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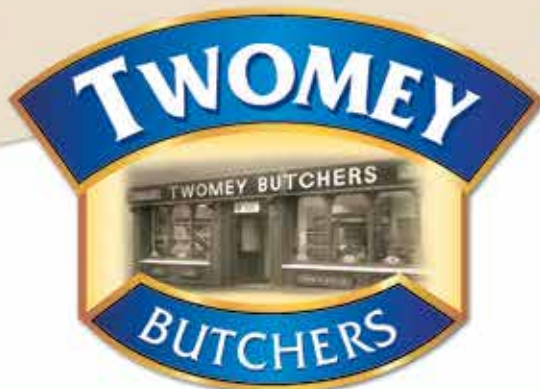
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As always submissions as Gaelige are always welcome too!

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Editor's NOTE

We love hearing local stories, opinions and events - current or historical, if you would like to submit an article as bearla nó as gaeilge, please feel free to email us here on leevalleyoutlook@macroom.ie, we would love to hear from you.
Go raibh maith agaibh, Peter & Gráinne



For those interested in gardening, August is a good time to plant Dianthus, Geraniums, Marigolds and Verbena. Plant them about 15cm apart and cover the soil with Bark Mulch. Volunteers had a busy few weeks with General Maintenance in the Fairy Garden and around Town, litter picking in the castle grounds and cleaning up around playground on High Street.

The Men Shed have been busy repairing a large Holy Statue Holder for an outdoor garden. This was built with Slates so that it would be more durable for Irish weather. They are also mending chairs for a local playschool. They break up old pallets and sell Bags of Kindling, two bags for a fiver. They are open Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 2-4 pm and are based in Masseytown.

Some of our volunteers attended the first ever workshop on Dementia: Community Champion. Over 64,000 people are currently living with dementia in Ireland and the number is expected to double over the next twenty-five years. There were many groups involved in the workshop including Age Friendly Ireland, Families with Newly diagnosed and People that have been diagnosed with Dementia, Digital Ambassadors from libraries all over Ireland. To



Macroom Tidy Towns, Playground Works

make a community more inclusive there are two elements, the Social Environment and Physical Environment. One of the suggestions on how tidy towns could become more inclusive was to maybe make a Community Dementia officer position within the tidy towns. It was a very educational workshop with lots to think about going forward into the future.

On the 29th/30th of July the Tiny Feet Fairy Garden church gate collection took place and would like to thank all who donated, and Andy Collins in Computek for kindly donating signs for the collection. Andy did an amazing job on them and we would also like to thank him for his continued support to the Tiny Feet Fairy Garden. This is greatly appreciated. Well done to John Lyons and Aghinagh Comhlata who played some lovely trad music in the Castle Hotel on a Tuesday evenings for six weeks and finished up on 8th August. What better way to relax and spend a Tuesday than to listen to some local singers and local trad group for a few hours after a busy day.

In a few weeks time a new Map will be going down into the Saint Colman's Park Amenity and Biodiversity Area. It will show the different tree species to be seen here, those newly planted as well as existing mature trees, fruit trees, nut trees etc. in the Biodiversity Areas. The

map will highlight the Amenity Walks in the area. We would like to thank to Rosanna Lenci Design Genesis for designing it and Pobal for supporting it financially.

On the 19th of August from 1-3pm there will be a teddy bears picnic in the fairy garden. It is open to everyone, just make sure to bring your favourite teddy bear, a picnic blanket and some munchies. For more information contact 087-1434770.



Men's Shed

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

BRIDGE CLUB

Bridge Club will meet on Wednesday August 9th at 10am.

MUSIC MORNING

Music Morning will take place on If you have a favourite song that you would like to hear played, please bring along a CD with the song on it and arrive in plenty of time before Music Morning begins so your song can be added to the playlist.

THE GEARAGH: PAST, PRESENT, & FUTURE

Kevin Corcoran, author of 'Saving Eden: The Gearagh and Irish Nature' will be visiting Macroom Library on Tuesday August 15th at 11.30am to deliver a presentation on the history of the Gearagh, its current state, and what the future holds for this beloved, local nature reserve. This presentation is being held to celebrate Heritage Week 2023. It is free to

attend, and all are welcome to come along.

PURLIES KNITTING GROUP

Purlies Knitting Group will meet on Thursday August 17th at 11.30am.

STORYTIME

Storytime on Saturdays at 11.30am.

CHILDREN'S SUMMER COLOURING COMPETITION

Be sure to call in, pick up a colouring sheet, and take part in our latest colouring competition to be in with a chance of winning a prize! There are two age-categories: 5-7. And 8-12 years old. The closing date is on Thursday August 31st at 5.30pm.

LITTLE LIBRARY BOOK BAGS

Cork County Council Library Service is inviting all children who are starting primary school in September to call in to their local library and collect their very own free "Little Library Book Bag." The aim is that all children will start school with storybooks already at home, and it is funded through the Dormant Accounts Funding. If you have a little one starting primary school in September, be sure to visit us in Macroom Library and they can collect their Little Library Book Bag.

ART EXHIBITION

For the month of August, artist Tetiana Milshyna



has her fantastic collection of watercolour prints on display in Macroom Library. Tetiana is a Ukrainian artist who is based in Cork.

Her art is about places in which we live, with the aim of conveying the ambiance of a location at a specific moment in time: the light, the weather, the colour.

The main theme of Tetiana's art is Ireland, and her belief is that Irish nature and heritage is like a kind of dream and fairy-tale in real life.

Please make sure to find some time this month to call in and view this incredible collection.

ALL IRELAND SUCCESS FOR MACROOM HANDBALLER

Congratulations to local handballer Ray Griffin who has recently won the All Ireland Silver Masters Doubles competition in the big alley, the 60 x 30. The game was played in Cashel against Wexford opponents. Having got off to the better start the Cork pairing took the first game. However, Wexford rallied in the second game and the teams were level on several occasions before the Cork players just got their noses in front at the finish to prevent this going to a tiebreaker.

Ray and his playing partner, Enda Ahearn from the Boherbue Club, had already won the All Ireland Silver Masters Doubles in the 40 x 20 alley earlier in the season so this is a second medal for both this year.

Another Macroom handballer, John Lyons, represented Cork in the 60 x 30 Diamond Masters B reached the Munster final but lost out to Kerry in a game played in Broadford, Co. Limerick.



The fundraiser Climb for Mia took place at Musher mountain on the 26th of March 2023. This was in memory of our daughter Mia Martin who's 1st anniversary was the 27th of March 2023. Over 200 friends and family took part in the climb that day. We chose the charity Féileacáin as they supported us in every way after our daughter passed away. Féileacáin provides support services for those affected by the death of a baby around the time of birth. Féileacáin was formed by a group of bereaved parents to offer support. They are a non profit organisation.

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MACROOM GIRL GUIDES

ARDILAUN GUIDES AND MACEGAN SENIOR BRANCH

On Thursday 03rd August Ardilaun Guides and MacEgan Senior Branch joined together for a very enjoyable evening of orienteering at Farran Wood. The weather was very fine during the evening which added greatly to the enthusiasm of the girls. The orienteering course at Farran is very interesting with clues linked to flora, fauna and ecology in the area. Everyone found the great outdoors refreshing and educational. Farran Wood is a gem of ecological success with easy access to view the many wild birds and deer as the Guides explored the area. A great evening was rounded off with some goodies and plenty of laughter from the Guides and Senior Branch members.

SILVER GAISCE AWARD FOR NIAMH MCSWEENEY

Niamh McSweeney, a Leader with MacEgan Senior Branch and Ardilaun Guides, Macroom was presented with her Silver Gaisce Award last week by Deirdre Henley, Gaisce Coordinator for Irish Girl Guides.

Niamh trained as a Guide Leader for her Community Involvement section, joined a walking group for the Physical Recreation section and learned to drive, passing her test with flying colours for her Personal Skill



Macroom Girl Guides, Orienteering Evening, Farran Wood



Challenge. A five-day hike around the Iveragh Peninsula was her choice for the Adventure Journey. This was undertaken with a couple of other Gaisce participants and meant carrying all their gear and food for the five days, meeting locals and working on projects relevant to the area. Niamh previously achieved the Bronze Award and is now setting her sights on the Gold Award.

Macroom Guiding District said "Good-Bye" to Niamh last week as she heads to Australia to further broaden her horizons. She will be greatly missed but we all look forward to hearing of her adventures "down under".



Niamh McSweeney, Gaisce Awards, Macroom Girl Guides



Macroom Girl Guides, Orienteering Evening, Farran Wood



St Val's Winners of the U13A Spring League



Tadhg O'Connell, Ballincollig GAA and Cork Under 20 hurler, winner of the EPH Controls/Muskerry GAA Sports Award for July, photographed with parents, Niamh and Brendan, sisters, Eadaoin and Eanna and girlfriend, Eva Murphy at presentation function held at Oriel Hotel. Picture: Mike English



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- Creative Writing Group: Next gathering will be Friday 25th August at 4pm.
- Completed Summer Stars Reading Card to be returned no later than Wed 23rd August
- Book Club: Next gathering will be in September.

Please confirm meetings/events with the library on 026 45767 during opening hours

We all have something new in common – we have lived through the wettest July in recorded history. It's not really something I will be listing as an achievement although the weather was so disappointing it was an achievement to get through it. Having said that, I am happier with the weather we had than the extremes that so many are enduring throughout Europe and elsewhere in the world. Have we lost our chance of a Summer this year or is there still time? That nice spell we had in late May early June was very welcome and it would be lovely to finish out the season in a similar way.

When I was going on Summer Holidays to West Cork as a child, I always included a good stock of books in case of bad weather. As we drove to where we stayed there was usually enough room in the car to include a pack of cards, a set of draughts and a few board games such as Ludo and Snakes & Ladders. I remember playing Snap and Beg of Your Neighbour with my parents and grandparents and these games could often get quite heated. There were three girls in the family on the farm where we stayed so even when the weather was good we often played cards and board games long into the Summer evenings as darkness was my

only deadline for getting back to my own house. We had such fun those evenings which often dissolved into laughter when we started to tweak the rules to stretch out the game. And there were snacks too of course, Quavers, Opal Fruits, dilute orange and rice crispy cakes, which we made earlier. When I had children of my own, we used to do the same when going on caravan holidays and pack in some board games. By this time we had advanced to Frustration rather than Ludo and it really was a case of frustration for my son – I don't think he ever won a game and to this day he does not like the game. So books, cards, board games and laughter were the antidote to bad Summers when I was growing up – I wonder what it is now? If your little one is starting primary school in September, it's not too late to collect a Little Library Book Bag from Leabharlann Bhaile Bhúirne where they are in stock in Irish and English. Each bag includes free library membership, with a specially designed Little Library card wallet, as well as information for parents to support children in preparing for the next stage of their learning journey.

Do you know that there is a Comfort Kit available on request for use while on a visit to Leabharlann Bhaile Bhúirne? The Comfort Kit includes basic sensory items such as: a weighted blanket, dark glasses, ear protectors, and more. The contents of the Comfort Kit have been carefully chosen to give children a feeling of security and to soothe the senses. Please ask at the library desk.

There is a very interesting event coming up in Dunmanway Library which isn't so far from our area. At the Fashion Upcycling Workshop at Dunmanway Library you can join Gwen McGuirk on Saturday August 19th from 11am - 1pm to learn more about upcycling fashion. This free workshop is for teenagers aged 14-17 years old, and it is

part of the Dunmanway Arts Festival celebrations. For more details and to book your place at this workshop, please contact Dunmanway Library by phoning 023-8855411, by emailing dunmanway.library@corkcoco.ie. This sounds like a great workshop to attend at our sister library in Dunmanway.

It's almost time to bring your completed Summer Stars Reading Cards back to the library so that your certificate can be prepared and to make sure you will be included in the raffle. Bring back your card by 23rd August no matter how many books you have read – whether it's one, ten or twenty. Tá sé beagnach in am do Chártaí Léitheoireachta Réalta Samhraidh comhlánaithe a thabhairt ar ais go dtí an leabharlann ionas gur féidir do theastas a ullmhú agus tú a áireamh sa raifil. Tabhair do chárta ar ais, roimh an 23U Lúnasa, is cuma cé mhéad leabhar atá léite agat - ceann amh'in, deich nó fiche."

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DONOUGHMORE FUNDRAISING GROUP

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MACROOM SOUTH DOC: ARE ITS DAYS NUMBERED?

By Con Kelleher

Southdoc is an out-of-hours GP/Local Doctors' service that covers most practices in counties Cork and Kerry. It has operated in Macroom since 2002.

On Sundays, 30 July, and 6 August 2023, there was no doctor working from the Macroom Centre.

SouthDoc came about to:

1. Give GPs a better quality of life
2. To put in place an adequate and safe out-of-hours community service.

GPs are independent contractors, and agree to give medical care 24-hour a day, 365 days a year to their medical card patients by contract and their private patients by extension of that practice. It is the doctors' responsibility to provide out-of-hours cover for their patients. Now, local doctors service the midweek 6-8 or 9, and 9-9 on Saturdays and 9-9 Sundays and 9-8 or 9 on Bank Holidays. (Southdoc website, as seen on Sunday 6/8/2023 – see photo.)

The Macroom cell covers practices in Macroom, Ballyvourney, Coachford and Cloughduv; the area covered goes roughly from the County Bounds and Keimaneigh to Farnanes, Donoughmore to Kilmichael. It is based on cell doctors' patients and about 18-20,000 patients are served.

SouthDoc was first temporarily located in Castle Street before moving to Macroom Hospital Grounds and is now situated in Macroom Health Centre, in Fairgreen. A well equipped centre and car were/are supplied. In 2002, after much discussion, local doctors accepted the new arrangement on the understanding that a good quality out-of-hours locally-based service would be supplied (Corkman, 14 February, 2002). Initially a driver and secretary were employed – they and the doctor worked from the centre, saw patients there and did home-calls as needed. On moving to Macroom Hospital a nurse also attended for a while. Doctors' rotas changed from a 1-in-3 (in my case 1983-2002) to about a 1-in-10 (202-2014). Call involved a doctor being in the centre 18.00 to midnight, midweek and being on call from midnight until 9.00 a.m. the following day. Weekend duty was 1 p.m. - midnight on Saturday and 9 a.m.-midnight on Sundays. Later second-on-call duty was re-located to Bandon, with a driver supplied. Later again, locum doctors were employed for this shift.



SouthDoc in Macroom.

When the 2008 crash came, cutbacks followed and involved losing the nurse and secretary from the service. Over the past number of years the hours of SouthDoc opening in Macroom have diminished. It is my understanding that Macroom SouthDoc has been without a doctor for several days this year and last. Ironically on Sunday, 30 July, three pharmacies were open in Macroom but the town was without a doctor. Pre 2002, on Sundays several doctors were on duty but no pharmacy was open.

It is a given that medical cover should be available 24/7. Patients are advised to report immediately in cases of chest pain and possible stroke – remember the slogan 'Act FAST': Cardiac arrest demands immediate attention, and anaphylaxis – a severe life-threatening allergic reaction - needs urgent treatment. If strokes caused by clots receive 'clot-buster' treatment early, patients can recover fully or at least better. Meningitis needs early diagnosis and prompt treatment. The list of illnesses that need immediate attention is long. Most serious emergency cases need rapid transfer to

hospital. The Macroom-centred area covered by Macroom SouthDoc is long and wide. Sometimes our ambulance(s) has/have gone to Cork or been retained there and is/are not immediately available – perhaps not for hours. There are many causes for the reduction in service; money, personnel, GPs' scarcity and workload, life- work balance, graduates emigrating soon after qualification, doctors working part-time or not at all etc. Whatever the causes, doctors are absent from Macroom occasionally and the service is reduced. Kanturk and Skibbreen SouthDoc centres have been reported as closed and there is a strong suggestion that Macroom's may too be closed.

It's a far cry from what was there before 2002 and what was there in the earlier versions of SouthDoc. SouthDoc was originally and reluctantly accepted by doctors and patients in its original and better form.

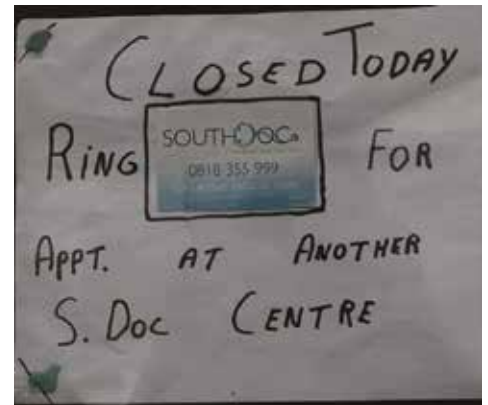
Is the current (and occasionally absent) service good enough and safe enough for Macroom, and all areas bereft of doctors out-of-hours?



Entrance to Macroom SouthDoc.



SouthDoc hours this week



A SouthDoc sign too often used in the past two years.

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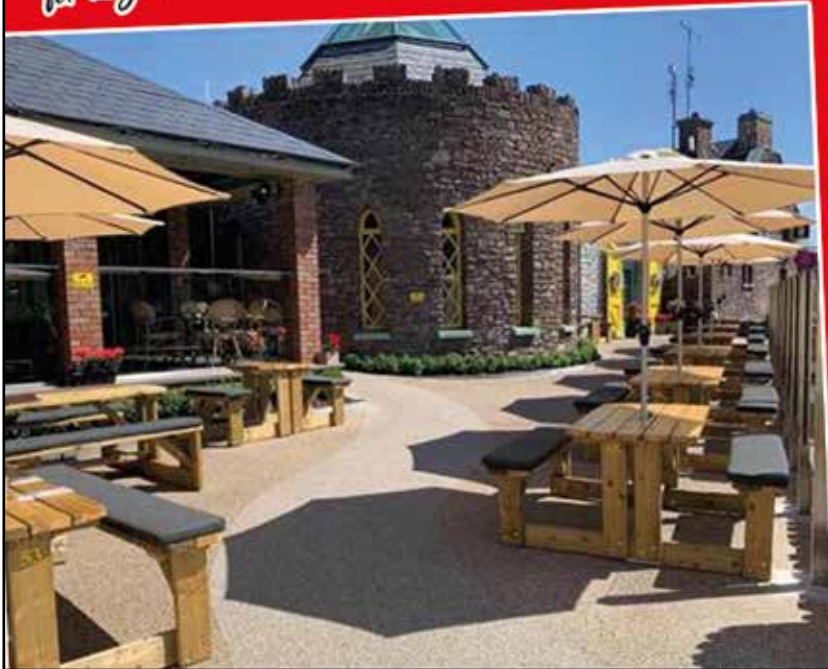


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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR:

Here are a sample of the articles written by De La Salle Macroom students this year for their school magazine, the DLS Digest. Well done

buachaillí, keep up the good work, who knows you may be writing for the Lee Valley in the future.

