields, and roads, recently. There are quite a few in the fields I pass going to and from work. I always enjoy watching their antics. When my children were younger and going to school, they loved seeing the lambs playing in the fields as we passed in the mornings. As the lambs got older and braver, they used to venture out onto the road, at this stage we used to say they were turning into teenagers and having little adventures. Sometimes when I am in a hurry getting somewhere I'm not quite as happy to see the lambs gamboling around on the road but in general the lambs always managed to raise a smile from me. Many years ago, when I was going through a period of ill health due to a cancer diagnosis, I wasn't feeling the best and was quite tired and down. One day when my husband got home for dinner, he ushered me into the car, drove down the road and parked where we could watch the lambs playing in the field. It didn't take long for me to start smiling and laughing as they frolicked about, it was as if they were on springs with their little hops and jumps - their play fighting, head butting and scampering around the place. Needless to say, I went home smiling and feeling much better, it definitely aided in my recovery and to this day I remember the lift it gave me.

Every now and then someone comes into the library who hasn't visited for quite some time, and they tell me how surprised they are with what Leabharlann Bhaile Bhúirne has to offer. With this in mind I would encourage you to drop into the library sometime you're passing. Leabharlann Bhaile Bhúirne has really moved with the times, of course we still offer the traditional book lending services but in addition to this we also have many other services available both in the branch and online. We provide a printing and photocopying service. You can either use the remote printing service and forward your printing needs from the comfort of your own home or you can visit the branch and use our public computer or your own USB/memory stick to fulfill your printing needs in both black & white and colour. For more information on the remote printing option please call in to the library for an information leaflet. There

is a lovely new photocopier which provides high quality prints in black & white and color in both A4 and A3. I can also do double-sided printing and reduce or increase print sizes, but please bear with me it's a new photocopier and I'm still learning!

When I was a child and visiting the library one of the strictest rules was you had to be silent in the library. That rule no longer applies, you might be surprised when you visit to hear laughter and chat throughout the building. This is usually when one of our library groups is meeting or when the local schoolchildren are visiting. I would like to think Leabharlann Bhaile Bhúirne provides a relaxed, comfortable, welcoming space for anyone to visit. Please consider Leabharlann Bhaile Bhúirne when you need a calm place to study or work. You can avail of free Wi-Fi throughout the building using your library registration number and pin to access this service. Daily and weekly newspapers are also available to read, free of charge in the library, you don't even have to be a member. Remember library membership is free of charge and it is very easy to register. A library is a great asset to any community, and I would ask you all to support Leabharlann Bhaile Bhúirne. If your library membership has lapsed, please consider renewing it. Remember if you are new to the area and are already an existing library member with any public library in the country you can use your library card in Leabharlann Bhaile Bhúirne. If you have never been a library member, why not pay Leabharlann Bhaile Bhúirne a visit and see if it is a service that appeals to you, your membership would be most welcome.

You could get started by participating in Spring into Storytime. Spring into Storytime is a national story-time initiative in Irish public libraries. Enjoy the fun and excitement of reading as Cork County Council Library and Arts Service celebrates this throughout the month of April. Story-time supports concentration, communication skills and development of creativity and imagination in children. We would love to invite children and their parents and carers to join in and experience the joy of story-time with us! We are inviting children, schools and families to bring the magic of story-time home by visiting the library and establish a new routine, turn off the screens and try to devote some family time to reading? Bedtime stories can help foster a bond between parents and children, promote relaxation by lowering stress levels and develop literacy skills. Spring into Storytime is part of the national Right to Read programme.

Leabharlann Bhaile Bhúirne has a large variety of books for children. Traditional storybooks, picture books, chapter books, easy readers, books the children will enjoy reading themselves, or reading for their parents and there are some lovely books for parents to read to the children too. Please come and pick out your favourite books. With the evenings getting brighter now a bedtime story

might just do the trick to get children to relax and settle down for sleep even though it is still bright outside.

Ba chóir duit tosú trí pháirt a ghlacadh i bPreab Isteach sa Scéal! Tionscnamh náisiúnta scéalaíochta is ea Preab Isteach sa Scéal i leabharlanna poiblí na hÉireann. Déanann Seirbhís Leabharlainne agus Ealaíon Chomhairle Contae Chorcaí ceiliúradh ar spaoi agus spleodar na léitheoireachta le linn mhí Aibreáin. Tacaíonn am-scéalaíochta le díriú, scileanna cumarsáide agus forbairt na cruthaitheachta agus na samhlaíochta i leanaí. Ba bhreá linn cuireadh a thabhairt do pháistí agus dá dtuismitheoirí agus dá gcúramóirí a bheith páirteach agus taitneamh a bhaint as an áthas ar am scéalaíochta linn! Táimid ag tabhairt cuireadh do leanaí, do scoileanna agus do theaghlaigh, draíocht an scéil a thabhairt abhaile trí chuairt a thabhairt ar an leabharlann agus gnáthamh nua a bhunú, na scáileáin a mhúchadh agus iarracht a dhéanamh roinnt ama teaghlaigh a chaitheamh ar an léitheoireacht. Is féidir le scéalta am-codlata cuidiú leis an nasc a chothú idir tuismitheoirí agus leanaí, scíthe a chur chun cinn trí leibhéil struis a ísliú agus scileanna litearthachta a fhorbairt. Is cuid den chlár náisiúnta 'Right to Read' é Preab Isteach sa Scéal.

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Daffodil Day Thank You

The Daffodil Day fundraising hosts would like to thank everyone who attended our recent coffee morning. It was a huge success with good company, fabulous cakes and lots of raffle prizes, in the relaxed and welcoming atmosphere of the Abbey Hotel. The success was thanks to the

support and generosity of those who attended and donated in any way on the morning, the shops and businesses of our local and surrounding communities, together we raised a total of €5250. Míle buíochas ó Cumann Maidin Cáife Lá Lus'n Chromchinn.





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The Junior Series Achievement Profile certificates were awarded to the students who completed the Junior Series last year in Coláiste Ghobnatan

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Le Liadh Ní Dhuinnín

Bhí ceolchoirm ar siúl san Ionad Cultúrtha ar an lá deireanach roimh Saoire na Cásca. Bhí daltaí ó gach bliain grúpa páirteach sa seó, chomh maith lena gcuid múinteoirí. Bhí na daltaí ag cleachtadh ag am lóin ar feadh cúpla seachtain chun an seó iontach seo a chur le chéile. B'fhiú an iarracht ar fad mar bhealach iontach é chun a gcuid talainne a léiriú don phobal scoile. Ar an lá, bhí daltaí ag canadh, ag seinnt ceoil traidisiúnta agus bhain na hamhránaí agus ceoltóirí taitneamh agus tairbhe as an ócáid. Táimid fíorbhuíoch dos na múinteoirí go léir a chabhraigh linn – Máistir Ó Céilleachair, Máistir Ó hAireachtáin agus Iníon Ní Dhuinnín.

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SCRÚDUITHE

Faoi láthair tá roinnt daltaí ón tríú agus ón séú bhliain ag obair go dian chun ullmhú dos na scrúduithe. Le linn saoire na Cásca, dhein daltaí na hArdeiste na scrúduithe béil. Roimh saoire na Cásca, dhein daltaí ón idirbhliain an scrúdú, Teastas Eorpach na Gaeilge (TEG). Gabhaimid ár mbuíochas leis na múinteoirí atá ag cabhrú leo go háirithe Iníon Ní Bhriain, Iníon de Staic, Iníon Ní Chollata, Bean Uí Argáin, Máistir Ó Catháin agus Iníon Ní Chéilleachair.



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Deadline: Monday before publication. Email: leevalleyoutlook@gmail.com

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

APRIL 20TH - Alzheimer Society: An invitation to attend a meeting in the Castle Hotel Macroom on this Thursday night April 20 at 7.15pm, to help make Macroom a Dementia Friendly Community. All are welcome.

21ST APRIL - Fundraiser An Evening at the Dogs in Aid of Jerry O'Sheas SDR Wish, Curaheen Park

25TH APRIL - Macroom Tidy Towns AGM, Castle Hotel @8pm, all welcome.

28TH APRIL - Book launch of Caoineadh Art Úi Laoghaire le Eibhlín Dubh Ní Chonaill,

The Lament of Art O'Leary, a new translation by John Fitzgerald Castle Hotel @ 8:30

2ND & 3RD MAY - Blood Transfusion Service in Clondrohid Hall

11TH -13TH MAY - War Of Independence Musical in mBéal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh nightly @ 8pm

18TH – 20TH MAY - War Of Independence Musical in mBéal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh nightly @ 8pm

MBÉAL ÁTHA 'N GHAORTHÁID

Tá ceoldráma nua faoi Chogadh na Saoirse i mBéal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh i 1920 le bheith ar stáitse Bealtaine 11-13 agus 18-20 sa Halla i mBéal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh.

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RCPA (RYLANE COMMUNITY PARK ASSOCIATION) LOTTO RESULTS

17th April, 2023:

Jackpot: €5,700

Numbers Drawn: 15, 17, 25 No Winner

Lucky Dips: Siobhán O'Brien (Rylane); Falan Bagley (London); Danny Leahy (Ballinagree - yearly); Rob Twomey (Rylane - Online). Seller's prize: Crowleys (Rylane).

CLONDROHID LOTTO RESULTS

12th April, 2023

Jackpot €2,000

Numbers Drawn: Winner: Breda McCarthy

Michael Lucey was the proud seller.

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CORK STUDENTS WIN TOP PRIZES IN TEXACO CHILDREN'S ART COMPETITION

Three Cork students have won top prizes in this year's 69th Texaco Children's Art Competition.

In the 16-18 years age category, Amy O'Brien (age 17), a pupil at Presentation Secondary School, Mitchelstown, won second prize for her artwork entitled 'The Bond'.

Amy's work is described by Final Adjudicator, Professor Gary Granville as "a highly detailed and fascinating study of her immediate physical and emotional environment."

In addition, two Cork winners each won Special Merit Awards for artworks that Professor Granville said 'were imaginative and displayed high levels of skill and creativity'.

They were Keelin Ní Laoire (17) from Scoil Mhuire Dromanallig, Ballygeary and Isauro Ramalho (11), a pupil at Scoil Naomh Fionán na Reanna in Belgooly.

The Texaco Children's Art Competition is popularly regarded as the longest-running sponsorship in the history of arts sponsoring



Proud winner: Amy O'Brien (age 17), a pupil at Presentation Secondary School, Mitchelstown, is a winner in this year's 69th Texaco Children's Art Competition. She is pictured with her prize-winning work entitled 'The Bond' with her mother Emer and father Jerry. The picture was taken at a function to announce the top winners held in Dublin



Keelin Ní Laoire – Texaco Child Art 2023

in Ireland, with an unbroken history that dates back to the very first Competition held in 1955. This year, as has been the case throughout its life, it has been a platform on which young

artists from Cork and counties throughout Ireland have had their talents recognised and their creativity commended.

INNISCARRA NEWS

Bluegrass at Inniscarra in May 2023.

HIGH PLAINS TRADITION

Wednesday May 3rd: St Senans Church of Ireland, Ardrum, Inniscarra, Co. Cork, T23 T934, 8.00 p.m., support act Pat Kelleher.

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Bluegrass at Inniscarra in May, High Plains Tradition. Wednesday May 3rd: St Senans Church of Ireland, Ardrum, Inniscarra,

CARRIGADROHID/ CEANN AN MHAÍ

Oliver O'Sheas son Jerry is still looking for our support. Jerry's SDR Wish fundraising event 'A night at the Dogs' is on this Friday April 21st in the Curaheen Park Greyhound Track, all support appreciated. Contact Canovee man Oliver on 0874172000 for tickets. You can also donate on line on Jerrys gofundme page: <https://gofundme/b86d6f15>



Jerry O'Shea's SDR fundraiser is on this Friday April 21st in the Curaheen Park Greyhound Track, all support appreciated. Contact Canovee man Oliver on 0874172000 for information or donate on line <https://gofundme/b86d6f15>



Three generations taking part in the Donoughmore Active Retirement Concert, Neil Honohan, her son James Honohan, and her grandson Evan Honohan.

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CANOVEE NATIONAL SCHOOL



Liam helping count all our Aldi posters at Canovee School



Ray of Sunshine new bus, for transporting children to and from their before and after school service

CANOVEE NATIONAL SCHOOL

New and final term in Canovee NS and its shaping up to be a busy one.

OUR CLOTHING COLLECTION

is ongoing. Clear out those wardrobes and drawers and bring us all your unwanted clothes, shoes (in pairs), hats, handbags and scarves. We accept bags Monday to Friday during school hours. Spread the word!

ALDI STICKERS

We are busy collecting Aldi stickers, we would like to thank everyone for sharing their stickers, a particular shout out Kate and the children from Canovee preschool who visited us before Easter to share their stickers! Closing date is this Sunday and we hope to have 10 filled posters!

Fingers crossed.

MAY

In May, our wonderful 2nd class will receive their First Communion and preparations are ongoing. May also brings Active Week, this is always a super week where the children get to try out different activities and sports.

June will be filled with Cork City Sports, exciting school tours, the Rita O'Brien Football Tournament, and 6th class graduation.

Ray Of Sunshine: Another successful Camp for

RAY OF SUNSHINE

in Canovee NS, lots of Easter fun. We had indoor & outdoor activities ranging from Easter egg hunts, to baking and arts and crafts and plenty

sport! We also received our new transport bus! For more information on the wonderful service ROS provide, visit our website www.roskids.ie or contact our Canovee site directly on 083-1033904. You can also contact contact Linda kelleher on 0831200238.

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'.

CARRIGADROHID **TIDY TOWNS**

Weekly clean ups begin this Tuesday April 18th and will continue every Tuesday evening until September. The clean up only takes 1 hour and all help is gratefully received. We meet in the

village at 6:30pm, bring your hi vis, gloves and we will provide everything else!! The clean up is only 1 hour, so you will be done and dusted, and heading home again at 7:30pm, it's a great

way to meet new people and while helping keep our beautiful village looking amazing! ALL WELCOME

CILL NA MARTRA & RÉIDH NA nDOIRÍ

NORA TWOMEY MEMORIAL

Tá lá mór ag teacht aníos go luath i bparóiste Chill na Martra. Beidh Vintage Car, Tractor and Motorbike Run ar siúl ar Domhnach an 14ú Bealtaine mar chuimhneachán Nora Twomey. Beidh costas cláraithe ag €20 an feithicil, chun airgead a bhailiú do Marymount Hospice. Baileofar ag carr chlós an CLG óna 10.30rn le clárú agus as go brách leo ag a 12.30in. Táimid ag súil go mór le slua breá a bheith i láthair. Bígí ann chun tacú leo!

The Nora Twomey Memorial Vintage Car, Tractor and Motorbike Run is sure to be a great event for all! It is being held in the parish of Cill na Martra on Sunday 14th of May with registration from 10.30am and take off at 12.30pm. There is a registration cost of €20 per vehicle and proceeds raised will be donated to Marymount Hospice. Meeting point is in Cill na Martra GAA grounds. We'd love to see you there.

An Chrois

Tá fuíollach oícheanta ceol agus craic pleanáilte ag An Chrois leis na Paddy Bhoys ag seinnt ar Domhnach an 26ú d'Aibreán agus Aoife O'Neill ar Domhnach an 30ú d'Aibreán. Ina dteannta san beidh Craobh na Dairteanna ar siúl an 22ú d'Aibreán ag 8.30in. Tá an caighdeán agus an iomaíocht fíochmhar láidir i mbliana ag cinntiú craobh den scoth.

Music go leor at An Chrois for the next couple of weekends - The Paddy Bhoys playing on Sunday 23rd April and Aoife O'Neill on Sunday 30th April. Competition is mounting for the final of the darts tournament in An Chrois this Saturday 22nd April. With the standard of players this year it's sure to be an exciting night. Tidy Towns Cill na Martra

Is iontach an rud é an méid oibrithe deonacha a fheiscint mórthimpeall orainn chun cabhrú leis an obair seachtainiúil a bhaineann le coiste

na Tidy Towns. Le déanaí bhí an KWD Big County Clean Up ar siúl acu agus bailíodh an t-uafás bruscar. Tá an cheantair ag féachaint go h-álainn dá bharr. Maith sibh! Ar Shatharn an 22ú Aibreán beidh glantachán eile ar siúl acu - An Taisce Spring Clean. Tá fáilte is fiche roimh éinne gur mhaith leo cabhrú!

The Tidy Towns volunteers in Cill na Martra are ploughing through the work these days and as a result the parish is looking well. Recently they participated in the KWD Big County Clean Up and collected a huge amount of the rubbish along the parish roads. This weekend, Saturday 22nd April they plan to participate in An Taisce's Spring Clean with refreshments provided in Ó'Murchú's afterwards. A warm welcome is extended to all who wish to help out, the more the merrier!

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CLONDROHID NEWS

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.

ALZHEIMER SOCIETY

An invitation to everyone to attend a meeting in the Castle Hotel Macroom on this Thursday night April 20 at 7.15pm, to help make Macroom A Dementia Friendly Community . All are welcome.

CLONDROHID COMMUNITY CRECHE PRE SCHOOL AND AFTER SCHOOL

A Family Fun Day has been organised by Gobnait and her hard working staff of this great facility, they are celebrating 20 years in existence, on this Saturday April 22 from 2pm to 5pm.

Blessing of building by Fr. Jim at 2pm, followed by the cutting of the ribbon to officially open the new building, and get the celebrations underway, Gillian Murphy, who has been with them since she was a baby, so she will represent past and present children of Clann Aire, will cut the tape. Entertainment will include The Animal Roadshow, Bouncy Castle, Face Painting children's disco.

