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You will find the newsletter and updated information on our website at www.irishcenter.org It is not always possible to distribute information regarding death notices and events timely. However, if you have access to a computer chances are you can find the website. Check it a few times a week for updates and for the newsletter.

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MONTHLY EVENTS

IRISH CENTER OF SO. CALIFORNIA “get-together” (first Sunday of the month) at 1 p.m. lunch at Hill Street Café, 3301 N. Glenoaks Blvd., Burbank. Easy to find, between Hollywood Way and Buena

Vista on Glenoaks (right next to St. Leon’s Cathedral). Hill Street Café telephone number is 818-845-0046.

Order what you want – a cup of coffee to full breakfast or lunch – and pay separately. November **MEETING CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

FRIENDS OF IRELAND BREAKFAST MEETING (1st Tuesday of the month) December 1, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. at Katella Restaurant, 4470 Katella Avenue, Los Alamitos, CA 90720. RSVP (Pete Walsh, 714-200-7365) pbeireanua@att.net CA.

ST. CORNELIUS CHURCH HALL, IRISH SOCIAL, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at 5500 E. Wardlow, Long Beach, CA 90808. ” CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

DRAWING FOR TRIP TO IRELAND FOR TWO OR \$2,000

The Drawing for the Trip to Ireland for two, or \$2,000, will be held at a public event later in the year.

An announcement will be distributed regarding the event.

REST IN PEACE

Nick Moran (Burbank)

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On their facebook page

Andy Cooney Live Concert Monday night from 7-8PM New York time! It will happen on Andy Cooney and his Band FB page.:

<http://Facebook.com/Andy.cooney.band/>

Patrick D'Arcy

John Whelan, Irish Button Accordion (facebook Mondays)

Ken O'Malley, facebook Sundays at 2 p.m. .

<http://kenomalley.com>

John McKenna, Accordion
Terry Casey (The Fenians)
Dennis McNeil, facebook
and others

You can support your favorite musicians/artists' online facebook concerts. Remember that they lost their March through July income due to the Coronavirus.



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KEN O'MALLEY

calendar: <https://kenomalley.com/shows>

WEBSITE:

The home page <http://kenomalley.com> shows all performances in a convenient monthly calendar format. information. For last minute schedule updates, "Like" Ken O'Malley's Artist Page <https://www.facebook.com/kenomalleyirishmusic>

Contact John McNally at mcnally.realtor@gmail.com

(805) 804-7558 More great online events coming our way!

GIFT IDEAS FOR LOVED ONES THIS HOLIDAY SEASON--- SEE PAGE 4



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LA Cougars GAA Irish Community COVID-19 Support



With a relatively young, fit and healthy community, the Cougars are in a privileged position of being at low risk to COVID-19. In line with the GAA's and our own club's culture, we are committed to being a force for good during this extraordinary (and stressful) time!

If you are a vulnerable member of the Irish in LA community, Cougars GAA is here for you! With members spread out all over Los Angeles, we will work to match anyone who needs help with one of our volunteer members who can support you.

We can:

- Do grocery runs for you helping you stay safely isolated at home
- Pick up any prescriptions and run other essential errands
- Make a socially distant visit to your home just to give you some company
- Help you connect with family back in Ireland via video technology
- Connect you with other Irish community members for more social support

And we'll consider helping in other ways just let us know!

How to Contact Us:

(Make sure to tell us your name, contact info, what you need and whereabouts in LA you're located!)

 : Call or Text Eoghan on +14243547967  : Call or Text Eoghan on +1424354  :

hello@cougars.la  :

www.facebook.com/CougarsGFC7967

To: tomirishhour@msn.com

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LETTERS

Greetings:

A CHRISTMAS GIFT – NO MORE ISOLATION FROM FRIENDS

As you know, during COVID 19 we have all had to stay at home. Some of our seniors and most vulnerable friends have been isolated in nursing homes or in their own home. For more than six months, I have included a letter (page 3) from the LA Cougars GAA offering support to the Irish Community.