THE DLS DIGEST

AbilityWise: Empowering Inclusion Through Awareness Training



BY TOBIASZ KOZDRA, PATRICK CASEY AND JAMES SLATTERY

In a commendable effort to foster disability awareness and promote inclusion, AbilityWise offers comprehensive training programs for companies, schools, and adult education centres. Founded by Deirdre O’Grady, the organisation aims to cultivate positive attitudes and encourage respectful integration of individuals with disabilities into various aspects of society. Deirdre, a UCC graduate with a higher diploma in Facilitating Inclusion and Disability Studies, is dedicated to breaking down barriers and fostering understanding. The courses provided by AbilityWise are designed to challenge preconceived notions, encouraging participants to evaluate their own practices and embrace diversity. With 13% of the Irish population living with a disability, it is important that individuals are equipped with the knowledge and skills required to create inclusive environments in different

settings. Embracing a Universal Design approach, AbilityWise tailors their courses to accommodate diverse learning styles, employing a range of teaching methods to ensure an engaging and interactive learning experience for all. For Deirdre O’Grady, the motivation to establish AbilityWise stems from her personal experiences. Both Deirdre and several members of her family have disabilities, which drove her to address the existing lack of awareness in society. Currently operating as a sole trader, Deirdre has plans to expand her team as the business grows. Success in this endeavour requires determination, motivation, and a willingness to take risks. Deirdre holds Macroom and her valued customers in high regard, acknowledging their indispensable support without which her venture would not be possible. Encouraging aspiring entrepreneurs, Deirdre highlights the importance of seizing opportunities, remarking, “Picasso didn’t know he was an artist before he picked up a brush.” She advocates for embracing new challenges, as failure lies only in not trying. AbilityWise stands as a beacon of hope, driving positive change and challenging societal perceptions.



Deirdre O’Grady

With their commitment to promoting inclusion and disability awareness, Deirdre O’Grady and her team continue to make significant strides in creating a more inclusive and understanding society. Through their educational programs, AbilityWise empowers individuals and organisations to build a future where everyone can thrive, regardless of their abilities.

Granville’s: A Hidden Gem in the Heart of Our Town

BY CORMAC BOURKE AND NIALL CREEDON

In our picturesque little town lies a restaurant that is steeped in history and charm. With the ruins of the old castle walls as its neighbour, Granville’s Restaurant exudes an aura of grandeur and elegance that transports you back in time. With its luxurious interior, warm atmosphere, and exceptional service; it’s no surprise that this self-grown business has become a staple in our community. We had the pleasure of interviewing Paul and Leonie Granville to gain insight into how they run their successful family business. They shared that their restaurant has the privilege of being housed in the oldest licensed business in Macroom, dating back to 1873. Additionally, over the last twenty years, this delightful restaurant has gained a reputation for its delicious food and excellent service. Paul

and Leonie are passionate about bringing the community together through food. Their menu is carefully crafted to offer a wide variety of dishes, from classic comfort food to more adventurous options. The restaurant prides itself on using fresh, locally sourced ingredients in their dishes whenever possible. In addition to their mouth-watering food, Granville’s also boasts a welcoming atmosphere that makes diners feel right at home. The friendly staff are always happy to recommend dishes or offer advice on pairings with their extensive wine list. The restaurant employs twelve full-time and eight part-time employees during their busy season, ensuring that their customers receive nothing but the best. According to Paul and Leonie, the key to a thriving business is having good people around you who love what they do. Their job is labour intensive, but they find joy in making and providing quality food



and drinks for their customers. For them, their customers are everything. They make their job worthwhile and give them the opportunity to witness families growing together over the years. Their dedication to excellent service and delightful food has resulted in a loyal customer base that continues to grow. THE DLS DIGEST Paul says that the restaurant is more than just a place to grab a bite to eat. “We wanted to create a space where people could come together and enjoy good food in a warm, welcoming environment. We’ve been so grateful for the

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steak, or any other delectable dish, Granville's Restaurant is the perfect spot for a wonderful meal. As their lights illuminate Castle Street,

you'll feel the warmth and hospitality that has made this restaurant a beloved local gem.

The Auld Triangle: Auld But Gold

BY DAVID LYNCH AND NOAH RYAN

Tucked away on the western side of town, among the bustling businesses, sits The Auld Triangle. Since the 1970s, this local pub and restaurant has delighted residents and visitors alike with its divine cuisine sourced from nearby suppliers. Renowned for its exquisite meals, The Auld Triangle has become a go-to destination for the people of Macroom and those seeking a delightful dining experience. The establishment's striking architectural design captures the attention of passers-by, drawing them into a world of culinary delights. Stepping inside, patrons are not only treated to fantastic food but are also greeted with warm hospitality from the dedicated staff, making them feel right at home. The Auld Triangle employs a dedicated team of fifteen full-time and twenty-five part-time staff, including three employees who have been with the establishment for an impressive twenty-five years. This enduring loyalty reflects the strong sense of community that defines Macroom. Under the capable management of Eileen O'Flynn, The Auld Triangle offers a menu that boasts an impressive variety of dishes, ranging from classic roasts to mouth-

watering lasagne's, succulent steaks, and fresh salmon. No culinary desire goes unfulfilled at this establishment. Throughout the decades, The Auld Triangle has been the preferred gathering place for friends and families on a myriad of occasions, including both joyous and sombre events such as weddings, funerals, communions, and confirmations. In recent years, the pub has expanded to include a cosy outdoor dining area, providing patrons with stunning views of the surrounding landscape. "Macroom is a lovely, welcoming town, ideal for raising families, and it offers everything one could desire," Eileen O'Flynn remarks. "Our customers are our bread and butter, and their continued support is what keeps us thriving. We love engaging with them, sharing laughter, discussing our local GAA teams, and indulging in friendly rivalries during conversations." When asked for advice to aspiring young entrepreneurs, Eileen emphasises the importance of thorough planning, unwavering dedication, and a genuine passion for the business. She encourages individuals to be prepared for challenges and setbacks, while also emphasising the need for a clear vision and goals. Eileen's strong connection to De La Salle College, where her two sons attended,



further demonstrates her involvement in the local community and the positive relationships fostered with the school's staff. The Auld Triangle has undeniably become a central part of Macroom's identity. In an era where new businesses emerge and compete for attention, The Auld Triangle has managed to stand the test of time, firmly establishing itself as one of the town's favourite and longestraining establishments. It continues to thrive, serving as a testament to Macroom's vibrant spirit and the enduring loyalty of its residents.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE SINGERS

Just a note on how the Celebration of Life Singers got up and running. It was the brain-child of Kathleen Barrett who thought it would be an idea to get a group of people to meet and sing a few songs have a chat and a cup of tea. A few of us got together and said where we could meet and it came up that the Museum Hall in Kilmurry was available on a Tuesday evening so it all started from there. Its for everyone and we will be starting back in September after the Summer break. Our musical director is Martina Ring. We decided that we would hold a First Birthday Concert and to celebrate our birthday we choose Breakthrough Cancer Research as our charity which is a charity that is very close to our hearts as we all know of someone suffering or having recovered from some form of cancer. On Friday 16th June we put on a show in the Kilmurry Museum hall, we sold raffle lines to raise funds and the show tickets were sold for 10.00 euro each, we also got some donations, We started of the evening with a cheese and wine reception which was sponsored by O'Leary's



Lissarda and Round Tower Cheese Enniskeane. Sponsors for the Raffle Prizes were - Conor Const., Underground Eye Ltd., K B Engineering and two hampers sponsored by members of Celebration of Life Singers. There was a representative from Breakthrough Cancer Research and she explained all about their work etc. and the Celebration of Life Singers entertained a full house on the night with some of the singers doing solo songs and Baile

Nuis Comhaltas playing some fantastic Irish music. Everyone enjoyed the evening and we raised a massive sum of 4330.00 euro. We wish to thank all our sponsors, ticket sellers and all who attended the concert on the night and everyone who helped in any way. Mile Buiochas le gach duine. Our Motto is: "Sing, laugh, and have fun.

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Bhí Ellen de Búrca sa dara háit san amhránaíocht ar an sean-nós (mná) 15-18 mbliana agus bhí Isobel Ní Dhrisceoil sa dara háit i gcomórtas faoi 12.

Bhuaigh Ellen de Búrca an comórtas feadóg stáin 15-18 mbliana, agus bhí Aodhagán Ó Riordáin sa tríú háit sa chomórtas pianó os cionn 18.

Bhí bua faoi cheathair do Sheán Ó Muimhneacháin, a tháinig sa chéad áit sna comórtais amhrán nuacheaptha Gaeilge agus Béarla agus an comórtas scéalaíochta, agus sa tríú háit sa chomórtas 'storytelling' i mBéarla.

Bhí cainteoirí Gaolúinne na craoibhe chun tosaigh chomh maith, le Mairéad Ní Cheallacháin agus Michaela Ní Riordáin ag dul ar aghaidh chuig Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann sa chomórtas Comhrá Gaeilge sa rannóg 9-11, agus Finín Ó Conaill sa rannóg 13-15 bliana, agus bhí Aisling Ní Cheallacháin ina buaiteoir ar an gcomórtas scéalaíochta faoi 12.

MUNSTER FLEADH RESULTS:

IRISH SINGING (MEN) 15-18: 1st. Donagh Ó Mainnín.

IRISH SINGING (LADIES) 15-18: 2nd. Ellen De Búrca.

IRISH SINGING (MEN) 12-15: 1st. Finín Ó Conaill, 2nd. Seán Ó Súilleabháin.

IRISH SINGING (LADIES) U12: 2nd. Isobel Ní Dhrisceoil.

WHISTLE 15-18: 1st. Ellen De Búrca.

PIANO O18: 3rd. Aodhagán Ó Riordáin.

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NEWLY COMPOSED SONGS IN IRISH: 1st. Seán Ó Muimhneacháin (Aonach an Fhómhair).

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SCÉALAÍOCHT U12: 1st. Aisling Ní Cheallacháin.

COMHRÁ GAEILGE 9-11: Q. Mairéad Ní Cheallacháin, Michaela Ní Riordáin.

COMHRÁ GAEILGE 13-15: Q. Finín Ó Conaill.



Deirfiúracha Mairéad agus Aisling Ní Cheallacháin, CCÉ Craobh Lachtaín Naofa, Cill na Martra, a cháiligh d'Fhleadh Cheoil na hÉireann sa chomórtas Comhrá Gaeilge.



Bhí Isobel Ní Dhrisceoil sa dara háit i gcomórtas amhránaíochta ar an sean-nós (mná) faoi 12.



Ellen de Búrca, a bhuaigh an comórtas amhránaíochta ar an sean-nós 15-18 mbliana, agus a bhí sa dara háit sa chomórtas feadóg stáin 15-18 mbliana ag Fleadh Cheoil na Mumhan.



Finín Ó Conaill, a bhí rathúil i gcomórtais amhránaíochta, ceoil, agus comhrá Gaeilge 12-15 bliana ag Fleadh Cheoil na Mumhan.



Donagh Ó Mainnín, a bhuaigh an comórtas amhránaíochta ar an sean-nós 15-18 mbliana (fir).



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CLONDROHID NEWS



Clondrohid and Aghinagh u 7 s at a recent blitz

GOBNAIT BIDS FAREWELL, THE END OF AN ERA

Clondrohid Community Crèche and After School was formed in 2003, and has grown over the years to be a centre of excellence. A lot of its popularity was due to a lot of hard work by a many people, but none more so than founding person, Gobnait Kelleher, who has recently retired.

Speaking to Gobnait recently, she says she is leaving behind something she is very proud of. It has been hard work but she enjoyed every bit of the journey. It's the staff that makes Clann Aire the success it is today, she says, they are a special kind of people, the care and love they share every day with the children they care for. Gobnait says she is leaving the centre in the very capable hands of Harriet Murray, who is young, energetic, enthusiastic, all the traits needed to continue Gobnait's hard work.

We wish you well Gobnait, and thank you for all you have accomplished. Enjoy your retirement, and good luck in the years ahead.

NELL'S BUS'TO KNOCK

This will take place on Tuesday August 15. Bus leaving Ballyvourney at 7am via Clondrohid, Carriganima and Millstreet. Cost of bus €25. Seats still available Contact Mary Twomey 0863299375 if you wish to travel.

DR. CON'S HISTORICAL TOURS

These commenced a week ago, and will continue on Tuesday nights at 7.30pm. Meeting at the Bridge near O'Riada's in Macroom



Tadhg O'Connell, winner of the EPH Controls/Muskerry GAA Sports Award for July with some of his Ballincollig GAA team mates at presentation function held at Oriel Hotel. Included are James Dwyer, Dillon Horgan, Pete Kelly and David Hurley. Picture: Mike English

TAVERN SINGERS

This enthusiastic group of singers meet twice a month, the second and fourth Monday nights in the Tavern Clondrohid. All are welcome, they would love to see you there, just come along for the entertainment .The next gathe ring is Monday Aug 14

CLONDROHID COMMUNITY HALL

Another a milestone in the hall renovations. The long awaited replacement of the roof will be ongoing over the month of August. Well done to all involved. Please note the Hall is not available for hire during these renovations.

BREAKING NEWS - HARVEST DANCE

Where else would this be happening only in Carriganima. The last two events were a great success, so why not go for 3 in a row. So on Sunday Sept 3 at 8pm Cliona Hagan will take to the stage. Earlier in the day the Millstreet Vintage Car Run will take place and many will return to Carriganima for a barbecue, at 3.30pm, with a great evening's entertainment with Peter Lane, and Tim Joe and Ann. Could

one ask for any more excitement? Well done Seanie and all who help. Everyone welcome.

JOHNNY COOLS DVD'S

Last call for these DVD's , available locally, or from a family member. €10. All proceeds to be divided between the Irish Heart Foundation, Community Hall, Carriganima Development Group, Clondrohid Development Group

LAOCHRA OG

Congrats to Laochra Og u 16 County Champions. They defeated Kilworth recently. Great drive around that night with the cup. Well done to the team, trainer, mentors and parents.



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COACHFORD

COACHFORD CYCLING CLUB NEWS

Elite BMX Racing World Championships Coachford Cycling Club would like to wish the very best of luck to our member Lynda's son, Danny O'Gorman, from Dripsey, who will represent Ireland in Glasgow, competing in the Junior Men's category at his first World Championships.

Events take place over this coming weekend, the 12th and 13th of August.

Go néirí go geal leat!

COACHFORD GRADUATION BALL

The leaving certificate students from Coachford College will hold their Graduation Ball on Tuesday, August 22nd. As is tradition most of the students will gather in the village before the ball and meet up with their friends and show off their glamour and style before heading off to the hotel to enjoy a night (and morning) of great fun and celebrations. Then, 3 days later the students will be given their Leaving Certificate results - we wish them the very best of luck for the ball and the results.

ROSE OF TRALEE

All eyes will be on Dhaiti O'Shea and the Rose Dome in Tralee on Monday and Tuesday August 21 and 22 as the German Rose, Megan Wolf will do her best to charm the host and the judges from the stage. All in Coachford will be supporting Megan as her mother Mairead O'Shea comes from Direen but made Germany her home a good few years ago We wish Mgan all the best and we hope the Cork Rose, Kate

Shaughnessy, from Ovens also does very well but not as well as Megan!!

FISHERMEN

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August is Fishing Festival month on the river with 5 major festivals taking place. These well organised festivals see a huge influx of anglers from all over Ireland, the UK and Europe. After spending a day on their various pitches along the river bank the anglers retire to enjoy the hospitality of Coachford and the Lee Valley. The overseas anglers stay in various B&Bs, Hotels, Airbnb and rental houses in the area. They eat locally and spend locally and are a huge boost to the local economy.

COACHFORD SOCCER PLAYER JOINS RAMBLERS

Congratulations to Luke Casey from Coachford who has recently signed for League of Ireland side Cobh Ramblers. Luke started his football career with Coachford AFC and joined Munster League club, Rockmount FC in 2020. The Coachford man has enjoyed huge success with both Coachford and Rockmount and was also called up to the Irish National Amateur team. Luke played in the European Regions Cup tournament in Spain in June before becoming a professional footballer with Ramblers in July. We wish him the very best in his future career.

COACHFORD TAKES OVER CROKER

Hundreds of people made the long and fruitful trip from Coachford to Croke Park last Sunday to support the Cork Senior Camogie team and the



Danny O'Gorman from Dripsey, who is representing Ireland in BMX Racing at the World Championships in Glasgow this coming weekend.

local players, Aoife Barrett and Clíona Healy in their quest to win the O'Duffy Cup. Two packed coaches left Coachford on Sunday morning, packed with hopeful and excited children and parents. Many more travelled by rail and road. The atmosphere in Croke was amazing and the sea of red and white supporters certainly encouraged their heroes on the field to win the title. It was late into the night when many of the fans returned home but although the day was long, the craic was great and the cup was back in the rebel county.

THE FIGHTING IRISH HEAD TO HUNGARY

Ireland SKIF Karate Squad will be hoping to leave their mark at the SKIF World Karate Championships, which take place in Győr, Hungary at the end of August.

There is a very strong mid Cork influence in the 25 member strong Irish Karate squad, with local club Crookstown Karate Club providing 5 members of the team.

Ben O'Donoghue (3rd Black belt), Robert Lehane (2nd Black belt), and Aisling O'Donovan (1st Black belt), Eddie Sheehan (1st Black belt), and Denise Lehane (1st Black belt) all members of Crookstown Karate Club, will be competing with the Ireland Karate Squad.

Bandon native, Sensei Garrett O'Donovan (6th Black belt) is the Ireland Karate Coach for the World Championships, which take place from 25th to 27th August.

And we wish them well in their travels and hope the spirit and the luck of the Irish will provide the squad with some good fortune as they compete alongside the best in the world.



Members of Crookstown Karate Club who are on the Ireland Karate Team. L to R Robert Lehane, Eddie Sheehan, Aisling O'Donovan, Denise Lehane, Ben O'Donoghue and Sensei Garrett O'Donovan.

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The commemoration of Lissarda Ambush will take place on Sunday, 20th August at 7.30 pm at the ambush site. Margaret Crowley, granddaughter of Patrick (Pake) Sheehan who was the adjutant of the Kilmurry Volunteers, will give this year's oration. Prayers will be said by Fr. Michael Kelleher, grandson of Quartermaster Michael Galvin who was fatally shot at Lissarda on 22nd August 1920.

All are welcome to this commemoration event.

REBEL RALLY RUN 2023

Independence Museum Kilmurry's annual Rebel Rally Run will take place on Sunday 27th August. This year's route will begin at Independence Museum Kilmurry and will take the scenic Lee Valley route to Ballyvourney where Peadar O'Riada and the Coolea Male choir will perform at St. Gobnait's church. The rally when then travel to St. Gobnait's cemetery for a talk on St. Gobnait and other

famous people buried there. Registration will begin at Independence Museum Kilmurry from 11:30am, where refreshments will also be provided. The rally will leave the museum at 12:30pm. Both vintage and non-vintage cars are welcome. Entry per car is €20. Contact khaamuseum@gmail.com or (021)7336932.