So come along and show your support for this renowned facility.

DARKNESS INTO LIGHT

50/50 Fundraiser in aid of Pieta House and Clondrohid Community Hall.

Clondrohid GAA invite you to assemble on their grounds at 4.15am for 4.30 am take off on Saturday May 6. They are asking their members, supporters, and the wider community to participate in the walk, and contribute to the fundraiser, as everyone did last year, to raise much needed funds for both organisations.

Refreshments will be available in Clann Aire Creche afterwards.



Clondrohid under 7's at a blitz in Canovee last Saturday

Registration is not required, Details of how to contribute will be posted locally, on face book, and the next edition of Lee Valley.

Here's hoping for good weather and a great crowd.

ACTIVE RETIRED CLONDROHID PARISH

This group continue to be Active in the Community with singing, cooking, flower arranging, card playing, yoga, coffee/tea mornings, outings to the Inec, or just having the chat, and craic. They are also involved in different sections of village preparing for Tidy Towns.

They will be hosting a Scoraiocht in the Community Hall on Friday night May 19 at 8pm. This is part of the Bealtaine 2023, under the Saoi Network IRD Duhallow. This is open to not only to Active Retired Groups, but to anyone who enjoys singing, story telling, etc., whether taking part or just there to enjoy. Its all about getting out and enjoying yourself. So all are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

There is no entry charge but there will be

donation buckets in the Hall. All proceeds will be divided between the Cart Bus and the Community Hall. See You All There.

TAVERN SINGERS

This talented group of singers have changed their get together night from Sunday night to Monday night. So, they will be in the Tavern on the 2nd and 4th Monday nights at 9pm approx. Monday April 24 is the next night to join them. All are welcome. A big turnout there last week.

JUST A DIARY DATE

Muinfluich 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 !!

ANOTHER DIARY DATE FOR CARRIGANIMA

Saturday July 8, Gina Dale Hale and the Champions will be performing outside the pub in Carriganima, this has been a long term dream of Seanie's. Back again by popular demand is Declan Nerney on Sunday July 23 Carriganima will be rocking during July, don't book your hols.



Noreen Murphy, Joan Kelleher, Anne Lane, John Sheehan and Eileen O'Brien, part of the Donoughmore active retirement Concert in aid of The Irish Cancer Society. © Peter Scanlan



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KILMURRY NEWS

INDEPENDENCE MUSEUM KILMURRY

Book launch of Caoineadh Art Úi Laoghaire le Eibhlín Dubh Ní Chonaill, The Lament of Art O'Leary a new translation by John Fitzgerald [President of KHAA], will take place on Friday April 28th 2023 at 8:30pm, at the Castle Hotel Macroom.

Guest speaker will be Claire Connolly, Professor of Modern English, UCC

with special guests Peadar O'Riada and Cór Ban Chúil Aodha.

Gerard Shannon recently gave a hugely attended lecture based on his recent book entitled 'Liam Lynch: To

Declare A Republic' at Independence Museum Kilmurry. Special attendee was Nuala o'Riordan, Liam Lynch's grand-niece.

Photo attached includes Mary O'Mahony (KHAA Chairperson), Nuala O'Riordan, Gerry Shannon and Clr. Gobnait Moynihan

ACTIVE RETIREMENT GROUP

RETIREMENT AGE

There are protests and strikes in France arising from the decision to increase the national retirement age there from 62 years to 64 years. The government's argument is that since we are living longer, and since the birth rate is decreasing, it will be unsustainable to burden a reducing number of workers with funding pensions for increasing numbers of recipients. On the other hand, looking forward to retirement and its reward for long service to the country and fellow citizens is much valued. It is hard to remove any benefit once conceded. Ever since its revolution, France is particularly known for its love of liberty, equality, and fraternity. It is hardly surprising therefore that the issue is even more controversial there than perhaps anywhere else. There is little doubt that retirement can bring freedom and fraternity - the opportunity to build and deepen relationships, which were inhibited previously due to the exhausting demands of the workplace. However, since some people have or can fund a pension sufficient for their needs, and others cannot, or may not, issues of equality and justice arise. The French soon discovered, as we all do, that freedom, equality, and fraternity, all highly desirable for human flourishing can often conflict with each other in practice. In the case of pension policy, tensions between freedom and equality must be justly resolved, not just within the generation of pensioners but among generations as well. Unresolved tensions will certainly undermine fraternity within any society.

When Otto von Bismarck introduced the first pension in Germany in 1881, the life expectancy was about forty. He set the age for pension at 70. It was more akin to the cheque we citizens receive from the President when we reach one hundred, than what we think of

as pension age today. With a retirement age of sixty-two and an average life expectancy of 82 French citizens could have looked forward to a retirement period of 20 years. With medical innovation extending life span they may still achieve that even with the change to sixty-four. Depending on one's outlook one could legitimately ask whether it is reasonable to look forward to 20 years of leisure funded by others. Conversely, one could ask why it would not be, since the younger generation received support for at least that period from those pension recipients. The younger generation are rightly concerned with equality. Will they enjoy a similar benefit when they reach the same pension age, or will they necessarily be working longer? These are difficult questions; I do not envy politicians weighing them up. Indeed, it is a relief to be retired from such complexities. It does though appear to me that the argument is framed within the context of a narrative that on reaching retirement age we cease being contributors and start being a liability on society. Could anything be further from the truth? The tension that arises and its resolution may have much to do with how we value different contributions to society. The retired from the workplace, are often new recruits to childcare, to elder care, to care of those with disabilities, to the sick. They function as taxi drivers, advisors, motivators. They volunteer in their communities, and indeed often run charities for causes that identify and offset critical weaknesses in public services. Even when they are 'selfishly' spending on themselves they are in that process transferring resources to others. They support primary producers, businesses, the service industry. They often play a significant part in building community and contribute much to its resilience.

It is indeed true that on average older people are somewhat heavier users of medical services but are particularly so in the last two years of their lives. Nonetheless, in Ireland, our pension age is 66. The average life expectancy at 66 is about a further 18 years. We can be net contributors to society for 16 years, and even if a liability, due to poor health, for two years, it would be a cold heart that would begrudge us that.

Governments would reduce societal tensions, and costs, by focusing greater efforts on promoting its goal to enhance and extend health-span - the number of years we are healthy and disability free. We, and our organisations, should be supported in our efforts to do so. Our objective should be to plan to ensure that the losses of career related physical activities and social engagement on retirement are replaced to avoid withdrawal and post-retirement decline. The resultant benefits to wider society are great - in both

social and financial terms. The epidemic surely taught us that paid employment is not the only means of building a society's resilience. Many essential workers are indeed unpaid workers. Has it not always been so? Retirees are indeed an asset. Let us speak plainly. We are not a liability.

NEWS

We had a talk on the 12th April on herbal remedies. We learned much and drank a bit too. The first herbal drink I thought was lovely. Having learned that dandelion root it is great for several ailments we tried a drink made from it. Being diplomatic, as I should be - I suppose medicine should taste like medicine. We had a great evening and for that thanks to Rose McCarthy.

We have a series of ceramic art classes on Mondays at 8.15pm, next one Monday 24th in the Heritage room, Kilmurry Museum.

We will be taking a trip to Ballinascarthy on Wednesday 26th. Sure, since they invited us, wouldn't it be discourteous not to go!

We are having Tai chi, yoga, gentle exercise, and meditation, followed by tea, and that followed by a health talk by Rose McCarthy on Wednesday 3rd May at 2pm in Crookstown hall. We will be visiting ESB hydropower generation in Carrigadrohid on the 10th of May.

Aqua aerobics are on Wednesday mornings in Macroom at 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 at 7pm on Mondays, and in Crookstown on Thursdays at 5pm and again at 6pm. The cost is €50 for eight sessions, and proportionately for the remaining sessions.

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.



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Easter celebrations at 1916 Garden, Inchigeela. Thanks to piper, Donal Kelleher, Fr. Anthony, orator, Michael Galvin Historian, local schoolchildren and the organising committee



Easter celebrations at 1916 Garden, Inchigeela

COMMEMORATION

On Easter Sunday those who took part in the struggle for Irish freedom were once again remembered at the Garden of Remembrance in Inchigeela. The tricolour was raised, the Easter Proclamation of Independence was read by Jack Leary and an oration was given by Michael Galvin, historian and author. As the Proclamation was read one could not ignore how the same words still apply to some countries about the world today, who are fighting a similar fight to what was ours a century ago. Mr Galvin gave a very clear and comprehensive picture of the miserable state of our poor country in 1923 and of the uphill struggle to reconcile a divided people. His oration pointed to the fact that it wasn't just the men and women of the guns that were heroes but also the politicians, the economists, churchmen and others who were faced with the task of dealing with a sad divided and impoverished state. His quotation from the Roman statesman, Cicero, lingered for a long time in our heads and got us thinking: "Poor is the nation that has no heroes. But poorer still is the nation that having heroes fails to remember and honour them" Fr Anthony led the crowd in a prayer for all who toiled for our freedom so that we might have a better life. Thanks to the school children and

teacher who braved a chilly wind to sing Amhrán na bhFiann and to piper Donal Kelleher who led the parade and piped a lament. Well done to the commemoration committee who worked hard to see that everything went like clockwork.

SOCIAL DANCING

The Sunday afternoon dancing is going well and being enjoyed by a large gathering. Next dance is to the music of the famous PJ Murrphy and Jerome Coakley on Sunday 30th of April. And looking further ahead, to 14th of May, there's Glór Tíre winner 2022, Aisling Rafferty and Noel Ryan. Dancing from 3pm to 5.30pm. So shine up those dancing shoes and away we go!

CLEAN UP

Big thanks to all who came out for the Good Friday litter picking, to the refreshments providers and not forgetting the Council men who remove the collected material. Ye are all stars!

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The musical on the young man Críostóir O Lúasa, who was killed by British forces in Béal athan Ghaorthaidh a hundred years ago is ready for the



Michael Galvin Historian speaking at the Easter celebrations in Inchigeela

stage. It will be produced from 11 to 13th and 18 to 20th of May. Christy Lucey was a young college student who stayed with his relatives in Túirín Dubh and joined the local IRA volunteers. While attempting to warn his friends of a raid on the area, he was killed by the raiding soldiers. The tragedy and the times will be re enacted in musical form and tickets are available now, Look out for adverts.

GLANADH SUAS

Lá mór ar 6th Bealtaine. Big clean up planned for Ballingearry on May 6th. Lots of help needed by the Tidy Towns All welcome.

The Macroom and District Environmental Group Think Globally, Act Locally

CORRECTION

The article published in LVO on 6th April 2023 incorrectly read "Nutricia has already been fined for releasing contaminated water which goes via the Gearagh through the Lee into the Reservoir." The article inadvertently misquoted an article from the Irish Farmers Journal of 12/5/2018. The Irish Farmers Journal article referred to does not in fact indicate that Nutricia were fined for water contamination but rather for odour emissions

GOING CAR-FREE...IS IT POSSIBLE?

Hi! Chris Barrett here thinking about the reality of giving up the use of our cars. I was reading in the Irish Times Magazine of 11/02/2023, that Manchan Magan decided to avoid flying to Faro in Portugal and experienced real pleasure in experiencing Portugal's geography and its regional characteristics by using ferries, and trains to get there. In the words of Manchan,

"The ferry was 456 euro for 3 nights in a deluxe cabin with access to good "free" food in the premium lounge. The 10 trains through Spain and Portugal came to 370 euro. That's 826 euro in total, as opposed to 60 euro for a flight. The difference is indefensible. But it's clear that in this carbon-choked world the cost of flights must rise to reflect their true impact on our ecosystem and the cost of ferries and trains must fall."

This week I have the pleasure of speaking with Ellie O'Byrne who is acting Editor of the online newsletter, Tripe + Drisheen, and who has tried remaining car-free whilst continuing her normal work-life. This involved travel to Clare, Waterford, Dublin, Tipperary, (and it did feel like a long way to Tipperary for her).

For people who live in the Lee Valley, Cork is often a starting point for a longer journey. Ellie would also have started all her journeys from Cork city, by bike initially, and then she would

bring her bike onto public transport. She found that when travelling from Heuston to get the Dart, it was easier for her to use her bike to do the links. This highlights one of the current issues with public transport in Ireland and that is the lack of connectivity between bus and train, train and train, and bus and bus.

Following her month of going car-free Ellie has decided that she will not currently be able to go car-free in the long-term because her experiences led her to believe it was not sustainable. There was simply not the regularity of service which would allow her to carry on her normal life. This is exemplified by her taking 4.5 hours at a cost of 30 euro to get back from Clonmel to Cork on a Sunday. This was due to a sparse service. It would take her 1.5 hours by car. At the time she was travelling, the service to Cork was via Kilkenny. She went online and found she could get a bus to Limerick Junction and then on to Cork, but the problem with that

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was there was most of an hour's wait for both the bus and train. If your time is your money, this is very hard.

Her frustration was evident in words taken Tripe+Drisheen, "Dublin is of course a transport hub, but connecting via Dublin or trips on the West coast is insanity."

"It's pretty crazy to think that the people I spoke to who had such difficult and arduous journeys this weekend would have had been served by a more efficient rail network 118 years ago than they are today..."

Ellie said that if she was to go car-free for a year, she feels it would work out as better value but she would still experience long amounts of time when she was waiting for connections. For Ellie the larger issue is that the current government policies are pushing people into hardship because they are instituting punitive measures to deter people from owning cars before there is an adequate transport system. She feels this is unethical. It unequally affects different people in society, particularly older people and people in rural areas.

A public transport system is not and cannot be a profit-making enterprise. It is provided by the state for the people who live in the state. It should be heavily subsidised. The cost to



the state of private car ownership is huge. Car ownership, diabetes and obesity may well be closely related according to Ellie. An overall sedentary lifestyle contributes to people using our already stressed health system. Nowadays our employment has changed and only 40% of Irish people work in agriculture. A further attraction of car ownership is the convenience of a warm familiar environment, where you can carry your stuff with you and experience the convenience of leaving or arriving exactly at your destination. Ellie shared some statistics.

1986: There were 960,000 licenced vehicles in Ireland. In

2017: There were 2.7 million licenced vehicles in Ireland.

1990: 11% of the population were obese.

2017: 26% of the population were obese.



I found I had a very enlightening talk with Ellie, enlivened by the likely sighting of an otter in the river outside, and her very positive outlook.

As she was dashing off to yet another assignment, I asked what she felt people could do about the current transport situation.

Her reply was twofold. People should be vocal about their needs to their public representatives. If more people were to use public transport whenever they could, the better it would be. The numbers who use it are noticed.

I would like to thank Ellie for speaking with me and for honestly sharing her experiences regarding being car-free for a month.

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

If you or anyone you know would like to respond to this article, or contribute an Environmental article to this publication, please contact me

Bryan Cooper is a 'winner alright' for the 2023 season at Killarney Races

Recently retired jockey Bryan Cooper has made many media headlines of late following his shock announcement, that he was hanging up his boots at just 30 years of age. It may have been a shock to many in his retirement from race riding but the renowned young Kerry man is showing the same fortitude and resilience in the new and evolving chapter in his life as he did when race riding. In recognition of his successful riding career and the courage, honesty and grace he has shown throughout his career, Killarney Racecourse is delighted to announce Bryan Cooper as the Official Ambassador for the 2023 season at Killarney Races.

Chairman of Killarney Racecourse, Billy O'Sullivan commented, "for Killarney Races this was obvious fit. We are only too delighted to show our support of Bryan Cooper as the next chapter in his career unfolds and we are very much looking forward to working with him in the build-up to and during our four-festival season here at Killarney Races. Bryan is a fantastic young man who has shown great courage in choosing to speak out the way he has done about his reasons for retiring and he did so with such grace, it is most honourable and we are thrilled to have him on board."

The news comes as preparations are well underway at Killarney Racecourse for their busy racing season which is set to kick off from May 14. With no less than four festivals to choose from, between May and October, there is something for everyone from tickets to dining options at Ireland's most scenic racecourse as all



Killarney Races Ambassador Bryan Cooper launches Season 2023

packages officially go live online today! MayFest takes place from Sunday, 14th to Tuesday 16th inclusive, offering two jump cards followed by an all-flat fixture. A popular fixture with locals, this offers a great chance to let your hair down before the tourist season really kicks off in town!

JulyFest is a real highlight on the racing and social calendar that takes place from Monday 17th to Friday 21st inclusive with a mix of national hunt and flat meetings across the 5 day fixture. There is plenty of competition off the track also, as Friday 21st will host the Lee Strand Best Dressed Competitions.

AugustFest takes place from Thursday 24th to Saturday 26th inclusive. A wonderful festival to mark the last hurrah of the busy Summer season in the Kingdom. This is a great social occasion with top class racing where all the fun of a festival is guaranteed in abundance.

OctoberFest is a relatively new addition to the calendar at Killarney Races and offers patrons

a more relaxed weekend festival experience on Saturday 30th of September and Sunday 1st of October. Bryan Cooper, Ambassador of Killarney Races said "The support I have received since I announced my retirement has been incredible. The swift approach by my local track to be their official ambassador for the season was most welcomed and a very special honour indeed. I love horse-racing, I always have loved it and I always will and whatever the next chapter in my career holds this is a cracking start for which I am grateful and I can't wait to be there on the opening day of the season on May 14th!"

There are many options available to experience the festivals at Killarney Races. From general admission tickets with ample public food and beverage offerings, free car parking and ample lawn and indoor seating options to value added group packages complete with racecards, food and beverages. Not to mention, the mouth-watering four course dining and hospitality offering available in the stunning panoramic restaurant complete with a private balcony overlooking the entire racecourse and mountainous backdrop for which Killarney Races is famous.

