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Keith Dwyer Greene, who plays Michael Collins in next week's Killarney Musical Societies production of Michael Collins, A Musical Drama which takes place in the INEC on the 5th, 6th and 7th of March. Keith is a full time flautist with The Band 1 Brigade of The Irish Defence Forces. See Page 6.

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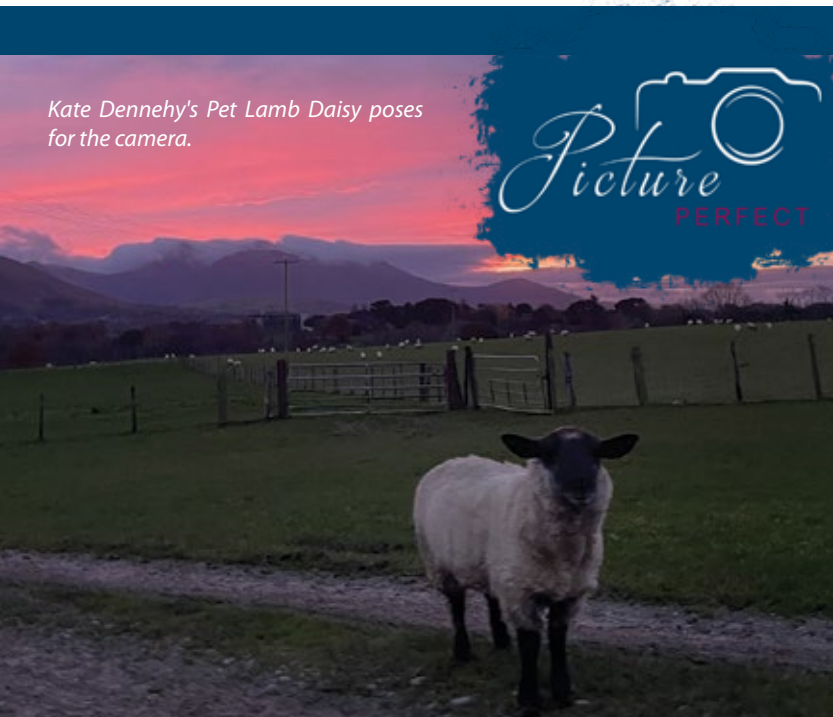


The countdown is on to this year's Killarney Muscial Societies production of Michael Collins, A Musical Drama which takes place in the INEC next week. A fantastic fundraiser at local schools has raised an amazing €9,500 for the Hospice, Killarney will host the first Autism training session next week and Marie is honoured at the Annual IHF Conference. Schools in Kerry and Cork will vie for the title at a CPR Challenge, it's time to spring clean your area and they're off as a Cheltenham Night is planned. Anne Lucey takes a look at next weeks referendum, Killarney's best were honoured by the council and the Cancer Societies Coffee Morning was a great success. A whopping €56,000 was raised by Killarney Valley Classic& Vintage, Rapunzel takes to the stage in Rathmore and it was a trip down memory lane as Sean and Elizabeth celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. A member of Killarney Swimming Club has been selected to represent Swim Munster in Swansea, A talented St. Paul's player has been picked on the Ladies U18 Irish Basketball team and Dublin humble Kerry in Corker. Hope you all enjoy this week's Killarney Outlook!



Aisling Crosbie

Kate Dennehy's Pet Lamb Daisy poses for the camera.



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FANTASTIC FUNDRAISER SEES €9,500 DONATED TO THE HOSPICE

Following yet another fantastic fundraiser for the Kerry Hospice Foundation, students at St. Brendan's College along with other schools involved donated the funds raised from their hugely successful Christmas Jumper Day.

The Kerry Hospice is run entirely on donations and it costs over €10,000 a week to run, yet still provides services to its patients free of charge. Over the past four years, through the hard work of the students and staff at eight local primary and secondary schools, they have been able to donate almost €35,000 to the Kerry Hospice Foundation.

This week, schools involved which included St. Brendan's College, who organise the fundraiser, along with Killarney Community College, Lissivigeen National School, Gaelscoil

Faithleann, Knockanes National School, Scoil Bhríde Loreto National School, Barraduff National School, St. Francis Special School, St. Oliver's National School, Loughguittane National School, Cullina National School, Presentation Monastery National School, and St. Brendan's College.

Kerry Hospice Foundation provide services such as:

- A dedicated unit that provides medical, spiritual, and emotional treatment and support to those coming to the end of their lives.
- Additional nursing care including night-time and twilight nurses who care for patients in their own homes.
- Specialised hospice rooms in several community hospitals.
- Palliative care in designated nursing homes.
- Palliative care equipment, aids, and appliances to the homes of those who need it most.
- Extra support for patients and respite for their families.
- The funding of ongoing education of specialist nurses and carers.



Sarah Keane organiser (seated front centre) with students from St Brendan's College, Barraduff National School and St Oliver's Primary School with the cheque for €9500 proceeds of the Christmas Jumper fundraising event for Kerry Hospice (front) Josh Bowler, Nicholas Doyle, Conor Doherty, Cillian Cronin (second row from left) Teacher Ciaran O'Mhuircheartaigh St Oliver's NS, Colm O'Suilleabhain Principal Presentation Monastery School, Luke Tucker, Drisana Kltowaroo, Kaitlin O'Riordan, Conor Darmody, Annabel Daly, Claire O'Halloran Principal Barraduff National School, Sean Coffey Principal St.Brendan's College (back from left) Colin Looney, Tadhg Kissane O'Sullivan and Oisín Fleming at St Brendan's College, Killarney recently.
Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Sarah Keane of St Brendan's College organiser of the Christmas Jumper Day fundraiser in aid of Kerry Hospice Foundation presenting the cheque for €9500 on behalf of St Brendan's College, St Francis Special School, Presentation Monastery, St Oliver's NS, Gaelscoil Faithleann, Killarney Community College, Barraduff NS, to Pat Doolan Chairman, Angela Curran, Lucy Saunders and Dermot O'Reilly of Kerry Hospice at St Brendan's College Killarney. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



IHF KERRY BRANCH EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR WINNER COMMENDED at Annual IHF Conference

Maria Maye, Restaurant Team Member at Killarney Avenue Hotel, Employee of the Year Winner from the Kerry Branch of the Irish Hotels Federation (IHF), was commended at the annual IHF conference which took place Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th of February at the Slieve Russell Hotel, Co. Cavan. Pictured are IHF President Denyse Campbell and Maria Maye. More than 400 hotel and guesthouse owners and managers from across Ireland gathered for the conference, discussing the opportunities and challenges facing Ireland's tourism and hospitality industry in 2024 and beyond.

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FINAL PREPARATIONS IN PLACE FOR KMS PRODUCTION OF MICHAEL COLLINS -

A Musical Drama



Rehearsals in full swing for Killarney Musical Societies production of Michael Collins - A Musical Drama. Photo: Marie Lyne Kelly



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Last week Killarney Musical Society member Keith Dwyer Greene, who plays Michael Collins, arrived as usual to the Heights Hotel for rehearsal. He had spent the day with The Band 1 Brigade of The Irish Defence Forces, where he is a full-time flautist. He is also co-owner and founder of The Bellevue Academy of Performing Arts. Keith trained in music and musical theatre in UCC and The Cork School Of Music. He has performed with many musical societies and had many great leading roles. He worked with the late Bryan Flynn who wrote the book, music and lyrics of Michael Collins A Musical Drama. He has great admiration for him and says what he did with this show is genius. Keith says he adores the role of Michael Collins. He has also worked with the hugely talented Oliver Hurley, director and choreographer. Marie Lyne Kelly were both at the Heights Hotel to capture The Big Fella in costume. They chose the perfect locations for the photoshoot with the grandfather clock reminding us of a time in our history that changed Ireland's destiny. Killarney Musical Society are thrilled to present Michael Collins A Musical Drama in the INEC Arena Killarney on March 5th, 6th and 7th. The book, music and lyrics are by the late Bryan Flynn and can be secured by only 2 societies each year. We will have a hugely talented cast of 64 on stage. There is also a large hard-working back stage crew, front of house team, box office team and committee.

Michael Collins A Musical Drama is a moving, dynamic, resonant piece of musical theatre. It is the dramatization of a changing period of Ireland's history. It brings to life The 1916 Rising, The War Of Independence and The Civil War. At the same time it is telling an intimate, human love story

and how love and politics inflamed the period. This musical drama has war, heroism, love, villainy, tragedy and triumph all wrapped up. It has a distinctly Irish voice. Such numbers as 'Fly the flag of Freedom' will have the hairs standing on the back of your neck and 'Every Heart Awaken' will bring tears to your eyes.

Tickets available at The INEC box office and also online @universe.com. There will be a pop-up box office at The Laurels Bar Market Cross Killarney on Thursday 29th February, Friday 1st and Saturday 2nd March from 12 noon to 4pm.



Rehearsals in full swing for Killarney Musical Societies production of Michael Collins - A Musical Drama. Photo: Marie Lyne Kelly

FIRST KILLARNEY AUTISM FRIENDLY TRAINING ON MARCH 5TH

Training about autism, delivered by Ireland's national autism charity AsIam, will take place on March 5th at the Gleneagle Hotel. The training is free and open to anyone with an interest in autism or making their organisation more autism-friendly. There will be two sessions available, from 10am – 12pm or 2pm – 4pm.