NATIONAL HERITAGE WEEK 2023

From Muskerry to Médous in search of Justin MacCarthy, Lord Mountcashel Justin MacCarthy A talk/slideshow presentation by historian Doug Lucey at Independence Museum Kilmurry on Sunday 20 August at 8pm. This is a National Heritage Week 2023 event Justin MacCarthy, son of Donough MacCarthy Viscount Muskerry is a figure of local, national and international importance. He was the first commander of the Irish brigade in the French Army of Louis XIV, until his death in 1694. Contemporary sources state Justin was interred at Barèges in the French Pyrenees. Doug's research suggests his final place of rest may be elsewhere, at an



Independence Museum Kilmurry, Rebel Rally Run, 2022

important pilgrimage site. All will be revealed during the presentation, which will also focus on Justin's Muskerry and Cork connections, involvement in the Williamite War, and on his renowned military career

UIBH LAOIRE NEWS

MASS ROCK

The annual Mass at the Mass Rock on the South Lake Road was con celebrated by Father Anthony and Father Diarmuid on the 25th of July, the feast day of Saint James. A large crowd attended. It was a lovely evening with the setting sun flooding the enclosure where we are told our ancestors risked their lives by attending the forbidden Mass of penal times. Nearby is the hill called Cnoc na Feadaile (the hill of the whistle) where a local would position himself and whistle a warning if soldiers were approaching. The plaque on the altar tells us that the place was used for worship from the end of the 1600s to about 1800. There are many Carraig an Aifrinn all over Ireland but there can be few so well constructed or preserved as this one, about a mile south west of Inchigeela. It is also one of the best loved and respected landmarks in our parish. Father Anthony's sermon reflected on the feast day we had, that of Saint James, regarded as being the first martyr of the church. He drew our attention to the many unknown martyrs, like many of our ancestors, who risked their lives to follow their



Mass Rock Altar Inchigeela & Mass being celebrated at the Mass Rock

beliefs and that we should not forget them or that we stand on the shoulders of those who have gone before us. The poignant reflection, the choir singing outdoors, the fine summer evening made the occasion very pleasant and memorable indeed.

DANCING REMINDER

Calling all dancing enthusiasts! The Sunday afternoon dancing in the hall is moving to the festival marquee where there's a licensed bar and plenty of room to strut your steps! Finbarr Dennehy followed by Declan Nerney and his band will take you dancing on Sun 20th August from 2.30 to 6.30pm. And on Sunday 27th you can step it out to the music of Patrick Feeney and his band followed by Martin Kearney and Derry Kennedy. A great feast of dancing!

INCHIGEELA FESTIVAL!

Preparations are at an advanced stage now and tickets are being swept up fast. Look up the adds on Lee Valley Outlook and on facebook. Inchigeela Festival is back!

CARDS

Card nights will continue as usual during both weekends of the festival



Outdoor Mass at Curraheen Inchigeela

EALÚ LUA

Registration will shortly begin for this event of running, cycling and kayaking in Uibh Laoire. Apart from the competition aspect, the event showcases the wonderful natural landscape of lake, river and mountain that is ours.

BAILIÚCHÁN ÉADAÍ

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Wild Gardens

Hi! Chris Barrett back talking once again with my good friend Tom Jordan.

He is taking a look at the historical context of gardening and asking if we can see another kind of beauty.

The great artist Claude Monet famously said: "My garden is my most beautiful masterpiece." For those of us lucky enough to have a garden of our own, it can become a delightful obsession. A garden is a personal paradise, a land over which we have the right to rule as we see fit. There is nowhere else we can enjoy the freedom to create natural structure with leaf-dappled shade, bright flowers and lush green vistas. It's the sculpting of a living landscape, the realisation of a vision that takes many years of dedication, patience and at times heartache, to achieve. In short, it's an opportunity to express our personality and indeed, a garden is a reflection of its owner's very philosophy on life. Recently there have been many calls for people to rewild their gardens, to the consternation of some celebrity gardeners like Monty Don, who called it "puritanical nonsense." Of course not everybody wants a wild garden. The terminology is even frightening to some. People like to maintain control over their surroundings and rewilding is, they might say, the antitheses of control. But there are other ways of seeing it and indeed, if we called it diversification, it might be a more apt term.

The modern garden, as opposed to a site for growing food, can be easily traced back to the seventeenth century when the first pleasure palaces were built around Europe, notably Versailles which was hugely influential on garden designers in other countries. The British developed a special love of lawns and were among the first to master them. A lawn is useful for various leisure activities and 'taking tea on the lawn' was a popular high society pursuit. Evolving sports like golf, tennis, cricket and bowling depended upon firm, level, consistent surfaces which a lawn could provide. At a time when the only tools available for maintaining perfectly pruned grass were hand-held shears, it followed that the larger your lawn was, the richer you must be. There's no doubt that this idea has taken hold of people's imagination. Even in hot countries today, millions of gallons of water are commonly diverted to feed the sprinklers that fulfil this expectation of a presentable green, neatly trimmed lawn. Through television programs and advertising, the impression is constantly reinforced that successful, respectable people live ordered



lives in generously-appointed houses behind freshly painted gates, surrounded by green lawns and well-behaved plants. We're conditioned to admire manicured landscapes and decorum demands that vegetation should be maintained in this way.

Ireland wasn't always known for being neat and tidy. I remember growing up in the 1980s when a lot of country people in particular, had no time or inclination for maintaining show gardens. With interest rates through the roof and the country in permanent economic crisis, gardens were focused on sustenance. The ones I recall were nevertheless very charming, with climbing roses, old ivy-clad walls hiding birds' nests and endless other surprises for a curious child. Useful herbs were grown near the house, as in the song, "parsley, sage, rosemary and thyme." Most people had a small orchard with a variety of apple trees and perhaps a few plums with further space devoted to blackcurrants, gooseberries, raspberries and maybe a few strawberries. Quite a few people still grew their own vegetables so little plots of potatoes, carrots, onions and cabbages were a common sight. A beehive or two was not uncommon. Some lucky folk had a glasshouse and could produce rarities like tomatoes and peppers. Otherwise you might see a little bit of ruffled lawn in front of the house, sometimes grazed with a few lambs or a donkey and most frequently used for playing football. There might have been a lofty oak or more often an ash with over-hanging branches that made it an easy climb for strengthening the limbs of adventurous children. A few shrubs, often old and messy, with lots of thorns that'd burst your ball, because for many people a native roadside hedge was good enough. After all it kept out the wind and it had its own beauty, as well as providing timber, food and medicinal plants like elder-flowers, blackberries, sloes and hazelnuts.

In essence, country gardens were practical places. How things have changed. With the Celtic Tiger boom came a new self confidence that belied our old insecurity and like the post-famine eagerness to throw off our native

language, a certain shame permeated the Irish consciousness. Again, we no longer wished to be associated with poverty and want. The old-fashioned country gardens alongside the vernacular buildings many of us grew up in, were abandoned, bulldozed and forgotten. Young couples set their standards higher, desirous of showing the world how successful they were. They built

fine large houses and their style of gardening changed radically too. Instead of growing vegetables, most of us now shop for them at Lidl or Aldi, paying much less indeed than it might cost in time and effort to produce our own, though with hidden impacts on growers and the environment. Without the need to shelter food crops, new houses have themselves become the focal point. They want to be seen, so they dominate their surroundings as status symbols, with entrance walls, pillars, fancy gates, tarmacadam driveways and acres of rolling lawn. Sometimes a tree or two might be planted, but not much else. In these alien environs a lone dandelion is a conspicuous interloper, while a nettle is a fugitive from justice.

The Irish architectural historian Robert O'Byrne has said: "All gardens represent the struggle for dominance between man and nature." While once all aspects of gardening were very labour intensive, so dedicated leisure gardens were the preserve of the very rich. Today, solar powered drone lawnmowers can commonly be seen patrolling the wide expanses. Motorised hedge-cutters quickly subdue any untamed bush and a knapsack sprayer will take care of the rest. One day of action knocks it all into shape, leaving the lairds and ladies to pursue other objectives. Professional gardening companies have mastered these simple interventions and so a small team of workers can carry out all maintenance work in jig-time, while offering their services at affordable rates. But all of this comes at a cost to wildlife, most of which cannot survive very well on empty lawns and bare verges.

Ireland has seen a revolution in terms of both housing and gardening, some of it for the better, but the wheel continues to turn. More and more property owners appreciate the importance of allowing biodiversity to flourish. Many now realise how effectively a well-chosen climber can soften the harsh lines of a building, embellishing it with scent and form, reducing its new-build glare. Beyond are layers of canopy, from a palate of vibrant wildflowers along the ground, through the thrilling taste of home-



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grown fruit bushes, to the stately presence of the great trees that would ennoble and enrich any fine edifice. Changing our gardening aesthetic does not impose much extra work. For the most part, it's simply a matter of having patience and doing less. Structured planting of trees behind smaller shrubs interspersed with hardy perennials, can result in the creation of new habitat, while presenting a type of beauty Monet himself would admire. Let us hope that

our gardens continue to ring in the changes, so that future generations get to enjoy the fruits of nature and the wonders of gardening for generations to come.

A big thank you to Tom for sharing his knowledge and time with us. I hope you will join me in incorporating his ideas into your garden!

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DID YOU KNOW? Hall – Macroom - *By Con Kelleher*

'Hall' is a common, almost a dull word. However, delving deeper reveals more. My interest in the word was piqued by the erection of a new hall in Macroom, The Jehovah Witness Kingdom Hall in Barrett Place. The 'older' traditional religions in Ireland have seen attendances decrease while there seems an upsurge in religious groups previously small. Seeing the new building began a train of thought.

Like many words, 'hall' has multiple meanings. It can be an entrance passage of a house, a corridor or passage in a house, a large public room in a palace or big house, or a principal living-room of a medieval house. It can refer to a mansion of landed property, a university students' residence, a place of instruction, a dining area or a guild's headquarters. Macroom has a Town Hall, where the public can meet for various purposes – it is really a very large public room. Examples of various types are present in history and around Macroom.

According to the Oxford Dictionary, 'hall' or 'heall' was originally a roofed space centrally located for the use of a tribal chief and his people. It was an Old German word and transferred to Dutch, Irish, Norse and Swedish and thence to English. 'Valhalla' means heaven or more literally, the hall or place where warriors slain honourably in battle reside – the resting place of heroes. A punishment once in Irish schools was to put misbehaving students in the 'halla', a sort of internal public humiliation. If there, one hoped that the principal would not emerge or somebody, important or not, would not call to the school. It seems that 'hall' is related to the word 'cell' which originally meant a place where one hid something. But that's another day's business.

'Sam Hall' is a famous ballad. It originated in England and as 'Jack Hall'. It was adopted and adapted over time and in other locations. The version now popular in Ireland describes taking 'Sam' to Cootehill (Co. Cavan) for hanging. His crime was to 'rob the rich and pay the poor'. Marble Halls (I dreamt I dwelt in Marble Halls) is a well-known aria from 'Bohemian Girl' (1843) where it is sung by Arline who is in love with Thaddeus, an exiled Polish nobleman; Poland was then divided and split among three empires – Russian, Austria-Hungarian and

German. Enya has a beautiful version available on Youtube and the late Sinéad O'Connor sang it as part of the soundtrack of 'Butcher Boy'.

Though Macroom's Jerry Hall is well-known, his American name-sake and former supermodel is famous world-wide. As well as being a supermodel, she was Mick Jagger's partner from 1977-99 and they have four children. Though wedded in a Hindu ceremony, their 'marriage' was declared null and void in England. After their separation, she married media magnate Rupert Murdoch in 2002 whom she later divorced. Perhaps the most famous Irish bearer of the Hall surname is Frank. He was a journalist and did an iconic interview with The Beatles in Dublin in the early 1960s. Perhaps surprisingly, he was also the film censor and acted conservatively. His great work was in creating and presenting 'Hall's Pictorial Weekly'. It is still very funny for those of an older generation. Who can forget Ballymagash Council meetings, the 'Minister for Hardship', Cha and Miah, David Kelly's and Eamonn Morrissey's portrayals, done wittily and very sharply? The Coalition government 'of all the talents' suffered bitterly at Hall's hands; some think it was a big factor in the Coalition losing the 1977 General Election. Despite his underlying conservatism, sharp tongue and pen, and being married, he had a long-term relationship with Frankie Byrne, presenter of 'Dear Frankie', the first agony-aunt Irish radio programme. They had a daughter and Frankie's travails may explain her insight and empathy on-air. Hall briefly presented 'The Late Late Show' and opened 'Macroom Mountain Dew Festival'.

The Caseys live in 'Hanover Hall', Rusheen - Pat Casey has a Morrison-engraved wine bottle-top from the seventeenth century. It was once home to Abraham Morrison (or Morris), foe and nemesis, perhaps killer, of Art Ó Laoghaire. One encounter between the two took place there and Art or one of his retinue allegedly shot one of Morrison's servants. Ownership of a horse in Penal Times caused the dispute - the Catholic Art was obliged to accept a Protestant's/Morrison's £5 offer for his horse. Art's refusal cost him his life. In 'The Caoineadh', when Art's horse returns home after the shooting, his wife

Eibhlín races from her hall in Raleigh House, jumps on the horse and speeds to Carriganima, the scene of the slaying. Her record of the event and her grief are immortalized in the poem. John Fitz-Gerald's (Lissarda) recent and fresh translation is wonderful.

Shandy Hall, Dripsey, was the scene of Dr Cross's murder of Laura, his wife and mother of his six children. Having fallen in love with his children's young governess, Evelyn Skinner, he almost contrived a perfect murder but was eventually brought to justice by a dogged detective, Inspector Tyacke. A Queen's University (now UCC) forensic scientist, Dr Charles Pearson helped to convict Cross, who was hanged. The reporting of his trial was sensational; that and the deed begot the book, 'Murder at Shandy Hall'. It was adapted as a musical and staged in Macroom in 2016. It starred Emmet Bergin, Geraldine Barry-Murphy and Stephanie Shine. Before, some pharmacies bore the name 'medical hall'. Harry/Matt Muphy's pharmacy, The Square/Main Street was once known as Murphy's Medical Hall. The title is a possible throw-back to the days when treatments and prescriptions were made-up from various ingredients in the pharmacy. 'Chemist' was another name given to a pharmacy and this probably relates to the composing of prescriptions, somewhat like a (real) chemist in his laboratory. The medieval alchemist was altogether different – he/she could 'magically' convert base metals into gold or other valuable goods. For them alchemy was a mixture of science, philosophy and mysticism and embraced a holistic approach.

There were several halls that were important in Macroom's history. None exceeds the Town Hall in this regard. The Ancient Order of Hibernians had a hall in Railway View and the Macroom Confraternity Brass band practiced in their hall in Bridewell Lane, next to the ex National Bank, now Bank of Ireland. Macroom ICA (founded in 1953) had its first 'Hall' opened in 1958; unfortunately it was damaged when the eastern wall of The Castle collapsed (1965) and caused irreparable damage. Legal, ownership and safety problems delayed its replacement but a second 'Hall' was again operating in 1974. The ICA was a wonderful organisation for

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women in Macroom and nationally. In Ireland until the 1970s, a women's place was in the home, bearing and rearing children. Pubs and sport were mostly male preserves. Girls/young women could go to 'the pictures' and to dances' but often with dire warning of the 'dangers' out there. (In the 1930s, one local clerical gave court evidence that a waltz was 'a close dance'). The ICA provided an outlet where women met, discussed their own agendas, developed skills and had fun. New skills from debating to art appreciation to crafts, hearing lectures on athletics and Rome, and perhaps most importantly, having fun through singing, dancing, story-telling were appreciated and practiced. Serious issues the ICA addressed were rural electrification and domestic running-water, equal educational opportunities, inheritance issues, recycling and benign co-operation with other clubs and organisations. Macroom ICA co-operated notably with the GAA, Macroom Show, the Tidy Town's committee, and ran several bazaars and collections for good causes, locally and nationally. It cleverly achieved its radical goals under the cloak of being a conservative organization. As its slogan claimed, it made 'life better for women' in Ireland and specifically in Macroom. Macroom ICA's own hall was indispensable in its work and mission.

Macroom Town Hall merits a separate article and so I will park that topic for the moment. Opened in 1902, it has become the centre-piece of the town, and has seen, dances, concerts, pantomimes, feiseanna, Dáil courts, appropriation by the Auxiliaries, attacks and killings, political meeting by Sinn Féin, Fianna Fáil and the Blueshirts, and sports – badminton and judo. It continues to host Council meetings and is the local government administrative centre for Macroom and Millstreet. More another time.

But we return to Macroom's most recent hall, The Jehovah Witnesses' Hall in Barrett Place. Its speedy construction reflects a characteristic enthusiasm for the cause and commitment. For those associated with the religion around Macroom, the excerpt below rings true. Members canvas on the street – the Square and the Mart-Dunnes areas commonly host them. Historian Staermann described JWs thus in 1956: (Reference: Stuermann, W. E. (1956). III. Jehovah's Witnesses. Interpretation, 10(3), 323–346. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00209643560100308>)

The men are often neatly dressed in jackets

THE thoroughness, unrestrained energy, and intense eagerness with which Jehovah's Witnesses* proclaim their message insure that almost everyone has had some contact with the literature or personnel of the group. It is practically impossible for a pastor to avoid coming to grips with these legions of the Lord when their precisely planned campaigns of witnessing make them invaders of his parish. Along with other minority religious groups, they draw their constituency chiefly from persons who are or who who have been members of a Christian church in one of the large, established denominations, rather than from the unchurched population. They are, therefore, of more than passing interest.

and collar-and-ties and the women smartly and conservatively turned-out; their clothes are almost like uniforms. Recruiters are often in their twenties or thirties.

When I see JWs canvassing it calls to mind an incident that occurred in front of Macroom Dispensary about 1960, when I was seven/eight. Two preachers – their cause/religion is not known to me – were addressing Macrompians, with their few listeners standing well back, and most probably out of curiosity. Shortly, some local businessmen appeared and told the preachers, in definitive terms, 'to move on'. Unless my memory is playing tricks, one businessman was armed with an implement. As a child, I was thrilled with the excitement and disappointed that an 'OK Coral' situation did not evolve. In contrast, the recent erection and presence of the Jehovah Witness Hall has not 'batted an eyelid'. Times in Ireland and Macroom have changed.

Why are adherents so committed and how do the Jehovah Witnesses (JWs) have the courage, vision and wherewithal to erect their new church in a small town such as Macroom?

Undoubtedly, the town is more cosmopolitan than ever before and the previously main Irish religions, particularly Catholicism has seen its practitioner numbers dwindle. Both leave an opportunity as many still feel a want for spirituality and a need for a clear message to direct their lives.