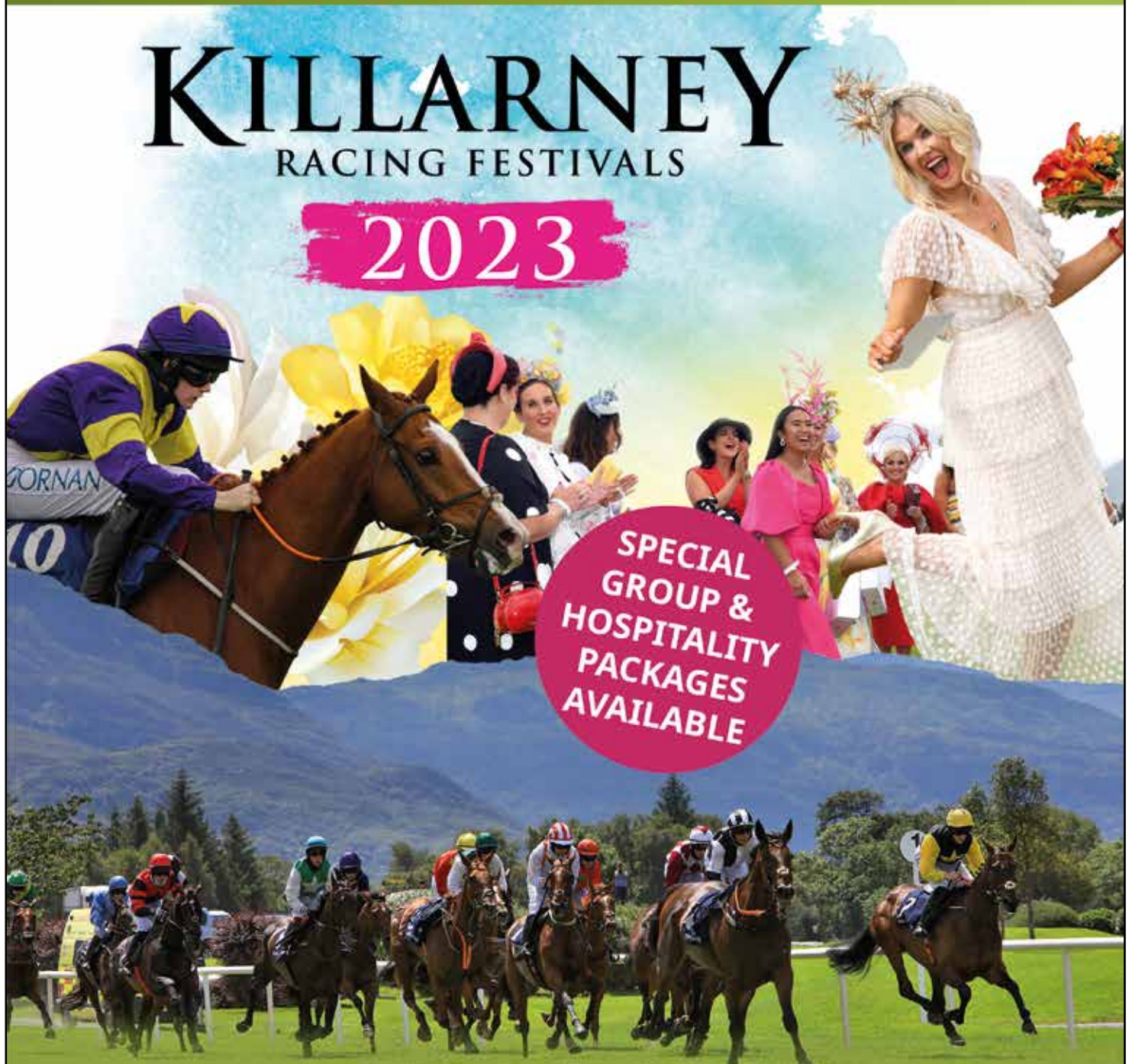
So come along to Killarney Races to meet Bryan and all the gang who have been working hard behind the scenes at the boutique racecourse in preparation of their opening meet next month. For further information or to make your festival bookings today or for sponsorship and promotional enquiries visit killarneyraces.ie or call 064 6631125.

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MUSKERRY'S MOST FAMOUS MOTOR - THE STORY OF THE 'MOON CAR'

Described by the Irish Examiner as "one of the rarest cars in the world," a bright yellow, 1919 Rolls Royce 'Silver Ghost,' which, obvious to any observer, is an exceptionally sporty, luxury sedan. Such a vehicle in the present day would be regarded as rare, however, it is one core improvement, and the car's history, that makes it so unique. Possessing a heavy machine gun, mounted behind the front passengers, it was known as the 'Moon Car,' as it was used in late night attacks by the IRA during the 'Tan' and Civil Wars in Cork. The car traversed a vast scope of territory in its activities, from the western outskirts of Cork city, to the surrounds of Macroom, Millstreet, Ballyvourney, up to north-west of the county. According to the National Museum of Ireland, it was closely associated with the mid-Cork IRA (organised as the Cork No.1 Brigade), which the museum described as "among the most audacious and innovative IRA units of the revolutionary period." Of course, this Brigade was commanded by Sean O'Hegarty and Herbert Sean Mitchell, both members of the Army Executive, who hold a distinguished place in Irish history. It is not certain as to how such a vehicle found itself in the possession of the IRA, however, it was utilised to great effect by possibly the most fearsome unit in the organisation's history.

The 21st of March, 1924, was a day that was quite similar to almost any other day on the Spike Island. Even though the Civil War had been over for almost to a year, bitterness continued to fester throughout the ranks of both sides. Their rage was directed at the national government that supported the treaty. The fact that British forces were still stationed in the Free State and in Northern Ireland made them an obvious target, and it is inconceivable that the British troops stationed on Spike Island were unaware of the fact that their presence was not widely appreciated. Despite this, they were responsible for maintaining the defences of a harbour that for centuries was considered to be the back door into England. This allowed them to provide a level of commerce and



The "Moon Car"

wealth to the town of Cobh, which was lessened, but nevertheless was still there. Around fifty soldiers who were stationed on Spike Island's garrison boarded the launch Sir John Wyndham on the evening of 21 March and headed in the direction of Cobh.

O'Hegarty and Mitchell were no strangers to maritime guerrilla warfare, as they had co-orchestrated the only naval victory by an Irish force against the British Empire in the capture of the Upnor, which occurred at the outset of the Civil War. This also took place near Cobh (regrettably, Mitchell's key role in events such as these had been largely forgotten until more recent times, due to his adamant pursuit of anonymity in his later years). The capture of the Upnor (and its associated munitions) served as a source of outrage for Winston Churchill MP, then British Secretary of State for the Colonies. Churchill denounced the raid in the House of Commons.

Summoning the Moon Car, O'Hegarty and Mitchell deployed a team to Spike Island. The Rolls Royce, sitting by the pier entrance at Spike Island, had approximately four or five occupants, according to eyewitness reports. These occupants were, of course, IRA members, but they had disguised themselves in National Army uniforms. They did not speak a word, and in addition to their remarkable manner of transportation, they did not reveal anything else. The Moon Car was hiding in wait for the British soldiers, and it was about



Herbert Sean Mitchell and Sean O'Hegarty

to become inextricably linked to Spike Island in a way that could never be undone. The British soldiers were following a well-worn pattern as they ascended the stairs of Kennedy Pier while leisurely conversing among themselves. Suddenly, the canvas canopy of the Rolls Royce collapsed, revealing two Lewis machine guns. They started shooting without any delay, spreading bullets all over the dock and into the defenceless troops and citizens that were located there. As the bullets finished their terrible tirade, people were screaming and running for their lives as bodies began to fall to the ground. Following a prolonged burst, the automobile sped off in the direction of Cobh's High Road, but it came to an abrupt halt at the beginning of the road, directly in line with the British Naval Destroyer HMS Scythe, which was berthed in the Irish Treaty Port. The machine guns began to rumble once again, this time dispersing rounds all down the length of the destroyer. When it fired up again, the automobile vanished out of the municipality and into fabled history, and it was not seen again for many decades after its mystical disappearance.

However, it was discovered in a farm-yard in Bweeng in the 1980s by an individual, using a metal detector, who kept it in a scrap yard for 20 years. It was later acquired and restored by a Rolls Royce collector, who donated it to the National Museum of Ireland in 2020.

MACROOM CINEMAS IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY BY CON KELLEHER

Macroom had four cinemas over the twentieth century - all were in the town centre and two occupied the same site. Films were shown in schools, halls and other venues but this article will concentrate on cinemas as the experience of watching a film inside or outside a cinema are very different. The four Macroom cinemas were:

1. 1911- c.1930 - The Old Picture House, Temperance/School Lane Barrett Place;
2. 1933-34 - The Castle Cinema, Castle Grounds;
3. 1953-88 - The Palace Cinema, Main Street and
4. 1999-2015 - The Briery Gap, which followed in the Palace's location.

The first mentioned was the only one to function as a cinema only, although the building had been a boys' national school previously; the last screened 'Inspector Gadget' in late 1999. A cinema is part of the 'new' Briery Gap, whose completion and opening is delayed by some difficulties, as I understand it. Post- Covid, people need places to meet and to be entertained; a functioning Briery Gap would add greatly to the well-being and health of the area.

John Buckley (Masseytown), a Master Painter was the first Macroom film impresario. His son was John Francis R.I.P. and his grandchildren, Bernie (Macroom Community Hospital), Seán and Margaret are alive and well. John/J.J. O'Sullivan, Glenview, Macroom opened The Castle Cinema, on 26 December 1933. The Palace Cinema was built in Main Street, Macroom, on the site of a former 'chemist's shop' and opened in 1953 - 'Scaramouche' was its first film. Jerry Lucey, Railway View, with financial backing, was the principal promoter. Like other local halls, it was multi-purpose and hosted a Paddy Crosby 'School Around The Corner' radio broadcast, concerts, bingo, plays, discos (in the 1980s), fashion shows and 'Tops of the Town' contests among other items; but its principal and, mostly, only business was cinema. Denis Murphy managed the Palace after Lucey's death (1979) until it closed in 1988. When the Briery Gap Theatre and Library opened in November 1999, built on the Palace Cinema site, it showed films again, combining theatre and cinema. 'Inspector Gadget' premièred there on 15

December 1999.

Films and cinema are relatively new phenomena; referring to the twentieth century, British historian A.J.P. Taylor described 'cinema-going as the essential social habit of the age'. Films paved the way for television, videos and now the internet, Netflix etc. are omnipresent. Movies can be seen on the above media as well as on phones, a far cry from their beginning. Macroom cinema's history captures many of the developments, fears and influences, and importance that films brought to Ireland.

Curiosity, technology, story-telling, theatre and photography are the elements that begot films. Indian cave drawings from ancient times testify to mankind's urge to record and immortalise. Art, portraits and literature recorded epic tales of war and romance, conquest and martyrdom, glorification and homage. The last quarter of the nineteenth century had 'produced a passion for shows and exhibitions' of many kinds. Robinson outlines the evolution of the techniques of producing projected images through Daguerre's



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Diorama. Magic lanterns, known for many years for projecting images, came into their own with better illumination and improved production of slides so that by 1870, they could project clearly an image across Albert Hall. Illustrious scientists such as Michael Faraday, Thomas Edison and Emile Reynaud created cinema innovations and used exotic terms for their particular inventions. Joseph Niépce (1765-1833) was the first to develop a method of 'fixing' an image chemically. Daguerre further developed it and enhancements followed. As Robinson wrote, the perfection of photography (and cinema) was the solution of known problems. Muybridge and Marey enabled multiple image-taking in a minute, and Edison introduced film rolls. By February 1895, the Lumière brothers had patented a camera that could photograph and project images. That same year they showed the first film in Paris on 28 December. Cork screened a film first in April, 1886, and Dublin followed seven months later, in November. The new gadgets and exhibitions were sensations and drew attention, money, investments and the further interests of scientists/inventors such as Porter and Méliès. Developments included using previously shot scenes, smoother 'knitting' of images and camera rolls.

These advances led to the openings of first cinemas in Paris, 1897, the U.S. (Los Angeles) in 1902 and Dublin in 1907 – the Volta. James Joyce, renowned Irish author, was its first manager and it was the first Irish single-purpose cinema. Macroom's first cinema, The Old Picture House, was opened in 1911, in School Lane/r Temperance Lane, in a disused boys' national school. (It was later the site of O'Leary's Hatcheries; Sullane Haven is located there).

James Kelleher, Macroom, in his book 'Memoirs of Macroom', gives a witty account of going to the cinema there.

'Before the advent of the 'talkies' and the opening of the new cinema . . . the Old Picture House, as it was called, was situated in School Lane, . . . It was a very old building which had been a Temperance Hall and then a National School up to about 1908. It had not been well maintained.'

He noted that there were three distinct seating areas - four pence, nine pence and one shilling (twelve pence) per seat. Regulars included "Molly Shambo", Nonie Collins, Willie Joe, 'Toby' and 'Sailor', well-known town characters. Bobby O'Neill was the projectionist and Nora Murray played the piano on Sunday nights only. In the event of a breakdown, which was 'pretty often', the lights were switched on and she played popular tunes, with everyone joining in. 'The popular films were the cowboy stories' and '(L)love stories starring Greta Garbo and Lillian Gish were poorly attended and not much appreciated'. He observed that '(L) love scenes, however, were received with loud whistling and stamping on the timber floor'. The advent of the 'talkies' in the late 1920s possibly heralded its demise. Another result of 'talkies' was the virtual disappearance of non-English films from Irish cinemas - because of the language barrier, which led in turn to a heavy dependence on American and British movies. That, in turn, caused 'moral issues' about films' content.

During a wave of increased cinema-going, John/J.J. O'Sullivan opened the Castle Cinema in Macroom in December 1933; initially it had a



Oakwood 'Harp' football team; playing spontaneously - and from 'the ground up'; no adults. Maybe sport for the young should be more like this?

Philips sound system and a capacity of 350 seats. Despite some technical difficulties and legal issues, it screened films regularly until about 1942, as far as can be judged by newspaper advertising. Due to 'The Emergency', film-showing decreased and it seems business never quite picked up again there. Its diversification into staging concerts, operettas, pantomimes and drama festivals suggests it was struggling with its core business. About 1950, it installed a dance floor. Films shown included 'Three Cheers for Love' in 1937 and 'Pygmalion' in 1939. 'Mutiny on the Bounty', with Charles Laughton and Clark Gable and 'Woman Tamer' starring George Raft and Joan Bennett were screened in 1937. 'Ebb Tide', 'Dramatic School' and 'Dawn Patrol' with Errol Flynn were featured in 1938. In 1940 'From the Manger to the Cross' was shown in Macroom as well as in other Munster venues. This drew some clerical opposition but was advertised as being approved by Cardinal McRory, Armagh, Primate of All-Ireland. 'The Story of Gilbert and Sullivan' was screened as late as August 1954. O'Sullivan himself was an interesting




New town murals.



New town murals.

character. He had fought in WW1 and was involved in the founding of Macroom Golf Club. His day-job was Macroom Court clerk, and he later ran the Social Welfare Office, at the rear of the Castle Cinema. During the 1950s, he was a director of Cork Athletic Association Football Club (soccer). In 1958 The Castle Cinema and Ballroom was advertised for twelve months' letting. The only record of complaint about the cinema arose in 1940. Macroom Urban District Councillor Charlie Browne (Fianna Fáil) complained of the way the national anthem was played. A condition of the licence was the playing of the national anthem after each performance. According to Browne, the anthem was played 'after most of the audience had left the hall'. He pointed out that O'Sullivan held two 'state' positions and that the national anthem should not be treated in such a fashion by anyone, especially a civil servant. Browne was a veteran of the War of Independence and an Anti-Treatyite in the Civil War. A motion that the national anthem should be played promptly after the performance was passed unanimously.

K. M. (née K.C. {b. 1932}) remembers attending the Castle Cinema in her youth. Mostly cowboy films were shown and she recalled one cinema-goer 'riding the horses' when those scenes were playing. The films shown were perfectly clean and moral, and she could not recall anything 'suggestive'. There was no local outcry from the clergy, local or visiting 'missioners', about content. Kathleen was reared in a pub in the South Square, Macroom run by her mother. When old enough, she and her sisters helped in the bar; one reward was being allowed 'to go to the pictures'. Sunday nights were the busiest and often the hall was full. The picture and sound were of good quality and the cinema was well-heated. In the cinema there were three sections; at the front were hard benches, with tickets costing eight pennies (0/8d); behind those was a seated area (of modest quality) and entry here was 1/3 (one shilling and three pennies) and the rear section had good seats and cost 1/9 each. These were for the better-off sections of society. Men and women were customers, and she does not remember it as a 'courting' venue. In 1930's-1950's Macroom, K. pointed out that there was very little to do for entertainment. Not many houses had wirelesses; television was first broadcast in the Republic in 1961 and it took some years for many families to obtain TVs. Other pastime choices were reading, occasional dances and participation in choral productions, pantomimes or concerts. Sports participation was largely male, with



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camogie played briefly in Macroom in the 1930s and late 1940s. In the early 1950s, she was dating her late husband; she remembers, and has proof of, attending the Palace Cinema on its opening night.