The training is part of a new initiative aimed at making Killarney autism-friendly, launched recently in partnership with AsIam with the backing of over 30 businesses, public sector and charity organisations in the town. One of the main reasons for the training is so that staff from these organisations can attend to learn about aspects of autism and simple changes that can help create

an environment that considers the needs of local residents and visitors with autism.

The training is being organised by Killarney Autism Friendly Committee, a voluntary group dedicated to autism acceptance and accessibility. If you are interested in registering for the training or registering your staff you can do so using this QR code, or email autismfriendlykillarney@gmail.com or use this link <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc-SWz kkeQTrEOmo5v1GgFhBEJql bAq7ZK5cDI6YKq8BbGEEA/viewform>



Adam Harris, CEO of AsIam, speaking at the launch of Killarney Autism Friendly Town initiative



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Schools Vie for the Title at **SCHOOLS CPR CHALLENGE 2024**

An event organised by Killarney First Responders will bring together students from schools throughout the locality for an interactive event which encourages the development of life saving skills.

Next week six secondary schools from Kerry and one from Cork will battle it out on Thursday March 7th at Killarney Community College.

The event promotes the benefits of starting Bystander CPR, which is not being afraid to help in an emergency.

The schools taking part are Killarney Community College, St Brendans (the Sem), St Bridgets Killarney (the Pres), The CBS Tralee, Gaelcholaiste Tralee, Coláiste Ghobnatan Ballyvourney Co.Cork and Scoil Phobail Sliabh Luachra Rathmore. This is the second year of this challenge and last year St. Brendan's took the title.

Killarney Community College teacher Edwina Duggan is really looking forward to the event "students from all over Kerry and Cork have been practising their life saving skill and will compete in a fun and competitive environment showcasing their talents on the day. Regardless of who wins it's fantastic to raise awareness of such life skills and it's great that it's being promoted on our local schools" The Killarney Responders team provide training to various primary and 2nd level schools in 2023 and this basic training is provided free of charge.



Pictured with the trophy are Killarney First Responders Aga and Edwina.

More Success for the **COFFEE CUP PROJECT**



The Killarney Coffee Cup Project won 2 more awards this week. Eco Hero group at the Outsider Magazine Awards and the Green Transformation Award at the Green Awards.

The project was up against some tough competition "As you can see we were up against large organisations at the Green Awards so a great achievement", Louise Byrne told Killarney Outlook.

The Killarney Coffee Cup Project came out on top of the following businesses:

AIB, ALDI Boston Scientific Galway, Coca Cola, DPD, Eversheds Sutherland, Healthcare 21, McCulla Waste, APC and VLE Therapeutics.

Killian and Ciara Tracey pictured with Louise Byrne when they won the PakMan award. (File Photo)

ED SHEERAN EXPERIENCE at the INEC

The World's leading tribute to Ed Sheeran is heading to Killarney, The Ed Sheeran Experience featuring Jack Shepherd will be playing The Gleneagle INEC Club on Saturday 16th March 2024.

Jack has been an award-winning tribute to Ed Sheeran since 2014. As a result of his own success, he's performed globally and made TV and Radio appearances worldwide. On home soil, he's appeared on the BBC, ITV, Capital, Heart, and Kiss FM to name but a few. One highlight for Jack was BBC music making a documentary around him and his tribute show to coincide with Ed's headline performance at Glastonbury. Another was Ed himself giving Jack a resounding endorsement when they both appeared live on Heart FM, Ed saying "I've seen a thing on you Jack, and I think what you do is awesome, really, really great."

Aside from the ginger hair and tattoos, Jack plays his custom-built Lowden guitars effortlessly and with precise accuracy. He uses his replica loop station to create all the beats and backing vocals live on stage to ensure every performance is unique.

Similar to Ed on his Mathematical Tour, the Ed Sheeran Experience also features a live band adding another dimension to Ed's wonderful music. The show delivers the charisma, musical artistry, and stage presence you would expect from any Ed Sheeran performance.

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Spring Cleaning Means *Killarney is Looking Good*



Killarney Celebrates winning the title of Ireland's Tidiest Large Town. File Photo

*Ireland's Tidiest
Large Town 2023*

It's that time of the year again when businesses in Killarney are sprucing up their premises in advance of the tourist season.

The volunteers from the Tidy Towns will begin their weekly tidy up in various parts of the town in early April.

Killarney is Looking Good and as the proud recipient of the title of Ireland's Tidiest Large Town in 2023, the drive to keep up the good work is on.

The Tidy Town competition has been in operation since 1958 and every year there are hundreds of entrants.

The competition has been very successful in improving the environment as communities work together to make their local environment a cleaner and healthier place to live.

The judges in the Tidy Towns competition assess a number of key areas relating to the environment, including the reduction of litter and waste, consideration for wildlife, the built environment, and the landscape.

It's not just the people involved in the Tidy Towns Committee who need to make the effort, it is important for everyone to take part. You can help by simply picking up a piece of litter in your local area, ensuring that your home is looking good and making sure that your surrounding area is litter free.

Those involved in Tidy Towns make a huge effort to ensure that the community of Killarney is in top condition by collecting litter, planting trees and flowers and ensuring that the place that they call home is in tip top condition.



Buckley's Bar getting a spring clean before the season kicks off.



The Conroy Hall is getting a well deserved clean up.

The group support the local Killarney Municipal District employees who are the driving force behind the town looking so well.

The Killarney Tidy Towns group are always looking for volunteers, so keep an eye on their facebook page for full details.

And they're off....

CHEL TENHAM NIGHT PLANNED

Killarney Racegoers Club will host their annual Cheltenham Preview Night on Thursday next March 7th at 8.30pm. sharp.

MC for the evening Vince Casey will be joined by a panel which will include Professional Punter Paddy Wilmott, Leading Jockey Conor McNamara, up and coming Trainer Eoin McCarthy and local bookmaker

Brendan Tyther. MC Vince Casey.

There is no admission fee but a raffle will take place the night for Dual Membership of Killarney Racegoers Club for the year, which includes 13 days racing and many reciprocal days to other race meetings. Raffle proceeds will be in aid of the Killarney Branch of St Vincent De Paul Society.



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It's the talk of the town...

With Anne Lucey



Anne Lucey looks at the positive news happening in the town of Killarney



An amendment built on sand

If you look up 'durable' in the various dictionaries there is one constant: durable means long-lasting and hard-wearing.

The earthquake prone San Francisco, a city built on sand 'seems itself no very durable foundation', Robert Louis Stevenson wrote. This was about 25 years before the big earthquake of 1906 Stevenson studied engineering. He didn't spend long in San Francisco.

And if I go into a paint shop tomorrow for durable paint, I will be given an 'at least' factor and sometimes the precise number of years it is meant to wear.

But when it comes to the 'Family' amendment being put before us, there is no such indication let alone guarantee.

The State is now to recognise the family, 'whether founded on marriage or on other durable relationships'. And there is no attempt to define 'durable'.

Is a person's third wife, in say polygamous countries, and who gets citizenship here part of this durable relationship now?

We have not even a stab at defining it.

One interesting thing that emerged during the week was Ms Justice Marie Baker's clear assertion on Morning Ireland that it was politicians who came up with the wording. It

was not lawyers, in other words.

The Family amendment will also remove 'marriage' from the sentence 'on which the family is founded'.

'The State pledges itself to guard with special care the institution of Marriage, on which the Family is founded, and to protect it against attack,' is what's proposed with the family part removed.

I am not sure what this free-for-all led by Green Minister Roderic O'Gorman is meant to be. It obviously means anyone can be anything and have anything and there are no ground rules. This open border, best of all possible worlds in the best of all possible places will land us all in the merde, is what I think. There is to be no gender, as the care amendment removes the female 'mother' and 'woman' to replace it with 'members'; there is to be no home either. Now there is to be durable equal to marriage, which is a contract. Really marriage should not be a foundation for family as there are other families without marriage is the theory Of course you can have families without marriages! We all recognize that. But to accommodate it do you have to explicitly divide marriage from family as an aspiration in the constitution? And legally down the line what are the consequences? The whole thing seems to have no firm foundation and earthquake prone.

I am voting No.

Crows that eat anything

I have been banging on about the amendment so much, I nearly lost sight of the crows! The crows in Muckcross Gardens restaurant are a particular pest. We have several types of crows in Ireland, the Tralee ornithologist Ed Carty tells me. There is the rook (known for its bare-faced cheek), the raven, the carrion, the

jackdaw, the jay and the chough. The magpie is a crow too. And the hooded crow is an infrequent visitor.

The ones in Muckcross are rooks, shiniest, blackest and the cheekiest of all. They are the ones picking the food off the tables and are every bit as bad as the seagulls in St Stephen's Green, only no-one seems to talk about them. Because I suppose it does not concern Dublin.

They are now eating the new putty off the beautifully restored Edwardian glasshouses. According to Ed, 'crows would eat anything'. The new putty in Muckcross has linseed oil and this is what is attracting them, some think.

The National Parks and Wildlife Service tell me they have 'indeed noticed that rooks are picking at the putty'.

They are 'consulting with the conservation architect with regard to long-term solutions that are both sympathetic to the building and have no negative impact on the birds,' they tell me.