What the JWs have to offer is the other side of the equation. Pastor Charles Taze Russell initiated the movement in 1870 in Pittsburg, USA. He was succeeded as leader by Joseph Rutherford who refined doctrine and formed the JWs into a tight closely-run organisation. Later headquarters moved to Brooklyn, New York. Now it has many millions of adherents world-wide and has many halls in Ireland. If I understand it properly, the JWs base their beliefs on their interpretation of the Bible, and have their own translated version. They share some Christian beliefs but do not believe in

hell or a Trinitarian God (three persons in the one God) – in other words, Jesus Christ was not divine. They believe in Armageddon, the (imminent) destruction of the current social order in a final battle between earthly powers and God, and in the victory of and coming of God's Kingdom. God will rule the world with the assistance of those in 'The Truth', that is devout JWs. 'The Truth' is the body of beliefs of the JWs. 1914 was once the predicted year of Armageddon but, due to JWs' reinterpretation of the Bible, that was acknowledged as a miscalculation. Strict orthodoxy is demanded of members. Noncompliance is dealt with by expulsion and 'shunning' (or ostracisation) from the group. This is severe because socialization with other members is strongly encouraged; often members' lives are centred on fellow members.

Some controversial JW practices draw attention. Refusing blood transfusion, even in life-saving situations, is based on their reading of the Bible. Members are reluctant to acknowledge national flags as they answer to a higher authority. The movement has rejected the use of the cross in worship, Christmas and birthdays. Because of the obligation of strict orthodoxy, members are sometimes accused of 'not thinking for themselves'; then again, this is common to many religions and 'causes'. One wonders if members supported the Irish soccer team in the World Cup in Australia.

Following request made months ago, and repeated weeks ago, a JW member contacted me on Monday 8, August and invited me to see the new building. My purpose was to confirm or at least get a JW perspective on my article. However he felt he was not able to comment on some of the above. He will get a JW their media persone to contact me. Hopefully someone will.

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Mike Ryan Appointed Artistic Director of Briery Gap Cultural Centre

The board of Briery Gap Cultural Centre has today announced the appointment of Mike Ryan as Artistic Director.

Mike Ryan was born in Newport, Co. Tipperary, and has resided in Cork city for the past fifteen years. He has been involved in the arts his entire life, and studied Music and English at University College Cork, winning several national student and amateur awards for his sound and lighting designs for theatre. In 2016 he was selected for Fishamble's Director Mentorship Programme through the Belltable in Limerick. During this time, his theatre company, Ferocious Composure, was company in residence in the Granary Theatre. Ryan also worked as Commissioning Editor for UCC's annual alumni magazine, Independent Thinking. In 2017 he was assistant director on Corcadorca's Irish Theatre Award winning production of Far Away by Caryl Churchill, staged in Spike Island prison. He was then selected for Tessellate, an artist development programme, where he was mentored by Julie Kelleher from the Everyman, and Lorraine Maye from Cork Midsummer Festival. In 2018 he was marketing assistant for the Audi Dublin International Film Festival.

Over the past six years, he has fulfilled several roles across the arts, such as artist liaison for Cork Midsummer Festival, reviewer and journalist for The Thin Air magazine, judge for the Northern Ireland Music Prize, and script reader for the Abbey Theatre, the national theatre of Ireland. Additionally, he has been selected for prestigious development schemes such as MAKE, Gap Day, and Pop-Up.

In welcoming this announcement, the Mayor of the County of Cork, Cllr Frank O'Flynn said, "The appointment of Mike Ryan as Artistic Director of Briery Gap Cultural Centre brings its reopening another step closer. This focal building in Macroom town centre has been totally refurbished and is set to open in 2024. Macroom is steeped in heritage and art and is undergoing a transformation. The €270m project N22 Macroom Baile Bhuirne Bypass is

set to be completed later this year. St Colman's Church of Ireland building in Castle Street has been given a facelift with works carried out to its exterior and tower funded by The Heritage Council. Macroom has also benefited from €7.2 million in the Rural Regeneration Development Fund to further develop this building and bring it back into active use, together with public realm works planned for South Square and Masseytown. These works, together with the Macroom Library and Briery Gap Theatre building when reopened, will drive further economic development for the town. It is a very exciting time for the people of Macroom to see their town thrive and develop to its full potential." Noel O'Driscoll, Chairperson of Briery Gap Cultural Centre CLG, speaking on behalf of the Board of Directors, extended Mike Ryan a very warm welcome to Macroom and to Briery Gap Cultural Centre. "Following a very competitive interview selection process, Mike was recommended by the Interview Board and their recommendation was fully endorsed by the Board of Directors. Mike will take up duty on September 4, 2023. The Board are very confident that, based on Mike's experience and expertise, his appointment will be very productive and enable the Briery Gap to become a major player in the arts sector not only in County Cork but also nationally.

The Board will be fully supportive of Mike in his role as our first Artistic Director, and we will collectively work with all key stakeholders in the Macroom hinterland and beyond to progress the artistic product for the betterment of the region. The Board would also like to acknowledge the enormous support we have received from Cork County Council in making this happen." Mike is proudly neurodivergent, which often leads him to have very varied interests and passions, as well as making him a passionate advocate for inclusivity in the arts. "I am thrilled and honoured to lead Briery Gap into this new chapter in its long and storied history. I look forward to collaborating with the Library team to engage with the many creative

community groups that already exist in Macroom, and welcome them into their new space. I'm also excited by the possibilities that exist to create new movements, develop the talents of local artists, and to welcome artists from across the country to see what Macroom has to offer the arts in Ireland.

My whole career I've strived to be a champion for artists from every walk of life, and for me this role will be no different. As we rebuild Briery Gap as a home for storytellers, it is my ambition that we will also provide inclusive and compelling cinema, theatre and music, that embraces both our history and the present moment, reaching new audiences and re-energising the ones that are already waiting at the Briery Gap door to take their seats."

Ryan will be Briery Gap's first Artistic Director when he takes up the post on September 4. The centre previously thrived under manager Ann Dunne, until a fire in 2016 forced it to close. The adjoining library on the ground floor is also due to reopen next year, with the combined project receiving over €8 million in Local Authority and Government funding over the past number of years. Briery Gap is due to reopen when refurbishment works are completed next May, and Ryan's tenure will see the venue set a new course as it seeks to establish itself as a national centre of excellence in the arts.



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 Where we were not at hand,
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 Where we did not appear.
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 Wherever there was need for dare,
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SENIOR CAMOGIE

GLEN DIMPLEX ALL IRELAND SENIOR FINAL

Cork 5-13 Waterford 0-9

In a thrilling showdown, Cork emerged victorious in the 2023 All-Ireland camogie final, securing a convincing victory against Waterford.

The match was filled with memorable moments and standout performances, cementing Cork's status as the new champions.

The match began on a sombre note as Waterford lost Vikki Falconer, a standout player having an All-Star season, to a serious leg injury just two minutes into the game. This unfortunate incident impacted Waterford's defence, allowing Cork's captain, Amy O'Connor, to shine. Amy O'Connor stole the show with an exceptional performance, scoring an impressive 3-7 from ten shots. Her hat-trick came in just two minutes at the start of the second half, turning the tide firmly in Cork's favour. While the forwards received well-deserved praise, the Cork defence played an instrumental role in neutralizing Waterford's dangerous attack. Players like Libby Coppinger, Laura Treacy, and Laura Hayes demonstrated outstanding defensive prowess, ensuring Cork maintained control throughout the game.

In an outstanding display of skill, determination, and team spirit, Cork secured a resounding victory in the All-Ireland camogie final for 2023. Their remarkable performance on the field and unwavering belief in themselves and their teammates earned them a well-deserved place in camogie history. Cork's triumph will be remembered as a testament to the power of dedication and unity in achieving greatness in sports.

Scorers for Cork: A O'Connor 3-7(0-5fs); S McCartan 1-1; F Keating 1-0; K Mackey 0-1; H Looney, C Sigerson (f), O Cahalane 0-1 each

Cork: Amy Lee: Paula Mackey, Libby Coppinger, Meabh Cahalane: Laura Hayes, Laura Treacy, Izzy O'Regan: Aoife Healy, Saoirse McCarthy: Chloe Sigerson, Fiona Keating, Hannah Looney: Amy O'Connor, Katrina Mackey, Sorcha McCartan. Subs: Cliona Healy (Aghabullogue) 44, Orla Cronin 47,

Aisling Thompson 51, Orlaith Cahalane 52, Meabh Murphy (Ballinora) 53.

This was Cork's third All-Ireland final in a row, and their first win in three: Waterford were in only their second ever final, their first in 73 years. Congratulations to Meabh Murphy of Ballinora, Cliona Healy and Aoife Barrett of Aghabullogue.

ALL IRELAND S F C FINAL:

DUBLIN 1-15 KERRY 1-13

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TG4 All Ireland Semi-final:

Dublin 2-19 Cork 0-13: Kerry 1-16 Mayo 1-11

Dublin 2-19 Cork 0-13

Dublin are back in the TG4 All-Ireland senior ladies football championship final for the first time since 2021 after their win over Cork at FBD Semple Stadium in Thurles.

A goal by Hannah Tyrrell in the 22nd minute was a crucial score as it put her side into a commanding lead and they never looked back from here.

Dublin led 0-4 to 0-2 after eight minutes and were 0-7 to 0-3 in front after 17 minutes. Doireann O'Sullivan got her fourth point, all from frees, to put three between the sides. Tyrrell replied to increase Dublin's lead again and further points from Tyrrell and Jodi Egan increased it further. A mistake from the Cork defence let Tyrrell in on goal and she passed to Dunne, who then returned it for the former to goal. It put Dublin in a commanding lead 1-9 to 0-4 with just 22 minutes gone. A minute later Katie Quirke got Cork's first point from play and two late points from Cork reduced the deficit as Dublin deservedly led by 1-10 to 0-7 at half time.

Cork started the second half brightly with Hannah Looney and Daire Kiely going close before Aoife Healy pointed. But Dublin worked the ball down the pitch with Ellen Gribben scoring to keep their six point lead.

Credit to Cork they kept going but Dublin's Nolan and Gribben added points and it was game over after 45 minutes when Niamh Hetherton and Tyrrell combined to set up Rowe for Dublin's second goal to make it 2-15 to 0-10.

Scorers for Cork: D O'Sullivan 0-8 (8f), C O'Sullivan,

K Quirke, A Healy, D Kiely, O Cahalane 0-1 each.

Cork: Meadb O'Sullivan (MourneAbbey); Melissa Duggan (Dohenys), Eimear Meaney (MAbbey) Roisin Phelan (Aghada); Anna Ryan (MAbbey), Sarah Kelly (Aghada), Aoife Healy: Máire O'Callaghan (capt.) (MAbbey), Hannah Looney (Aghada); Daire Kiely (Valley Rovers), Ciara O'Sullivan (MAbbey), Katie Quirke: Libby Coppinger (St Colums), Doireann O'Sullivan (MAbbey), Emma Cleary (Éire Óg). Subs: Laura O'Mahony for S Kelly, O Cahalane Éire Óg) for E Cleary (both ht), L Fitzgerald Cahalane (inj) and Dara Kiniry (Lisgoold) for A Ryan (both 48), A Ring for D O'Sullivan 55.

MASTERS GAELIC FOOTBALL

CORK 0-15 LIMERICK 1-11

Cork Masters Gaelic Football team made it four wins from six rounds after defeating Limerick at Mitchelstown. The teams were level 0-7 each at at half time Limerick hit the front with a goal but Cork eventually reined them in and held on for a one point win.

Andrew Murphy (Ballincollig) John Miskella (Ballincollig) and Ger McSweeney (Iveleary) were on the Cork team and Diarmuid Holland (Macroom) was a member of the match day panel. Another Macroom clubman, Tadg Sheehan is on the Cork panel of players.

There are now 5 different competitions to be played, with the top 4 teams contesting the All-Ireland for the Mick Loftus Cup, teams 5-8 will play in the Shield, teams 9-12 in the Plate, teams 13-16 in the Challenge Cup, and teams 17-20 will compete for the inaugural Spirit Cup.

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PREMIER SENIOR FOOTBALL

Group A: Clonakilty 2, Castlehaven 1, Carbery Rangers 1, Valley Rovers 0

Gr B: Nemo 2, Éire Óg 2, Ballincollig 0, Carrigaline 0
Gr C: St Finbarrs 2, Douglas 2, St Michaels 0, Mallow 0

BALLINCOLLIG 0-6 NEMO RANGERS 2-11

Ballincollig did not play well in this game against the county champions at Páirc Uí Rinn. They gave Nemo a present of an early goal and has only one point from a free on the board until Cian Dorgan fisted over their first point from play in the 28th minute. It was 1-5 to 0-2 at half time for Nemo. Three Ballincollig changes at the break was an indication of awareness of their dire plight, Cian Dorgan added three more points, and by the 49th minute, Ballincollig had the deficit back to a manageable four points, 1-7 to 0-6. It did not get any better for them.

Sean Kiely had a 56th-minute goal effort well saved by Micheál A Martin, and Alan O'Donovan had a second Nemo goal.

Scorers for Ballincollig: C Dorgan 0-5 (0-2 f), S Kiely 0-1.

Ballincollig: J Gibbons; C Moore, N Gavin, E Cooke; C Kiely, J O'Connor, M Oldham; S Dore, S Kiely; P O'Neill, L O'Connell, D O'Mahony; D Dorgan, C Dorgan, D Murphy. Subs: F Down 2, S O'Neill, H Ahearne, Rob Noonan all half time.

ÉIRE ÓG 1-10 CARRIGALINE 0-11

A much-improved last quarter from Éire Óg was good enough to secure a crucial win for them at Ballincollig. A first-half goal from Joe Cooper was crucial, as was the agility of keeper Chris Kelly, who made three key saves, including a penalty.

Cork football star Colm O'Callaghan had the opening Éire Óg point after 10 seconds, a free brought the sides level but immediately Jack Sheehan placed Joe Cooper whose fierce shot gave the Carrig'keeper no chance.

Carrigaline had an 18th minute penalty stopped by Chris Kelly, two minutes later a double save by Kelly denied Carrig certain goals before a late point edged Carrigaline ahead at the break, 0-7 to 1-3.

On the resumption, Éire Óg had the wind advantage but three consecutive Carrigaline

points increased the South East side's lead to four. At last Éire Óg responded with five scores in a row and Carrigaline lost a player to a second yellow in the 52th minute. Colm O'Callaghan and veteran Daniel Goulding showed the way to the Owens men in the closing stages.

Former successful Cill na Martra manager Kevin O'Sullivan is now in charge at Carrigaline.

Scorers for Éire Óg: J Cooper 1-1, D Goulding 0-4 (0-3 f), C O'Callaghan 0-2, J Sheehan, J Murphy, C McGoldrick 0-1 each.

Éire Óg: Chris Kelly; John Kelleher, John Mullins, Conor McGoldrick; Dermot Herlihy, Mark Griffin, Jerome Kelleher; Daire McCarthy, Colm O'Callaghan; Donnacha Kelly, Jack Sheehan, Eoin O'Shea; Daniel Goulding, Joe Cooper, Jack Murphy. Subs: Diarmuid Dineen 37, Hugh Murphy (46, Brian Hurley 62.

Next Up: Ballincollig v Carrigaline, Éire Óg v Nemo Rangers.

SENIOR A FOOTBALL

Group A: Kanturk 2, O'Donovan Rossa 2, Fermoy 0, Knocknagree 0

Gr B: Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh 2, Newmarket 2, Clyda 0, Kiskeam 0

Gr C: Dohenys 2, Bishopstown 2, Newcestown 0, Ilen Rover 0s

BÉAL ÁTHA'N GHAORTHAIDH 0-15 CLYDA ROVERS 1-11

Béal Átha Ghaorthaidh got their SAFC campaign off to a great start with a narrow win over Clyda at Coachford. Ben Seartan and Conchur O'Loingsigh were the scoring heroes of the hour as the Gaeltacht side fought back from a four point deficit to secure the vital win.

Both teams kicked three wides each in the open 15 minutes but Clyda had Cork star Conor Corbett in top form and he notched a very early 1-1 to open up a four point lead after 2 minutes, and added two more points later. Clyda led by 1-5 to 0-3 after 14 minutes And it was 1-6 to 0-6 at half time.

Corbett and Seartan exchanged scored when the game restarted, and Beal Átha's Seartan reduced the gap to just two points.

A converted free from Seartan was followed by a Diarmuid MacTomais point from play and Seartan's sixth point of the game left the bar minimum between the two sides. Ben Seartan's equaliser was superb and BAG went into a deserved lead in the 53rd minute, with a point from Conchur O'Loingsigh. Conchur added another point before Clyda got one back but at the final whistle Béal

Átha still held a one point lead!

Scorers for Beal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh: B Seartan 0-8 (0-2 f), C Ó Loinsigh 0-4 (0-1 f, 0-1 45), S O'Luasa, A O'Coincennain, D MacTomáis 0-1 each.

Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh: D O'Coill; A O'Loingsigh, E O'Duinnin, J O'Donnchu, N O'Laoire, A O'Coincennain, D O'Ceallachain, D Seartan, C O'Tuama, S O'Luasa, C O'Loingsigh, L O'Críodain, D MacThomais, B Seartan, C O'Duinnin.

Sub: S O'Tuama for S O'Luasa.

PREMIER INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL

Group A: Rockchapel 2, Castletownbere 2, Bandon 0, Nemo Rangers 0

Gr B: Naomh Abán 2, Bantry Blues 2, Iveleary 0, Macroom 0

Gr C: Kilshannig 2, Cill na Martra 2, Aghada 0, Na Piarasigh 0

NAOMH ABÁN 1-14 MACROOM 1-9

Naomh Abán deservedly took the honours in this Group B encounter in the Bons Secours Cork PIFC at Cill na Martra. They started well against a lethargic Macroom side, were pulled back to equality but came again to lead at half time by 0-9 to 0-7 and had won the psychological contest at that stage. A goal in the 40th minute and the loss to a second yellow card of a Macroom defender proved too much for Macroom to overcome even though they did cut the gap to a point before Naomh Abán, with an extra man a telling factor, finished strongly. Naomh Abán dominated the opening 15 minutes completely and led by 0-6 to 0-1 as Ó Mír kicked 0-2 and Dermot Ó Ceallaigh, Aodhán Ó Luasa, Conchur Ó Críodáin and Darragh Ó Laoire all found their range.

Alan Quinn was Macroom's sole scorer in that period, and he kicked three more points to help his side level matters at 0-6 each coming up to the break.

Eolan O'Leary then put them in front for the first time but they did not drive on and allowed the Baile Bhúirne men to kick the last three points of the half through Ó Mír and Dermot Ó Ceallaigh (2) to go into the break with their confidence high and a 0-9 to 0-7 lead.

They led by 0-10 to 0-8 with 20 minutes to go before a superb goal from Danny Ó Ceallaigh put them in control. Macroom rallied with a point from David Horgan and a goal from Eolan O'Leary but Naomh Abán went on to take the points from there.

Naomh Abán play Bantry in round two while Macroom face another local derby against Uibh



Canovee under 11's who played in Pairc Uí Chaoimh recently



Canovee under 10's who played Kilmurry in Carrigadrohid



Canovee Junior A team who played Ballincollig in the championship

Laoire and neither side can now afford to lose that game.