For a short period, 1953-54, two cinemas operated in Macroom – the Castle and the Palace. Macroom's third cinema, the Palace, was specifically-built in Main Street and opened on 5 April, 1953, with Scaramouche. It was a state-of-the-art building, with a 500-seat capacity, heating and air-conditioning and had a balcony. Local businessman Jerry Lucey (nicknamed 'Poor Luce') was the principal figure and managing director. A town 'character' and charismatic figure, he and his brother Danny, had made money during the Emergency by drawing turf from Littleton bog in Tipperary to heat Cork hospitals; he and his family became synonymous with Macroom cinema. The town had a population of 2,277 in 1951 and was the main urban-service centre for West Muskerry with a hinterland of about 20,000 in seventeen surrounding parishes. Some local villages showed films at this time – Ballyvourney, Coachford, Killumney and Donoughmore did so. The Palace showed films from then until 1988: it was very successful in the earlier years, but was closed because of lack of support. The cinema was used overwhelmingly for films but it also hosted concerts, fashion shows, talent competitions, bingo, a television programme, auctions and, in its latter years, discos. Initially, films were shown almost every night, apart from the concerts etc. and Holy Thursdays to Easter Saturdays. From about 1980 until it closed, films were shown at weekends only, except when 'hits' were on the menu.

America and Britain provided the vast majority of films; very occasionally a European or an Irish-made film was shown; *Mise Éire* (1956, director George Morrison) was an example of the latter. Films were obtained from central distributors and one took what one got – there was little or no local control. Distribution became centralised and rural cinemas' access to films moved down the pecking order. Strict censorship obtained until the mid 1960s; as well, distributors would have known what was acceptable in rural cinemas. Receiving and dispatching films was tightly controlled as prints were few and non-compliance with scheduling drew sanctions. Equally, it meant that over time most Irish audiences saw very similar ranges of films.

While almost every local attended Macroom cinemas at some point, in the absences of records it is hard to be categorical as to who attended. The Pope family, Cork-city merchants, had the contract to supply Cork hospitals 1939-1946. Jerry and Danny Lucey worked for them. Jerry, with Popes' financial backing, built the Palace Cinema in 1953. It was for them a business opportunity. Film attendances in Ireland reached about 54 annual million visits in the 1950s. Later a Lucey-led consortium bought the Montrose Ballroom, built in 1964, in 1965. Family members staffed the cinema desk, counted takings and kept records. Jerry did lodgements and paid wages. Billy and Pat Murphy and John Vaughan were projectionists,

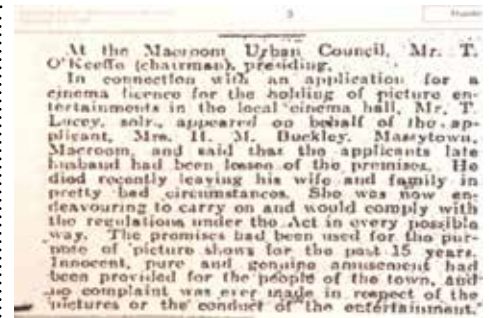


Frank and Lesley, shortly before The Bigger Picture's closure after 16 years in business. Thanks for your great service - you will be badly missed.

Paddy/'Patie' Manning was 'bouncer/usher' and Donal O'Callaghan, until his accident, maintained the building. Evidence that the cinema did very well initially is verified by the fact that Jerry Lucey financed the university education of his three eldest children and commercial courses for six younger children. Irish university student grants were introduced in 1968, and were means tested. Before that, fees and maintenance were privately paid, and commercial college/schools were excluded.

For some 'big' films, queues extended down the Main Street for about seventy yards. The Ten Commandments was one such and *Mise Éire* (1961) another. Exhortations to attend by De La Salle brothers and Mercy nuns increased attendances: it may have been 'obligatory' to go. Many regulars attended and in the memory of some, most attendees were male adults. Our neighbours were allowed to go more than our family members leading to disappointment: but no, my mother was firm, except on rare occasions. Seán O Riada and his wife Ruth, Coolea, were regular patrons. Westerns were very popular; those featuring Audie Murphy were particularly so. The cinema continued to be busy until the 1970s when numbers dwindled. Television was the first 'competitor' to shrink numbers. From 1961 more and more homes bought sets – President Kennedy's 1962 visit was televised and was a great boost for TV sales. Television perhaps triggered the attendance decline. Another factor came into play around 1970; film distribution was centralised, and the main cities' and large towns' cinemas received preference in screening pictures; small venues often had to wait months to show the new and exciting films. As prosperity increased in the 1970, wider car-ownership enabled people to travel to see the new releases in nearby Cork. When shown eventually in Macroom, many local patrons had already seen them. The Sound of Music eventually came but the Palace had to show it for about two weeks. As many potential patrons had already seen it, it was a loss financially. On many nights, desk staff 'twiddled their thumbs' due to lack of business.

Following Lucey's sudden death in 1979, the cinema was run by Denis Murphy, Spar, (RIP) – they were 'connected' through marriage. Murphy was already involved in staging the very popular and very big Macroom Mountain Dew Festival, 1976-82. Cinemas at this time had two further problems. The first was a severe economic recession



Evening Echo, 25 October 1926.

(1980s) which brought high emigration, mostly of young people, high unemployment and high inflation. Many of those who left were young but educated, as opposed to the 1950s emigrants. All entertainments were hit including cinema-going. Further, videos became available and despite the high cost of machines and rental, they became very popular. At one point, five video clubs operated in Macroom. Watching at home for more than one was cheaper, videos were exchanged, allegedly un-censored copies of films were available and some people copied the videos and created a black market. Videos lessened substantially cinemas' use of older classics as they were readily available to rent. All this further eroded cinema-going and the Palace now showed films only at week-ends. A maple floor had been installed in the 1970s and Murphy introduced under-21, alcohol-free Saturday-night discos for financial reasons. Despite this and other measures such as late-night films, the Palace showed its last film, 'Crocodile Dundee' in 1988. The cinema lay derelict until it was bought by Cork Council County in the 1990 and, with an enormous voluntary community effort, The Briery Gap was built and showed another film, 'Inspector Gadget' in the dying embers of 1999.

A further article will look at some films shown and discuss censorship – banning and cutting - of films in Ireland and dictated what was screened in Macroom.

In the interest of the community, delays should be addressed and resolved as quickly as possible. We live in a world with climate change, starvation in many places and war in Europe. Our life in Ireland has many problems but is precious but fragile. As a local community, can we, in Macroom, not resolve our differences reasonably and get vital community facilities such as the Briery Gap Theatre, Cinema and Library in use as soon as possible? I look forward to when I can next see a film in a Macroom cinema, just as Macromprians did as long ago as 1911.

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Tuairín Dubh

Tá ceoldráma dhá-theangach nua-scríofa ‘Tuairín Dubh’ ag Alan Kiely, Kevin Connolly agus Seán Óg Ó Duinnín le cur ar stáitse ag Cumann Léirithe Bhéal Átha’n Ghaorthaidh sa Halla i mBéal Átha’n Ghaorthaidh i Mí Bealtaine. Seo an chéad seó dá leithéid don Chumann Léirithe agus an chéad léiriú dá leithéid sa cheantar. Tá aithne go haitiúil ar Kevin agus Alan ós na ceoldramaí móra le rá ‘Murder at Shandy Hall’, ‘Sir Henry’ agus ‘Shame the Devil’ agus tá Seán Óg ina dteannta anois le ceoldráma as Gaeilge agus Béarla a chur os comhair an phobail.

Alan Kiely, Kevin Connolly and Seán Óg Ó Duinnín have written a new bilingual musical ‘Tuairín Dubh’ to be staged by Cumann Léirithe Bhéal Átha’n Ghaorthaidh in Ballingearry May 11th-13th and 18th-20th. Alan & Kevin are well known for their wonderful productions ‘Murder at Shandy Hall’, ‘Sir Henry’ and ‘Shame the Devil’ but this bilingual production is the first of its kind in the area.

Baineann an sceál le heachtraí ó Chogadh na Saoirse sa cheantar i 1920. Tá ar an óglach Criostóir Ó Luasa dul ar teitheadh ón gcathair amach go dtí a mhuintir sa Tuairín Dubh i mBéal Átha’n

Ghaorthaidh agus is i bpluais a bhí a chodladh a fhaid is a bhí sé ann. Bhí na hÓglaigh láidir agus gníomhach sa cheantar agus bhí Cumann na mBan tacúil go maith chomh maith. ‘Ní cailíní aimsire an Cumann dos na hÓglaigh’ a chanann na mná agus gan iad, bheadh rudaí an-difriúil do mhuintir na hÉireann.

Set in 1920 during the War of Independence, ‘Tuairín Dubh’ tells the story of a young volunteer, Christopher Lucey, who is on the run and must leave the city heading west to his relations in Tuairín Dubh, Ballingearry.

Bhí fórsaí na Breataine lonnaithe i Máigh Chromtha agus iad ar ruathar go minic ar na bailte sa cheantar agus iad ar thóir na nÓglach. Baineadh geit astu nuair a thóg Óglaigh na háite na ‘leoraithe péint’ agus a bhí ann ag Céim an Fhia agus cé gur caitheadh go maith leis na Manchesters a bhí ann ar an lá, d’fhill na saighdiúirí agus na dúchrónaigh ar ruathair sa Tuairín Dubh agus iad ar thóir Criostóir Ó Luasa. Tragóid uafáis a thiteann amach sa Tuairín Dubh ar an ócáid sin.

The British forces stationed in Macroom raided the surrounding areas regularly searching for the

volunteers. They were taken by surprise by the volunteers in Ballingearry with the ambush of two supply lorries travelling through Céim an Fhia. The Manchester Regiment on board were captured and treated well before being sent on their way back to Macroom. This preceded an intensification of focus on the area culminating in the tragedy in Tuairín Dubh with Kilmichael following shortly afterwards.

Cé gur tragóid é, bíonn an-spórt ag na caractéirí áitiúla agus iad ag iarraidh taitneamh a bhaint as an gnáth-shaol faoin dtuath le linn an ama dúshlánach seo.

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Connected Hubs Showcase Day

Connected Hubs to host a national showcase promoting the benefits of hub working in Ireland. On April 26th hubs across the country will open their doors for a national Connected Hubs Showcase Day.

Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys will officially launch the series of open day initiatives with a visit to the Creative Spark Downtown Hub in Dundalk in County Louth. The hub will host an event focussed on town regeneration, hub users and their experience of returning to the area and working from the hub. On the day hubs across the Connected Hubs network will display the incredible variety and regional diversity with a focus on promoting why their hub and locality are great places for remote workers. This open day is taking place in support of the Government's national campaign promoting Remote Work and is likely to become an annual event in the Connected Hubs calendar.

Connected Hubs is a flagship initiative led by Minister Humphreys and the Department of Rural and Community Development and implemented by the Western Development Commission. The initiative will connect and deepen the remote working infrastructure across rural Ireland.

The network now has 315 hubs across the country registered on its online platform. One of the aims of the Connected Hubs initiative is to create a shared platform and brand and to raise awareness of hubs, the services they offer and the opportunities to relocate to, or establish a business from anywhere in Ireland, as well as developing and raising awareness of hubs as convenient and professional distributed workplaces.



As part of this national initiative Macroom Enterprise Centre in Bowl Road, Macroom will hold an open day on the 27th of April from 10am-2pm. The goal of the Macroom Enterprise Centre event is to showcase our co-working area to potential remote workers and to familiarise the wider community in our facilities. Registration is free and can be found here <https://connectedhubs.ie/events/event/showcase-day-2023>

Minister for Rural and Community Development Heather Humphreys commented:

"When I launched 'Our Rural Future', the most ambitious and transformational policy for rural development in decades, I set an ambitious goal to have 400 remote working hubs nationwide by 2025. We are well on track to exceed that target with 315 Hubs already on the national Connected Hubs network.

"I have met remote workers in every county who tell me the huge difference working from their local Hub has made to their lives: Less time commuting; More time with family; Better work-life balance.

"Connected Hubs is playing a pivotal role in rural regeneration by allowing people to live, work and raise a family in their own locality. I believe

that in the 21st century the local Connected Hub will perform as important a role as the Carnegie Library network did in the last century, providing a portal for learning, economic opportunities and empowering our rural communities across the country."

Stephen Carolan, National Hub Network Programme Manager said

"This national Connected Hubs Showcase Day will see hubs from all over the country take on the role as key activators of community activity, promoting their locality as a great place to live, work and invest in. In the same way that Culture Night, Enterprise Week, the Tidy Town Awards and Seachtain na Gaeilge celebrate and raise awareness of their respective missions it will highlight the mission of hubs in driving the economic and social development of their locality."

The showcase day will encourage more employers, small businesses and start-ups to consider the wide range of remote working options available nationally. It will also enable individual hubs to strengthen their stakeholder relationships and collaborate to attract investment, remote workers, home buyers, shoppers and visitors to their locality Eoin Costello, National Director of Showcase Day said "This national initiative will help address the three pillars needed to deliver on the rural repopulation through remote working goals of the Department of Rural & Community Development's 'Our Rural Future', a strong hub in a vibrant locality with engaged stakeholders. It will help local people know the value of their hub and what it does in a very visible way."

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MUNSTER SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Quarter Final: Clare 0 – 14 Cork 0 – 13

Clare footballers stunned Cork with an injury-time winner in a dramatic Munster SFC quarter-final at Ennis, on Easter Sunday. Cork had just levelled the game in the third minute of injury but from the kick out Clare corner-back Cillian Rouine came up the right wing unattended and fisted over the winning point, which left Clare with a Munster semi final against Limerick and a likely place in the final, which brings automatic qualification for the All Ireland A series. Cork, who finished fourth in Div 2 of the National League are now dependent on the outcome of other games to determine whether they will be in the hunt for Sam Maguire glory, or in the B championship vying for the Tailteann Cup. In the first half, Clare settled quicker and led by 0-2 before Cork hit back with a run of frees from Sherlock who levelled in the 13th minute. Clare edged back in front again but Cork then struck something of a purple patch by claiming three points without response, 0-4 to 0-3 by the 20th minute. Brian O'Driscoll crashed a shot against the underside of the crossbar but Rory Maguire kicked a point from play, after 26 minutes and when Clare replied, Sherlock closed out the scoring with his fifth free approaching the break.

Points from Steven Sherlock, who had replaced the injured Brian Hurley from the start, and Sean Powter made it 0-9 to 0-5 lead after 40 minutes but that was as good as it got for Cork who by now had lost control of midfield. Clare drew level and Cork keeper Micheál Aodh Martin made a terrific one-handed save on the hour.

Scorers for Cork: S Sherlock 0-10 (0-7 f, 0-1 45), S Powter, R Maguire, K O'Donovan 0-1 each.

Cork: MA Martin (Nemo Rangers); K O'Donovan (do), D O'Mahony (Knocknagree), T Walsh (Kanturk); Luke Fahy (Ballincollig), R Maguire (Castlehaven), M Taylor (Mallow); Colm O'Callaghan (Éire Óg), I Maguire (St Finbarr's); E McSweeney (Knocknagree), R Deane (Bantry Blues), B O'Driscoll (Tadhg MacCarthaighs); S Powter (Douglas), S Sherlock (St Finbarr's), Chris Óg Jones (Iveleary). Subs: Killian O'Hanlon, Conor Corbett, John O'Rourke and Cian Kiely.

The defeat affects Cork, who can still qualify for the All-Ireland series, unless Leinster and Ulster

produce a series of unlikely results, but Cork will go in with the number 4 seeds in the four groups of four teams each.

The opening game on May 20-28 is against a provincial runner-up, which could be Sligo or New York from Connacht or possibly Meath in Leinster. Westmeath (last year's Tailteann Cup winners, and Louth, 3rd in league Div 2, are immune to the unfolding drama of the coming weeks, Meath/Kildare are in a vulnerable position needing a Leinster final appearance to survive in the Sam Maguire. The side of the draw in Ulster involving Armagh against Cavan and Donegal taking on Down could also affect the final 16, notably if Cavan or Down reach the final.

Munster U20 Football Championship

Semi final: Cork v Limerick April 17th.

Munster Final: April 24th live on TG4

The Cork U20 Football team selected to play Limerick: Callum Dungan (Carrigaline): Dan Twomey (Ballinascarthy), Jacob O'Driscoll (Valley Rovers), Captain, Darragh Murray (Glanmire): Thomas O'Mahony (Castlehaven), Tommy Walsh (Kanturk), Sean Brady (Ballygarvan): Eoghan Nash (Douglas), Sean Dore (Ballincollig): Olan Corcoran (St Mary's), Liam O'Connell (Ballincollig), Richard O'Sullivan (Newcestown): Peadar O'Rourke (Carbery Rangers), Hugh O'Connor (Newmarket), Tom Cunningham (Kilshannig). Subs: Mikey O'Connell (St Michael's), Mikey Quirke (Ballinora), Fionn Crowley (St Finbarr's), Chris Kenneally (Clonakilty), Eoin de Burca (St Michael's), Paddy O'Driscoll (Gabriel Rangers), Niall Kelly (Newcestown), Mike McSweeney (Knocknagree), Ross Corkery (Nemo Rangers)

Munster Minor Football Quarter Final

Kerry v Cork, P Uí Chaoimh May 11th 7pm, on TG4 YouTube sport Winners and losers advance to semi final stage against Round Robin finalists

Munster Senior Hurling Championship (round robin format)

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

Cork v Tipperary on Sat May 6th, P Uí Chaoimh 7pm Clare v Cork on Sunday May 21st at Ennis

Limerick v Cork on Sunday May 28th in Limerick
Munster U20 Hurling Championship (Round Robin)

Group: Cork 1-17 Waterford 1-13, Cork 1-28 Tipperary 1-19, Cork v Limerick April 28 Semi Final: 2nd v 3rd - May 8th: Final: 1st v semi final winners May 15th.

Cork 1-28 Tipperary 1-19

BEN Cunningham scored 1-13 as Cork moved to the top of the oneills.com Munster U20 Hurling Championship round robin with victory over Tipperary at Páirc Uí Chaoimh.

The result was only made safe as Cork scored seven of the final eight points after a Tipp revival had seen them cut a seven-point deficit to three with seven minutes left.