They are right to be careful with the birds. Because we know what a threat a bat can be to planning in this town. Now it is the crow that we have to watch out for, you could say. The only thing I have to say - apart from the fact this has the makings of a great story - is that if we leave the crows at the putty, will they leave the sandwiches to us?

The workers in Muckcross say it is no great problem yet and they are replacing the worst of the putty. But perhaps we should all defend the birds right to eat it putty so we are left in peace with our own food.

In any case, the architects 'will continue to monitor the activity on site'.



Global legislation no solution for local tourism, Cronin urges



Brendan Cronin had a really interesting contribution to make at the monthly council meeting in Tralee. His motion on short-term letting called for planning legislation in tourist towns like Killarney to be put in place to protect short-term letting. With

almost 37 per cent of accommodation now let out to IPAS to be used by the Government for refugees, the clampdown by the council and Government on short-term tourist letting is having

devastating consequences, Brendan said.

We all wonder now when is temporary not temporary? Surely planning permission is required going into the third year refugee residency in many premises? Killarney is suffering hugely and there is no doubt about it these days.

Meanwhile, Brendan is one of only a few politicians who consistently for the past two to three years has been trying to wrestle to salvage the vital tourist accommodation industry of the town. To be fair, Niall O'Callaghan is hoarse at this stage too and, by the way, all Niall's predictions have come to pass.

Anyway, the reality is these two have been trying to protect the tourist industry, with little support from the higher ups - the Education Minister Norma and Brendan Griffin particularly. There is the odd bellow from the Healy-Raes, but we desperately need

Government TDs to act.

I have no idea where Sinn Fein stand on this. In the clampdown on short-term letting in Kerry, all the Government and council are doing is following what is going on in major European cities like Barcelona and Berlin, is the way Brendan puts it. Our own council has been 'enthusiastically taking out the whip and the stick' with this legislation designed for cities, he said.

Brendan now suggests, rightly so, that legislation is brought in to look at the old Urban council centres and relax the legislation for towns with populations under 20,000.

His motion was seconded by John O'Donoghue.

Of course the only way to provide long term accommodation is to build enough houses.

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HONOURS AWARDED TO KILLARNEY'S BEST

The Municipal Districts of Killarney were present awards to individuals and groups who have achieved great success and honours in recent times last Friday night, February 23rd. The awards took place at 7.00pm at the Anam Centre, East Avenue Road and were presented to the following:

Rathmore Football Team "All-Ireland Intermediate Club Championship Football Final Winners

Fossa Football Team "All-Ireland Junior Football Championship Final Winners

Tom O'Sullivan "Winner of World Sheepdog Trials

Caoimhe O'Halloran "World title, beating 210 competitors in the final to be crowned World Champion.

Spa GAA Set Dancing Club (2 Teams) Scor Sinsir Gold Medal Winners

Paddy O'Sullivan Performance Analyst South African Rugby Team

Jessie Buckley Actress- Multi award winner of BAFTAs, IFTAs and Oscar Nominee

Glenflesk GAA Ballad Group All Ireland Scór Winners All Ireland Scór Winners

David Kenny Represented Ireland in the Olympics

Jordan Lee Represented Ireland in the Olympics and Paralympics

Cathaoirleach Cllr Niall Kelleher, presented the awards to the recipients.

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Proposed by, Cllr John O'Donoghue, Glenflesk GAA Club Ballad group - All Ireland Scór Ballad Winners, with mentor Rosie Healy.



Proposed by, Cllr Marie Moloney, Killarney's Jessie Buckley, a recipient of a Laurence Olivier Award, in addition to nominations for an Academy Award and three BAFTA Awards. Representing Jessie, is her Dad Tim Buckley, Aunt Carol Dempsey and Cousin Roisin Buckley. Included is Killarney Municipal District Manager Angela McAllen.



Proposed by, Cllr John O'Donoghue, Paddy O' Sullivan for his role with South Africa as a senior performance analyst marking the high point of a remarkable back-room career. Included are his parents Ben and Marie and Brother Leonard O'Sullivan.



Proposed by, Cllr John O'Donoghue, Spa GAA Club set dancing group - Scór Sinsir Gold Medal Winners.



Proposed by, Cllr Maura Healy-Rae and Cllr Niall Kelleher, Fossa Football Team crowned All Ireland Junior Club Championship Football Final winners



Proposed by, Cllr Michael Cahill, top-level athlete, David Kenny, Killarney, with Farranfore Maine Valley, retained his National Indoor title in the 5,000m walk event represented Ireland on the international stage. Receiving the award are his parents Noel and Mary Kenny, and Killarney Municipal District Manager Angela McAllen.



Proposed by, Cllr John O'Donoghue, World champion crowned World Champion Irish dancer, with her parents Garry, Geraldine and brother Aidan. Also included is Killarney Town Manager, Angela McAllen.



Proposed by, Cllr Michael Cahill, top-level athlete, Jordan Lee, where he created history by becoming the first amputee athlete to represent their country at international level, and will participate in both The Olympic Games and Paralympic Games. Also included, Killarney Municipal District Manager Angela McAllen.



Proposed by, Cllr Maura Healy-Rae and Cllr Niall Kelleher, Rathmore Football Team crowned All Ireland Intermediate Club Championship Football Final winners.



Proposed by, Cllr Brendan Cronin, Tom O'Sullivan was recognised for his achievement winning Supreme champion at the World Sheep Dog Trials. Also included is Killarney Town Manager, Angela McAllen.



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Cruinniú na nÓg

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Creative Ireland Kerry is seeking proposals from creative practitioners, artists, event organisers, and organisations, for free events can be on the day, or can be a series of workshops leading up to a showcase event for Cruinniú na nÓg.




Collaboration between artists, communities and youth groups is strongly encouraged.

Grant aid, depending on quality of proposal and overall budget, ranges from €100 to €2000.

The deadline for submissions is 1pm on Thursday 21st March 2024. For enquiries, please contact the arts office on arts@kerrycoco.ie or 0667183541 or for guideline and the application process visit the website <https://arts.kerrycoco.ie/>



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Cancer Society Coffee Morning

Hears About Fantastic Support Offered to Families

The annual Irish Cancer Society, Killarney South Kerry Branch Coffee morning took place on Friday last at The Towers Hotel.

As usual, the coffee morning enjoyed a huge attendance and this year it included members of the family of the late Ellen Clifford.

Ellen's husband Dermot and his family, Paudie, David and Shelly were in attendance and Dermot spoke about the fantastic services of the palliative care unit and the support that both Ellen and the family received.

"We were delighted with the turn out at the coffee morning, and are very grateful to The Towers Hotel for all their support", Eugene O'Sullivan, Chairperson of the committee told Killarney Outlook.

"We are also very grateful to Dermot and his family for coming to the event and speaking about the services which the Irish Cancer Society provide", Eugene added.

With Daffodil Day taking place on Friday 22nd March, all attention will go towards making this another fantastic fundraiser.



Eugene O'Sullivan, Chairman of the Killarney Branch of the Irish Cancer Society, pictured with Micheál O'Shea, Killarney Daffodil Farm and Dermot Clifford, who spoke at the event.



Teresa Irwin and Maureen Somers pictured at the coffee morning.



Kathrine Breen taking donations at the coffee morning



Chloe Doherty, Kathleen O'Shea, Shelly Clifford, Antoinette O'Mahony and Brendan O'Connor at the coffee morning



Pictured at the coffee morning are Kathleen O'Shea, Micheál O'Shea, Marie Shannon, Eugene O'Sullivan, Kathrine Breen and Eleanor Doherty.



Joan Moore and Anne O'Keeffe at the coffee morning.



Killarney South Kerry Committee members of the Irish Cancer Society pictured with the Clifford family, Dermot, Paudie, Shelly and David, Michael Healy Rae TD, Micheál O'Shea and representatives from the Killarney Towers Hotel at the coffee morning on Friday last.

St Patrick's Festival Weekend Events 2024



15th
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much more. Gilroy's work with customers to receive the SEAI once-off grant towards the purchase and installation of solar photovoltaic (PV) systems and heat pumps for your home. Collaborating with Kerry & West Limerick Credit Union expands the finance options available to Gilroy's Green Energy Ltd customers to help finance new PV Solar Panel installations. Loan rates will be directly linked to the property BER starting from 4.7%(4.89APR) for an "A" rated BER.

Martin Gilroy; CEO with Gilroy's Green Energy Ltd commented; "We are delighted to officially launch this collaboration with the Credit Unions of Kerry and West Limerick. Customers have already reaped the benefits on recent installation projects after contacting their local Credit Union. Having a direct link to local Credit Unions allows us to guide customers to affordable financing options based on the specific installation quotation we provide at very competitive rates."

Speaking on behalf of the Kerry and West Limerick Credit Unions, Ashley Fitzgerald commented; "We are delighted to have Gilroy's Green Energy Ltd come on board as part of our Greener Homes Loan offering. Home Energy Upgrade have become a prominent concern and talking point among members in recent months, by Credit Unions having a direct link with Gilroy's Green Energy Ltd allows both sides to make referrals and seek the best finance option for members. We are working hard building relationships with Green Energy Ltd providers as we want to ensure our members can avail of the best loan rates for all upgrade works."