Scorers for Naomh Abán: E Ó Mír (0-5, 0-3 f), Dermot Ó Ceallaigh (0-4, 0-1 f), Danny Ó Ceallaigh (1-0), A Ó Luasa (0-2), C Ó Críodáin, D Ó hAllamháin agus D Ó Laoire (0-1 each).

Macroom: E O'Leary (1-2), A Quinn (0-4), D Horgan (0-2, 0-1 f), R Buckley (0-1).

Naomh Abán: Gearóid Ó Luasa; Éanna Ó Críodáin, Criostóir Ó Deasúnaigh, Colm de Róiste; Niall Ó Ceallaigh, Dara M Ó Loinsigh (c), Jack Ó Donnchú; Caoimhín Ó Donnchú, Darragh Ó Laoire; Conchúr Ó Críodáin, Dónal Ó Ceallaigh, Seán Ó Riordáin; Dermot Ó Ceallaigh, Eadbhard Ó Mír, Aodhán Ó Luasa. Subs: Séamus Hendy h-t, Deaglán Ó hAllamháin 47, Wayne Mac Cárthaigh 58, Piaras Ó Liatháin 62.

Macroom: Brendan O'Connell; Ciarán Condon, Rory Buckley, Jonny Murphy; Mark Corrigan, Tony Dineen, Sean Kiely; Cakleb Dinneen, David Horgan; Michaela Cronin, Eolan O'Leary, Mark Hunt; Don Creedon, Pa Lucey, Alan Quinn.

Subs: Fintan Goold, Dylan Twomey and Blake O'Gorman, all h-t, Ethan O'Gorman 34, Shane Meaney 47, David Cotter 62.

Bantry Blues 1-14 Iveleary 1-12

For the second year in a row, Bantry Blues have defeated Iveleary in a crucial PIFC tie. Last year the Blues won at the semi final stage, this time it was the opening round of group games and it took a very late goal from Bantry's Sean O'Leary to tip the balance the Blues way at Kealkill.

An early point from Ian Jones followed by two more from Barry O'Leary got the Inchigeela men off to a good start despite their playing into a strong wind. Bantry drew level at 0-3 each in the 13th minute and it was point for point until just before half time when Bantry edged in front 0-8 to 0-7, the score at the break.

A Bantry defender received a yellow card for an off the ball incident on the restart and there was a needle in the exchanges. Chris Óg Jones brought Uibh Laoire level, Bantry struck back to go three clear 0-11 to 0-8. Iveleary shocked Bantry with an Ian Jones goal after the corner forward pounced on a rebound from a Blues save. Blues again took up the running and went in front with two points but then Iveleary fired over four points in as row, Cathal Vaughan contributing three. In the 55th minute a massive Bantry kick-out was collected and finished to the Iveleary net and Blues added a point later to win this tough tie by two points.

Iveleary scorers: C Óg Jones, C Vaughan (0-1 f) 0-4 each, I Jones 1-1, B O'Leary 0-2, S Riordan 0-1.

Iveleary: Joe Creedon; D O'Donovan, Ciarán Galvin,

Daniel O'Riordan; Kevin Manning, Declan Kelly, Seán O'Leary; Seán O'Riordan, Conor O'Riordan; Ian Jones, Cathal Vaughan, Barry O'Leary; Brian Cronin, Chris Óg Jones, Sam Pickering. Subs: Brian O'Riordan and Timmy Roberts.

CILL NA MARTRA 0-11 AGHADA 0-8

Cill na Martra had a great battle with Aghada at Cloughduv before emerging winners by a three point margin. The Gaeltacht side were slightly the better side but Aghada don't die easily and thus it was that the East Cork men stayed in contention to the finish with 43 year old former Cork star Pearse O'Neill very influential at centre forward.

Cill na Martra started well with two points from Micheál Ó Deasúna, one from a free. Aghada drew level and points were exchanged before Ó Deasúna converted a close-range free, 0-4 to 0-3 after 14 minutes. Mike Ó Deasúna had the next score, a superb score from a free out near the sideline, 0-5 to 0-3 at half-time, in-form Mike Ó Deasúna the sole scorer for Cill na Martra.

After the break, the teams exchanged points, Fionnbarra Ó hÉalaithe for the Muskerry men, before Aghada had a point from a free. Daniel Ó Duinnín came off the bench for the winners and he had a big hand in the next two scores, from Maidhchí and Ciarán Ó Duinnín, as the Muskerry side led 0-8 to 0-5 after 47 minutes.

The teams once more swapped scores, Maidhchí again for Cill na Martra, before an Aghada free left just two points in it heading into injury time. Cill na Martra kicked two injury-time points, Maidhchí and Mike Desmond, Aghada replied with a point, not enough on the day!

Scorers for Cill na Martra: M Ó Deasúna 0-6 (0-5 f), M Ó Duinnín 0-3, F Ó hÉalaithe, C Ó Duinnín 0-1 each.

Cill Na Martra: Pádraig Ó Críodáin; Tadhg Ó Corcora, Graham Ó Mocháin, Finén Ó Faoláin; Danny Ó Conaill, Seánie Ó Fóirréidh, Cianie Ó Fóirréidh; Fionnbarra Ó hÉalaithe, Gearóid Ó Goillidhe (c); Colm Mac Lochlainn, Ciarán Ó Duinnín, Criostóir Ó Meachair; Shane Ó Duinnín, Micheál Ó Deasúna, Maidhchí Ó Duinnín. Subs: Daniel Ó Duinnín 41, Eoin Ó Conaill 50, Antaine Ó Loingsigh 62.

INTERMEDIATE A FOOTBALL

Group A: St Vincents 2, Dromtarriffe 2, Glanworth 0, Glanmire 0

Gr B: Aghabullogue 2, Gabriel Rangers 2, Glenville 0, Adrigole 0

Gr C: Kildorrery 2, Mitchelstown 1, Boherbue 1, Ballinora 0

Aghabullogue 3-13 Adrigole 1-7

Aghabullogue led 1-3 to nil after 15 minutes and by 1-7 to 0-4 at half time. Mathew Bradley got the

goal from the penalty spot in the 8th minute and had 1-3 to his credit at this stage with John Corkery 0-2, Evan and Cialan O'Sullivan chipping in with 0-1 apiece.

Aghabullogue kicked the first four points of the second half but Adrigole replied with a goal, 1-12 to 1-4 in the 38th minute. Aghabullogue were not upset however and with goals from Paul Ring on 55 and Odhran O'Connell on 60 won at their ease. Scorers: M Bradley 1-7 (1-0 pen, 0-3f), P Ring and O O'Connell 1-0 each, Corkery 0-3, E O'Sullivan 0-2, C O'Sullivan 0-1,

Aghabullogue: Ian O'Sullivan: Conor Smith, Shane Tarrant, Tom Long; Billy Casey, Paul Ring, Brendan O'Sullivan: Ryan Dennehy, Colm Gillespie: John Corkery, Mathew Bradley, Niall BarryMurphy: Aaron O'Sullivan, Evan O'Sullivan, Cialan O'Sullivan. Subs: Padraic O'Sullivan 46, Ciarán O'Connell 53, Odhran O'Connell 55.

BALLINORA 0-7 KILDORRERY 0-8

At Watergrasshill, Kildorrery led by 0-5 to 0-4 at half time and it was level again soon after the resumption. Ballinora then went a point up, Kildorrery equalised and took the lead again and led to the finish.

Alex McAllen: Tim Forde, Nathan Davis, Ronan Barrow: Ivan Quirke, Mike Lordan, Mike Quirke: Neil Lordan, Ian Wycherley: Liam Lyons, James Keohane, Tommy Burns: Shane Kingston, Darragh Holmes, Robert Quirke. Subs: Conor Quirke, Ben Quirke, Adam Laverty

PREMIER JUNIOR FOOTBALL

Group A: Ballydesmond 2, Urhan 1, Cullen 1, St Nicks 0

Gr B: Buttevant 2, St Finbarrs 2, Cobh 0, St Michaels 0

Gr C: Kilmurry 2, St James 2, Kinsale 0, Millstreet 0

KILMURRY 1-19 MILLSTREET 0-10

Kilmurry had an impressive 1-19 to 0-10 victory over a moderate Millstreet side at Baile Mhuirne. Daniel Cahalane was the goal scorer after ten minutes and last year's County Junior champions led by 1-9 to 0-6 at half time. It was 1-14 to 0-8 at the three quarter stage and the outcome was certain such was the gulf in standards between the teams.

Kilmurry scorers: D Cahalane 1-0, J McGinn 0-6, L Aisling 0-4, Js O'Mullane 0-3, P Berhanu 0-2, S Warren 0-2, K Kelleher, B Hinchion 0-1 each.

Kilmurry: Jason McDonnell: Aaron O'Mahony, Kevin Barrett, Gearóid O'Mahony: Brian Hinchion, William Ronan, Thomas Collibns: K James O'Mullaner, Kyle Kelleher: Daniel Cahalane, Lawrence Aisling, Alexander Aisling: Joe McGinn, Liam Wall, Seán Warren. Subs: Greg Barrett, Rory



Canovee under 12's who played Donoughmore in Carrigadrohid

Duggan, Pádraig Berhanu.

MUSKERRY DIVISION

Ross Oil Junior Football Championship 2023

Group 1: Inniscarra 2, Blarney 2, Donoughmore 0, Grenagh 0

Group 2: Canovee 2, Kilmichael 2, Dripsey 0, Ballincollig 0

Group 3: Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh 2, Aghinagh 1, Éire Óg 1, Clondrohid 0

GROUP 1

INNISCARRA 0-16 GRENAGH 1-6

Inniscarra gave an impressive performance in overcoming the challenge of a good Grenagh side in their opening Group 1 game of the Ross Oil Mid Cork Junior Football championship at Donoughmore. Grenagh had recently contested the Junior League Div One final and were expected to present a strong challenge but in truth they were chasing this game from very early on as Inniscarra were full of running from the off and looked likely winners as they dominated the possession and forced their opponents back into their own half most of the time.

Cork hurler Seán O'Donoghue was outstanding for the winners, scoring 0-5, inspirational in his workrate and showing here again just what fine footballer he is. Ironically, he was faced by Grenagh's top performer Alex Kiely for much of the hour and their individual contest was enthralling.

The sides were level at 0-2 each after ten minutes but thereafter Inniscarra got on top and with Dylan O'Sullivan and O'Donoghue on target led by 0-8 to 1-3 at half time. The Grenagh goal was a smashing effort from Alex Kiely who started a break in his own full back line and was forward to take a final pass from Ted Twomey at the other end before sending a low drive to the Inniscarra net. This goal kept Grenagh in the game but Inniscarra added three points on the resumption and led by 0-12 to 1-3 before temporarily losing a man to a black card in the 45th minute. The numerical shortfall made no difference, as two Sean O'Donoghue points negated two points from frees from Grenagh goalkeeper Cathal Cronin and Inniscarra finished well in control of an entertaining game.

Scorers: Inniscarra: D O'Sullivan 0-8 (0-2f), S O'Donoghue 0-5 (0-1f), M McLoughlin, F Horgan and S Dineen 0-1 each. Grenagh: A Kiely 1-0, D Coleman 0-2, C Cronin 0-2 (fs), D O'Shea and D Twomey 0-1 each.

Inniscarra: Dominick Kelleher: Liam Ryan, John O'Callaghan, Danny O'Herlihy: Frank Horgan, David Coughlan, Jack Hayes: Tim Murphy, Mark Linehan: Sean Leisk, Liam Collins, Jack O'Dwyer: Sean O'Donoghue, Mark McLoughlin, Dylan O'Sullivan.



Canovee under 17 who played Saint James in the west championship in Carrigadrohid included are coaches Dan Murphy, Declan O'Dwyer and Martin McCarthy

Subs: Shay Dineen for Collins, Tadhg Lyons for Leisk and Douwe Van Sinderen for Murphy, all on 40, Dan O'Connell for McLoughlin on 55.

Grenagh: Cathal Cronin: Jason O'Keeffe, Alex Kiely, Niall Coleman: Adam McCarthy, John Lehane, Ted Twomey: Sean Joyce, David Coleman: Pádraig O'Connell, Paul BarryMurphy, Dan Twomey: Shane Dorgan, Evan McCarthy, Dara O'Shea. Subs: James Walsh for Joyce (Blood) 48, Joyce for McCarthy 51 Referee: Ted Hayes, Éire Óg

BLARNEY 1-10 DONOUGHMORE 2-4

Last year's County B Champions Blarney made a winning start on their return to the Junior A grade with a three point victory over Donoughmore at Ballincollig. Blarney led by 0-5 to 0-2 at half time but a goal for Donoughmore from the penalty spot three minutes into the second half was followed by two points and they led by 1-4 to 0-5 at the three quarter mark. Alan McEvoy pointed for Blarney and in the 51st minute Denis McSweeney scored the vital goal to put the winners two points in front. Points from Cian and Shane Barrett, McEvoy and McSweeney followed to put Blarney 1-10 to 1-4 in front with time almost up and a late Donoughmore goal cut the margin to three but was too late to spark a revival.

Next round: Blarney v Grenagh: Inniscarra v Donoughmore

GROUP 2

KILMICHAEL 1-13 DRIPSEY 1-8

At Carrigadrohid, Kilmichael won the toss and played with a strong wind in the first half. They started well and went 3 points up early on. A black card in the 8th minute seemed to slow their progress and Dripsey came back into the game in the second quarter and coming up to half time there were only two points in the game but a goal for Kilmichael by Daniel Cotter just before the break had a big bearing on the result. Kilmichael kept that 5 point lead for most of the second half and despite a goal for Dripsey by substitute Diarmuid O'Riordan in the 45th minute Kilmichael kept their 5 point lead to the finish.

Kilmichael: Shane Masters: Ger Murphy, Finbarr Buckley, Eoghan Murphy: Ronan Murphy, Kevin Murphy (0-1), Brendan Cotter (0-2): Finbarr Dromey, Cathal Foley (0-1): Andrew Kelleher, Conor Cotter (0-2), Chris O'Connell (Capt)(0-4): Alan McCarthy, Shane Foley, Daniel Cotter (1-3). Subs: Danny Horgan, Peter Kelleher, Kevin Kelleher. Dripsey: Aaron O'Riordan: John Buckley, David O'Sullivan (0-2), Cathal O'Connell: Dean O'Sullivan, Eoin Desmond, Jamie Manley: Michael O'Riordan (0-1), Mark O'Connell: Killian Kelleher, Martin O'Sullivan, Eoghan Maher (0-3): Gary Murphy (0-

2), Shane Burke, James Cotter. Subs: Diarmuid O'Riordan (1-0), Sean Martin Murray, Colm O'Connell, Eoin O'Connell.

Referee: John Ryan, Macroom

CANOVEE 2-14 BALLINCOLLIG 2-5

Championship favourites, and recent league winners, Canovee got their campaign off to a solid start at Kilmichael with a nine point win over Ballincollig. Canovee started well playing with the wind and three points from Mark Healy followed by a Brian McNabola goal had the six points clear after 8 minutes. Ballincollig improved as the half progressed and a goal in the 25th minute left the score at 1-5 to 1-3 at half time.

Points from Dara Cronin, Conor Dodd and Darragh McMahan increased the Canovee lead on the restart and in the 34th minute Brian McNabola got a second goal for the winners who now led by 2-7 to 1-4. Ballincollig hit back with a goal but Canovee finished strongly with a string of points from Mark Healy, Darragh McMahan and team captain James Moynihan.

Canovee: Cormac O'Driscoll: Cian Cronin, Eoin McNabola, Darren Moynihan: Shane O'Riordan, Odhran O'Driscoll, Eoghan Lehane: Conor Dodd, Conor O'Neill: Will Ahern, Darragh McMahan, James Moynihan: Paul Healy, Brian McNabola, Mark Healy. Subs used: Dara Cronin h/t and Darragh Ring 50.

Ballincollig: Chris Walsh: Podge Harrington, Dylan Kirsten, Brian Dore: Mathew O'Sullivan, Shane Buckley, Jack Hoey: Stephen Coughlan, Fenton Denny: Callum Sheehan, Brian Moore, Ciarán Buckley: Olan Dorgan, Stephen Wills, Pete Kelly.

Referee: David Murnane, Macroom

Round 2:

Ballincollig v Kilmichael: Canovee v Dripsey

GROUP 3

AGHINAGH 1-13 ÉIRE ÓG 1-13

Two highly rated sides met at Donoughmore and provided a thrilling finish to a game of varying fortunes. After an early goal from Con Buckley for Aghinagh, Éire Óg settled and had taken the lead with Brian Thompson's goal in the 13th minute which put them 1-3 to 1-2 in front. Éire Óg kept up the momentum and further points from Liam Sheehan (2), David Kirwan and Rian O'Flynn had them ahead at half time by 1-7 to 1-3.

Four points were equally shared by the sides in the five minutes after the resumption. Then points for Aghinagh from Liam Twohig and TJ Buckley were matched by two more for the Ovens men, who led by 1-11 to 1-7 after 41 minutes. Aghinagh now hit a golden patch and two points from Liam Twohig



Ross Oil Junior A Football Championship GRP3. Clondrohid team who lost to Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh. pic Nóra Uí Luasa



Kilmicrohane Junior FC vs Dripsey JFC

frees and one each from Declan Ambrose and William Coakley had the teams level at 1-11 each by the 52nd minute. Liam Sheehan, who finished with 0-9 to his credit, 0-6 from frees, edged Éire Óg in front, Aodh Twomey levelled and then Declan Ambrose put Aghinagh back in front as the game went into added time. Liam Sheehan pointed a last minute free to level the scores once again and leave both sides reasonably contented.

Aghinagh: Kevin Cotter: Donagh O'Riordan, Dave Barry, David Kelleher: TJ Buckley, Aodh Twomey, Declan Ambrose: Gearóid O'Sullivan, Mathew McCarthy: Michael O'Brien, Con Buckley, Eoghan McCarthy: Seán Kelleher, Liam Twohig, Michael Horgan. Subs: William Coakley, Luke O'Leary and Vinnie Moriarty

Éire Óg: Eoin Kelleher: Culann Malone, Matt Brady, Kevin Cooper: Colm Clifford, Denny Murphy, Adam McCarthy: Oisín O'Shea, Brian Thompson: David Kirwan, Rian O'Flynn, Michael Murphy: Fintan O'Leary, Liam Sheehan, Fintan Brennan. Subs: Daniel Healy 43, Graham Moynihan 51.

Referee: Pat O'Leary, Kilmurry

Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh 2-8 Clondrohid 0-10
It was misty and wet at Baile Mhuirne on Sunday for the noon start but both sides ignored the conditions and provided plenty entertainment for the supporters in the stand. The play was very even in the opening quarter but two points from Seán Ó Muineacháin then edged Béal Átha in front. Clondrohid lost David O'Connell and then Brian Corcoran to injuries, and a goal in the 26th minute from Peatsaí Ó Tuama was a huge boost for the Gaeltacht side. Better was to follow for them before the half time whistle as Dara Ó Briain had a second goal in time added to leave Béal Átha 2-3 to 0-3 in front at the break.