Scorers for Cork: B Cunningham 1-13 (0-8 f), T O'Connell, W Buckley 0-3 each, D Healy, C Walsh, J Leahy 0-2 each, D O'Sullivan, E O'Leary, R O'Sullivan 0-1 each.

Cork: B Saunderson (Midleton); S Daly (Randal Óg), Shane Kingston (Ballinora), D O'Sullivan (Ballinassig); J Dwyer (Ballincollig), E Downey (Glen Rovers), M Mullins (Whitechurch, c); T O'Connell (Ballincollig), A O'Sullivan (Ballinassig); D Healy (Lisgoold), B Cunningham (St Finbarr's), Brian Keating (Ballincollig); W Buckley (St Finbarr's); J Leahy (Dungourney), C Walsh (Kanturk). Subs: T Wilks (Cobh), R O'Sullivan (Na Piarasigh), E O'Leary, D Cremin (Midleton), C Doolin (St Finbarrs).

Munster Minor Hurling Championship

Round Robin: Cork 3-19 Waterford 0-15, Cork 2-12 Tipperary 1-8, v Clare 18th, Limerick 25th.

Semi Final: 2nd v 3rd Final: 1st team v semi final winners

Cork: Oisín Walsh (Youghal): Oier O'Callaghan (Liscarroll Churchtown Gaels), Darragh McCarthy (Passage), Carthaigh Cronin (Midleton): Cillian O'Callaghan (Kiltha Óg), Ben Walsh (Killeagh), David O'Leary (Ballincollig): James O'Leary (Lisgoold), Conor McCarthy (Glen Rovers): Johnny Murphy (Dromina), Zack Biggane (Charleville), Barry Walsh (Killeagh): Sean Meade (Killeagh), Barry O'Flynn (Sarsfields), Finn O'Brien (Erins Own). Subs: Fionn Murphy (Killeagh), Sean O'Callaghan (Aghada), Johnny Galvin (Éire Óg), Oisín O'Connell (Carrigaline), Patrick Walsh (Carrigtwohill), Conor McCarthy (St Finbarr's), Ronan Dooley (Douglas), Brian Lynch (Youghal), James O'Brien (St Colmans) LGFA

Munster LGFA Senior Championship



Gary O'Brien with his son Callum wishing Kevin Kelleher, pictured here with his son Oisín and wife Mary, good luck at the recent Coachford Cycling Club sportif, in aid of Down Syndrome Cork and the Irish Cancer Society.



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Kerry, Cork, Waterford and Tipperary will contest the Munster Championship on a round robin basis and finishing places will determine placing in each of the four groups of three teams for the TG4 All Ireland series.

Cork v Kerry, Sunday May 7th 2023

Cork County Final U21 A

Naomh Abán 4-8 Glanmire 0-4

Naomh Abán made history as they won the Cork Ladies' Football U21A title for the first time by defeating Glanmire in Easter Monday's one-sided decider at Pairc Ui Chaoimh 4G pitch.

Aided by a strong gale in the opening half, Glanmire had the Muskerry Gaeltacht side pinned back, but they had to wait until the 13th minute to score the game's opening point. Naomh Abán promptly hit back and they opened their account when Lydia Ní Dhonncha drilled home a goal from the edge of the Imokilly side's square a minute later.

Glanmire stayed within touching distance to level matters but a point by Naomh Abán's Annie Ní Mheachair gave her side an interval lead of 1-1 to 0-3.

The second half was one-way traffic in favour of the Muskerry Gaeltacht side. Ní Dhonncha and Ní Mheachair slotted over points from play, and this was followed by a pointed free by Grace Ní Mhurchú. Naomh Abán continued to have the East Cork side on the back foot as Ní Mhurchú and Ní Mheachair each scored goals and Lydia McDonagh punished fouling with a point from a free. N Abán had Glanmire back on the defensive in the closing stages. Ní Dhonncha and Ní Mheachair each slotted over points and Lydia Ní Dhonncha got their fourth goal from the corner of the square.

Scorers for Naomh Abán: L Ní Dhonncha 2-4 (0-1 f); A Ní Mheachair 1-3; G Ní Mhurchú 1-1 (0-1f).

Naomh Abán: L Ní Aodh; Aoibh Ní Chríodáin, Aoife Ní Chríodáin, S Ní Cháirthaigh; I Ní Riordáin, E Ní Cheallaigh, ME Ní Chéilleachar; A Ní Dhonnacha, J Ní Cheallaigh; L Ní Bhriain, A Ní Uidir, A Ní Mheachair; A Ní Chonaill, L Ní Dhonncha, G Ní Mhurchú.

Subs: L Ní Aodha for Ní Uidir (47), M de Róiste for Ní Chonaill (52), E de h-Íde for Ní Mheachair, A Ní Mhannin for Ní Bhriain, F Ní Mhainnín for Ní Chonaill (all 56); A Ní Loingsigh for Aoibh Ní

Chríodáin, K Ní Urdal for Ní Mheachair, F de Róiste for Ní Riordáin (all 57).

Camogie - Very Ireland National League

Cork were defeated in the Very Ireland Division 1 league final by Galway, the only team to have beaten them in their five group outings earlier. This defeat meant that no Cork team has had success in any of the four national leagues.

Galway 2 - 13 Cork 1-12

Another frustrating chapter for Cork camogie as they lost a National League final they could have won at Croke Park. Missed opportunities, ten wides and two golden goal chances not taken were the undoing of the Rebels as Galway repeated last year's final defeat and made it five wins in a row in knock out competitions over the Leesiders.

Cork led at half time by two points, 1-8 to 1-6, and it should have been more. Cork were playing with dash but awful finishing meant their play was not reflected on the scoreboard and inevitably a price was to be paid. After half time, a superb Galway goal put the Westerners in front and Cork wasted chance after chance as they battled very courageously to get back on top. The wides tally was too high however and some of the scoring efforts very poor.

Orlaith Cahalane's ground shot goal on four minutes opened the Leesiders' account after they had hit three wides in as many minutes.

Scorers for Cork: A O'Connor (0-5, 0-5 frees); O Cahalane (1-1); S McCartan (0-2, 0-2 frees); S McCarthy, L Hayes, C Sigerson, F Keating (0-1 each). Cork: A Lee; M Murphy, L Coppinger, M Cahalane; P Mackey, L Tracey, I O'Regan; S McCarthy, L Hayes; C Sigerson, F Keating, Cliona Healy (Aghabullogue) O Cahalane, S McCartan, A O'Connor.

Subs: E Murphy for Sigerson (44); O Cronin for C Healy (45); A Healy for O'Regan (48); C Finn for O Cahalane (50).

Cork face Galway, Down and Clare in Group One of the Glen Dimplex All Ireland championship starting in June and will be hoping for a better return for so much effort and skill.

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, Cill na Martra, Ballincollig, Nemo Rangers, Castlehaven, Carbery Rangers, Kiskeam, Douglas, St Finbarrs, Valley Rovers.

Division Two: Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh, Clyda, Carrigaline, Clonakilty, Kanturk, Aghada, O'Donovan Rossa, Fermoy, St Michaels, Newcestown Division Three: Rockchapel, Macroom, Nemo, Castletownbere, Bishopstown, Ilen Rovers, Glanworth, Mallow, Knocknagree, Dohenys Division Four: Aghabullogue, Naomh Abán, Kilshannig, Iveleary, Bantry Blues, Newmarket, Mitchelstown, Na Piarasigh, St Vincents, Bandon Division Five: Ballinora, Mayfield, Adrigole, Boherbue, Ballydesmond, Glenville, Dromtariffe, Glanmire, Kinsale, Millstreet Division Six: Gabriel Rangers, Kilmurry, St Finbarrs, Cobh, St Nicks, Buttevant, Urhan, Kildorrery.

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

Round 3 Results:

Div 1: Douglas 2-7 Ballincollig 0-6: Valley Rovers 0-12 Éire Óg 2-8: Cill na Martra 1-15 St Finbarrs 1-11

Div 2: Fermoy 2-14 Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh 2-10

Div 3: Macroom w/o Glanworth conceded Div 4:

Naomh Abán 1-9 Iveleary 4-12: St Vincents 0-14 Aghabullogue 1-11 Div 5: Adrigole 0-10 Ballinora 1-7

Div 6: Kilmurry 3-12 Urhan 2-3

Div 7: Castlemagner 1-9 Aghinagh 1-9

Table standings after Three Rounds:

Div 1 Castlehaven and Nemo on 8 pts each, Éire Óg, Cill na Martra and St Finbarrs 5 each, Ballincollig 0 Div 2 Clonakilty 7, Newcestown and Carrigaline 6 each, Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh 5 points.

Div 3 Dohenys 7, Mallow, Bishopstown and Macroom 6 pts each

Div 4 Kilshannig 8pts, Iveleary 6, Aghabullogue 5, N Abán 2pts

Div 5 Boherbue 8, Kinsale, Ballydesmond and Glanmire 6pts each, Ballinora 2 Div 6: Kilmurry 4pts, Buttevant 3 pts Div 7: Aghinagh, Castlemagner and St Michaels 3 pts each

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

Division One: Blackrock, Carrigtwohill, Douglas,



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

Division Three: Blackrock Int, Inniscarra, Éire Óg, Kilworth, Ballymartle, Carrigaline, Castlelyons, Bandon, Newcestown, Blarney Division Four: Aghabullogue, Ballyhea, Ballinhassig, Milford, Cloyne, Valley Rovers, Lisgoold, Youghal, St Catherine's, Kildorrery.

Division Five: Cloughduv, Midleton, Argideen, Aghada, Ballygiblin, Watergrasshill, Castlemartyr, Dungourney, Russell Rovers, Mayfield Division Six: Douglas, Meelin, Kilbrittain, Na Piarasigh 2, Tracton, Sarsfields, Barryroe, Ballygarvan.

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

Results RD 3:

Div 2: Ballincollig 1-15 Newtownshandrum 1-13
Div 3: Inniscarra 2-7 Newcestown 4-20, Ballymartle 1-11 Éire Óg 0-10,

Blarney 0-22 Blackrock 1-16

Div 4: Aghabullogue 0-13 Lisgoold 0-16

Div 5: Mayfield 2-22 Cloughduv 3-7, Cloughduv 1-12 Watergrasshill 1-10 Div 7: Erins Own v Ballinora

Table standings after Round 3:

Div 1: Sarsfields 8pts, Douglas, Na Piarasigh and Blackrock 5 Div 2: St Finbarrs 7pts, Bride Rvrs and Glen Rvrs 5, Ballincollig 4.

Div 3: Blackrock 2 and Newcestown 6: Éire Óg 5, Blarney 5 Inniscarra (P3)2.

Div 4: Ballinhassig 8, Valley Rovers 8, Aghabullogue 3 Div 5: Argideen 7, Dungourney 5, Cloughduv 4 Div 6: Kibrittain and Ballygarvan 4 each Div 7: Ballinascairthy, Glen Rvrs 4 each, Ballinora (P1)- 2pts

Muskerry GAA

Mid Cork Leagues 2023

FOOTBALL

Division 1 – 8 teams: Canovee, Grenagh, Kilmichael, Éire Óg, Inniscarra, Clondrohid, Ballincollig, Donoughmore,

Rd 3: Canovee 1-15 Grenagh 0-10, Ballincollig 0-2 Donoughmore 6-18: Inniscarra 0-9 Clondrohid 0-9, Éire Óg 1-10 Kilmichael 1-8

League Table: Canovee 6, Clondrohid 5, Grenagh 4, Inniscarra 3, Éire Óg 2, Donoughmore 2, Kilmichael 0, Ballincollig 0 Division 2 East – 8 teams: Aghabullogue, Ballincollig, Ballinora, Blarney, Donoughmore, Dripsey, Éire Óg, Inniscarra.

Rd 3: Dripsey 3-13 Ballincollig 1-7, Ballinora 4-9 Éire Óg 2-5, Aghabullogue 0-10 Donoughmore 2-8, Inniscarra 2 0-7 Blarney 0-7 League Table: Dripsey 6, Blarney 5pts, Inniscarra 2- 3pts, Ballincollig 2, Donoughmore 2, Ballinora 2, Éire Óg 2 and Aghabullogue – 1pt each.

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

Rd 3: Kilmurry 1-15 Iveleary 1-9, Cill na Martra 1-18 N Abán 0-10, Canovee 2-9 Macroom 4-9, Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh 2-13 Aghinagh 0-13.

League Table: Kilmurry 6, Béal Átha 6, Iveleary 4, Aghinagh 3, Cill na Martra 3, Macroom 2, Canovee and N Aban 0 pts.

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

League Table: Gleann na Laoi 4, Inniscarra 2, Ballincollig, Grenagh, Blarney and Dripsey 0.

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

Football Championship

The Mid Cork Junior A Football Championship commences on July 27th with all six first round games scheduled for the period July 27th-30th.

Inniscarra v Blarney, Blarney v Donoughmore, Kilmichael v Dripsey, Canovee v Ballincollig, Aghinagh v Éire Óg, Clondrohid v Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh are the intriguing pairings in round one of the competition which is being played on a group basis initially.

HURLING

Division 1 – 8 teams: Grenagh, Kilmichael, Éire Óg, Blarney, Inniscarra, Ballincollig, Donoughmore, Dripsey.

Rd 3 results: Grenagh 1-14 Blarney 0-14, Donoughmore 2-17 Dripsey 0-12, Ballincollig 0-12 Éire Óg 3-16, Kilmichael 0-18 Inniscarra 1-16. League Table: Grenagh 6 and Éire Óg 6, Inniscarra, Blarney and Donoughmore 2 pts each, Dripsey, Kilmichael and Ballincollig 0 pts yet Division 2 – 8 teams: Uibh Laoire, Inniscarra 2, Blarney 2, Grenagh 2, Éire Óg 2, Cloughduv, Ballincollig 2, Aghabullogue 2.

Rd 2: Grenagh 0-13 Iveleary 0-13, Inniscarra 0-14 Cloughduv 3-13, Ballincollig 5-7 Éire Óg 4-15, R3: Iveleary 1-11 Blarney 0-12,

League Table: Iveleary 5, Cloughduv 4, Grenagh 3, Aghabullogue 2, Éire Óg 2, Ballincollig, Blarney and Inniscarra 0pts yet Division 3 – 4 team (home and away): Laochra Óg, Gleann na Laoi, Donoughmore 2, Ballinora 2. (Note: Ballinora 1 are in County League 7)

Hurling Championship

The Mid Cork Junior Hurling Championship is being played on a group basis in the early stages and the competition commences on August 5th/6th. Group 1: Ballinora v Inniscarra, Kilmichael v Ballincollig. Group 2: Dripsey v Blarney, and Cloughduv. Group 3: Grenagh v Éire Óg and Donoughmore a bye.

Cloughduv (v Blarney) and Donoughmore (v Éire Óg) in action on August 11th.



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2013 MACROOM MOTORS MID CORK U21 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS 'A' CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

Ballincollig 0 - 14 Aghabullogue 0 - 6

Reigning champions Ballincollig were strongly fancied to win their second title in a row (and their fourth in five years) when they met Aghabullogue in the 'A' final at Ovens. Aghabullogue were expected to put it up to the champions and this they did, but Ballincollig always looked likely to win out in the end as they had the overall power that the challengers lacked.

Ballincollig, with wind advantage, opened the scoring with a point from George Durant but Aghabullogue's main threat in attack, John Corkery, had the sides level almost immediately, both scores coming from frees. John Corkery then put Aghabullogue ahead for the only time in the game with another point, this time from play. George Durant pointed a free to level and Peter O'Neill put the winners in front and they had added four more points to their tally, from Sean Kiely, Mark Prendergast, Morgan O'Mahony and a Durant free, before Aghabullogue had the final score of the first half, a point from a John Corkery free. It was 0-7 to 0-3 at half time in Ballincollig's favour but Aghabullogue were not out of contention as they were competing well and would have the wind behind them in the second half.

The nine minutes after the break were scoreless and it was Ballincollig who then broke the deadlock with two points in as many minutes per Durant and corner back Chris Collins. John Corkery gave Aghabullogue hope with a point from play but Mark Prendergast had another Ballincollig point and when Darren Murphy added another, Ballincollig had a seven point lead as the game had entered the final quarter. John Corkery now pointed twice for Aghabullogue from frees to reduce the gap down to five points, 0-11 to 0-6. Ballincollig again asserted themselves however and finished strongly with a point apiece from Ian Coughlan, Cian Dorgan and George Durant to emerge clear and deserving winners at the final whistle.

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

Aghabullogue: Mark O'Flynn: Greg Long, Eamonn Murphy, Anthony O'Sullivan: Seán O'Sullivan,



Macroom U21 2013

David O'Connell, Alan Hogan: Aidan BarryMurphy, Michael Dennehy: John Corkery, Mark Long, James Lynch: Miceál O'Sullivan, Pat Walsh, Evan O'Sullivan. Sub: Ian BarryMurphy. Referee: Mr Gerry Masters, Kilmichael.

'B' CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL CANOVEE 5 - 13 DONOUGHMORE 1 - 8

The final scoreline tells the tale of this 'B' championship final played at Kilmichael. Canovee were far too strong for a plucky Donoughmore side, which battled on to the finish, even when the outcome was beyond doubt.

The only team to beat Canovee in this year's competition has been the newly re-crowned 'A' champions Ballincollig and the luck of the draw meant that these two teams, possibly the two strongest teams in the grade this year in Mid Cork, both finished up in the same group for the initial league stages of the competition. Ballincollig won their meeting easily and therefore Canovee competed in the 'B' championship. Had they been drawn in a different group to Ballincollig it is conceivable that they would have finished as group leaders and then been 'A' championship semi finalists. Favoured therefore by the draw, Canovee have now availed of their good fortune and will make a bold bid for the county 'B' title, an honour achieved by Iveleary last year.