You can reach out to your local Credit Unions across Kerry & West Limerick. Abbeyfeale Credit Union, Cara Credit Union, Killarney Credit Union, Listowel Credit Union and Rathmore & District Credit Union. www.creditunion.ie

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LIEBHERR SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB RAISE FUNDS FOR KERRY CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Two events organised by members of Liebherr Sports & Social Club have raised over €7,000 for the Kerry Cancer Support Group.

The events which took place in 2023 were a Summer BBQ and a Christmas Raffle, bringing the total amount raised to €7,140.00.

"Everyone at Liebherr Killarney are very happy to be able to support this very worthy charity", Bronagh O'Keeffe, Secretary Sports and Social Club at Liebherr told Killarney Outlook.

It is a fantastic charity that makes a profound difference to so many families who use their service.

Supporting the Kerry Cancer Support Group Health Link Transport is a meaningful way to contribute to the well-being of cancer patients by ensuring they have access to essential treatments.

"We wish the Kerry Cancer Support Group continued success in their mission to help cancer patients and make a positive impact on their journey towards recovery", Bronagh added.



Members of Liebherr Sports & Social Club and representatives from Kerry Cancer Support Group, from L to R: Des Spillane, Bronagh O'Keeffe (Secretary Sports and Social Club), Breda Dyland (Kerry Cancer Support Group), Dan Horan (Chairperson Kerry Cancer Support Group), Michael Morrissey (Chairperson Sports & Social Club), Aisling O'Connell.

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Members of Killarney Valley Classic & Vintage pictured at the cheque presentation with some of the beneficiaries including Pat Palmer (Kerry Stars), Ger Moynihan (Rugby club), Tom Leslie (Vintage Chairman), Jane Curran (Kerry Stars), Breeda Daly (St. Francis), Paul Murphy and Tim Clifford. In front is Gearoid Moynihan and Peter O Callaghan.

A fantastic year of fundraising culminated in a cheque presentation ceremony on Thursday night last courtesy of the Killarney Valley Classic and Vintage Club presented a cheque of €56,000 from the recent Land rover raffle.

The four benefitting charities were

Kerry Stars
Killarney Rugby Club
St. Francis School
Paul Murphy Fundraiser.

With first prize of a 1979 Land rover, second prize of a 1983 Honda 70 and third prize a 2003 Honda X8R, tickets were sold all over the county and country which raised much needed funds for these four charities.

These charity projects can only happen with the support of the public to buy tickets but also the many local businesses that sponsor us including BG Motors, Lee Strand, Red Chair Recruitment and The Warehouse Cafe amount the few.

"With all the support we get, nothing could happen without the hard working members who restore these vehicles over the winter months in our Vintage shed", Tom Leslie told Killarney Outlook.

"It is great to be a part of such a strong community but even better to be able to give back when we can", he added.



Last week the Music students of KCC were treated to a day out to The Bord Gais Theatre Dublin to see the amazing musical "Sister Act". Students were delighted to experience such a memorable occasion and eager to start work on their next musical in the school



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The tale goes on to tell us how with help from others she defeated the witch and lived a happily ever after with her prince charming.

Rehearsals began September 12th and finally the wait has ended as this weekend March 2nd and 3rd Rapunzel will hit the stage. There are 41 children involved aged 5-12 years old and with story, song and dance this wonderful tale comes to life.

Producer Joanna Hughes said "These children have grown so much in confidence and made new friendships on the way. It's a joy to be part of it all."

Ciara Hughes (16 yrs old) who choreographed the show commented how much fun it is, especially when her friends who were in previous shows are now back stage helping.

There are 2 shows, both staged in Rathmore Community Centre Sat March 2nd 7pm and Sun March 3rd at 3pm.

Tickets: Children €8 and Adults €12

Director Sheilann O Keffe said "This is our 6th children's panto and all proceeds are going to "The Ronald Mc Donald House on behalf of Brian Lawlor" Our motto has always been "Children helping Children".

A trip down memory lane as Sean and Elizabeth celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary

Family and friends of well known Killarney couple, Sean and Elizabeth Brosnan from Port Road gathered in The Shire over the weekend to celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

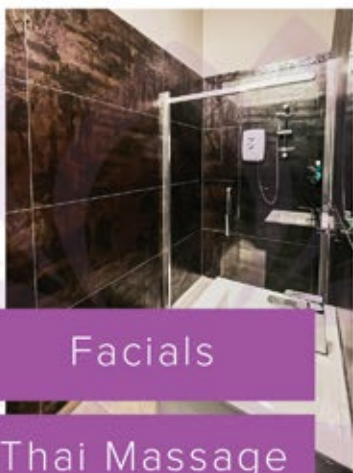
The couple got married in St Marys Cathedral on 26th February 1974 and they held their reception in The Lake Hotel. Sean's brother Tim Brosnan was the Best Man while Elizabeth's cousin, Brid O'Callaghan was the bridesmaid.

The couple were joined by their two children, Miriam, her husband Tim and Children Sam and Isabella along with their son Sean, his wife Carmel and their children Sean and Emily along with lots of family and friends for the great occasion.

*The happy couple on their
wedding day in 1974.**Elizabeth and Sean pictured with their Best Man Tim
Brosnan and Bridesmaid Brid O'Callaghan**Elizabeth and Sean
pictured with their
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Isabella Dennehy**Elizabeth and Sean, pictured
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Earn while you Learn with an Apprenticeship



By Billy Ryle

As there is huge demand in a thriving economy for skilled personnel, many young people are turning away from further and higher education in favour of apprenticeship training which offers an 'earn while you learn' approach to a high-status marketable qualification. An apprenticeship is a fully recognised qualification on the national Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) which enables a person to get a practical training in an industrial or professional environment under the supervision of a master craftsman or career professional.

NEW OPTIONS

Initially, craft apprenticeships were the only one's available, but in a skills' driven economy a whole range of new apprenticeships have been developed by "Generation Apprenticeships" in other areas. There has been an exciting expansion of apprenticeship opportunities across many areas of industry and business. More people than ever before are experiencing the benefits and opportunities of the national apprenticeship route.

CRAFT APPRENTICESHIPS

Craft apprenticeships generally involve some sort of manual work, such as plumbing, carpentry, mechanics or electrical, and involve on-the-job training as well as off-the-job training, which usually takes place in Education and Training Boards (ETB) and Technological Universities (TU). Apprenticeships in the new areas of industry are built on a similar approach. Apprenticeships generally last for four years although many of the non-craft apprenticeships last for as little as two years. Those who complete a craft apprenticeship will receive an Advanced Certificate, which is NFQ Level 6. Apprenticeships in other areas of industry can lead to qualifications between Level Five and Level Ten on the NFQ, depending on a number of different factors.

NUMBERS

2023 had the highest number of annual apprenticeship registrations on record in Ireland, with 8,712 apprentices coming on-stream, creating an overall 27,470 apprentice

population. In a welcome development, almost 10% of apprentices are now female. Delays in training for phase two craft apprentices are being tackled this year, with close to 10,000 training places planned for 2024. The objective is to eliminate delays in all phases of training by working closely with ETB, TU and training providers.

TYPES

There are 62 national apprenticeships currently available, in many different industries, from international finance to construction, to engineering, to healthcare, to biopharma, to hospitality. Over 9,500 employers are currently employing apprentices in Ireland. A key objective of the 'Action Plan for Apprenticeship 2021-2025' is to ensure that there will be an adequate number of apprenticeships to meet Ireland's skills and human capital requirements by delivering 10,000 apprenticeship places per annum by 2025.

HIRED

To become an apprentice, you need to be hired by an employer for the duration of your apprenticeship. All apprenticeship employers are formally approved to employ apprentices. Apprentice jobs come up all year round and many apprenticeship jobs are advertised on www.apprenticeships.ie.

SOLAS

Apprenticeships operate under the auspices of the State Further Education and Training Agency, SOLAS. While it is up to the apprentice to find an employer, there are many employers who regularly seek apprentices. A list of pre-approved employers who look for apprentices on a regular basis can be found at www.apprenticeships.ie. Prospective employers must be approved by SOLAS before they can hire an apprentice.

PROFESSIONS

Some organisations and professional bodies run their own apprenticeship schemes, to encourage young people to enter their industry, such as Accounting Technicians Ireland, the Insurance Institute of Ireland, and

others. For these types of apprenticeships, the governing bodies themselves have their own list of pre-approved employers with whom apprentices can be placed, which is continually expanding as the apprentice scheme continues to grow.

CAO TAB

The CAO website, www.cao.ie, provides a link to www.apprenticeships.ie, which includes up-to-date information on apprenticeship options. The facility to visit to the apprenticeship website directly from the CAO options page has proven to be very popular since the facility first opened in November 2021.