I SUGGEST an iPhone or an iPad as a Christmas Gift for your mom and dad or other senior family members. This will provide an opportunity to visit, and enjoy a cup of tea while chatting with their friends locally or around the world – without leaving their own room. During this pandemic I have used “facetime” and “skype” (as well as “zoom” for a family meeting) to visit with my sisters in the Isle of Man, England, and Northern Ireland and friends in Scotland and across the world. You can also download their favorite Irish music for them to enjoy. especially if they are in a nursing home.

This is a valuable and meaningful gift that is easy to learn to use for those who have never used a computer. **Imagine how this gift will benefit your loved ones; it will generate many conversations and provide a connection to family and friends and enjoy the music they love.**

Check with Eoghan at the GAA re set up if necessary.

Happy
Christmas
and
THANKS
GAA



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CHANGE
SOMEONE'S
WORLD

Bridget T. Hana

From: [Judith Dieterle](#)
To: tomirishhour@msn.com
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 1:41 PM
Subject: Sr. Alicia McNally, SSL

Dear Tom,

It was lovely to talk to you today. Thank you for your willingness to help with Sr. Alicia's expenses. Generous friends already made it possible for her body to be shipped back to her home in Ireland.

Here is a link to our Institute Newsletter, Musings. <https://stlouissisters.org/newsletter> The direct link to the article on Sr. Alicia is:

<https://sistersofstlouis.newsweaver.com/Newsletter/1g3v4c7v3ic?lang=en&a=1&p=58081192&t=19890245>

The article is basically what I wrote about her life with the Sisters of St. Louis for her obituary.

In the same issue of Musings there is a part called "What Up with U.S." Sr. Margie wrote a piece there about Sr. Alicia too. Sr. Margie and Sr. Alicia entered the convent here in California at the same time.

I am attaching what I said at the Call to Worship at her funeral Mass here.

Blessings and peace,

Sr. Judith Dieterle, SSL

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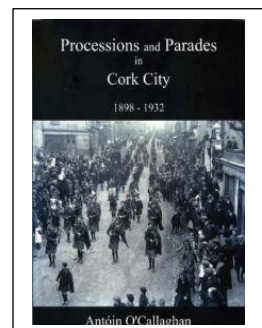
A Chara,

My name is Antóin O'Callaghan and I was born and reared in the City of Cork in Ireland. For many years I have been researching and writing the history of my native place and in my latest book I examine the processions and parades that took place in the city between the years 1898 and 1932, formative decades either side of Free State Independence. I believe that this book is of value to all who study and have an interest in Ireland's past and I would be grateful if you could circulate this information about the book to people affiliated to your organisation.

Míle buiochas agus le gach Dea-Guí

Antóin O'Callaghan,

Cloyne,
 Co. Cork, Ireland



This book is a 'must have' for anyone with an interest in Cork's history and heritage and would make an ideal **Christmas gift** for people at home or abroad.

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Exciting New Publication on Cork History

I'm delighted to announce the publication of my latest book on the history of processions in Cork -
Processions and Parades in Cork City 1898 - 1932.

Between 1898 and 1932 over 300 significant processions and parades took place on the streets of Cork city. This book tells the story of how, through these processions and parades, individuals and groups sought to express their identity, who they were and what their ambitions for the future were during the decades just before and after Free State independence. The book also includes many pictures of the processions that occurred and reveals for the first time fascinating insights into this previously unexplored aspect of Cork's history and heritage.

Purchase

Full details on how to purchase copies from historycork@gmail.com or from the link below.
Please ensure that I have the address to which to send the book.

You can purchase this book using Paypal by clicking [here](#).

Details of an online launch which will include a short film on the processional events during the period will be announced shortly.

FURNITURE BUSINESS IN TUSTIN

Brendan Nolan <brendanpaulnolan@gmail.com>

To: eirebt@yahoo.com

Good morning

I have been a subscriber to your newsletter for a number of years and I enjoy reading it each time it comes out

We moved over to Irvine nine years ago from Waterford

My daughter Laura owns and operates a retail furniture business in Tustin

www.farbelowretail.net

I would like to ask how we can promote the business on your website and via your newsletter

Regards

Brendan

Also, please pass this information along to any members who may not be getting our emails.

Thank you

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From: [Andy Rawn](#)

Sent: Wednesday, September 30, 2020 11:12 AM

Subject: Hello TOM & IRISH CENTER from classical singer ANDY in West L.A.