Canovee started this game well, dominating midfield possession and constantly on the attack. Darragh Ring had them in front in three minutes, Paul Twomey and Sean O'Connor added points and when Mark Verling's shot shook the Donoughmore net in the 10th minute the winners were positively oozing confidence. Canovee had added a further three points before Donoughmore had their opening point from Shane Healy in the 16th minute to which John Chambers added another

soon after. Canovee finished the half strongly with a further three points, and a goal from Charles Kenneally in the 26th minute. Canovee were in a very strong position at half time as they led by 2-9 to 0-2 and were going well in all sectors of the field. Donoughmore started the second half in resolute form but Canovee still added a point to their lead through Liam Kelleher before Donoughmore struck back with three points in a row, the first from Ger Buckley and two from Shane Healy, the best Donoughmore forward, who along with Mark Foley in defence did most to try and inspire a Donoughmore come back. Canovee were not to be caught however and hit back decisively and Paul Twomey's goal in the 47th minute which gave the winners a 3-12 to 0-5 lead removed any lingering doubt about the outcome. Canovee had further goals from Sean O'Connor and James Moynihan and Donoughmore were rewarded for their never say die spirit with a late goal from Stephen O'Connor.

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

Donoughmore: Donal Buckley: Mark Foley, Kevin Horgan, Barry Crowley: Stephen O'Connor, Alan Twomey, Jamie Twomey: Seanie Daly, Christian Mangan: Shane Healy, Leon Cogan, Shane Lucey: Ger Buckley, John Chambers, Gearóid O'Rourke. Subs used: Seamus Murphy, Conor O'Rourke and Antho0ny Horgan.

Referee: Mr David Murnane, Macroom.



Canovee U21 2013



Kilmurry U 21 2013



Naomh Abán Fe 21 2013

'C' CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

Iveleary 1 – 14 Cill na Martra 1 – 13

Mid Cork 'C' champions in 2011, Mid Cork and County 'B' champions in 2012, Iveleary U 21's took the Mid Cork 'C' title again this year after their narrow victory over Cill na Martra at Kilmichael. Cill na Martra had come third in their group behind Ballincollig and Canovee and had given both these ultimate higher grade champions a stiff challenge and so were considered capable of providing Iveleary with a severe test and this is just what they did. Iveleary held a five point lead at half time and had extended their lead to seven points, 1-13 to 0-9 by the 44th minute but from there to the finish Cill na Martra put on the pressure and when Shane Dineen slammed home a penalty shot in the 56th minute the sides were level at 1-13 each. Cathal Vaughan rescued Iveleary with a point from a 45 metre-plus free in the 34th minute and Iveleary were a relieved side to hear the final whistle immediately after.

This 'C' final was the best of the three U 21 finals played over the St Patrick's weekend. The contest was of good quality, always interesting and very exciting in the final quarter and was very sporting. Iveleary got a great start and had 1-2 on the board in the opening three minutes, county player Cathal Vaughan at full forward getting the goal. Miceál Desmond opened the Cill na Martra scoring with a point in the 6th minute and Iveleary led by 1-4 to 0-1 at the end of the first quarter which they had dominated.

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

Cill na Martra: Antóin Ó Conaill: Finén Ó Faoláin,

Gearóid Ó Goillí, Pilip Ó Luanaigh: Eoin Ó Loinsigh: Nollaig Ó Loinsigh, Pádraig Ó Goillí: Peadar Ó Muineacháin, Micheál Ó Deasúna: Donal Ó Buachalla, Danní Ó Conaill, Conor Ó Cronín: Liam Ó Loinsigh, Shane Ó Duinnín, Daire MacLochlainn. Fear Ionaid: Caoimhín Ó hUídhir. Referee: Mr Ger Ahern, Canovee.

D' CHAMPIONSHIP (13 A SIDE) FINAL

Clondrohid 3 – 8 Kilmichael 1 – 7

Clondrohid recovered from an early six point deficit to get the better of an understrength Kilmichael in this 'D' final at Macroom. It was 0-6 to 1-3 at half time and Shane Foley's goal for Kilmichael on the restart gave his side a lift but Clondrohid drew level point by point and then went clear with further goals. Clondrohid were well in control in the closing stages.

Clondrohid: Alan Duggan: Sean O'Connor, Seán O'Callaghan (0-1): Tadhg Scannell, Kieran Lynch, Christopher Flanagan: Neilus Murphy (0-4, 0-3 frees), Mark Creed (1-2): Jerome Ring, David Lynch (1-0), Darragh Healy: David O'Leary, Darren Dineen (1-1). Subs: Kevin Healy, Neil O'Shea, Shane Lehane, Sean Quinn, Cian Creedon.

Kilmichael: Shane Masters: Donal Kelly, Noel McSweeney: Stephen Kelleher, Finbarr Buckley, Edward Burgoyne: Shane Cotter, Darragh Foley; Shane O'Donoghue, Brendan Cotter, Shane Foley; Ronan O'Callaghan, Daniel Twomey. Subs: Ciarán O'Donoghue, David Collins. Referee: Mr. John Ryan, Macroom.

2013 St Mary's Macroom Complete Historic All Ireland Double

All Ireland Post Primary Schools Junior B Ladies Football Final

St Mary's Mercy, Macroom 4-9 St Josephs S.S Rochfortbridge 3-7

St Mary's Secondary School Macroom made history at Seán Treacy Park, Tipperary Town, when

they completed the second part of an historic All Ireland double, the school's juniors defeating a gallant St Josephs Rochfortbridge in a thrilling Junior B final just a week after the seniors had taken their first ever All Ireland title.

St. Mary's Sarah Beth O'Mullane opened the scoring in the first minute with a pointed free which was quickly followed by another point from play by Rachel Hurley. Rochfortbridge settled to their task and in a five minute period they kicked five unanswered points from Michaela Brady (3) and Nicola Judge (2) to see them lead 0-5 0-2 by the ninth minute with the very strong breeze at their backs. Sinead Plunkett kicked a great score for St Mary's in the 11th minute and this was quickly followed by a goal from the hard working Rachel Hurley, following a great pass from Siofra Burgoyne. Rochfortbridge drew level again in the 16th minute with a point from Amy Cully but St Mary's received a major boost in the 23rd minute with a second goal from Rachel Hurley following a well worked move from defence which saw Claire Murphy deliver the final pass.

The St Mary's defence was now well on top with Aisling Kelleher and Niamh McCarthy excelling in the full back line. At midfield, Niamh Duggan and Mairead Corkery were working tirelessly and Sinéad Plunkett increased their lead with two further points in the 25th and 27th minutes to leave the score at 2 – 5 to 0 – 6 in the Corks sides favour. This lead was reduced in the 28th minute when Jenny Judge goaled for Rochfortbridge but St Mary's replied two minutes into injury time with a goal of their own following a defence splitting run by Mairead Corkery which saw her score a great goal from the 21 yard line. This left the Cork school 3 – 5 to 1- 6 ahead at half time and having played against the wind in the first half they were now in a very strong position.



Iveleary U21 2013



Kilmichael U21 2013



The second half proved to be an enthralling affair and it began brightly for St Mary's with two unanswered points in the first seven minutes from Mairead Corkery and Niamh Duggan. The play went from end to end in the next seven minutes until Shannon Lyons kicked the opening point of the second half for Rochfortbridge to leave the score at the three quarter stage 3 - 7 to 1 - 7 in St Mary's favour. At this stage St Mary's were starting to dominate at half back through Ali Jones, Aileen Corkery and Elaine O'Brien and with the midfield combination of Mairead Corkery and Niamh Duggan winning lots of possession the forward line got a plentiful supply of ball. The St Mary's forwards were finding scores hard to come by however against the tough tackling Westmeath girls defence and a disallowed goal from Claire Murphy was followed by three missed opportunities from frees by the 20th minute. Rochfortbridge drove forward at every opportunity and they got back

into the game in the 24th minute when midfielder Dawn Hannon shot a great goal to leave just three points between the sides. The game was now being played at a frenetic pace and Rachel Hurley eased the Macroom girls into a four point lead when she kicked a point from play in the 26th minute but they were rocked on their heels a minute later when Nicola Judge scored a good goal for Rochfortbridge to leave only a point between the sides. St Mary's did not panic however and a goal from hardworking Claire Murphy in the first minute of injury time was greeted with great joy by the large Macroom following. A minute later, effective substitute Rachel Horgan with a great kick from thirty yards sent over the 'insurance point'. The final whistle was greeted with great scenes of joy. Ladies football President Pat Quill presented the cup to a delighted Macroom Captain Aileen Corkery to tremendous applause from the team's supporters.

St Mary's full back Aisling Kelleher was presented with Player of the Match award.

St Mary's now become the first team to complete a Senior/Junior double in the same year an achievement that will be difficult to beat in coming years.

St Mary's Macroom: (All St. Vals unless otherwise stated):

Mairéad O'Sullivan: Ann Marie Ryan, Aisling Kelleher, Niamh McCarthy: Ali Jones (Naomh Fionnbarra), Aileen Corkery, Elaine O'Brien: Mairéad Corkery, Niamh Duggan (Naomh Aban): Sinéad Plunkett, Sarah Beth O'Mullane, Rachel Hurley (Macroom): Sarah Byrne, Claire Murphy, Siofra Burgoyne. Subs: Rachel Horgan (Macroom) used and Nicola Dennehy, Marion Coakley, Caoimhe Cotter, Sinéad O'Connell, Lily Healy (Macroom), Michelle O'Callaghan, Lauren Manning (Macroom). Coaches: Seán Ó Coill, Uas. and Mr. Joe Carroll.

MACROOM GAA

The past fortnight has been a good one for Macroom teams with many fine victories and all teams very competitive and playing good football. Macroom U16 Div 4 team defeated Ballincollig B at Tom Creedon Park, 3-8 to 3-6. Macroom U16 2nd team defeated Ballincollig 2 on a score of 3-8 to 3-6 in the Premier Division 4 league, their first outing of the season. Goals from Billy Murphy and Sam Leavy gave Macroom the advantage late in the game but then Ballincollig struck for a goal to take a one point lead. Back came Macroom and a late, late goal from Jack O'Shea gave them victory after a good quality game. The team panel was: Caleb O'Connor, Thomas Hopkins, Conor Nash, Robert Fitzgerald, Oisín Phelan, Rory O'Shea, Simon Condon, Jack O'Shea, Troy Murphy, Darragh Donovan, Jack Leavy, Tadg Dunne, Dylan Lucey, Jayden O'Sullivan, Gearóid Quinn, Eoin Healy, Billy Murphy, Sam Leavy, Brian Bradley, Ryan Fernando. Macroom U12 team defeated Inniscarra 5-13 to 2-2 in the Rebel Óg Mid Group 3 league at Tom Creedon Park in their opening game in the Rebel Óg Mid U12 FL, Group 3. The panel was: Conor Angland, David Twomey, Con Moss, Sean Bourke, Danny Creed, Cian Kelleher, Ruairí Lucey, Lochlainn Phelan, Kennan Deasy, David Siju, Maciek Krzepina, Gena Lisovyi, Alex O'Callaghan, Noah Moss, Luke Kelly, Oscar Grace. The other teams in the group are: Kinsale, Crosshaven, Courceys, Sliabh Ruadh, Inniscarra.

Macroom U12 G5 West team defeated Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh 5-3 to 2-3. Macroom have two U12 teams this season, the second team contests in the Rebel Óg West league. The other teams in that group are Iveleary, Clondrohid, Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh, Kilmichael, Cill na Martra.

Macroom U14s had a fine win over Valley Rovers, 5-10 to 4-2, in the West Div 1 league. This was their final group game and Macroom have now qualified for a knock-out quarter final against Sam Maguires. Macroom U14 footballers having suffered defeat against the Valleys in last year's U13 final played with great determination from the very start, took control early and were in command right up to the final whistle in what was a great team performance and ran out winners on a scoreline of 5-10 to 4-02.

Team: Ben Ronan, Ciarán Murray, Michael Kelleher (capt), Tristan Mullane, Dan Lyons, Ultan Ó Tuama, Ryan Matunushu, Donagh Moss, Oliwier Krzepina, Michael Dunne, Michael Cregan, Dylan O'Shea, Ronan Duggan, Ronan O'Sullivan, Eoin Holland, Daniel Lucey, Alex Waugh, Micheal Deasy. Scorers: Eoin Holland 2-03, Donagh Moss 2-00, Alex Waugh 1-00, Dylan O'Shea 0-03, Michael Dunne 0-02, Michael Cregan 0-02.

The Macroom U18's got the better of Sliabh Ruadh at Belgooly on a 1-14 to 1-9 scoreline, their second win in three group games played to date, with Courceys still to be played on April 19th next.

Macroom juniors beat Canovee in the Muskerry Div 2 league, 4-9 to 2-9 at Carrig, their first win in three outings. Goalkeeper Tom Creedon saved a penalty in this game, Liam Holland, Ethan O'Gorman and Dylan Twomey got the goals. Panel: Thomas Creedon, Jack Kelleher, Richard McSweeney, Sam Kelleher, John Murphy, Tony Dineen, Daragh Kiernan, Caleb Dineen, Ben O'Connell, Shane Meaney, Mark Hunt, Liam Holland, Conor O'Sullivan, Jack Sexton, James Galvin, Robert Lucey, Ethan O'Gorman, Dylan Twomey, Jonah Dervin, Barry Galvin, Dylan Browne, Kieran Doody, Michael Cahill, Kieran Condon.

In the U16 Premier 2 League, Kinsale 4-4 Macroom 2-10 was the result at Kinsale. Kinsale, who opted to play with the strong wind in the first half, were impressive from the start and kicked the opening score of the game. Macroom had the lion's share of possession but couldn't find the range and were slow to settle into the match. Odhran Creed settled Macroom's nerves with a well worked point. This was followed by two unanswered points before Cian O'Sullivan found the range with a well taken point. At this stage of the game Macroom were well on top but didn't get the all important scores. Credit to Kinsale who with their strong running game went on a scoring spree with 3 goals in the space of 10 minutes. Macroom were now under severe pressure, and as the ref blew for half time, the score board read 3-04 to 0-3 in favour of Kinsale.

Macroom now had a mountain to climb but

with the help of the fresh subs in, tore into the second half with renewed vigour. Jack Levy lead the way with a clinical finish to start the climb back. Cian O'Sullivan added a few more points but Kinsale were not finished yet and got in for another goal. Jack Levy replied with another goal, followed by points from Ruadhan McKenna and Cian O'Sullivan. At full time the score read: Macroom 2-10 Kinsale 4-04 after a highly entertaining game.

Macroom: Noe Kollar, Donagh Murray, Ray Griffin, Shane McCarthy, Ryan Siju, Denis McSweeney, Ben McCrory, Ruadhan McKenna, Billy Coleman, Odhran Creed, Billy Murphy, Regan Wong, Charlie Magee, Ian O'Sullivan, Euan Molyneaux, Gearóid Quinn, Eoghan Healy, Sam Levy, Jack Levy, Ruairí O'Shea

Youghal 1-4 Macroom 1-7: Macroom U16 P2 travelled to Youghal on Easter Tuesday evening. Conditions were far from ideal with wet underfoot conditions and a strong wind. Both teams were finding conditions tough with handling errors the norm early on. Macroom played with the wind and deployed the influential Cian O'Sullivan at full forward. A good direct ball in led to the first score of the game by Cian. Billy Murphy went on to kick two points and Macroom started to take control of the game. Great build up work from the entire team eventually saw Billy Coleman pick out Charlie Magee who's shot flew past the keeper and high into the Youghal net. Further points were added by Ruadhán McKenna and Charlie Magee. Youghal added a point just before half time to leave the score 1-5 to 0-1 in favour of the visitors at the break.

This was always going to be a game of two halves and Youghal came out in the second half with real intent but excellent defending by the Macroom rear guard kept them at bay. Odhrann Creed now operating at wing back got on a lot of ball and Macroom played patiently against a gale of a wind. Youghal started to get a grip around the midfield and kicked three unanswered points to make for a real contest. Jack O'Shea who was introduced at half time



Macroom's U16's v Kinsale

started to exert influence in the half forward line and this along with strong running from Denis McSweeney, Billy Coleman, Regan Wong led to further points from Cian O'Sullivan. Youghal scored a goal but Macroom held out for a three point win. Final score Macroom 1-7 to Youghal's 1-4.

Macroom: Noe Kollar, Donagh Murray, Ray Griffin, Ryan Siju, Regan Wong, Denis McSweeney, Ben McCrory Ruadhán McKenna, Billy Coleman, Odhran Creed, Billy Murphy, Euan Molyneaux, Charlie Magee, Cian O'Sullivan, Ruairí O'Shea and Jack O'Shea, Darragh O'Donovan, Gearóid Quinn. The travelling parents and players were very thankful to their Youghal hosts for tea and sandwiches after the game which were very much appreciated.

U15 FÉILE

Macroom's U15 footballers travelled to the Glen field in Cork city to take part in this year's Féile competition. We were faced with tough opposition from Crosshaven, Bishopstown and the host's St Nick's.

Our first game was against Crosshaven and they dominated proceedings for the first half to lead by 4 points at halftime. Macroom to their credit got to grips with it and played some very good football to turn the tables and lead by 4 points with about 5 minutes remaining. Unfortunately for our boys Crosshaven got a last ditch goal to level the match right on full time.

Next up it was the host's St Nick's who had a very strong team out on the day and again got off to a better start than our boy's to lead by 5 points at halftime. Macroom to their credit put in an outstanding second half that anyone would be proud of but try as they might they couldn't get the goal needed to level the game up. Macroom will however feel aggrieved here with some very tough calls against them during the game by the referee.