CHECKLIST

- Apprenticeship training offers an 'earn while you learn' approach
- An apprenticeship is a recognised qualification on the NFQ
- Craft apprenticeships involve manual work, such as plumbing, carpentry or electrical
- New apprenticeships have been developed in non-craft areas
- Craft apprenticeships generally last for four years
- Many non-craft apprenticeships last for as little as two years
- It is the responsibility of the apprentice to find an employer
- Many employers regularly seek apprentices
- Apprenticeships operate under the auspices of SOLAS
- The CAO website, www.cao.ie, provides a link to www.apprenticeships.ie
- CAO late application facility opens at 12.00 noon (€60 fee) on 5th March
- HEAR/DARE supporting documentation must arrive in CAO by 5pm on 15th March
- UCC is accepting applications for its Diploma in Dental Nursing until 20th March
- The closing date for late applications to the CAO is 5pm on 1st May

Billy Ryle is a Career Guidance Counsellor and Educational Commentator
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Second year students from St Brigid's Presentation Secondary School recently had a wonderful four day skiing trip in Sierra Nevada. Accompanied by their teachers, Ms Moore, Ms B. O Connor, Ms Malone, Ms Moynihan, Ms O'Donoghue and Ms A. McCarthy, the students availed of professional skiing lessons before taking to the slopes. Notwithstanding some less than ideal weather conditions, a wonderful time was had by all. Well done to everybody involved.





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HONOUR FOR TEAM MEMBERS at Killarney Hotels Collection

Killarney Hotels Collection are delighted to announce that over the weekend, their concierge team members from The Europe Hotel & Resort and The Dunloe Hotel & Gardens were honoured with esteemed Les Clefs d'Or (translated as The Golden Keys). The ceremony took place on Saturday, 17th February 2024 at Clontarf Castle, Dublin during the Les Clefs d'Or Ireland Annual General Meeting.

Les Clefs d'Or is a professional association of hotel concierges, with approximately 4,000 members working in over 80 countries and 530 destinations, in every corner of the world. The Members of Les Clefs d'Or are an elite group that are driven to setting new standards for guest service perfection and can be identified by the golden crossed keys on their lapels.

With origins dating back to 1929, Les Clefs d'Or was officially founded in France in 1952 as a not-for-profit organisation based on two pillars: Service and Friendship. Before one can earn the golden keys, those who aspire to be a member must have several years' experience as a hotel concierge and must pass comprehensive testing to prove their ability to deliver the highest quality of service to guests.

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Killarney Hotels Collection team members who were awarded are: Mark Keating, Head Concierge at The Dunloe Hotel & Gardens; Padraig Daly, Head Concierge at The Europe Hotel & Resort and Michal Wolreiter, Concierge at The Europe Hotel & Resort

Tralee Grandad's Leap Year Proposal To PARACHUTE JUMP FOR KERRY MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION

MOST 65-year-olds look forward to free travel but Dan O'Donoghue would prefer to jump out of an airplane to raise funds for Kerry Mental Health Association and to show his grandsons that nothing is impossible.

The fundraising parachute jump from 13,000 feet will take place in Edenderry, Co Offaly on Saturday 27th April with the aim of raising over €2500 for Kerry Mental Health Association via www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/breakinggrandad.

Dan, who lives in Tralee and is originally from Valentia Island, made the charitable leap year proposal to do a parachute jump to help fund the cost of rolling out FREE and affordable mental health first aid training in Kerry.

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) is the initial help given to someone who is developing a mental health problem, experiencing a worsening of an existing mental health problem or a mental health crisis. The first aid is given until appropriate professional support is received or until the crisis

resolves.

It costs €2500 to train one MHFA instructor with additional costs to secure the licence from Mental Health First Aid Ireland to deliver courses. Dan O'Donoghue, a leading trainer in Ireland in the field of Business Development and referral strategies, said "The one thing that really gets to me is young people, especially young people, who are full of anxiety. They are worried about so many things and it shouldn't be like that. I have a great relationship with my three grandsons Feidhlim (7), Lochlan (4) and Donagh (2) who would love to see me leap out of an airplane. I'd love to show them and their friends that you can do anything you want without worrying about it.

Kerry Mental Health Association wants to hear from community or not-for-profit organisations in the county to compile a schedule of mental health first aid courses over the coming months.

The General Manager of Kerry Mental Health Association, John Drummey, said "We are honoured that Dan O'Donoghue has chosen to support our

efforts to fund the roll out of free and affordable mental health first aid training in Kerry. Jumping out of a plane is not something that many 65-year-old granddads would do but fair play to Dan for taking the leap. The money he raises will make a huge difference to so many people in Kerry.

"Three FREE mental health first aid courses have already been delivered in MTU Kerry Campus Tralee and the Ross Café Killarney in February 2024 with 30 participants in attendance. We want to do more and train more people to deliver the courses, so this step out of the plane is a step in the right direction."

Both Dan and John have expressed their gratitude to Corcorans Furniture who will kindly sponsor the advertising campaign to promote the parachute jump and to maximise the fundraising potential.

The Breaking Grandad Parachute Jump from 13,000 feet will take place on Saturday 27th April in Edenderry, Co Offaly.

Go to www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/breakinggrandad or follow Kerry Mental Health on Instagram, Facebook and X to make a donation.



Tralee Grandad Dan O'Donoghue (65) has made a Leap Year proposal to do a 'Breaking Grandad' parachute jump from 13,000 feet to raise funds for Kerry Mental Health Association. It will take place on Saturday 27th April in Edenderry, Co. Offaly. Dan and his grandchildren, Feidhlim (7), Lochlan (4) and Donagh (2) were with Kerry Mental Health Association General Manager, John Drummey at Ardferf Airfield to launch the 'Breaking Grandad' event. To donate visit www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/breakinggrandad. Photo By: Domnick Walsh © Eye Focus LTD.



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Killarney man spearheads fundraising initiative for Turn2Me

*"The more money we raise,
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John Doyle from Killarney is making waves in the fitness and mental health community by spearheading a fundraising initiative for Turn2Me, a leading mental health charity providing free mental health services. Rather than charging for his running training 1:1 sessions, John is encouraging his clients to contribute to Turn2Me, recognising the invaluable support they offer to those struggling with mental health challenges. John's running company is Telos 3 Running & Coaching, which is @telos3running on Instagram.

John Doyle works as a Data and Measurement Account manager for Google and also has started as a running coach. Having battled his own mental health difficulties in his youth, John understands the significance of accessible mental health services.

Reflecting on his own journey, John shared, "I've been through tough times, and I know firsthand the impact mental health struggles can have. It's essential to have support systems in place, and Turn2Me provides a lifeline for so many individuals who might otherwise feel isolated and alone. My goal has always been to help people improve their well-being, not just physically, but mentally and emotionally as well. By partnering with Turn2Me, I can extend that mission beyond the gym and make a meaningful difference in the lives of those facing mental health challenges. The more money we raise, the more people we can help."

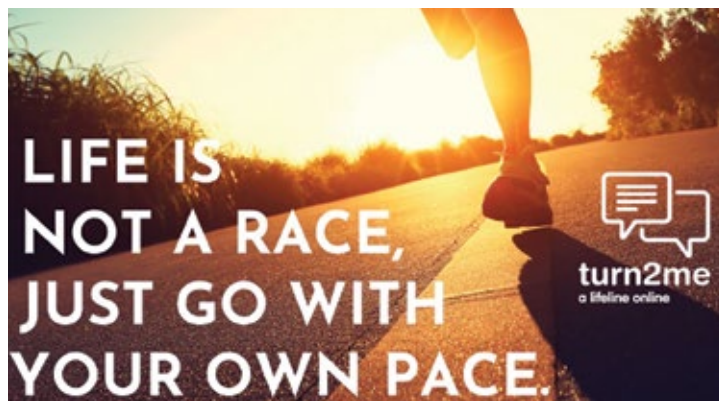
Turn2Me's tagline is 'A lifeline online', and it offers a range of mental health services, including free counselling sessions, free support groups, and a free 'Thought Catcher' online mood diary, making vital resources

accessible to anyone in need, regardless of their financial situation. Doyle's decision to support Turn2Me stems from his belief in the power of community and the importance of giving back.

The response to John's fundraising initiative has been overwhelmingly positive, with the organisation expressing its gratitude in John's support. "John's commitment to supporting Turn2Me is truly inspiring," Oisín Scollard, co-founder of Turn2Me, said. "Not only is he helping people reach their fitness goals, but he's also empowering Turn2Me to make a difference in the lives of others who are struggling. It's a win-win situation."

By prioritising mental and physical health, and supporting Turn2Me, John believes we can create a brighter, compassionate future for people living in Ireland.

To avail of Turn2Me's services or to donate, go to [Turn2Me.ie](https://turn2me.ie)



FUNDING WELCOMED BUT IT STOPS SHORT AT THE BYPASS



Cllr. Maura Healy-Rae has welcomed funding of €500,000 or Fossa National School. "Following my many representations and deputation in 2019 where I highlighted the many dangers at Fossa National School that the funding for the necessary works has been provided along with road, footpath and active travel works funding from the Golden Nugget to the Gap Cross", she told Killarney Outlook. "While I welcome the recently announced funding for national roads, I am very disappointed that funding for the N22, Killarney to Farranfore Bypass, in order to identify the preferred route was not forthcoming from the Government

and TII in 2024", she added,

FUNDING HAS BEEN ALLOCATED TO THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

Cleeney Roundabout Killarney Active Travel Upgrade €20,000. Rural Bus Stop Improvements €10,000. Aghadoe Junction €20,000. Garies Bridge Realignment €40,000. Lewis Road Junction €50,000. Dinis to Torc €50,000. Torc to Muckcross €25,000. Fossa Killarney €500,000. Killarney Muckcross Road €100,000. Mission Road Pedestrian Crossing €55,000. Fossa Village €500,000. Lacabane Pavement Scheme €240,000

Faha Rambling House

Milltown Listry Comhaltas, with Listry Community Council, invite you all to a night of traditional music, song and dance at the Rambling House, in Listry Community Centre, Faha at 8pm on March 2nd. While this event hasn't run in the centre since 2019, the local Comhaltas branch did host a virtual rambling house, featuring all the local musicians, along with friends from far and wide, in 2020. This was an online event but now it's back in person. "It's great to be back in the community centre this year", explained branch chairman Turlough O'Brien. "It's a long-running local tradition, bringing the community together, with all ages enjoying a night out together." Ted Ahern will once again be roaming with the mic, inviting everyone to take part in what's sure to be a memorable night. So save the date and looking forward to seeing you in Faha for 'craic agus brack' on the 2nd of March.