Seeking a friendly professional IRISH SONGS instrumental player to be paid as Accompanist for two St. Pat's Concerts in March 2021 with our shared hope the Corona Crisis is controlled & audiences can gather safely by the start of the New Year.

E-mail: AmericanSongwriters@yahoo.com Or Phone Songs Of Many Lands: (310) 459-2326.



Dun Uladh Cultural Heritage Centre's first online concert!

Nov 19 at 10:22 AM

pr@dunuladh.ie <pr@dunuladh.ie>

To: eirebt@yahoo.com <eirebt@yahoo.com>

Hi,

I hope this e-mail finds you well and you are having a great Thursday so far. I'm writing on behalf of Dún Uladh Cultural Heritage Centre in the North of Ireland, the regional resource centre for Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann in Ulster. If you don't know much about Comhaltas, Comhaltas is the longest running Irish cultural organisation with an aim to preserve and promote Irish culture all over the world, with branches globally. We actually have 49 branches in North America alone.

As part of our work in Comhaltas, we host Irish traditional sessions and concerts but sadly due to COVID-19, like many other arts organisations we have had to halt our scheduled events until further notice. However, we are delighted to be hosting our first ever online concert featuring terrific trad trio Bríd Harper, Darren Breslin & PJ McDonald.

The online concert will take place on Saturday 28th November at 8:30pm GMT, but the great part is that if this time doesn't suit you or your time zone, the streaming will be available online until Tuesday 1st December. You can enjoy the cream of Irish traditional music in the comfort of your own home, streaming from Ireland! The group is fronted by Bríd Harper, an Irish traditional fiddle player with numerous under age All-Ireland titles to her name as well as awards such as the Oireachta na Gaeilge and Fiddler of Dooney. Joining Bríd is Darren Breslin, former All-Ireland button accordion champion who has been hailed over the years for his musical stylings and PJ McDonald who is well known for his superb trad singing and guitar playing as well as being a gifted tin whistle player. **Tickets for the streaming are available now at <https://www.dunuladh.ie/whats-on/dun-uladh-events> for £8 per ticket (\$10.60).** So let Dún Uladh bring the music to you and join us for a fantastic night of Irish traditional entertainment. I have attached a youtube video of what a treat we have in store.

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I would be so grateful if you could circulate this information with any contacts or social media channels you have that this may be of interest to .It may even help to ease any home sickness for Irish living in the US that cannot get home at the moment due to COVID-19 conditions.

If you need any further information on the event, please don't hesitate to ask. I look forward to hearing back from you. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KcI_lbRTnY8

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Phenomenal Old Ireland in Colour book tells the story of Irish history like never before

Dr. John Breslin and Dr. Sarah-Anne Buckley have produced a phenomenal book colorizing old black and white photos from Irish history.

Shane O'Brien

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Nov 09, 2020



When NUIG Professor John Breslin began colorizing old black and white family photographs, little did he realize that he would go on to publish this book, *Old Ireland in Colour*, which rocketed to the top of the Irish bestseller's list and tells the story of Irish history like never before.

The *Old Ireland in Colour* Project was founded by Breslin in 2019 and quickly went viral on social media, amassing more than 25,000 followers on Instagram and a further 23,000 followers on Twitter. Breslin, from NUI Galway's Data Science Institute, began colorizing old family photographs and old images of County Galway using DeOldify, an artificial intelligence-

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based system that automatically colorizes black and white photographs. He then imported the images into PhotoShop to add specific details, such as eye color and hair color.

Instagram page with weird and bizarre footage from Ireland's past is comedy gold. 'Black and Irish' Instagram page highlights black struggles and successes in Ireland. Humans of Dublin documents struggle growing up black in Ireland. The images proved to be a huge hit on social media and Breslin began to branch out, teaming up with social historian Dr. Sarah-Anne Buckley to colorize hundreds of photographs from multiple eras of Irish history. The pair teamed up to turn what was then a social media phenomenon into a bestselling book with Breslin responsible for the book's 170-odd photographs and Buckley responsible for the detailed contextual captions that appear beside them.