In the third quarter the sides matched each other point for point, still the two goal between them at the three quarter mark, 2-6 to 0-6. In the final stages Clondrohid got the gap down to four points by the 58th minute, Ciarán O'Leary accurate from frees with Shane Creed, Colin Murphy and Cian Creedon also chipping in with a point apiece but Sean Ó Muineacháin had his sixth point to again ease the situation for Béal Átha and Clondrohid just could not get the goal they badly needed.

Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh: Barra Ó Súilleabháin: Mick Ó Tuama, Barra Ó hGáin, Ciarán Ó Núnáin: Peatsaí Ó Tuama, Daire Ó Briain, Eoin Ó Laoire: Gearóid Ó Loinsigh, Len Ó Conchúir, Gavin Ó Laoire, Seán Ó Muineacháin, Matt Ó Riordáin, Ronán Ó Loinsigh, Liam Seartan, Barra Ó Buachalla. Sub: Enna Ó Luasa

Clondrohid: Seán O'Callaghan: Aaron O'Riordan,

Mark Creed, Denis O'Riordan: Conor Flanagan, Brian Corcoran, John O'Connell: Seán Desmond, Cian Creed: Lorcan Flanagan, Shane Creed, David O'Connell: George Lowrie, Ciarán O'Leary, Colin Murphy. Subs: Sean Murphy and Fionnán O'Leary, both first half.

Referee: Peter O'Leary, Cloughdub.

HURLING

CO-OP SUPERSTORES CORK COUNTY HURLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

PREMIER SENIOR HURLING

Group A: Blackrock 2, Midleton 2, Glen Rovers 0, Bishopstown 0

Gr B: Douglas 2, Fr O'Neill's 1, Charleville 1, Erin's Own 0

Gr C: St Finbarrs 2, Kanturk 1, Sarsfields 1, Newtownshandrum 0

SENIOR A HURLING

Group A: Killeagh 2, Bride Rovers 2, Inniscarra 0, Na Piarasigh 0,

Gr B: Ballyhea 2, Newcestown 2, Blarney 0, Courneys 0

Gr C: Carratgwohill 2, Cloyne 2, Fermoy 0, Mallow 0

KILLEAGH 4-13 INNISCARRA 1-14

Inniscarra's debut in the Cork Senior A championship at Caherlag had a disappointing outcome as they were defeated by Killeagh. Three first-half goals put the East Cork side on the road to victory and while there wasn't a lot between the sides, it was Killeagh's ability to get goals that cost Inniscarra in the end.

Colm Casey, Pádraig Holland and Owen McCarthy had scores for Inniscarra to leave it at 0-3 each after nine minutes. Killeagh's first goal came two minutes later, but Inniscarra responded with two from Kieran Rice and a point from Holland to level it again. Cork star Seán O'Donoghue put them in front before two goals in two minutes, in the 16th and 18th minutes, put Killeagh into a commanding lead, 3-3 to 0-7. They added two points to increase their lead, before two from Holland reduced the deficit. Points were exchanged, Owen McCarthy for 'Scarra, who were five points behind 0-10 to 3-6 at half-time.

Inniscarra got the start they needed in the second half when Seán O'Donoghue burst through to goal and with Holland adding three points they were level after 39 minutes, 1-13 to 3-7.

Killeagh went back in front with two from frees and another from play and then another from a free in the 53rd minute 3-11 to 1-13. O'Donoghue pointed but two more points for Killeagh were followed by a late fourth goal to embellish the scoreline further.

Inniscarra: P Holland 0-7 (0-5 f), S O'Donoghue 1-2,

O McCarthy, K Rice (f) 0-2 each, C Casey 0-1.

Inniscarra: J O'Keefe; C O'Leary, B O'Mahony, C Lombard; S Sheehan, L Ryan, A McCarthy; J Harrington, O McCarthy; K Rice, P Holland, S O'Donoghue; M Murphy, C Casey, M Nagle. Subs: J Roche h-t, C O'Leary 46.

BLARNEY 0-21 NEWCESTOWN 2-18

Newcestown's Eddie Kenneally was the star performer as his side overcame Blarney in a dramatic game at Ovens. Blarney led by five points at the interval and deservedly so but had a goal disallowed five minutes after the break and Newcestown took fire after this. Kenneally finished with 1-10 to his credit and his performance inspired his team mates to victory.

Shane Barrett contributed 0-11 to the Blarney tally but his fellow Cork county comrade Mark Coleman is still out with injury and his absence is sorely felt. Newcestown scored an early goal to lead by 1-3 to nil but Blarney were level at 0-7 to 1-4 by the 19th minute and leading at half time by 0-13 to 1-5, they looked the likely winners. On resumption, points were exchanged, Blarney's Pádraig Power had his goal disallowed and Kenneally entered the scene in a big way. It was 0-17 to 1-12 at the three quarter mark but a Newcestown goal from Kenneally in the 23rd minute put the winners in front, the teams were level on 57 but Newcestown finished strongly.

Blarney scorers: S Barrett 0-11 (0-7 f), D McSweeney, P Power, C Barrett 0-2 each, O Hegarty, C Power, S Mulcahy 0-1 each.

Blarney: Conor Murphy; Sean Crowley, Paul O'Leary, Darragh Murphy; Peter Philpott, Patrick Crowley, Alan McEvoy; Shne Barrett, Olan Hegarty; Denis McSweeney, Conor Power, Cathal Hegarty; Shane Mulcahy, Paudie Power, Cian Barrett. Subs: Keith Costello 30, Cian Dunlea 51.

PREMIER INTERMEDIATE HURLING

Group A: Castletlyons 2, Dungourney 2, Ballincollig 0, Bandon 0

Gr B: Ballymartle 2, Éire Óg 2, Valley Rovers 0, Carrigaline 0

Gr C: Ballinhasig 2, Watergrasshill 1, Kilworth 1, Castlemartyr 0,

Éire Óg 3-20 (29) Valley Rovers 1-23 (26)

A superb win for Éire Óg over The Valleys at Ballinora in a tremendous game of swaying fortunes. The sides were level after 12 minutes, 0-7 to 1-4, the Valleys goal coming in the very first minute, then the Innishannon side hit over nine of the next eleven points before Éire Óg recovered



Ross Oil Junior A Football Championship GRP3. Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh won against Clondrohid. Pic Nóra Uí Luasa

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Aghinagh: Kevin Cotter: Donagh O'Riordan, Dave Barry, David Kelleher: TJ Buckley, Aodh Twomey, Declan Ambrose: Gearóid O'Sullivan, Mathew McCarthy: Michael O'Brien, Con Buckley, Eoghan McCarthy: Seán Kelleher, Liam Twohig, Michael Horgan. Subs: William Coakley, Luke O'Leary and Vinnie Moriarty
Éire Óg: Eoin Kelleher: Culann Malone, Matt Brady, Kevin Cooper: Colm Clifford, Denny Murphy, Adam McCarthy: Oisín O'Shea, Brian Thompson: David Kirwan, Rian O'Flynn, Michael Murphy: Fintan O'Leary, Liam Sheehan, Fintan Brennan. Subs: Daniel Healy 43, Graham Moynihan 51.
Referee: Pat O'Leary, Kilmurry

Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh 2-8 Clondrohid 0-10
It was misty and wet at Baile Mhuirne on Sunday for the noon start but both sides ignored the conditions and provided plenty entertainment for the supporters in the stand. The play was very even in the opening quarter but two points from Seán Ó Muineacháin then edged Béal Átha in front. Clondrohid lost David O'Connell and then Brian Corcoran to injuries, and a goal in the 26th minute from Peatsaí Ó Tuama was a huge boost for the Gaeltacht side. Better was to follow for them before the half time whistle as Dara Ó Briain had a second goal in time added to leave Béal Átha 2-3 to 0-3 in front at the break.

In the third quarter the sides matched each other point for point, still the two goal between them at the three quarter mark, 2-6 to 0-6. In the final stages Clondrohid got the gap down to four points by the 58th minute, Ciarán O'Leary accurate from frees with Shane Creed, Colin Murphy and Cian Creedon also chipping in with a point apiece but Sean Ó Muineacháin had his sixth point to again ease the situation for Béal Átha and Clondrohid just could not get the goal they badly needed.

Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh: Barra Ó Súilleabháin: Mick Ó Tuama, Barra Ó hOrgáin, Ciarán Ó Núnáin: Peatsaí Ó Tuama, Daire Ó Briain, Eoin Ó Laoire: Gearóid Ó Loinsigh, Len Ó Conchúr, Gavin Ó Laoire, Seán Ó Muineacháin, Matt Ó Riordáin, Ronán Ó Loinsigh, Liam Seartan, Barra Ó Buachalla. Sub: Enna Ó Luasa

Clondrohid: Seán O'Callaghan: Aaron O'Riordan, Mark Creed, Denis O'Riordan: Conor Flanagan, Brian Corcoran, John O'Connell: Seán Desmond, Cian Creed: Lorcan Flanagan, Shane Creed, David O'Connell: George Lowrie, Ciarán O'Leary, Colin Murphy. Subs: Sean Murphy and Fionnán O'Leary, both first half.

Referee: Peter O'Leary, Cloughdub.

HURLING

CO-OP SUPERSTORES CORK COUNTY HURLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

PREMIER SENIOR HURLING

Group A: Blackrock 2, Midleton 2, Glen Rovers 0, Bishopstown 0

Gr B: Douglas 2, Fr O'Neill's 1, Charleville 1, Erin's Own 0

Gr C: St Finbarrs 2, Kanturk 1, Sarsfields 1, Newtownshandrum 0

SENIOR A HURLING

Group A: Killeagh 2, Bride Rovers 2, Inniscarra 0, Na Piarasigh 0,

Gr B: Ballyhea 2, Newcestown 2, Blarney 0, Courceys 0

Gr C: Carrraigtwohill 2, Cloyne 2, Fermoy 0, Mallow 0

KILLEAGH 4-13 INNISCARRA 1-14

Inniscarra's debut in the Cork Senior A championship at Caherlag had a disappointing outcome as they were defeated by Killeagh. Three first-half goals put the East Cork side on the road to victory and while there wasn't a lot between the sides, it was Killeagh's ability to get goals that cost Inniscarra in the end.

Colm Casey, Pádraig Holland and Owen McCarthy had scores for Inniscarra to leave it at 0-3 each after nine minutes. Killeagh's first goal came two minutes later, but Inniscarra responded with two from Kieran Rice and a point from Holland to level it again. Cork star Seán O'Donoghue put them in front before two goals in two minutes, in the 16th and 18th minutes, put Killeagh into a commanding lead, 3-3 to 0-7. They added two points to increase their lead, before two from Holland reduced the deficit. Points were exchanged, Owen McCarthy for 'Scarra, who were five points behind 0-10 to 3-6 at half-time.

Inniscarra got the start they needed in the second half when Seán O'Donoghue burst through to goal and with Holland adding three points they were level after 39 minutes, 1-13 to 3-7.

Killeagh went back in front with two from frees and another from play and then another from a free in the 53rd minute 3-11 to 1-13. O'Donoghue pointed but two more points for Killeagh were followed by a late fourth goal to embellish the

scoreline further.

Inniscarra: P Holland 0-7 (0-5 f), S O'Donoghue 1-2, O McCarthy, K Rice (f) 0-2 each, C Casey 0-1.

Inniscarra: J O'Keefe; C O'Leary, B O'Mahony, C Lombard; S Sheehan, L Ryan, A McCarthy; J Harrington, O McCarthy; K Rice, P Holland, S O'Donoghue; M Murphy, C Casey, M Nagle. Subs: J Roche h-t, C O'Leary 46.

BLARNEY 0-21 NEWCESTOWN 2-18

Newcestown's Eddie Kenneally was the star performer as his side overcame Blarney in a dramatic game at Ovens. Blarney led by five points at the interval and deservedly so but had a goal disallowed five minutes after the break and Newcestown took fire after this. Kenneally finished with 1-10 to his credit and his performance inspired his team mates to victory.

Shane Barrett contributed 0-11 to the Blarney tally but his fellow Cork county comrade Mark Coleman is still out with injury and his absence is sorely felt. Newcestown scored an early goal to lead by 1-3 to nil but Blarney were level at 0-7 to 1-4 by the 19th minute and leading at half time by 0-13 to 1-5, they looked the likely winners. On resumption, points were exchanged, Blarney's Pádraig Power had his goal disallowed and Kenneally entered the scene in a big way. It was 0-17 to 1-12 at the three quarter mark but a Newcestown goal from Kenneally in the 23rd minute put the winners in front, the teams were level on 57 but Newcestown finished strongly.

Blarney scorers: S Barrett 0-11 (0-7 f), D McSweeney, P Power, C Barrett 0-2 each, O Hegarty, C Power, S Mulcahy 0-1 each.

Blarney: Conor Murphy; Sean Crowley, Paul O'Leary, Darragh Murphy; Peter Philpott, Patrick Crowley, Alan McEvoy; Shne Barrett, Olan Hegarty; Denis McSweeney, Conor Power, Cathal Hegarty; Shane Mulcahy, Paudie Power, Cian Barrett. Subs: Keith Costello 30, Cian Dunlea 51.

PREMIER INTERMEDIATE HURLING

Group A: Castlelyons 2, Dungourney 2, Ballincollig 0, Bandon 0

Gr B: Ballymartle 2, Éire Óg 2, Valley Rovers 0, Carrigaline 0

Gr C: Ballinhassig 2, Watergrasshill 1, Kilworth 1, Castlemartyr 0, Éire Óg 3-20 (29) Valley Rovers 1-23 (26)

A superb win for Éire Óg over The Valleys at Ballinora in a tremendous game of swaying fortunes. The sides were level after 12 minutes, 0-7 to 1-4, the Valleys goal coming in the very first minute, then the Innishannon side hit over nine of the next eleven points before Éire Óg recovered



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somewhat with two late points from Eoin O'Shea to be behind by four, 0-11 to 1-13 at the interval. Éire Óg came out for the second half full of fire and Kevin Hallissey's goal on 37 left them only three adrift. Eoin O'Shea fired over three points but Valleys were up for the contest and were four clear again on 48, 1-19 to Éire Óg's 1-15. David Kirwan struck over a point and then followed with a goal on 52 to level the scores, 2-16 to 1-20 in the 52nd minute. A point for The Valleys was answered by three in a row for the Ovens men, two from Joe Cooper and another from Kirwan and when Valleys had another point Jack Sheehan cracked in a goal on 60 to put Éire Óg four points in front, 3-19 to 1-21. Valleys hit over two points, but Eoin O'Shea finished the scoring with a 64th minute point. Scorers for Éire Óg: E O'Shea 0-12 (0-10 f), J Sheehan 1-2, D Kirwan 1-2, K Hallissey 1-0, J Cooper 0-2, D Desmond, O O'Shea 0-1 each.

Éire Óg: Dylan Desmond; John Mullins, John Kelleher, Conor McGoldrick; Diarmuid Dineen, Matt Brady, Daire McCarthy; Eoin O'Shea, Eoin Kelleher; Jack Sheehan, Kevin Hallissey, David Kirwan; Daniel Healy, Joe Cooper, Oisín O'Shea. Subs: Jerome Kelleher 48, David Casey 63.

BALLINCOLLIG 2-10 DUNGOURNEY 1-14

Ballincollig will be very disappointed with this result. They have had a very good league, reaching the final in Div 2 while Dungourney were moderate in Div 5. Once again however league form was demonstrated to count for little as last year's intermediate champions fought fiercely for every ball and won by the minimum at the end at a windy Cobh venue.

Cian Dorgan opened the scoring for Ballincollig from a free, the East Cork side replied and Cian O'Driscoll then fired in a goal for the Muskerry men. Point by point Dungourney drew level and then went in front by three by the 22nd minute. A James Dwyer goal for The Village levelled the scores and after exchanges of points the sides were still level at the break, Ballincollig 2-4 to 0-10 for Dungourney.

In contrast to Ballincollig, Dungourney were benefiting hugely from frees (0-11 for Jack Leahy) but wing-back David O'Sullivan fired over a huge long range effort from play and Ballincollig improved thereafter. James Dwyer pointed twice as Brian Keating also had a point and The Village were two ahead in the 42nd minute. Dungourney had their goal on 45 minutes to go ahead by the minimum, the sides were level on 48, level again on 58, but Dungourney got the vital point from a Leahy free to win.

Scorers for Ballincollig: J Dwyer 1-2, C O'Driscoll

1-0, B Keating, D O'Sullivan 0-2 (0-1 f) each, S O'Neill 0-2, C Dorgan (f), S Wills 0-1 each.

Ballincollig: James Linehan; Ross O'Donovan, Colin Moore, Fenton Denny; David O'Sullivan, Conor O'Leary, Ciarán O'Sullivan; James Dwyer, Barry Coleman; Tadhg O'Connell, Conor Dalton, Brian Keating; Seán O'Neill, Cian Dorgan, Cian O'Driscoll. Subs: Stephen Wills 46, David Bowen 50

INTERMEDIATE A HURLING

Group A: Youghal 1, Lisgoold 1, Aghada 1, Aghabullogue 1

Gr B: Mayfield 1, Blackrock 1, Sarsfields 1, Kildorrery 1 Gr C: Cloughduv 0, Middleton 2, Douglas 0, Ballygiblin 2

CLOUGHDUV 1-12 MIDDLETON 2-12, AGHABULLOGUE 1-17 AGHADA 1-17

Middleton beat last year's beaten finalists Cloughduv by 2-12 to 1-12. The two Cians – Crowley and Farmer – had first-half goals for the Magpies' second team, who trailed by 1-8 to 2-4 at half-time, Eoghan McNabola netting for Cloughduv. Aaron Mulcahy also weighed in with second-half points for the winners.

While Aghada trailed Aghabullogue by five points in Páirc Uí Rinn with 10 minutes to go, they managed to reel in their Muskerry opponents to leave it 1-17 each at the end. John Corkery's goal and points from Shane Tarrant had put Aghabullogue in control while Mark McCarthy found the net in the first half for Aghada.

PREMIER JUNIOR HURLING

Group A: Glen Rovers 2, Argideen Rangers 2, Erin's Own 0, Tracton 0.

Gr B: Barryroe 2, Kilbrittain 2, Milford 0, Ballygarvan 0

Gr C: Meelin 2, St Catherine's 2, Russell Rovers 0, St Finbarrs 0

GROUP 2ND ROUND FIXTURES

SAH: Inniscarra 0 v Na Piarasigh 0, Sat Aug 12th at Ballincollig, 7.30pm

SAH: Blarney 0 v Courneys 0, Sat Aug 12th at Ovens, 3pm

PIH: Éire Óg 2 v Carrigaline 0, Sunday Aug 13th at Brinny, 2pm

PIH: Ballincollig 0 v Bandon 0 Sat Aug 12th at Cloughduv 3pm

IAH: Cloughduv 0 v Ballygiblin 2, Sunday Aug 13th at Blarney, 3pm

IAH: Aghabullogue 1v Youghal 1, Sunday Aug 13th at Páirc Uí Rinn, 4pm

MJK OILS JUNIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP 2023

Group 1: (Four teams) Ballinora v Inniscarra at Coachford, August 5th 7.30pm

Kilmichael v Ballincollig at Ballincollig, August

6th 7pm

Group 2: (Three teams) Dripsey v Blarney at Donoughmore, August 6th 7pm, and Cloughduv v Blarney Aug 13th.