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Míle buíochas do na hOifigigh Scóir agus na moltóirí a bhí ann. Without the work that these dedicated people do, East Kerry Scór would not be as vibrant and successful as it is. Performing at Scór is not just a cultural activity, as it offers an opportunity to our young competitors to learn a life-skill – an ability to present in front of an audience. This is a skill that will stand to them in later life and in many arenas. Accordingly, I encourage all clubs to promote and support Scór within their clubs and to get as many members as possible involved.

The standard of performances this year was, as usual, very high and the following are the results from Scór na bPáistí Chiarraí Thoir 2024:

SOLO DANCE:

FIRST: Grace O'Leary - Spa

SECOND: Dearbhla O'Connell – Dr. Crokes

THIRD: Maria Blennerhasset - Listry

RECITATION:

FIRST: Aoibhinn Creedon - Rathmore

SECOND: Allie Casey – Dr. Crokes

THIRD: Cathal Cronin - Rathmore

SOLO MUSIC:

FIRST: Olivia Angland - Glenflesk

SECOND: Kealan Gleeson - Gneeveguilla

THIRD: Colm Fleming - Kilcummin

SEAN NÓS:

FIRST: Elaine McCarthy - Gneeveguilla

SOLO SINGING:

FIRST: Ellie McSweeney - Glenflesk

SECOND: Allie Casey – Dr. Crokes

THIRD: Olivia Angland - Glenflesk

FIGURE DANCE:

FIRST: Spa

SECOND: Dr. Crokes

STAGE PRESENTATION:

FIRST: Kilcummin

SECOND: Listry

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FIRST: Glenflesk

SECOND: Kilcummin

THIRD: Listry

SET DANCE:

FIRST: Spa

SECOND: Legion

THIRD: Kilcummin

OVERALL CLUB WINNERS: Glenflesk

The winners of each category now go forward to the Scór na bPáistí, Craobh an Chontae in Ballybunion on Saturday 23 March. Go neirí leo agus tá suil agam go mbeidh bua ag alán dóibh san comórtas sin.

Photos: Seamus Healy.



Spa 1st place Figure Dancing with Gary O Halloran and Matt O'Neill at East Kerry Scór na bPáistí last Sunday in Fossa.



East Kerry Officers Ellen O Keffee, Gary O Halloran and Matt O'Neill at East Kerry Scór na bPáistí last Sunday in Fossa.



Martina Angland Glenflesk with best over all club trophy with Gary O Halloran at East Kerry Scór na bPáistí last Sunday in Fossa.



Spa 1st place in Set Dancing with Gary O Halloran and Matt O'Neill at East Kerry Scór na bPáistí last Sunday in Fossa.



Elaine McCarthy Gneeveguilla 1st in Sean NÓS with Gary O Halloran and Matt O'Neill at East Kerry Scór na bPáistí last Sunday in Fossa.



Ellie McSweeney Glenflesk 1st place in Solo singing with Gary O Halloran and Matt O'Neill at East Kerry Scór na bPáistí last Sunday in Fossa.



Kilcummin 1st place Stage Presentation with Gary O Halloran and Matt O'Neill at East Kerry Scór na bPáistí last Sunday in Fossa.



Sean and Olivia Angland Glenflesk 1st place in Instrumental music with Ellen O Keffee and with Gary O Halloran and Matt O'Neill at East Kerry Scór na bPáistí last Sunday in Fossa.




Grace O Leary Spa 1st place in Solo Dance with Gary O Halloran and Matt O'Neill at East Kerry Scór na bPáistí.



Aoibhinn Creedon 1st place in Recitation with Gary O Halloran and Matt O'Neill at East Kerry Scór na bPáistí.



Olivia Angland Glenflesk 1st place in Solo Instrumental with Gary O Halloran and Matt O'Neill at East Kerry Scór na bPáistí.



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RADIO KERRY RADIO BINGO RAISES €332,908 for 4 Kerry Charities

Radio Kerry Radio Bingo proceeds of €81,488, covering the period September 2023 to February 2024, were presented to the four charity partners this week. Kerry Cancer Support Group, Kerry Hospice, Recovery Haven Kerry Cancer Support House and Comfort for Chemo Kerry each received €20,372. This brings the total funds raised by Radio Kerry Radio Bingo, since May 2021, to €332,908.

John O Sullivan, Chairman of Radio Kerry said, "Radio Kerry is delighted that the Radio Bingo game continues to be popular with Kerry players and that the ongoing support ensures that four charities continue to benefit from the proceeds".

Jack Shanahan, Chairman of the Kerry Hospice Foundation said, "Kerry Hospice Foundation is deeply grateful for all the fundraising that Radio Kerry has done on our behalf. All these funds will be used to deliver a major upgrade to palliative care facilities, including an extra five beds in the inpatient unit".

Mary Fitzgerald, Chairperson, Comfort for Chemo Kerry welcomed the latest allocation of funds saying "Comfort for Chemo Kerry are delighted to be a beneficiary of Radio Kerry Bingo. All money raised will go towards a state of the art chemotherapy unit for which the design has now been agreed. We would like to thank Radio Kerry and their listeners for their continued support which will ensure the people of Kerry will be able to receive chemotherapy on their own doorstep".

Breda Dyland of Kerry Cancer Support Group said "Kerry Cancer Support Group is as always extremely grateful to receive funding from the Radio Kerry Bingo. We transported service users to almost four and a half thousand cancer related appointments in 2023 and also provided other supports. The funding from RK Bingo goes into operating these services. Thanks to all of you who continue to play and in turn help us to provide our vital services".

Marisa Reidy of Recovery Haven said "On behalf of everyone at Recovery Haven Kerry, I would like to say a massive thank to everyone at Radio Kerry and your amazing listeners for your unwavering support through



Breda Dyland, Kerry Cancer Support Group; Marisa Reidy, Recovery Haven Kerry Cancer Support House; Therese Carroll, Comfort for Chemo Kerry; Dan Horan - Kerry Cancer Support Group; Jenny Tarrant, Kerry Hospice; Dermot Crowley, Recovery Haven Kerry Cancer Support House

Radio Kerry Bingo. To receive this kind of funding is massive to us and will help hugely in allowing us to continue providing vital, free support services to those affected by cancer and their families right across Kerry. It is always a pleasure to work with Radio Kerry, alongside these other wonderful cancer support charities, and we never take the generosity of the people of Kerry for granted".

Numbers are broadcast 5 times per day on Radio Kerry as well as being posted on Radio Kerry Facebook and Instagram Stories daily. Books are €5 each available from over 66 outlets countywide. Radio Kerry does not take benefit financially from the Radio Bingo game.

For more details on Radio Kerry Radio Bingo and a list of participating shops where books can be purchased are available on www.radiokerry.ie/bingo



MTU Kerry Campus: MTU welcomed a delegation from the British Embassy to Ireland including the newly appointed Honorary Consul South-West Ireland, Katherine Fitzpatrick. During the visit the delegation saw first hand out MTU is promoting excellence in teaching and learning, and expanding research, innovation and entrepreneurship, helping drive social and economic development in Ireland's southwest region. Pictured are: Jimmy Deenihan MYU, Ciara Looney - Vice President Corporate Affairs, Honorary Consul South-West Ireland, Katherine Fitzpatrick, Dr. Seamus O'Shea Head Of School Of Health Social Science Kerry Campus, Dr Brendan O'Connell Head School of Science & Informatics and Dr Eilish Broderick IMCP/IPCP Head of Section Institute of Technology, Tralee. Photo By: Domnick Walsh © Eye Focus LTD.

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CRONIN ADDS BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP TO 2024 CAMPAIGN

Current Irish Tarmac Rally Championship leader, Keith Cronin, has opted to expand his programme for 2024, and is to mount a challenge for the British Rally Championship title with co-driver, Mikie Galvin. The Killarney and District Motor Club duo got their season off to the best possible start at the beginning of February, taking victory on the opening round of the Tarmac series, the Galway International Rally, on their first outing in the latest version of Ford Fiesta Rally 2, and will now add the six British rounds to their schedule. The first of the BRC events will be the North West Stages Rally, based in Garstang, Lancashire, taking place on March 22-23.

"Our original ambition was to concentrate on the Irish events this year, the plan was to return to the BRC in the future", said Cronin. "In conjunction with our partners, we have reached a decision to take on the two championships, and I am very grateful to them for their support". Cronin previously won the British Rally Championship in 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2017, and was runner-up in 2022. Only Jimmy McRae has more BRC titles to his name, with a tally of five. Cronin was also Irish Tarmac Champion in 2016.