In the last game Macroom came up against a lively Bishopstown team who on the day had more in the tank after a hard morning's football than Macroom did. We have suffered a few injuries during the first two games and this made things harder on the lads against a well drilled Bishopstown team. In the end despite the lads giving their all we lost out by 3 points.

Overall, a tough day on the pitch for our lads but the lessons learnt will hopefully stand to them going forward. Thanks to all involved and to the

parents who travelled.

Macroom panel: Gearóid Quinn, Robert Fitzgerald, Ruairí O'Shea, Dylan Lucey, Simon Condon, Eoghan Healy, Conor Nash, Jack O'Shea, Sam Leavy, Darragh Donovan, Billy Murphy, Oisín Phelan, Jayden O'Sullivan, Jack Leavy, Troy Murphy, Tadhg Dunne, Ryan Fernando, Brian Bradley, Caleb O'Connor.

U15 P G1 LEAGUE

On Friday evening our U15s played their 2nd Premier Group 1 league game of the year against recently crowned Féile U15 champions Glanmire. This was always going to be a tough task as Glanmire are very strong at this level. However Macroom stood up to the challenge and we witnessed a very entertaining game.

Macroom started brightly with a Coran Burns point but Glanmire started to get control of the game with 3 points. Macroom scored again and then scored a cracking goal with some well worked passing from defence to attack leading to the goal by Jack O Shea. Macroom's lead didn't last long as Glanmire scored a goal from the kick out. At half time Glanmire led by 1-8 to 1-3.

Glanmire scored from the throw in but Macroom responded with a superbly taken goal from Billy Murphy. Glanmire held the upper hand for the remainder of the game but the lads never gave up and the game finished 2-15 to 2-8.

Macroom who were missing a few players with injury and holidays played with great determination and a special mention to Ben Ronan from the U14s as stand in goalkeeper for the game with some outstanding saves during the game.



Macroom's U12's captain Con Moss

Macroom: Ben Ronan, Dylan Lucey, Ruairí O'Shea, Robert Fitzgerald, Simon Condon, Sam Leavy, Conor Nash, Jack O'Shea, Billy Murphy, Darragh Donovan, Jack Leavy, Oisín Phelan, Jayden O'Sullivan, Coran Burns, Troy Murphy and subs Tadhg Dunne and Brian Bradley (2nd half).

U14 P DIV 4 LEAGUE

Macroom 2-3 Glanmire 3-6

Conditions were good under foot despite the bad weather, Macroom played with the wind and led by 3 points at half time. It was a fine contest between two very evenly matched teams. The Glanmire goalkeeper make two great saves to deny Macroom.

Macroom: Cian Lee, Daniel Lucey/Tristan Mullane, Brian McCrory, David Condon, Michael Deasy, Ryan Tami, Dylan O'Shea and Ronan O'Sullivan, Dylan Connell, Ciarán Murray, Ronan O'Neill, Cayden Dunton, David Bradley, Evan O'Keefe, Will Buckley, Ben Ronan, Tadhg O'Driscoll, Teteh. All the panel got plenty of game time and the scorers were Will Buckley, Dylan O'Shea, Dylan O'Connell, David Bradley,.

TOM CREEDON CUP

Macroom were to host St Vincents in the Tom Creedon Cup but were notified that their opponents were conceding. This was most disappointing for the Macroom mentors and players who received a walk over in the league from Glanworth on Easter Sunday, leaving the team without a game for a month.

Macroom are next at home to Castletownbere in the league on Sunday April 22nd, 11.30am throw in.



Macroom's U12's



MACROOM SOCCER



Macroom School Girls Soccer U 15 Team



Macroom School Girls Soccer U 13 Team

DISNEY PLAYMAKERS

Our Disney Playmakers is a great hit with the girls every Monday night in Murrayfield from 6pm to 7pm this is for girls ages 5 to 8 years old that are not currently playing soccer.

Macroom Under 10's:

Our fantastic under 10 girls travelled to Ringmahon Ranger AFC on Saturday the 7th of April to a blitz. The girls played brilliantly and even made it to the final where they played their hearts out but unfortunately Wilton United were the winners on the day! Well done girls and keep up the good work.

MACROOM U13'S

Macroom 3 Douglas Hall 1

This was a fantastic win for the girls against a strong Douglas Team, the girls are improving week on week and are now going up the league tables. Goal scorers on the day were Hannah Sweeney, Lauren O'Sullivan and Áine O'Riordan, Macroom under 15's:

Under 15 shield Leaside 2 Macroom 2-----Extra time Macroom 3 Leaside 2----

This was a real humdinger of a game, nothing between both teams who gave everything they had to the final whistle. Macroom took the lead when Orlaith O'Brien finished off a wonderful team movement starting with Joy Griffin left back and seven passes later it was in the back of the net however the lead didn't last long when Leaside got a wonder individual goal dispatched into the top corner. Half Time 1-1.

Into the second half Maisie Murphy threaded a ball through to Orlaith O'Brien who got her second of the night, tough tackles and great play from both teams continued but Macroom surrendered in the last 10 seconds of the game to make it 2 all, which led to extra time. Both teams wanted the win badly and when Macroom were granted a free kick inside their own half, Maisie Murphy played it over the top for Sarah Kelleher who ran through held off the defender and whipped it into the back of the net. Macroom defended superbly to see the game out. A hard-fought win but when you have the support of two sets of sisters on your side like twins Aideen and Sarah Kelleher and Lucy and Sarah Hinchion it certainly helps.

UNDER 17'S

The under 17s's Macroom 1 Midleton 1

Macroom welcomed top of the table Midleton on Easter Sunday.

Macroom were very slow to get going and went

down 1 nil after 10 minutes, however they gradually got back into the game and were unlucky to have a goal disallowed for offside before the half time whistle.

The second half saw Macroom pile on the pressure, after 3 or 4 chances and heart stopping misses, Lisa O'Donovan found the back of the net to equalise. Macroom kept the pressure on but could not get the ball into the back of the net, so they took a share of the points which brings them to 2nd in the league.

CORK FAI REGIONAL CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

Well done to our own Maisie Murphy who was part of the Cork FAI Regional Centre of Excellence team that travelled to Waterford for a challenge match recently.

Munster Senior League Division 2, Macroom 5 Fermoy 0.

The Murray's Bar sponsored Seniors enjoyed a comfortable win over Fermoy FC. Macroom now know that a win over Carrigtwohill United will confirm a top eight finish, before the league splits for the final round of fixtures. It was a frantic start from both sides with Fermoy looking the most threatening during the opening exchanges. A fantastic run from the visitors number 10 posed a threat on the right hand side. The cutback was well intercepted by John James Healy to nullify the danger. Macroom would quickly work their way into the game and the chances came too. On 10 minutes, Mateusz Juszczak dispossessed the Fermoy full back but drilled his effort wide at the front post. On 13 minutes, Cathal O' Riordan went closest when his free kick from 30 yards out was deflected narrowly wide. Only minutes later, Macroom would break the deadlock. Great link up play between Mike Fitton and Lloyd Asling allowed Asling to get a strike away. His effort came off the post and Keith Holden had the poacher's instinct to bundle home. On 31 minutes, Fermoy looked to be in for an equaliser only for Danny Kelleher to intercept brilliantly and force a corner. The home side would double their lead before the short whistle. A dazzling run from Fitton allowed him to square it back to Dylan Twomey who had the easiest of finishes to make it 2-0 at half time.

Macroom started the second half brightly and immediately looked like adding a third. On 48 minutes, Juszczak played a deft ball into Twomey on the edge of the box but, he blazed his effort wide across the goal. Macroom continued to apply the pressure and only minutes later, Twomey

played in a great cross from a dead ball but Healy's header trickled wide. On 55 minutes, Caleb Dineen was called into action with a great save from close range to keep the Fermoy attack out. Some stellar defending from Kelleher and Thomas Morgans at the back nullified the Fermoy front men throughout. Macroom would get their insurance goal on 70 minutes. Following a great run down the left wing, substitute Shane Meaney played in a low cross and Holden was on hand to find his second of the afternoon and Macroom's third. A fourth arrived on 81 minutes, following good link up among substitutes Daniel Buckley & Szymon Sanetra. Mark Hunt found Holden at the back post to round off his hat-trick and take home the match ball. Macroom weren't finished with the goals yet and on 89 minutes, Craig Ronan threaded through a great ball to split the Fermoy centre halves and Sanetra coolly slotted home from close range, 5-0 Macroom.

Pop Keller Cup Round 2, Park Utd 3 Macroom 3 (Macroom won 3-0 on pens AET).

Macroom came away victorious on Friday night last following a titanic battle with Park United of Mitchelstown at Brigown Park. This was a contest that had it all, plenty of goals, a sending off and the dreaded penalty shootout to cap off a fantastic cup tie.

Both teams had their chances here in the opening exchanges. Darren Dineen went closest when his effort from six yards went narrowly wide within two minutes. Only minutes later, keeper Caleb Dineen was called into action with a good save from close range. A flurry of corners for the home side and the third in as many minutes would prove the charm as the home side took the lead before the quarter of an hour mark. An instinctive save from Dineen pushed the headed effort onto the crossbar but the rebound was bundled home from close range, 1-0 Park United. Macroom responded well and a great delivery from O' Riordan found Shane Meaney inside the box-his headed effort flew over the crossbar. On 25 minutes Meaney and Lloyd Asling would link up well on the left wing before Asling's eventual effort was fired narrowly over as both players proved a handful throughout. Macroom were through again just after the half hour mark. Some great work from Szymon Sanetra & John James Healy in the middle released Dineen but his deft chip sailed agonisingly over. Macroom would go on to rue their missed chances, when on 34 minutes Park United were awarded a penalty.



Macroom School Girls Soccer U 15 Team

The Mitchelstown front man broke through one-on-one before being brought down by Dineen inside the box. Dineen did well to save from the spot but, the penalty taker was alive to force the rebound home, 2-0. The home side's second goal saw a baptism of fire within the Macroom team. Within a frantic two minute period, the Seniors would level this game up before the short whistle. On 41 minutes, Matty Juszczak split the Park United defence with a great through ball and Dineen finished well past the oncoming keeper, 2-1. Almost immediately, provider would turn goalscorer when Meaney's great ball in from the left found Juszczak at the back post and his exquisite volley nestled into the bottom corner to leave the side's level at the break, 2-2. Macroom started the second half with the same tempo and would go on to take lead on 49 minutes. Sanetra spotted the home side's shot stopper off his line and his sublime chip found the net via the crossbar, 3-2 Macroom. To the locals credit, they responded with a positive spell of their own but, failed to find the target on numerous occasions. On 67 minutes, they did deservedly draw level. A throw in from the right wing found a man in space on the edge of the box. He turned well before finishing with a thunderous effort to the top corner leaving Dineen with no chance, 3-3. The shackles were well and truly off as both sides went in search of a winner, making for great viewing for those in attendance. The game ebbed and flowed with chances for both sides. Dineen would go closest on 68 minutes but dragged his effort across the goal. The backline of Danny Kelleher, Thomas Morgans, Ben O'Connell & O' Riordan defended

staunchly when called upon throughout. With the game in the melting pot, tempers increased and this resulted in Park being reduced to 10 men as extra time loomed. Substitute Craig Ronan & Dineen linked well in the final minutes but couldn't get an effort away. After almost seven minutes of additional time, neither team could break the deadlock and extra time was confirmed in Brigown Park. Substitutes Jack Kearney & Daniel Buckley combined well in the opening period of extra time. However some last ditch defending from the home side kept the tie level. As fatigue played its part, chances were at premium here. Park United went closest in the second period of extra time, only for an outstanding double block from O'Connell at the back to preserve the 3-3 scoreline. Following 20 minutes of extra time, the sides still couldn't be separated and the dreaded penalty shootout was required. The home side won the toss and opted to go first. Dineen would cement a stellar performance throughout the shootout saving Park United's initial effort well to his left hand side. John James Healy stepped up first for Macroom and dispatched his effort brilliantly to the top left corner. Dineen went on to keep the Mitchelstown men out with a smart save down low to his right and make it a hat-trick of penalty saves on the night. Cathal O' Riordan was up next and again kept his cool, firing into the roof of the net. Park United's third and ultimately final penalty would ricochet back off the crossbar. Lloyd Asling confirmed Macroom's passage to Round Three of the Pop Keller Cup. He finished well to the bottom right corner to the travelling contingent's delight. Macroom can be very proud of a memorable



Macroom School Girls Soccer U 10 Team

victory over Park United. A great result to overturn opposition from Division One away from home and to overcome a two goal deficit in the process. Well done to all involved.

SCHOOLBOYS ROUND UP

In the U12 Local Cup, Macroom entertained Blarney Utd A at Murrayfield and ran out 5-0 winners in front of a large home crowd. This was a tremendous performance from the entire 14 players which helped Macroom advance to the last 16 of the competition. Goals were scored by Con Moss (2), Darragh Creed, David Twomey and Sean MacSullivan. With the whole squad contributing, Macroom had fine outings from Conor Angland, Kennan Deasy and goalkeeper Rory O' Shea. This win was followed with an excellent 4-1 away league win over Innishvilla, which keeps this team moving along nicely. The U11A side had their first taste of competitive football when they entertained Leaside of Little Island in the Eddie Healy cup. The visitors took the spoils on the night but Macroom gave a great performance and will have gained valuable experience as they prepare for fully competitive football next season. The other U11 side travelled to play Carrigaline Hibs also in the Eddie Healy cup and emerged victorious on a 5-3 scoreline. Macroom led 2-0 and then trailed 3-2 before a late purple patch saw them run out winners. They will play Lakewood in the next round. The U11 teams also played Corkbeg and College Corinthians in recent non competitive games. Well done to all our U11 players and their coaches. The U13 div 2 team had 3 games in 6 days last week. They beat Lakewood 1-0 away with a late Matthew Kelleher goal. Three



Macroom School Girls Soccer U 10 Team



Macroom FC U11 schoolboys who played Colledge Corinthians away.



The U11A schoolboys of Macroom FC who welcomed Corkbeg to the Town Park



Macroom U13A schoolboys who defeated Mayfield Utd. 5-0 in the league at the Town Park

days later they entertained league leaders Blarney Utd at the Town Park. A fantastic game was played out, Macroom led through Matthew Kelleher but Blarney struck for a deserved equaliser late on. Two days later it was an away game v Greenwood in the Local cup. Macroom had injuries and absentees but led 2-0 through Cian Lee and David Bradley. The home side responded and levelled at 2-2, extra time and penalties were required with Macroom winning out 5-4 in the shootout. Micheal Deasy, Ciaran Coleman, Cian Lee, Micheal O' Connor and Dylan O'Shea were all successful from the spot. The U13 div 5 team had a fine win over Mayfield Utd at the Town Park. A tremendous performance from start to finish with goals from Fionn Fitton, Will Buckley, Ollie Thommen, Cal O'Driscoll and Dylan O'Connell. This team have recorded a number of good wins over recent weeks and are still in with a chance of promotion. The U14 div 2 side were

in local cup action at home to Castlevew and won 3-2. Macroom led through Eoin Holland but found themselves 2-1 behind with only 5 minutes remaining. Ultan O'Tuama rescued the tie when he cracked in a left footed effort. And from the kick off Ryan Mahutushma latched on to a loose ball and lobbed the keeper with an exquisite finish. Three days later it was away to Fermoy in the next round and Macroom again ran out 3-2 winners. Macroom led 2-0 through goals from Eoin Holland and Donagh Moss. The home side responded well and had the tie level at 2-2 and extra time was needed. Macroom had the final word late on when Holland scored the winner, giving safe passage to the last 16 and a tie with Kinsale or Grenagh United. The U16A side, sponsored by Greg's Garage, entertained Lakewood Athletic and had a fine 3-0 win over a good visiting outfit. Macroom were ahead when David Neville scored from long range.

The advantage was doubled after Luke Madigan's corner was expertly finished by Keelan Sheehan. The win was secured in the second period when Marcel Sobol scored with another fine effort. The U14A side travelled to play Avondale Utd and lost out 6-3 in a fantastic game. In Academy news our non competitive teams have been busy of late with the U7s playing excellent small sided games v Lakewood. Both U9 teams were in action against Rathcormac, Avondale Utd and Bandon. There are loads of games currently taking place at the weekends and midweek evenings. Everyone is welcome to visit Murrayfield and the Town Park to enjoy the efforts of all our teams. Fixtures regularly appear on the Macroom FC Facebook page. Please come along and support your local soccer club. Darragh Deasy PRO.



Aaron Dewey & William O'Riordan of GST with students and coaches modeling the new kits which arrived before Easter Holidays. L to R ; Tara Twomey, Brooke Murphy, Ms. Dee Cronin, Leah Buckley, Ellie O'Sullivan, Rory Murphy, Filip Pilarski, Cian O'Donovan, Mr. Brian Devane and Mr. John Browne.



Rylane National School Mixed Volleyball Team that reached the National Finals in UL recently



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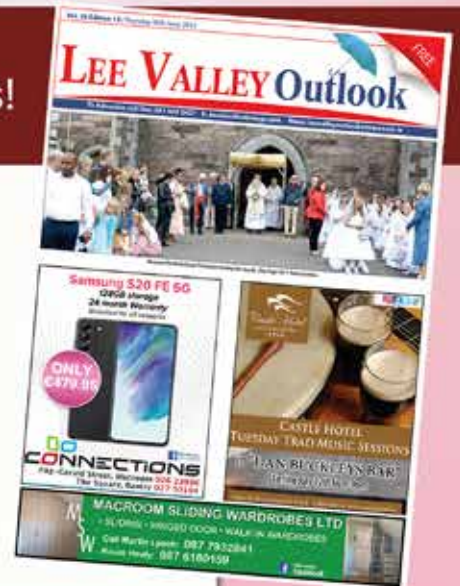
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But in our hearts, you are always there.*



Always In our thoughts and prayers.
Pat, Jason and Emma.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of
TONY DROMEY
St. Colmans Park, Macroom
who died on 26th April 2022

As we lovingly remember Tony on his first anniversary, we his family would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to all our family, friends, neighbours and all who sympathised with us. We are most grateful for your prayers and support. We greatly appreciate all those who sent mass cards, letters, phone calls, online condolences and those who attended his removal and funeral.