Through painstaking research, Breslin and Buckley unraveled every minute detail of black and white photographs in historical archives, including The National Library of Ireland, the National Folklore Collection, and the Library of Congress.

Behind every image in the book is an untold amount of research; Buckley and Breslin had to sieve through tonnes of documentary records to uncover as much detail as possible about the subjects in the photographs. We spent a lot of time working on uniforms and on the trams and train colors and we spent a lot of time in regards to clothing; what color fabrics available at the time; what people would have worn," Buckley told Irish Central

Tom Crean holding four sally's pups is one of the most popular colorized images in the book.

. . .(missing picture)

"We can't know for certain what people were wearing, so John has to know what the tone or color would be for someone of that social class. So, you're generalizing in that way, but the end result has been pretty amazing."

Buckley said that Breslin's close relationship with his social media following has enabled several relatives of lesser-known subjects to come forward and inform him about details that would have been otherwise impossible to find in documentary records.

Both Breslin and Buckley believe that colorized photographs allow people to connect with history in a completely different way.

Irish Central History

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“I often think that colorized photographs are the closest we will get to time traveling,” Breslin told Irish Central. “When the photograph is colorized, the whole thing becomes more relatable: whether it’s a person or family living in extremely difficult and harsh conditions, or the beautiful architecture that in some instances is long gone.”

Buckley, meanwhile, believes that the Old Ireland in Color project has precipitated an interest in areas of Irish history that previously went under the radar.

“I think it’s starting a lot of conversations, which I love as a historian,” she said. “It’s a very broad subject matter for people and I think you’d be hard-pressed to find someone who didn’t have an interest in at least one of the images and what they’re about.” Both Buckley and Breslin are adamant that the images are not replacements of the original sources, rather they are a different view of the past. All images in the book include references to the original source in the hope that readers will examine the differences between the original image and its colorized adaptation.

The book is broken into five different sections – The Irish Revolution; Society and Culture; Women and Children; The Irish Abroad; and Scenic Ireland – and it documents the dramatic change of Irish life over a 125-year period stretching from the end of the Famine to the Troubles in Northern Ireland.

With a number of War of Independence centenaries taking place in 2020, the Irish Revolution has proved especially popular, Buckley said.



Countess Markievicz, one of the most important figures in the War of Independence, in Waterford in 1917

However, all sections resonate with readers at some level, and a healthy mixture of ordinary people and seismic moments in Irish history ensures that there’s something in there for everyone.

Of particular interest is the Irish Abroad section, which reimagines photographs of some of Ireland’s most famous exports, including Admiral William Brown, who is regarded as one of Argentina’s national heroes, and Patsy Donovan, one of the most famous managers of the Boston Red Sox.

Also included in the Irish Abroad section is Violet Gibson, who shot Benito Mussolini in the face, and Brother Walfrid, the Irish Marist Brother who founded Glasgow Celtic Football Club.

A number of people are drawn to the Society and Culture section of the book, according to Buckley, because it shows how Ireland transformed over 120 years.

“You can really see the difference between late 19th-century photographs and the photographs of Ireland in the 1960s. You can see how much change there has been over 120 years,” she said.

Bog cutting in Ireland. Merrion Press

Available at €19.99 from Merrion Press, Eason, and all good online booksellers, "Old Ireland in Colour" makes the perfect stocking filler for Christmas next month.

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Irish county named among best European spots for Americans to live

County Cork boasts some of Ireland's most beautiful towns and spectacular nature.

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Nov 18, 2020



IRELAND'S CONTENT POOL

County Cork has been named among the best 20 destinations in Europe for Americans to live, work, and invest by an EU-backed organization.

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The list, compiled by the European Best Destinations (EBD) organization, is based on quality of life, health care, cost of living, internet connection, proximity to international airports, and low crime rate.

The study also took an area's active expat community into account in a bid to find the most suitable European destinations for Americans to live and work in.

Carried out by EBD on behalf of the European Commission's European Destinations of Excellence Network (EDEN), the report chose 20 finalists from a shortlist of 120 destinations.