The 2024 British Championship calendar will consist of six events across England, Scotland and Wales, held between March and October. The BRC is unique in Western Europe in that it is a dual-surface series, having some rounds on gravel and some on tarmac, and this year features an even split of three and three. "I enjoy the mix of different surfaces in the BRC, it adds to the challenge", noted Cronin. "I like the Irish events too, they are usually longer and obviously there is less travel involved for us. It

will be a major undertaking to take on the two series, but this opportunity has arisen and I am very much looking forward to it," he added.

Cronin is one of an elite group of five drivers who have won both the Irish Tarmac Championship and the British Rally Championship, along with Russell Brookes, Billy Coleman, Mark Lovell and Jimmy McRae.

The BRC management team has recently announced that the championship will be televised on the free-to-air terrestrial channel, ITV4. The package will include a dedicated one-hour highlights programme after each round of the series, to be broadcast at prime time, with further later repeats, plus an end of season round-up programme. In addition, the coverage will have availability on the accompanying online catch-up service, ITVX.

In advance of their first outing across the Irish

Sea, the attention of Cronin and Galvin is firstly focused on round two of the Irish Tarmac Championship, the West Cork Rally, which will take place over St. Patrick's Weekend. This year sees the event expand to a three-day format for the first time, with four stages on the Friday afternoon and evening, followed by the traditional eight on Saturday and six on Sunday.

Keith Cronin and Mikie Galvin are being supported during 2024 by M O'Brien Group of Companies, Lyons Motor Group, Shane Casey Electrical Services, Molson Equipment, Pirelli, EARS Motorsport Ireland, Cronin's Centra (Ballylickey, Union Hall, Leap, Millstreet and Dundrum), Cronin's HomeValue Hardware, Westlink Service Station and Daybreak Shop, Cremin Coaches, Keohane Seafoods, M-Sport and Wurth Ireland.



Keith Cronin and Mikie Galvin will combine their 2024 Irish Tarmac Rally Championship campaign with another attempt at securing a fifth British title. Photo: Martin Walsh.



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Huge Surprise for Erin as she celebrates her 21st Birthday

While Erin Holland was hoping for a quiet family dinner with her mum and dad and boyfriend, Alan Dineen to celebrate her 21st Birthday, she certainly didn't expect to see her two sisters who are living in New York.

"Kerry and Saoirse flew over from the Big Apple for the weekend to surprise their little sister and to say she was shocked is an understatement" her mum Anne told Killarney Outlook.

"Erin was over the moon and we had a fabulous family dinner to celebrate at the Killarney Avenue Hotel", she added. Erin is planning another celebration with her college friends in Cork when she gets over the shock of seeing her sisters!



Saoirse, Kerry, Erin Holland, Alan Dineen, Anne and Louis Holland



Erin and her nana Mary Spillane.



Birthday girl Erin pictured with her boyfriend Alan Dineen.



EXHIBITION MARKS 2ND ANNIVERSARY OF UKRAINE INVASION

An exhibition of photos was on display last weekend at St. Mary's Church of Ireland to mark the second anniversary since Ukraine was invaded.

The project was created to become the single voice of the pain of Ukrainians living in Killarney. The project show relatives and friends who have lost their lives in the conflict and also shows the places which were once their homes and are now destroyed.

"You see us Ukrainians smiling on the streets of Killarney, but it's hard to know what's in our hearts.. Broken lives, hearts, squeezed by pain. We built a happy life that was taken away by terror. We meet the sun's rays every day here in Irdandia, but then, after receiving news from Ukraine, we are plunged into darkness again...

We are all very tired of the war!" author of the project Natalia Eismont said.

'ActionAid' work globally with women and children who are excluded in society and who live in extreme poverty. The organisation endeavours to hold governments and international institutions to account, campaigning to achieve long-term change towards a more just world. Each year 'Action Aid Ireland' run a speech competition for schools which aims to educate young people about worldwide issues concerning women. This year Charlotte Meyer and Sofia Perez, Presentation Secondary School, Castleisland reached the regional finals with their speeches on Agroecology and Gender Based Violence. Both students were highly commended for their research and effort. Emma Doyle Communications and Campaigns organiser for 'Action Aid' stated "Charlotte's speech was very well delivered, clearly explaining agroecology and the links between climate change and agriculture. She did a great job of weaving the issue of women's rights throughout her speech". Emma Doyle acknowledged that Sofia's speech was again "very well delivered, with fantastic policy recommendation given to solve the issue of gender-based violence". We wish Charlotte and Sofia the best of luck in the future and we hope they continue with their interest in global issues.

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Regional Final Spot for Pres Girls



Presentation Castleisland students Charlotte Meyer and Sofia Perez

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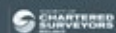


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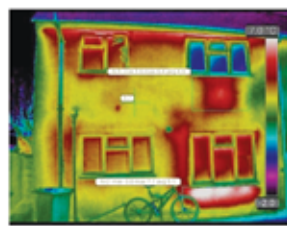
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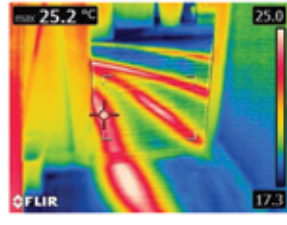
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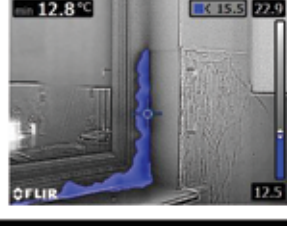
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By Dermot Cronin,
Financial Advisor



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You can normally get access to your pension from age 60, a lot of the rules depend on whether you are an employee or self employed. If you are coming close to retirement then you are probably wondering what options you have when you want to get access to your pension. It depends on what type of pension you have but generally there are four options:

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Approved Retirement Funds: You may be entitled to keep some of your money in an approved retirement fund, money can be taken from the fund to give you a regular income, usually monthly. This is subject to taxation also. Taxation at retirement is often much lower than when you are working. It is extremely important that you take your time and have all the options explained to you in plain simple English and that you understand all your options clearly before you make your final decision. As well as the above there is much more to be discussed about your pension. You should discuss your retirement options with a financial advisor who has access to a number of different pension providers before making any decisions, he or she will help you with the above options and any other queries you may have.

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Tight Lines...

Ireland's Only School Angling Club Takes to the Waters

Killarney Community College Angling Club, the only school fishing club in the country made its first fishing excursion outside of Kerry when they visited Ardaire Springs in Kilkenny.

After a long journey to the home of "The Cats" nine eager anglers quickly set up their rods and baits in pursuit of rainbow trout. It only took ten minutes for our group to outwit the first rainbow and by the days end

each angler had their quota of one fish and we returned many others.

The fishery in Kilkenny were most accomodating and provided barbless hooks and worms. They also provided a gas barbcue on which they cooked up some delicious burgers for the hungry anglers.

Next Wednesday, the club are back on home ground and will partake in a clean up of the local River Deenagh. They also plan to start their own wormery in the school which will also help in composting our school waste. More fishing adventures are planned too and until then "Tight Lines ! fellow anglers!

'TIS LATER THAN WE THINK'

A Chara,

The recent deliberations of the citizens assembly which favoured the decriminalisation of cannabis for personal use, are asking government to consider extending the measure to include all drugs for personal use. Additionally, a plethora of individual politicians and some political parties who welcomed the proposals, even the party that sees itself leading the next government have joined in the chorus, that decriminalisation is a progressive move. Before embarking on such a proposal serious consideration should be given to the following ;

1, Treating drug users and those who are addicted over and above any other consideration, is skewing the debate, it is in isolation from the many other facets of the wider facts, on the effects of drug activity around the family, in the community and society as a whole. Family members who are affected besides the user, resulting in intimidation, extortion, robberies, threats, beatings, serious injuries and even death come from criminals but also from some of those addicted or on their way to addiction. Society must come to realise sooner rather than later that the use of these drugs are, anti-person, anti- family, anti- community, anti- society and anti-life. I say this as a matter of fact and for no other reason. The need to provide a way out for those afflicted is important and adequate responses to be initiated for their rehabilitation into mainstream society again. But the story is not just about easing pressure on them and what they may be convicted of, or how it may impede their plans into the future.

2, Using the Garda Siochana and the judiciary as tools to bolster the claim by those seeking decriminalisation, is that, the time and expense expended by these organisations doesn't justify pursuing convictions in court. Neither An Garda Siochana or the judiciary are making such claims. It should be recognised that whatever is being expended now will pale into insignificance if and when the magnitude of what needs to be put in place, is fully implemented.

3, The support for the current proposal, is predicated primarily on the current experiment in Portugal, and to a lesser extent on some few states in U.S.A. It is recognised that measures like the Portugal experiment will take at least ten years of operation before any definitive conclusions can be arrived at. The Portuguese model is just around half way through this time span. In any case, we should

long ago have brought forward proposals that would address the wider aspects of drugs as indicated above. The present model for addressing drugs in Ireland is not fit for purpose and needs radical overhaul. The remoteness of the existing structures are too distance from the needs that exist in the town- lands parishes and towns of Ireland.