Group 3: (Three teams) Grenagh v Éire Óg at Ballinora (Ballymaw) August 6th 3pm, and

DONOUGHMORE V ÉIRE ÓG AUG 11TH

BALLINORA 3-14 INNISCARRA 1-10

KILMICHAEL V BALLINCOLLIG

DRIPSEY V BLARNEY

GRENAGH V ÉIRE ÓG

M JK OILS MID CORK JUNIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2023 MJK OILS Mid Cork Junior Hurling championship is underway and a feature of the opening round if group games was the defeat of all four club second teams by teams from junior clubs.

Group 1 (4 teams): Ballinora 2, Kilmichael 2, Ballincollig 0, Inniscarra 0

Group 2 (3 teams): Dripsey 2, Blarney 0, Cloughduv

Group 3 (3 teams): Grenagh 2, Éire Óg 0, Donoughmore

Group 1

Ballinora 3-14 Inniscarra 1-10

Ballinora, champions for the past two years, gave every indication at Coachford, that they will not be relinquishing their title easily as they took on and comprehensively overcame the strong challenge of Inniscarra in the opening round of the MJK Oils Mid Cork Junior hurling championship. Ballinora were well prepared and well focussed, contested with spirit and had power in attack, particularly in the full forward line, to convert possession into scores. Inniscarra had plenty of good hurlers and did not lack determination but on this occasion were beaten by a better team.

Ballinora: Barry Crowley: Tim Forde, Mike Lordan, Ronan Barrow: Ken Greally, Neil Lordan, Danny Dineen: James Byrne, Tommy Burns: Liam Lyons, Darragh Holmes, Conor Quirke: Alan O'Shea, Darragh Corkery, Kevin Murphy. Subs: James Keohane ht, Colin O'Flynn, Michael Quirke, Paddy Fitton 50.

Inniscarra: Dave Óg Coleman: James Roche, John O'Brien, Adam Doyle: Seán Barrett, David Keane, Mark Linehan: Darragh Hughes, Seán Quinlivan: James Murphy, Shane Buckley, John Cussen: Conrad Desmond, Seán Leisk, Donal Dineen Subs: Shane Linehan, Michael O'Connell

Referee: Brendan BarryMurphy, Aghabullogue



U16B Camogie v Kilworth (visiting their sponsors Healy Spar, Clondrohid on the way home) 2nd August 2023

LAOCHRA ÓG NEWS

29TH JULY

Congratulations Ava Mc Sweeney, Macroom and the U16A Cork Camogie team on their win today from all at Laochra Og. Brilliant achievement. An All Ireland Camogie winning player from the town of Macroom. History in the making here.

Well done to the U12 teams of Laochra Og and Aghabullogue yesterday evening in Coachford. Thanks to Aghabullogue for organising the game. 30th July 2023

Well done Darcy, who played with the Cork u15s in National blitz in Limerick yesterday, they won against Dublin and Limerick and just narrowly beaten by Kilkenny. Good stuff Darcy from Laochra Óg

1ST AUGUST 2023

Great stuff tonight from the U11 Hurlers who put in a huge team effort but just lost to a strong but not stronger Newmarket team in first round of championship, on to the next game on the 14th at home in Collaiste Gobnathan against Dromtariffe at 7.

2ND AUGUST 2023

Congratulations to our U16 county champions! well done to the whole panel on a fantastic final v Kiworth last night In Castle Road. A brilliant game of camogie on display by both teams for their supporters. We started well getting on

the scoreboard, but Kilworth came at us strong keeping the game very tight at the break. Kilworth kept the pressure on us in the 2nd half and every girl gave their all to keep us in front, girls showed great skills and team work, with everyone playing their part we finished our league journey with the County win Thanks to Kilworth for a great sporting game and best of luck for the rest of the season. , and to Cork Camogie for playing in Castle Road, a great opportunity and experience for the girls playing there. We are very grateful for our team Sponsors Healy's Spar Clondrohid for their constant support and for all the treats tonight it's very much appreciated. A big thanks to our Coach Finbarr for all his time, support and expertise to the girls he is just the best. Thanks to all the mentors for their time, and to all our umpires. Thanks to Colaiste Ghobnathan for the use of the pitch and facilities, we appreciate it, and to all our parents and supporters, we appreciate your support. Finally to our captain Daisy Ann and all our brilliant panel congratulations girls, ye worked hard and hard work pays off.

List of players who took part were as follows Eireen O Looney (Ballymakeera) Aisling Twomey (Macroom) Tara Twomey (Clondrohid) Clara O Connell (Kilnamartyra) Sarah Twomey (Reenaniree) Ava McSweeney (Macroom) Darcy O



Daisy Ann Herterich being presented with the cup 2nd August

Brien (Clondrohid) Lily Desmond (Macroom) Aoife Murphy (Macroom) Ellie Jane Walsh (Macroom) Saorlaith Murphy (Kilmichael) Daisy Ann Herterich (Ballymakeera) Ellen Duggan (Macroom) Hayleigh O Shea (Macroom) Leah Dineen (Kilnamartyra) Sara Grant (Ballymakeera) Ella Healy (Clondrohid) Eimear Healy ((Clondrohid) Aibgeal Lynch (Ballymakeera) Amy Kelleher (Coolea) Orlaith Lynch (Ballymakeera) Caoimhe Twomey (Ballymakeera) Klaudia Saj (Ballymakeera) Rachel O Shea (Macroom) Cliona O Brien (Clondrohid) Grace Nash (Clondrohid) Reaitin Walsh (Macroom).



Ava Mc Sweeney U16A Cork Camogie Player and Laochra Óg member July 2023



U15 Camogie Blitz Limerick (Darcy O'Brien) 30th July 2023



Laochra Óg girls at Croke Park for Camogie All Ireland 6th August 2023



MACROOM GAA



Naomh Abán won against Maighcromtha in the Premier Intermediate Football Championship. pic by Nóra Uí Luasa

MACROOM GAA

In the Premier 1 U15 Football championship Macroom travelled to Douglas and had a fine 1-10 to 1-5 victory over the home side. Earlier this year Douglas had defeated Macroom in Tom Creedon Park on a 1-7 to 0-9 scoreline so Macroom have maintained the improvement in their play which has been evident over the past few months.

Macroom started well and were level at the end of the opening quarter when a Jack Leavy goal gave them a boost. Douglas recovered however and had the better of the exchanges in the run up to half time when they led Macroom by 1-3 to 1-2.

Macroom put up a great second half display, starting with four unanswered points in a row, Billy Murphy making a major contribution. When Douglas battled back, the Macroom defence was simply terrific and totally committed and the team deserved this victory. Macroom now have won one and drawn one of their two group games to date and will face Ballincollig away in their final decisive group game on Monday August 7th. The panel was: Gearoid Quinn, Alex Brophy, Ruairi O'Shea, Thomas Hopkins, Cathal Neville, Eoghan Healy, Conor Nash, Jack O'Shea, Sam Leavy 0-1, Donagh Moss, Jack Leavy 1-0, Darragh Donovan 0-1, Billy Murphy 0-7(0-5f), Coran Burns 0-1, Dylan Lucey, Troy Murphy, Caleb O'Connor, Jayden O'Sullivan, Simon Condon, Brian Bradley, Tadg Dunne, Eoin Holland, Ronan Duggan

To complete a notable Monday evening, Macroom U12's took on O'Donovan Rossa in the West Cork Championship Group 2 and won out on a 3-15 (24) to 5-7(22) scoreline. In a thrilling match played in Skibbereen, Macroom edged out the home team in a high scoring and memorable 1st round game of this year's U12 West Cork championship. Macroom suffer a early setback when O'Donovan

Rossa found the back of the net but great credit to Macroom who kicked on and scored the next 6 points to lead by 3 points at half time. Macroom started the 2nd half in great form and with two well taken goals were leading by 10 points. O'Donovan Rossa fought back and after a late penalty there were only two points between the teams with a few minutes remaining. Macroom regained the initiative and saw the game out on a score line of 3-15 to 5-7

Macroom U12: Conor Angland, David Twomey, Con Moss, Sean Bourke, Darragh Creed, Cian Kelleher, Ruairi Lucey, Noah Moss, Luke Kelly, Oscar Grace, David Siju, Maciek Krzepina, Gena Lisovyi, Sean O'Riain, Brian Lloyd, Eoghan O'Sullivan, Ruairi Angland, Fionn Moss.

Macroom U12 Management: Donie Angland, Mort Twomey, Gerry Moss

Macroom are away to Clonkilty on August 21st and then at home to Bandon and Ahan Gaels.

In the opening game of Rebel Óg West Group 4 the Macroom U12 second team were hosts to Kilmacabea at the Castle Grounds and lost to the visitors on a 3-5 to 5-12 scoreline. The West Cork boys had some fine players but Macroom fought to the finish and got some great scores.

Macroom will play Beal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh away on August 8th, Oliver Plunketts at home, Clonkilty 2 away, Bandon 2 at home, in this competition.

PREMIER INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP NAOMH ABAN 1-14 MACROOM 1-9

A blistering opening quarter from Naomh Abán in this Bons Secours Premier Intermediate Football championship tie at a packed Cill na Martra on Friday evening last was the key to success for the Gaeltacht men in their local derby against Macroom.

Naomh Abán tore into the fray from the throw in

and for the opening quarter the ball seldom left the Macroom half. Macroom staged a remarkable recovery in the second quarter and turned a 0-6 to 0-1 deficit into a one point advantage but crucially in the five minutes before half time Naomh Abán regained the advantage, and their confidence, as they led by 0-9 to 0-7 at the interval.

On the resumption, the scoring rate fell, each side only adding a point to the tallies before N Abán struck for a goal in the 43rd minute but Macroom quickly matched this score despite now playing a man down after losing a defender for a second yellow card. Only a point separated the sides after 50 minutes, 1-10 to 1-9, but numerically advantaged Naomh Aban drove on in the closing stages and added four points to their tally to be clear winners at the finish.

Macroom: E O'Leary 1-2, A Quinn 0-4, D Horgan 0-2 (0-1f), R Buckley 0-1.

Macroom: Brendan O'Connell: Ciarán Condon, Rory Buckley, Jonny Murphy: Mark Corrigan, Tony Dineen, Seán Kiely: Caleb Dinneen, David Horgan: Michael Cronin, Eolan O'Leary, Alan Quinn: Don Creedon, Patrick Lucey, Mark Hunt. Subs: Fintan Goold, Dylan Twomey and Blake O'Gorman, all half time: Ethan O'Gorman 33, Shane Meaney 47, Ethan O'Gorman and David Cotter 55.

The annual Macroom GAA Cúl Camp was held all week with 170 boys and girls in attendance under a fine group of coaches and was an outstanding success. Well done to all involved, organisers, coaches, players and ground staff!

Macroom 13s travelled to Bishopstown for their opening Premier 2 championship group game and were thrilled to defeat the home side on a 3-11 to 2-2 scoreline. Scorers were Dylan O'Shea 2-2, Dylan O'Connell 1-1, Caden Dunton 12-1, Ryan Brophy 0-4 and Aled Hopkins 0-2.



Maighcromtha who lost against Naomh Abán in the Premier Intermediate Football Championship. pic by Nóra Uí Luasa



FAI Summer Soccer Camp, Macroom FC

MACROOM SOCCER CLUB

FAI SUMMER SOCCER CAMP

Our second sold out camp of the summer took place last week at Murrayfield. It was another great week with over 100 boys and girls present. Well done to all involved and thanks to the FAI coaching group for the excellent week of footballing activities.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership for the upcoming 2023/24 season is now due. Team are now getting busy preparing for the season. Competitive games are expected to begin at the end of August and start of September. Prices remain unchanged from last year. Go to www.macroomfc.ie/registration or visit the

clubforce App.

AGM

Macroom FC annual general meeting will take place on this coming Friday Aug 11th at the clubhouse at Murrayfield, beginning at 7.30pm. All welcome.





COACHFORD AFC

DOUBLE DELIGHT FOR COACHFORD AFC

Sometimes a team comes up through the ranks from Academy U10s to Schoolboys U14s to Youths U19s and to the Premier level of Junior Soccer and sweeps all before them. It is no freak of nature nor is it by pure chance but creating, nurturing and managing a group of players like the current Coachford Premier team for the last 14 years takes a huge commitment from the players, their parents, the coaches and the club.

Coachford AFC has had some unique talent playing in their ranks since 2009. Football talent comes easy to some, they are born with it but it takes dedication from the players themselves, their parents and their coaches to nurture this talent. It also takes extremely talented coaches to instil belief and skills in the players who don't show this talent at a young age to make sure that when it's their time to shine as they get older that the groundwork has been laid.

The current Coachford AFC Premier team are a product of this coaching style and system instilled at the club since 2006. The Double winning Premier League and AOH Cup champions for the last 2 seasons are mostly made up of players who have been together since they were u10s. They have added a few players along the way while a few have moved away or called it a day for various reasons but the core of the Schoolboys and Youths teams make up this unique team.

In the 2021/22 season, Coachford AFC Premier side emerged from the COVID pandemic to storm their way to Premier League success by winning 15 of their 16 games and having only 3 goals scored against them while hitting the net themselves a massive 60 times. The team also finished off their season by defeating Grattan United in the AOH Cup Final by 4 goals to one in an awesome performance at Turners Cross Stadium.

At the beginning of the 2022/23 season, the Premier League season had been extended to an almost unwieldy 21 games for some reason. Add to this a pre-season tournament and 3 cup competitions, and the quest to become back-to-back League and Cup champions again looked impossible. But yet again this Band Of Brothers answered the call of their manager, Donal Moynihan and once again took up the challenge to become a team to be reckoned with. When the last game was played in the middle of June 2023 Coachford AFC had for the second time lifted the Premier League title and AOH Cup. The extended league was a monster to contend with, especially as many of the Coachford team are also very accomplished GAA Players for Agahbulloge, Dripsey and Kilmurry GAA clubs and the dual demands put some players under a lot of pressure at both the beginning and end of an extremely long drawn out season.

The very fact that Coachford AFC ended the league



Coachford AFC Premier team with the Premier League trophy



Coachford AFC Premier team after winning the AOH Cup

with 18 wins, 1 draw and just 2 defeats speaks volumes for this unique team and its manager. Coachford's AFC Premier team scored 70 goals over 21 games and conceded just 13. The team also lifted the AOH Cup for the second year in a row, coming from 2 goals down to beat Watergrasshill in the final 3-2.

The Coachford AFC Premier team are giants of the Cork AUL Junior league and over the last 2 seasons have been the team to beat. Moving to the Munster Senior League (MSL) has always been on the agenda of the club's AGM over the past few years but the conflicting commitments that players in rural clubs face every year means that a move to the MSL is often not a realistic option.

The 2023/24 season brings new challenges for the Coachford AFC premier team. The stepping down of one of the clubs most successful managers, Donal Moynihan is a huge blow for the team and club. The departure of some of the older and more experienced members of the team will also upset the finely tuned side but there are other talented and enthusiastic young footballers ready and able to take up the baton.

Last season's mammoth 21-game league was a long and arduous campaign. The very fact that Coachford AFC emerged victorious considering the huge demands on the manager, the players and the club shows what a unique and amazing team they are.

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KELLEHER URGES IRISH GOVERNMENT TO PUSH FOR ENHANCED NEWBORN SCREENING ENTITLEMENTS AT EU LEVEL FOR ALL BABIES

Fianna Fáil MEP Billy Kelleher has urged the Irish Government to take the lead at pushing for minimum neonatal or newborn screening entitlements for all babies born in the European Union. Kelleher, a member of the European Parliament's Public Health (SANT) committee and a former party national health spokesperson, made the call in advance of a potential Convention on the Future of Europe.

"The Convention, if given the go ahead by Member State governments, may look at potential treaty change and could recommend that the EU takes on greater competency when it comes to public health.

"At present, we have a post code literary in terms of

neonatal screening across the 27 member states.

"The test known as an 'heel prick test' is simple and cheap to perform, yet many countries, including Ireland do not make the best use of it. For example, Ireland tests for nine diseases or genetic disorders. France tests for six yet Spain tests for 24. In many Eastern countries, the numbers are even worse.

"Over the last six months, in my engagements with the pharmaceutical sector on the EU's new pharmaceutical strategy, I sense a willingness among them to support such a scheme.

"I see two major positives. First, children with rare diseases will be diagnosed and start receiving treatment quicker, and secondly, we will have a better understanding of the pan-EU prevalence of rarer

diseases and syndromes which stimulate better research into new treatments.

"Ireland must support the development of a European Health Union, and part of such a union would be standardised newborn screening practices across the entire European Union. It should also in the first instance increase the number of diseases and disorders it tests for in Ireland and show leadership," concluded Kelleher.



Ballincollig GAA officials, including Chairman, Donal Hannigan, with EPH Controls/Muskerry GAA Sports Award winner for July, Tadhg O'Connell, Ballincollig GAA and Cork U 20 hurling team, at presentation function held at Oriel Hotel. Picture: Mike English



Trevor Casey, EPH Controls, sponsors, presenting the Muskerry GAA Sports Award for July to Tadhg O'Connell, Ballincollig and Cork Under 20 hurling team, All Ireland winners, at function at Oriel Hotel. Included is John Feeney, Chairman Muskerry Division. Picture: Mike English



Tadhg O'Connell, Ballincollig GAA and Cork Under 20 hurling team, All Ireland Champions, winner of the EPH Controls/Muskerry GAA Sports Award for July.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

MICHAEL O'LEARY

The Glebe, Clondrohid, Macroom, Co. Cork

Who died on the 11th August 2022

May you always walk in sunshine and light around you flow, for the happiness you gave us, no one will ever know. It broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone, a part of us went with you, the day God called you home. A million times we needed you, a million times we've cried, if love could only have saved you, you would never have died. The Lord be with you, and may you rest in peace.

Sheila (his mother) and the family of the late Michael O'Leary would like to thank most sincerely our extended family and friends for the wonderful help and support during Michael's illness. A sincere word of thanks to all the staff in the Bons Secure Hospital. A very special thanks to the local district nurses who were so supportive and caring. A word of thanks to Fr. Filip and Fr Joe and sacristan Bridget Connolly. Thanks to Fitzgeralds Funeral Home for their professionalism and kindness. Please accept this as a token of our appreciation and gratitude. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions.



Always remembered and sadly missed by his loving family.

May he Rest in Peace.

5TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of our sister

PEGGY CROWLEY

Cloughduv

Whose anniversary occurs at this time.

No matter how life changes, Peggy No matter what we do A special place in our hearts Is always there for you.