- Dublin needs to follow Cork's example and implement outdoor dining on pedestrianized streets
- Moving to Ireland: Why you should live in Cork
- Cork town named one of Europe's most beautiful small towns

Among those 20 destinations is Cork; the sole Irish representative and a county brimming with beautiful towns and spectacular scenery.

The EBD says the colorful town of Cobh will remind you of the neighborhoods of San Francisco, while the organization also says that Cork City offers a strong musical, artistic, and cultural vibe and that it also boasts a thriving food scene.

Cork City is ideal for anyone looking to develop a business project, the EBD says, and it is the perfect setting for families and anyone wishing to start a new life in Europe.

The natural landscapes, riverscapes, harbors, bays and seascapes, mountains, river valleys and coastlines that surround the city will appeal to all lovers of nature, according to the EBD.

Furthermore, the natural beauty of the broader County Cork will also appeal to nature enthusiasts, lovers of water sports, and lovers of culture.

While Cork made the cut as one of the most desirable places to live in Europe for Americans, the most desirable countries were Spain and Portugal, which both had three destinations listed.

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A VERY MERRY
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 and Happy New Year!

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FINANCIAL FOCUS

Consider These Year-end Financial Moves
Article11 – Dec. 7, 2020

We're nearing the end of 2020 – and for many of us, it will be a relief to turn the calendar page on this challenging year. However, we've still got a few weeks left, which means you have time to make some year-end financial moves that may work in your favor. Here are a few suggestions:

- *Add to your IRA.* For the 2020 tax year, you can put in up to \$6,000 to your traditional or Roth IRA, or \$7,000 if you're 50 or older. If you haven't reached this limit, consider adding some money. You actually have until April 15, 2021, to contribute to your IRA for 2020, but the sooner you put the money in, the quicker it can go to work for you. Plus, if you have to pay taxes in April, you'll be less likely to contribute to your IRA then.

- *Make an extra 401(k) payment.* If it's allowed by your employer, put in a little extra to your 401(k) or similar retirement plan. And if your salary goes up next year, increase your regular contributions.

- *See your tax advisor.* It's possible that you could improve your tax situation by making some investment-related moves. For example, if you sold some investments whose value has increased, you could incur capital gains taxes. To offset these gains, you could sell other investments that have lost value, assuming these investments are no longer essential to your financial strategy. Your tax advisor can evaluate this type of move, along with others, to determine those that may be appropriate for your situation.

- *Review your investment mix.* As you consider your portfolio, think about the events of these past 12 months and how you responded to them. When COVID-19 hit early in the year, and the financial markets plunged, did you find yourself worrying constantly about the losses you were taking, even though they were just on "paper" at that point? Did you even sell investments to "cut your losses" without waiting for a market recovery? If so, you might want to consult with a financial professional to determine if your investment mix is still appropriate for your goals and risk tolerance, or if you need to make some changes.

- *Evaluate your need for retirement plan withdrawals.* If you are 72 or older, you must start taking withdrawals – technically called required minimum distributions, or RMDs – from your traditional IRA and your 401(k) or similar retirement plan. Typically, you must take these RMDs by December 31 every year. However, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Stimulus (CARES) Act suspended, or waived, all RMDs due in 2020. If you're in this age group, but you don't need the money, you can let your retirement accounts continue growing on a tax-deferred basis.

- *Think about the future.* Are you saving enough for your children's college education? Are you still on track toward the retirement lifestyle you've envisioned? Or have your retirement plans changed as a result of the pandemic? All of these issues can affect your investment strategies, so you'll want to think carefully about what decisions you may need to make.

Looking back – and ahead – can help you make the moves to end 2020 on a positive note and start 2021 on the right foot.

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From: Barry.Guihen@dfa.ie

To: [Undisclosed recipients:](#)

Sent: Friday, November 20, 2020 4:26 PM

Subject: Irish Diaspora Christmas Initiative: #ToBeIrish@Christmas

Dear friends,

I am writing to you in relation to a new online initiative [“To Be Irish at Christmas”](#) ([#ToBeIrish@Christmas](#)), which the Department of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Ireland has created to engage the Irish diaspora over the Christmas holiday.

Led by Minister of State of Overseas Development Aid and the Diaspora, Colm Brophy T.D. this collaboration is centred on generating and disseminating the ties between the diaspora and Ireland over the holiday period. It also underpins our efforts to promote and strengthen support for our citizens and communities for the duration of the current Covid-19 situation.