We would like to thank the paramedics who treated Tony with such kindness, patience and respect. We would like to thank the staff of wards 1a and 1b in CUH who looked after Tony in the five weeks preceding. It was a very difficult time for us not being allowed to see him due to Covid restrictions. We would like to thank Dr. Peter Cronin, all the doctors, nurses and staff of Sullane Family Practice.

We would like to thank all in Deasy's Pharmacy, especially Eileen. We would like to thank Pat O'Connell and all at Macroom Senior Citizens. We would like to thank Rose O'Shea for her kindness and patience with Tony.

A special thank you to Macroom Fire Brigade, Macroom Soccer club and Macroom GAA for the lovely send off and guards of honour.

Our deep appreciation to Fr. Donal Roberts for celebrating the beautiful funeral mass. Thank you to the sacristan Teddy, singer Michael Bradley and organist Mary MacSweeney.

A sincere thank you to Fitzgerald Funeral Directors for their support, professionalism and advice.

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



Sadly missed and always remembered with love by Breeda, Antoinette, Paul, Brendan, Breda and his adored grandchildren Liam, Enda and Aisling.

Tony's anniversary mass will be held in St. Colmans Church Macroom on Wednesday 26th April 2023 at 7:30pm.

11TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of
NORA ROCHE
Slievreagh, Ballyvourney.
Who died on April 7th 2012.

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

*Always in our thoughts
Forever in our hearts.*



Saint Gobnait Pray for her.

Always remembered by
Her loving family.

3RD ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of
EILISH CREEDON
Teergay, Kilbarry, Macroom
who passed away on the 3rd May 2020.

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



From her loving husband Dan, daughters Elaine, Laura and Lisa and her extended family.

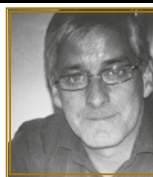
May her gentle soul rest in peace.

PRECIOUS MOTHER OF JESUS



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

7TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of
PAUL WALSH
Clouhy Carthy, Renanirree, Macroom
Who died on the 21st of April 2016

*A light is from our household gone,
A voice we loved is stilled,
A place is vacant in our home,
That never can be filled.
Lonely is the home without you,
Life to us is not the same,
All the world would be like heaven,
If we could have you back again.
The happy hours we once enjoyed,
How sweet their memory still,
But death has left a vacant place,
This world can never fill.
How dearly we loved you,
And prayed you might live,
But Jesus just beckoned,
And we had to give. God gave us strength
to bear it, And courage to fight the blow,
What it has meant to lose you,
God alone will ever know.
May the God of love and mercy,
Care our loved one who is gone,
And bless with consolation,
Those left to carry on.*



Sadly missed by Kitty, Fiona and Aoife.
May he rest in peace

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE



In loving memory of
JERRY TWOHIG
Macroom, Co. Cork

*Happy Birthday in Heaven
Losing you was one of the hardest things
I had to go through
but I take comfort knowing you're in
Heaven now and at peace.*



Always remembered by his wife Ann, daughters Edel, Amanda, Valerie & sons Paul and Eddie.
R.I.P
Always remembered.



6TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**TERESA BUCKLEY
(NEE CURTIN)**

Clonfadda, Macroom

Who died on 18th April 2017

*Your life was one of kindly deeds,
A helping hand for others needs,
Sincere and true in heart and mind,
Beautiful memories left behind*



Always remembered by her loving husband Paddy and family

9TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**PADDY
MCCARTHY**

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

*God called your name so softly,
That only you could hear;
And no one heard the footsteps,
Of angels drawing near.
The golden gates stood open,
God saw you needed rest;
His garden must be beautiful,
He only takes the best.*



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

8TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**DENIS (DENNY)
HALLAHAN**

**Commons, Crookstown, Co Cork
whose 8th anniversary occurs on
April 23rd**

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



Lovingly remembered by Margaret & family.

**FIRST ANNIVERSARY
AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**



In loving memory of

**KATHLEEN
DROMEY**

**Mamuckey, Kilmichael
Who passed away on the
27th April, 2022.**

As we lovingly remember Kathleen on her first anniversary, we her family would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all our extended family, friends and neighbours who sympathised with us on our sad loss.

Sincere thanks to all who attended her Removal, Funeral Mass and Burial and to those who sent Mass Cards, messages and online condolences.

We would also like to thank the staff at Fairfield Nursing Home, Drimoleague and our neighbours who looked after Kathleen so well.

Many thanks to Crowley Funeral Directors, Ballincollig for their support and professionalism throughout the funeral proceedings. Thanks to Fr. Pat O'Donovan for celebrating the funeral mass.

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

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



Sadly missed by her family Norah, Gerard, Pat, Mary & Anne. Louis, Ber, Orla & Tomás, Niamh, Eimear, Fiona, Clodagh, Kate, Aobha, Maeve, Ella, Claire, Ali & Sophie.

Kathleen's First Anniversary Mass is at 10am on the 30th April 2023 at Toames Church, Kilmichael.

2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**DENIS
FREE LYNCH**

**Doire na Sagart, Baile Mhúirne,
whose anniversary occurs
on April 26th.**

*Gone from home that smiling face,
the cheerful pleasant ways,
the heart that won so many friends,
in bygone happy days.
We hold you close within our hearts
and there you shall remain,
to walk with us throughout our lives
until we meet again.*



Lovingly remembered by Maura and family.

A Naomh Gobnait, guidh air.

7TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**JOHNNY
O' SULLIVAN**

**Ballingearry & Macroom
Who died on the 29th April 2016**

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



Always remembered by Your Loving Family

9TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**JEREMIAH
KELLEHER**

**Carrigthomas, Macroom
Who died on the 15th of April 2014**

*As each day dawns,
we think of you.
As each night falls,
we pray for you.
And throughout our lives,
no matter where, in our hearts
You are always there.*



Always remembered by his loving family

ANNIVERSARIES



In loving memory of
**DAN & NORA
MCCARTHY**

Coolavokig Macroom
In loving memory of Dan & Nora
whose anniversaries occur
at this time.



Deeply loved, sadly missed and always
remembered by their family.
Forever in our thoughts and prayers.

**25TH & 26TH
ANNIVERSARY**



Remembering our dear mother
KITTY O'RIORDAN
Whose 25th Anniversary occurred
May 1st

Also our dear father
DENNY O'RIORDAN
Whose 26th Anniversary occurs

June 5th
Cork Street, Macroom

*Deep are the memories
Precious they stay,
The passing of time
Won't take them away.*



Always in our thoughts,
Your loving family

2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**NORA
MCSWEENEY**

**Gortnascairte, Ballymakeera,
Macroom, Co Cork.**

Who died on the 25th of April 2021.

*A Silent thought
A quiet prayer
For A Special person
In Gods care*



Lovingly remembered by your brothers
Michael and Dan, nephews and nieces
and their families.

**FIRST ANNIVERSARY
AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**



In loving memory of

**MARTIN
HORGAN**

Toames West Macroom
Who died on the 26th of April 2022

As we lovingly remember Martin on his
first anniversary We his family would like
extend our heartfelt thanks to all our
friends neighbours and extended family
who were a huge support to us in such
a difficult time, to all who sympathised
with us, and all who visited the house
on Martin's last two nights at home
to everyone who brought food and
refreshments and all who helped with
parking we can never thank you enough.
Those that sent mass cards and messages
of condolences on RIP we thank you
We would like to thank the Doctors nurses
and staff at Cork University hospital
especially the Dialysis Unit, Dr Shane
Hurley and his staff at Muskerry Practise,
all the staff at Deasy pharmacy

A very special thanks to all who
participated in the funeral mass Fr Pat
O Donovan Kathleen Murray Organist,
Theresa Barrett Soloist, Kathleen Buckley
sacristan, Fitzgerald's Funeral directors
for their professionalism and kindness
shown to us.

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

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



Dearly loved and missed Dad Mam
Diarmuid Colin Jenny Aisling Alisha
Isabelle Saoirse Oisin and Caoilinn

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. **TC**

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.

5TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**EILEEN
O'CONNOR**

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

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

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



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

4TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**CORNELIUS
(CURLEY) LEHANE**

Railway View, Macroom, Co. Cork
Died 30th April 2019

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



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



A Word of Victory

Welcome back dear student last week we spoke about private tears. Are you in trouble? Does it feel like you are up to your neck in it? "Save me, O God, for the floodwaters are up to my neck. Deeper and deeper I sink into the mire; I can't find a foothold. I am in deep water, and the floods overwhelm me. I am exhausted from crying for help; my throat is parched. My eyes are swollen with weeping, waiting for my God to help me" (Psalm 69:1-3). This Psalm was written by King David a man well accustomed to turmoil. It is quite a prophetic song about the Messiah. Jesus quoted this while speaking about His Love when He taught that He is the Vine and we are the branches. He warns that standing on God's Word will not make one popular – just as He experienced.... "they hated me without a cause" (John 15:25; Psalm 69:4).

At times it can seem that even though you are doing the right thing you are not seeing the results you expected. This is where your faith and personal knowledge of God's Word and His Love kicks in. God warns us that "our adversary the devil roams around like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour" (1st Peter 5:8-9). The devil wants you to fail, to fall into destruction and to be utterly defeated. However, the Lord re-enforces His Everlasting Love - telling us to 'cast our anxiety upon Him because He cares for us' - all the while 'resisting the devil firm in our faith knowing that our brothers and sisters in Christ are having similar experiences'. That may be hard to believe because the enemy will whisper that no-one knows how you feel, or will taunt you that no-one else is in the predicament that you find yourself in. Remember this friend - the devil is a liar. He doesn't just tell lies – Jesus revealed Satan as a liar, a cunning cheat, a slanderer and accuser, a murderer and a thief. Most people cover things up when they are in trouble. It can be financial, family, work, mental health – the problem may differ from one to another but the source and the solution are always the same. Satan, sin and curse is the root of the problem; but our Loving God, His Mercy and His Son Jesus is the answer (John 14:6). No matter what the issue, here is how to see things change. First, acknowledge your sins to God. All of us have sinned and fall short of God's Glory and deserved to die for our sins (Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23). But God's Love overcame sin, death, curse and sickness in the Person of His Son Jesus when He laid down His sinless perfect life paying for you and me to be saved with His Blood. Next - ask the Lord Jesus to come into your heart to be your Lord and Saviour. Making Jesus Lord means turning away from the way you used to live - instead living in obedience to His Word bringing Him Glory. Thirdly, ask the Lord to baptise you with His Holy Spirit Power and watch as His Fire fills your life and opens up and reveals God's Word to you as you study. There is a cost friend – it's your time and your whole heart, but the result will be that you will learn the Truth and 'the Truth shall make you free' (John 8:32). "Return to your rest O my soul" (Read Psalm 116).

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REMEMBRANCE TRIBUTE



In loving memory of

TERESA MCKEVITT (NEE RING)

River Lane, Carlingford and Carrigadrohid Macroom, Co. Cork

Numerous tributes have been paid to Teresa McKeivitt (née Ring) River Lane, Carlingford, who passed away at her home on Saturday April 8, after a brave battle with cancer.

Teresa, retired principal of Bush Post-Primary School is fondly remembered as a gifted and inspirational teacher, whose kindness shaped the lives of many of her former students. One of a family of ten children, Teresa grew up in Carrigadrohid, Macroom, Co Cork. Her love of music and the stage was clear from an early age. She studied English, Maths, Latin and Logic at University College Cork, and began her teaching career in St. Michael's College, Omeath in 1977.

Teresa met her beloved John McKeivitt while working in St. Michael's College and after their marriage, the couple made their home in John's native Carlingford, where they raised their family and Teresa became a valued member of the local community. Following the closure of St Michael's College in 1986, Teresa joined the teaching staff of Bush Post Primary School. She was appointed to a special duties teacher post in 1988, and was subsequently promoted to the post of Assistant Principal with special responsibility for Adult Education. In 2005 Teresa became Deputy Principal, before taking over as Principal in 2006. She embraced her role with passion. She retired in 2012. Mourners at her funeral on Easter Monday were told by Father Malachy Conlon that she was "a passionate and gifted teacher" who was fondly remembered by former pupils for her kindness and encouragement. Teresa's love of literature and in particular of poetry were recalled during the ceremony, with her son Michael John reading a Shakespearean Sonnet in remembrance of his mother.

Teresa's love of the stage dated back to her young days in Macroom and she brought that with her to Carlingford. She was a driving force in the Carlingford Drama Group, directing productions including the Playboy of The Western World, My Fair Lady, and the Importance of Being Ernest. She also staged productions in support of the Foy Centre including Professor Tim, Philadelphia Here I Come, The Plough and The Stars as well as Cinderella and Snow White. She was a huge supporter of Cór Chairlinne, the choir founded by her husband, and offered unwavering support to them all, a fact which was beautifully acknowledged by a stirring rendition of "The Banks of My Own Lovely Lee" as Teresa made her final journey from the church.

In a moving tribute on their website, Cór Chairlinne said: "There are people in this world who come in to a community and touch so many lives that when they leave, the community as a whole unites in grief. Teresa McKeivitt was one of those people." Many of her former students and colleagues paid tribute to her. Kevin Joyce, Principal Bush Post Primary School said that she had "left a wonderful legacy here at the Bush and indeed within the entire community".

The Foy Centre said that she was "a great supporter of the Foy Centre since the beginning" and had done so much for both the Foy and Carlingford Community Development.

Teresa was predeceased by her parents John and Judy Ring, and is survived by her husband John, daughter Sally and sons Michael John and Bob, her daughter-in-law Deirdre, son-in-law Shaun, grandchildren Lottie, Darragh and Luke, sisters-in-law Aideen, Christine, Mary and Sally, sisters Ann, Carmel, Patricia and Martina, brothers Paddy, John, Mickey, Tony and Denis Paul, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends. Teresa's kindness, generosity and rapier-like wit will be truly missed by all.

Her funeral took place on Easter Monday in St Michael's Church, Carlingford with burial in the adjoining cemetery.

The Ring and McKeivitt families would like to sincerely thank the many friends who travelled from Canovee, Macroom, Ballinagree, Cork, Fermoy, Lismore and many other parts of the country to Carlingford for the funeral over the Easter weekend. They also wish to thank those who sent messages of condolence.

May Flights of Angels sing Teresa to her Rest.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

EILEEN O'SULLIVAN

Late of Ballyvoige, Kilnamartyra, Macroom who died on the 2nd of April 2022.

As we lovingly remember Eileen on her first anniversary, we her family wish to express our appreciation and gratitude to all who sympathised with us on our sad loss. Thanks to our extended family, relatives, friends and neighbors, all those who send mass cards, phone calls, enrollments letters, and online condolences, which was a great comfort to us during our sad time we are grateful for your support.

Thanks to all who attended Eileen's removal and funeral mass. We wish to thank Fr Joe, Fr Goold, Jackie (sarcristian) and Gobnait for the lovely singing at the funeral mass.

We wish to thank her carer Juliette and Cahereen nursing home for their wonderful care of Eileen while in their care. We wish to thank Cyril Casey Undertakers for the kindness, advice and professionalism and care shown to us all throughout the removal and funeral. Also thanks to the grave diggers.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgment as a token of our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

*Down the path of memories,
We gently tread today,
Our thoughts are always with you,
Especially today.*

*Softly in the morning,
You heard a gentle call,
You took the hand God offered you,
And quietly left us all.*



Lovingly remembered by her nieces, nephews and step brother.

Anniversary Mass will be held in Kilnamartyra on Sunday 30th of April at 11.30am.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

EDDIE LEHANE

Kilnamartyra Cope Foundation Who died on the 19th April, 2022.

As we lovingly remember Eddie on his first Anniversary, we his family, would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to everyone who supported us at this time. We would like to thank everyone who attended the funeral, sent Mass cards or wrote messages of condolences on RIP.ie. Sincere thanks to all those who participated in the funeral Mass, especially Fr McCarthy for the prayers and beautiful Mass. Thanks also to Gobnait Connor for her beautiful singing and music.

Sincere thanks to McCarthy Undertakers for their professionalism and support - it means a lot to us at this time.

Sincere thanks to the staff of Cope Foundation, Macroom and of Cork who looked after Eddie so well during his lifetime - we are eternally grateful to you all.

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



Mass will be offered for your intentions.

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.

11TH ANNIVERSARY



Treasured memories of a loving husband and father

PAT MCCARTHY

Farnanes who died on April 13th, 2012

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



Your wife Mag and daughters Eilish & Aisling.

10TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

REDMOND KIRBY

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

*April is here with sad regret
The day the month we will never forget.*

May Red's soul and the soul of all our departed family and friends Rest In Peace



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

2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

LIAM CORCORAN

Of Ballymakeera (formerly Toames) Who died on the 11th of May 2021

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



Always remembered by your son Bill, your daughters Rosie and Sara, family and friends

Naomh Gobnait guí orainn

5TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

MAURA LYNCH

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

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

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



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

Mam's Mass will be at 9.30am, Thurs 4th of May, 2023, in St Abina's Church, Clondrohid (www.churchmedia.ie/st-abinas-clondrohid-macroom/)

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