Sadly missed by your sister Kitty and brother Pat

5TH & 21ST ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

PEGGY & SONNY CROWLEY

Cloughduv

Sadly missed along lifes way Lovingly remembered everyday No longer in our life to share But in our hearts you're always there



Always remembered by your sons Martin, Finbarr and Noel.

5TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

PEGGY CROWLEY

Cloughduv

who died on the 14th of August 2018

A daily thought, a silent prayer A constant wish that you were here An empty space no one can fill We miss you today and always will



Always loved and remembered by Lisa, Noel, Ryan, Jayden and Dylan xx

THE MIRACLE PRAYER



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

POWERFUL NOVENA



This novena never fails. Say it on the hour for nine hours. Jesus who has said, ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and the door will open to you. Through the intercession of Mary, the Most Holy Mother, I knock, I ask that my prayer will be granted. (Make your request). Oh Jesus, has said all you ask the Father in my name, he will grant through the intercession of Mary, the Most Holy Mother. I humbly beg and urgently ask the Father in thy name that my prayer be granted (make request here). Oh Jesus who has said heaven and earth shall pass away through the intercession of Mary, the Most Holy Mother. I fell confident my prayer shall be answered. (Make request here). This novena is to be said at the same time every hour for nine consecutive hours - one day. Promised publication, never fails.

B.H

NOVENA TO ST. CLAIRE



Ask St. Claire for 3 favours, one business, two impossible and say nine Hail Mary's for nine days with lighted candle. Pray whether you believe or not. Publish on ninth day. Powerful Novena. May the sacred heart of Jesus be praised, adored, glorified and loved today and every day throughout the whole world forever Amen. Say six times daily for nine days. Your request will be granted no matter how difficult it may seem. Favour publication must be promised.

9TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

JERRY O'LEARY

The Glebe, Clondrohid, Macroom, Co. Cork

Who died 10th August 2014.

You rest in the arms of angels, In a place of peace and love Watching over us always From heaven up above You guide us through our worries And help us through every day Always by our sides, you never went away You rest in the arms of angels Free from illness and pain Waiting for the day We are together once again.



Always remembered and sadly missed by your loving family.

**FIRST ANNIVERSARY
AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**



Cherished Memories Now and always of

**JOHN
O'LEARY**

**OAKWOOD, MACROOM agus
BÉAL ÁTHA'N GHAORTHAIDH
who died on 6th August 2022**

As we lovingly remember John on his 1st Anniversary, we his wife Sheila, sons Seán, Anthony and Declan together with our families wish to express our sincere gratitude and heartfelt appreciation to all who sympathised with us on our sad loss. Thanks to everyone who sent Mass cards, Perpetual Enrolments, online condolences, letters, emails, phone calls and to all those who attended John's wake in our home. Thanks to our relations, great neighbours and friends who brought food to our house and all who helped in and around our house during wake and funeral. Thanks to our very kind neighbours who lined the street of Oakwood to pay their final respects to John's remains as he left our home for his very last time, it was very moving and deeply appreciated.

Sincere thanks to Fr. James Murphy, P.P. Rosslare (John's nephew) for receiving John's remains at removal and for his beautiful meaningful funeral Mass, also many thanks to Canon Roberts, Fr. Joe O'Mahony Fr. Filip, and Fr. John O'Leary (John's 1st cousin) for concelebrating funeral Mass with Fr. James.

Thank you Fr. Anthony O'Mahony, P.P. Iveleary for your graveside attendance and prayers. Also thank you Canon Roberts for celebrating John's months mind Mass in our home. Thanks Geraldine (John's carer) for your kindness, patience and loving care to John during your visits to our home. He enjoyed your company and lovely walks together.

Thank you to the Doctors, Nurses and Staff of Macroom Sullane Family Practice, also Dr. John Burke, Macroom and Dr. Tom O'Donnell, Dunmanway for your excellent nursing care and compassion to John during his illness. Thank you Dr. Con Kelleher for your incredible kindness and help to us and John, we will be forever grateful to you.

Thank you Eileen for keeping vigil with family members during night of John's wake at home. Thanks to Mary McSweeney Organist for the lovely music and to Michael Bradley for the beautiful singing at John's funeral Mass. It really enhanced the ceremony and made it very special for all of us. Thanks also to Ted Sacristan and Gravediggers. Our heartfelt appreciation and thanks to everyone who travelled near and far to attend John's wake, removal and funeral.

Thanks to Castle Hotel & staff, also to Auld Triangle & staff for beautiful meals. Sincere thanks to Billy, Martin and Staff of Fitzgeralds Undertakers for your professionalism, dignity, kindness and support during those difficult days - much appreciated.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually please accept this acknowledgment as a token of our sincere thanks and gratitude. Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions.



Lovingly remembered always by his wife Sheila, sons Seán, Anthony and Declan, daughters-in-law Marion & Sheelagh, his adored 7 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, sisters, brother and relatives.

Níl sé imithe uainn ach romhainn.

4TH & 15TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**NORA &
TIMOTHY (TED)
O'LEARY**

**Nora died on 10th August 2019
Timothy died on 27th August 2008**

Upper Codrum, Macroom

*Time may pass
Life goes on,
But in our hearts
You're never gone.*



Lovingly remembered by Finbarr, Mary, Gerard, Siobhan and their immediate family.

12TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**PEADAR
CORCORAN**

**St. Colman's Park, Macroom.
Whose anniversary occurs
on August 10th.**

*We thought of you with love today,
But that is nothing new,
We thought about you yesterday,
And days before that too.
We think of you in silence,
We often speak your name,
All we have are memories,
And your picture in a frame.*



Always loved and sadly missed by his loving family.

**ANNIVERSARIES
MY LORD AND MY GOD**



In loving memory of

**SEAN
CROWLEY**

24th August 2003



**NORA T
CROWLEY**

10th August 2014

Derreen, Coachford, Co. Cork

*They have gone no further from us,
than to God and God is very near.*

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14TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**ANNIE
COTTER**

**Coolnadane, Macroom, Co. Cork
who died on the 7th August 2009**

*A silent taught.
A quiet prayer
For a special Mam
In God's Care.*

*Sacret heart of Jesus
I place all my trust in thee.*



Always remembered by
Ellen, Kathleen & families.

12TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**TIMOTHY
BUCKLEY**

**Laharn, Coachford
Who died on 7th August 2011**

*We Remember Him
When we are weary and in need of strength,
when we are lost and sick at heart,
we remember him. When we have a joy
we crave to share, when we have decisions
that are difficult to make, when we have
achievements that are based on his,
we remember him.*

*At the blowing of the wind and in the chill of
winter, at the opening of the buds and in the
rebirth of spring, we remember him.*

*At the blueness of the skies and in the warmth
of summer, at the rustling of the leaves and in
the beauty of autumn, we remember him.*

*At the rising of the sun and at its setting,
we remember him. As long as we live,
he too will live. For he is now a part of us,
As we remember him.*



Sadly missed by your children Trish, Tim,
Martin, Sheila and Ger, and their families.

5TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**PEGGIE
MURPHY**

**Inchinaneave, Kilbarry, Macroom
Passed away 10th August 2018**

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

*So rest in peace dear loved one,
And thanks for all you've done.
We pray that God has given you,
The crown you've truly won.*



Lovingly remembered always by Don,
John, Mairéad and families

4TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**DONAL
QUINLAN**

**Born Macroom June 28, 1955
Died San Francisco August 21, 2019**

*Life is like a cup of tea
Its how you make it*

Always remembered by his brothers
Michael, John and Brendan
and their families.

4TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**CONNIE
LYNCH**

**Derrynasaggart, Ballyvourney,
whose 4th anniversary occurs on
August 11th.**

*Sadly missed along life's way,
Quietly remembered every day,
No longer in our lives to share,
But in our hearts you're always there.*



Fanfaidh tú linn in ár gcroíthe go deo.

Lovingly remembered by
Mary and family.

4TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**SEAN (MIKE)
LEHANE**

**Slievareagh, Ballyvourney, Co. Cork
Who died on 2nd September 2019**

*The world it changes from year to year
Our lives from day to day
But the love and the memory of you
Will never fade away.
Though heaven and earth divide us
We are never far apart
You are always in our thoughts and prayers
And forever in our hearts.*



Lovingly remembered always by your
daughter Helen, Joe Paul Christine
and Adrian.

5TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**MARGARET
(PEGGY)
MC CARTHY**

**Curteenowen, Ballingearry
who died 31st July 2018**

*A daily thought, a silent tear,
A constant wish that you were here,
An empty place no one can fill,
We miss you mom and always will.*



Always remembered by her loving family

11TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**DANNY
LYNCH**

**Cúil Aodha
Whose anniversary occurs on
12th August**

*Dad, you left us lovely memories
We treasure through the years.*



Greatly missed and fondly remembered
always by your loving family.

THE MIRACLE PRAYER



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

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20TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of
**STEPHEN
O'SHEA**

**Shanadangan, Carraigadrohid,
Co. Cork
who died on 2nd of August 2003**

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



Remembered by Kathleen
and sons John, Jerry, Jim, Oliver & Tony.

BIRTHDAY REMBRANCE



In loving memory of
**RÓISÍN
DROMEY**

**Late of Manchester, England and
Inchigeelagh, Co. Cork.**

*Friday the 19th August will be
your birthday in heaven above.
Our blessings we send,
On wings of a Dove.
Not just today,
But everyday hereof,
We think of you always,
And send you our love.*



Always loved, forever missed.
Gregory, Marie and Gráinne.

Bail ó Dhia ort

2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of
**NORA LEHANE
(NEE CREED)**

**Ballinagree, Macroom
who died on 10th of August 2021**

*A wife, a mother,
a grandma too,
This is the legacy
we have from you.*



Always remembered by
her husband Tim and family.

*For all of us
You gave your best,
Now the time has come
For you to rest.
So go in peace,
You've earned your sleep,
Your love in our hearts,
We'll eternally keep.*

**FIRST ANNIVERSARY
AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**



In loving memory of
**HENRY
BROWNE**

**Carhue House, Coachford
Who died on 21st of August 2022**

As we lovingly remember Henry on his
first anniversary, his wife Betty, and
family Kate, Joanne, Daniel, Miriam
and Harriet and their families wish to
express gratitude and appreciation to our
relatives, kind neighbours and friends
for their support & kindness over the
last year.

We would like to thank all those who
attended to rosary, removal and funeral.
We would also like to thank all those
that sent Mass cards & messages of
condolences.

We would like to thank Fr. Peadar Murphy
for a beautiful and meaningful funeral
Mass.

A special thank you to the staff of CUH
for the care they provided to Henry in the
weeks leading to his passing.

Thanks to Cyril Casey & staff for their
professionalism, kindness and advice
throughout the funeral.

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



Henry's Anniversary Mass will take place
on Saturday 19th of August at 6pm at St.
Patrick's Church, Coachford.

30TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of
**PATSY
BURNS**

**Clonavrick, Macroom, Co. Cork
who died on 13th of August 1993**

*You left this world so quickly,
We still wonder why,
For the saddest part of all,
You never said goodbye.*



Always in our thoughts,
Forever in our hearts,
Michael, Margaret & Family.

3RD ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of
**NORA
O' CALLAGHAN**
**Dripsey, whose anniversary occurs on
the 18th of August.**

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

*When you remember Nora today,
A little prayer to Jesus say.*



Mass has been offered.
Loving remembered and sadly missed
by the O' Callaghan family.

5TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of
**TIMMIE
O' RIORDAN**
**Knockanure, Ballymakeera
who died on August 7th 2018**

*As we look upon your picture
Fond memories we recall
Of a face so full of sunshine
And a smile for one and all.*



Always remembered by his loving family
and many friends.

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A Word of Victory

Welcome back dear student "Lord I believe, help my unbelief!" (Mark 9:24). This was the heartfelt cry of a father who had brought his little son to be healed. The disciples had tried and failed to heal him. But when the Lord Jesus came there everything changed. The demon manifested causing the child to go into a seizure trying to kill him. Jesus tenderly ministered to the Dad first. And then He turned and cast out the demon that was oppressing his son. It was as the father got to know Jesus that his faith was strengthened, his confidence grew, and he was able to trust Jesus. Jesus ministered to the Dad's own heart initially causing healing to come for him first, and his child was healed as a result. "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved..." (Acts 16:31). Paul said this to the jailer who had beaten and imprisoned him and Silas, after a huge earthquake supernaturally freed them from their chains. They were singing - worshipping the Lord at midnight as they lay in the dark cold dungeon bleeding and sore and the other prisoners were listening, when suddenly the place was shaken. This was a miraculous deliverance for Paul and Silas, but instead of escaping they stayed put and ministered to their jailer, causing him to repent of his sin and asking to know their God. Not only were Paul and Silas delivered from their bondage, but God's Holy Spirit Power caused the jailer and his whole household to receive Salvation and come to know the Lord Jesus. The apostle Paul demonstrated the Love of God to this family, forever changing their destiny from darkness to Light. Last week we spoke on the difference between the heart that knows God and believes in Him as opposed to those who depend on good works as a pathway to Salvation and wholeness (Ephesians 2:8-9). God's Word is the same to us today dear friend. His plan of Salvation has never changed - for "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8). "This is the work of God: that you believe [adhere to, trust in, rely on, and have faith] in the One whom He has sent" (John 6:29). But how can you believe in someone you do not know? That is why we each must press in to know Him personally. When I know Jesus and learn to trust that He means what He says - that He doesn't tell lies, and that He will follow through no matter what, I have confidence in the promises in His Word. I won't doubt Him because I know that He can be trusted to fulfil His Word and do it - as He always has done (Revelation 1:8). The devil uses the power of suggestion to get people to waver and doubt which can cause one to be pulled in two directions. Lack of knowledge is why prayers go unanswered. We must hold fast to God's promises and trust Him by speaking to the mountains - those problems that try to overwhelm - in the Name of Jesus (John 14:6). Jesus said "I assure you and most solemnly say to you, if you have faith [personal trust and confidence in Me] and do not doubt or allow yourself to be drawn in two directions, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, 'Be taken up and thrown into the sea,' it will happen. Yes, you can believe Him!

Bible Study & Prayer every Sunday @ 11am and Thursdays @ 7.30pm in person and on Zoom at Word of Victory Christian Fellowship Killarney - Eircode: V93V6X4.

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FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

MARY LYONS

St. Abán's Terrace,
Ballyjourney, Co Cork

Who died on 10th Aug 2022

As we lovingly remember Mary on her first anniversary, her family would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to all those who supported and sympathized with us in our sad bereavement. We, her son Tony, daughter-in-law Noreen, grandchildren Ben, Lisa, Ciara, Ruth, Martha, Pearse and great grandchildren.

We would like to thank Mary's friends and neighbours who visited her on a regular basis and supported her on every opportunity.

We would like to give special thanks to Bantry General Hospital, who demonstrated incredible compassion in her final days.

Thanks also to Dr. Colette Neville. Thanks for the guard of honor given by the staff from the Ionad Lae Cois Cille and members of the Fianna Fáil, it was a lovely gesture and very much appreciated.

Thank you to Fr. McCarthy for saying the funeral mass and a special thanks to Aileen and the choir.

Thanks to Casey undertakers for their help and professionalism throughout and a special thanks to Nora & Paddy O'Riordan and the grave diggers.

We would like to thank all those who phoned, sent mass cards, floral tributes, wrote online condolences and to all those who stood outside the church for the funeral mass, lined the roads and attended Mary's burial.

As it is impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this as a token of our deepest gratitude. Your thoughtfulness, love and support will never be forgotten.

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



Always remembered by your loving family.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

JOAN CHAPMAN

Oakwood, Macroom

Who died on 17th August 2022

As we lovingly remember Joan, on her first anniversary, her family wishes to express deep appreciation and thank most sincerely those who sympathised with them on their sad loss.

Sincere gratitude to the nurses and staff of Cahereen Nursing Home for the wonderful care Joan received during her short time with them and to Fitzgerald's Funeral Directors for their professionalism and guidance.

We especially want to thank our Auntie Maura and Joan's friends and neighbours who helped her so much during her last years.

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

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

*Let everyone gather
With no heartaches or tears.
Let the bright memories flow
From all the past years*



Sadly missed and fondly remembered by
Damian, Paula, Philip, Christian, Maura
and all her family.

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 your request.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

HELEN LUCEY

**Cork and Cahir, Ballingearry
Who passed away on the 16th August 2022**

As we lovingly remember Helen on her first anniversary we would like to send our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to all our family friends and neighbours and all who sympathised with us. We greatly appreciate all those who sent Mass cards, letters on line condolences and those who attended her funeral. A special thanks to all her dear friends and former work colleagues who stood by her always. We thank Fr Anthony O Mahony for the beautiful funeral Mass and Richard Lucey and Ger Wolf for the music and song. Our deep appreciation to Cyril Casey and his wonderful team for all their advice and professionalism. To Joe Creedon and staff for the lovely food and homely atmosphere after the funeral
As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually please accept this as a token of our appreciation

*Those we love don't go away
they walk beside us every day*



Always remembered by Dan, Lucy, Ann Diarmuid and children and Denis and Tara

Special Anniversary Mass will take place on Sunday the 20th August at 10am in St. Finbar's and Ronan's Church Ballingearry, Co Cork.

70TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

TED MURPHY

**Tirnaspidoga, Inchigeela
whose anniversary occurs
on August 11th**

*A page in the book of memory
Silently turns today
I remember you in silence
And make no outward show
But what it meant to lose you
No one will ever know.*

*O compassionate Lord Jesus
grant him eternal rest.*



Never forgotten by his loving daughter
Kathleen

20TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

MARY O'RIORDAN

Ballymakeera

*You had a smile for everyone
You had a heart of gold
You left so many memories
That we will always hold*

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



Always in our hearts
Your loving family

5TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

LYNDA LEAHY

**Ballinagree, Macroom, Co. Cork
Who died 16th August 2018**

*Time cannot heal the heartache,
or stop a silent tear.
It won't take away the memories,
of one we loved so dear.*



Missing you always
Danny, Kieran & Gavin

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. **B.H**

14TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

SEAN CRONIN

**Knockanure, Ballymakeera
Who died on 17th August 2009**

*"Somewhere beyond the sunset
Where loved ones never die
You sleep in a beautiful garden
Beneath a golden sky
Though Heaven and Earth divide us
We are never far apart
For you are always in my thoughts
And forever in my heart".*



Sadly missed by
your loving wife Elizabeth and
all your family.

30TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

PATSY BURNS

**Clonavrick, Macroom, Co. Cork
who died on 13th of August 1993**

*Memories of you are lovingly kept,
someone too special to ever forget
your wish today would be no fuss,
just to be remembered by all of us.
Memories are like leaves of gold,
they never wither or grow old,
locked in our hearts you will always be,
loved and remembered for eternity.*



Sadly missed but fondly remembered
by his loving wife Philomena, sons
John, Donal, Trevor & Alan, daughters
Marguerite & Noreen and grandchildren.

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. **D.L**

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