The programme will be launched by Minister Brophy on 27 November, and will run from 21 December (Winter Solstice) to 31 December (New Year) via tobeIrish.ie.

The Ask: We are aware of some of the many high quality initiatives being planned across the South Western United States by you, our community partners. The ToBeIrish portal will act as a central point in which to gather, showcase, and engage directly with the Irish diaspora all around the world, and as such, bring your events to even more people!

As outlined in the attached letter from Minister Brophy, we would ask you to register any initiatives or events occurring during the holiday period on tobeIrish.ie. These can be related to culture, community, diaspora welfare or holiday events.

The ToBeIrish team have also set up Social Media accounts that I would encourage you to follow:

<!--[if !supportLists]-->	<!--[endif]-->FACEBOOK - @ToBeIrish.ie
<!--[if !supportLists]-->	<!--[endif]-->INSTAGRAM - @tobeirish.ie
<!--[if !supportLists]-->	<!--[endif]-->TWITTER - @ToBeIrishIE
<!--[if !supportLists]-->	<!--[endif]-->TIKTOK - @tobeirish.ie

We hope that this initiative will be of use to your organisation as we look to connect the Irish Diaspora at this festive time, and I encourage you to reach out to us here with your plans also!

Kind regards,

Barry

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November 18th, 7 PM



Want to share your Irishness?
Then join us in celebrating
all things Irish!

Call Teresa Donegan for the scéal (story)

805-407-9771

Or email

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Twice monthly Zoom Meetings

Previous Zoom Meetings available on our FB page and Youtube
(Published October 6, 2020 New Ross Standard)

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HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY MAUREEN



Maureen Butler (nee Lyng) and sister to Sr. Monica Lyng of the Sacred Heart of Mary Community in Los Angeles was born in Carrenroe on October 1, 1920 and celebrated her 100th birthday in the SignaCare Nursing Home.

Excerpts from an article printed in the New Ross Standard on October 6, 2020 follows:

- Maureen's love of Kilkenny hurling is legendary; her knowledge encyclopedic.
- She attended her first All-Ireland in 1939 when she was still 'walking out' with Marty (her husband who died in 2002). She often recalled that famous 'thunder and lightning' final day when World War II was declared, but the Cork, Kilkenny final was uppermost in the mind of everyone at Croke Park. Maureen attended every Black & Amber final after that into her nineties.
- Her other great passion in life was her greyhounds and both herself and Marty had many great wins in Harold's Cross, Shelbourne Park and other famous greyhound tracks.
- Maureen and Marty married in 1948 and they ran Butler's pub and grocery shop in The Rower until Marty died in 2002.
- Neither Maureen nor Marty never touched a "drop of alcohol" but were consummate hosts to her customers over many decades.



MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR

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An Old Woman of the Roads, by Pádraic Colum

O, to have a little house!
To own the hearth and stool and all!
The heaped-up sods upon the fire,
The pile of turf against the wall!

To have a clock with weights and chains
And pendulum swinging up and down!
A dresser filled with shining delph,
Speckled and white and blue and brown!

I could be busy all the day
Clearing and sweeping hearth and floor,
And fixing on their shelf again
My white and blue and speckled store!

I could be quiet there at night
Beside the fire and by myself,
Sure of a bed and loth to leave
The ticking clock and the shining delph!

Och! but I'm weary of mist and dark,
And roads where there's never a house
nor bush,
And tired I am of bog and road,
And the crying wind and the lonesome
hush!

And I am praying to God on high,
And I am praying Him night and day,
For a little house - house of my own -
Out of the wind's and the rain's way.

In memory of Michael Wesley Collins who was homeless and died in January 2019. The following paragraph was taken from an article he wrote on homelessness in November 2018.

“Please keep me and all other homeless in your prayers, but action is needed even more than prayer. If you see homeless, or know of someone on the brink of homelessness, **please have compassion for them and give to them generously. You have no idea of the circumstances that led to their condition, as this world can be a cruel and unforgiving place. Have compassion for those who have fallen into this horrible state of despair.**”

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