As things stand, there are very few impediments in the way of users, potential users or indeed the criminals, that can slow down, let alone prevent mass infestation of large sections of society into the years and decades ahead. Building systems from the bottom up rather than from the top down that could seep into every home, town-land, parish, town and city in the land, should be an objective. Where illicit drugs are seen as described above and where resources are provided to ensure robust educational and awareness policies are initiated to hammer this message home by every mechanism and means available to the state. The decriminalisation of any drug is going in the opposite direction to where society needs to be going on the illicit drug question.

The decriminalisation proposal is easy peasy, glib and phoney, will cost very little to put into effect in monetary terms and will give the appearance of concerted action on the part of government and civil service. It is later than we think, second generations of babies are leaving their mother's womb, screaming for a fix, by delaying with proposals that add to the problem that will never be part of the solution, and just adds to our difficulties as a society trying to come to term with this awful scourge and is an abdication of their duty, by those in authority.

Yours Sincerely,

Sean O' Grady,
Setanta House, Ardshanavooly, Killarney, Co. Kerry.

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BEAUFORT

By Bridget Hartnett

➤FIXTURES

Minor men will be away to Currow, Saturday, 2nd March at 3pm in round 3, Co League, Div.5A.

➤LOTTO

The next draw for a jackpot of €2,600 will be on Sunday, 3rd March in Galvin's. Tickets are available from usual sellers, shops, and public houses and online at www.beaufortgaa.com. Please note that the online lotto closes at 7pm on the night of the draw and tickets sold after 7pm are entered into the following draw. Thank you to everybody who supports our lotto. It is greatly appreciated.

➤MEMBERSHIP

Beaufort G.A.A. Club membership is now due. Gym and facilities membership is also available. Please contact Patie 087 2515311. For Ladies football, LGFA membership, contact Sue 086 2632219.

➤PUBLIC MEETING

A public meeting will be held on 6th March at 7:30pm in the Community Hall for parishioners to discuss and provide feedback on Bishop Browne's recent Pastoral Letter entitled "Moving Forward in Hope".

The focus of the meeting will be on how Beaufort Parish can best prepare for the future in light of fewer vocations and other challenges. All are welcome.

➤EXERCISE CLASSES

Spring classes are being held in Beaufort G.A.A Clubrooms, week nights Monday to Friday. Classes at present are Yoga and Pilates. Pilates with Colleen include Ladies, Men's and Active retired classes. Please contact Colleen at 086 1731469 for times and details. Yoga mixed class by Ondata-Well-Being. Please contact 085 1350417 for details or the Club at 087 9975737

➤MID KERRY SCOR NA BPAISTI

for primary schools was held on Friday, 23rd February. Congratulations to the following who qualified for the County semi-finals of Scor na bPáistí. Rince Foirne: Aoibheann Reid, Anna Mai Hughes, Caoilainn Riordan, Avril Lynch, Jennifer O'Rourke, Leah O'Malley, Aoibheann Moriarty, Lara and Lily Culhane. Solo Singing: Anna Mai Hughes. Instrumental Music Group: Amy O'Connor, Harry Hughes, Anna Mai Hughes and Evan O'Connor.

RATHMORE GNEEVGUILLA

By Michael O'Mahony

➤RATHMORE ST PATRICK DAY PARADE on Sunday March 10th at 1pm with Grand Marshall Brian Kelly, former Chairman of Rathmore Community Council. Kerrys first parade.

➤SYMPATHIES to Mary Woods, Donal & family on the death of Mary's mother, Lucy Woods whose funeral took place in Dublin on the 3rd February.

To Peter, family, relatives & friends of Maura Murphy, Norfolk & I/o Ard Mhuire whose funeral took place recently. May Lucy & Maura rest in peace

➤SHARE THE BUCKET

Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group reminds you that Share the Bucket takes place weekly. The draw is every Friday evening in Teach Fáilte @ 8.30pm and can be viewed live on our Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group Facebook Page. This week's jackpot was €208 and the winner was Margaret Leonard. Tickets cost €2 each or 3 for €5. They are available at Teach Fáilte and can be bought online at <https://tinyurl.com/y2ade5om> or in local businesses where you see the Green Share the bucket.

Your support is greatly appreciated and all funds will go towards our new proposed community facility. We would like to thank our local businesses who continue to support our project.

➤RAPUNZEL CHILDREN PANTO AT RATHMORE COMMUNITY CENTRE

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➤KNOCKNAGREE GAA SOCIAL 2024 will take place on Saturday 9th March in the Killarney Avenue Hotel 7pm. Live Music with Laura Dunlea followed by DJ Kieran Sheehan, a great night assured. Tickets 35 euro available from Mary 0872270895, Daniel 087 9865036 or any Social Club member.

➤ST PATRICKS NIGHT CHARITY CONCERT IN AID OF KERRY-CORK CANCER LINK BUS. (A GNEEVGUILLA GAA PROMOTION) GNEEVGUILLA COMMUNITY CENTRE - 17TH MARCH 8-11PM

➤NOTES

If you would like to add to the notes please email Michael O'Mahony (momahony14@gmail.com) or ring or text 087-6676817 before Sunday 6pm.

LISTRY

Written by: Colette Leslie

➤LOTTO

Jackpot winner - big congratulations to our big jackpot winner Bridie Hickey, Ballyspillane who won €10,200. Next weeks jackpot €3,000

➤SENIORS

Our senior team defeated Cordal last Sunday .Listry 1-9 Cordal 2-3 .

Sunday the 3rd march at 10.30 am our senior team play Currow in Currow.

➤MINORS

Saturday 2nd March Keel / Listry V Laune Rangers. LISTRY VENUE

Banking for the Future

The second years of Killarney Community college continued their life long learning with a very informative presentation given by Ronan and Daria of AIB on the topic of safe banking. Students were informed about the current scams and dangers that are out there as they come to an age where they will have their own accounts and bank cards. Students engaged in a questions and answers session at the end and came away from the workshop a lot wiser and well informed on the topic of banking. The work shop was part of the AIB Future Sparks programme.





FIRST KILLARNEY AUTISM FRIENDLY TRAINING ON MARCH 5TH

Training about autism, delivered by Ireland's national autism charity AslAm, will take place

on March 5th at the

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The training is free and open to anyone with an interest in autism or making their organisation more autism- friendly.

*There will be two sessions available,
from 10am – 12pm or 2pm – 4pm.*

The training is part of a new initiative aimed at making Killarney autism-friendly, launched recently in partnership with AslAm with the backing of over 30 businesses, public sector and charity organisations in the town. One of the main reasons for the training is so that staff from these organisations can attend to learn about aspects of autism and simple changes that can help create an environment that considers the needs of local residents and visitors with autism.

The training is being organised by Killarney Autism Friendly Committee, a voluntary group dedicated to autism acceptance and accessibility.

If you are interested in
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Adam Harris, CEO of AslAm, speaking at the launch of Killarney Autism Friendly Town initiative.



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KILCUMMIN

Written by: Helen Moynihan



4th Place U13 Girls Freestyle Swimmers are Ella McCarthy, Ellieanna Murphy, Melissa O'Connor, Aoibhinn O'Leary, Ava O'Sullivan.



Mastergeeha FC U15 team

➤KILCUMMIN COMMUNITY PARISH GATHERING

In his Pastoral Letter, "Moving Forward in Hope", Bishop Ray invites all parishioners to participate in a consultation process to shape the future of pastoral areas and parishes. A consultation gathering will be held in our parish on March 4th at 7.30pm in the Recreational Hall. As preparation for the gathering, you are invited to reflect on the following three questions:

1. Without the presence of a priest to lead and coordinate, what aspects of parish life could we, the laity, take responsibility for and organise ourselves?
2. Where do we see scope for cooperation with neighbouring parishes in our pastoral area?
3. Given what Bishop Ray has said about reducing numbers and increasing age, what do we want to say to priests? Many thanks for your support and assistance for this consultation.

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Kilcummin CCÉ wish all of our competitors who are partaking in Sult na nÓg in MTU this weekend the very best of luck. Safe travels and best wishes also to all of our dancers who are travelling to Athenry on Sunday



Sarah Piggott pictured with her friends and family at the Klub Bar in Kilcummin on Saturday night last as she celebrated her 18th Birthday.

for competition there.

➤KILCUMMIN COMMUNITY GAMES

Congratulations to our musicians, singers & swimmers who had competitions in Tralee & Miltown over the weekend. Our very first U13 girl's swimming freestyle team took 4th place, Ronan O'Leary came 4th in the U12 Backstroke. Mary O'Connor came 4th in U16 Solo Singing, Colm Fleming 3rd in Solo Music and 3rd in U12 Group Music. Thanks to all the coaches involved and the parents who supported all involved. Good luck to U11 mixed basketball team in their upcoming event this weekend.

➤KILCUMMIN GAA

EAST KERRY LEAGUE; Furies 1-12 Kilcummin 2-7

Two goals by Philip O'Leary weren't enough as Furies ran out winners by two points in difficult conditions on Sunday last. Dara Stack and Sean Doolan performed well as Jack Fogarty, Aaron Buckley and Gavin Morrissey made their senior debut.

LOTTO

There was no winner on Monday 26th February 2024 of the Jackpot for €9,750. Numbers drawn were 01,08,19,24. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Mary Courtney, Connie Doolan, Muiris Healy & Joe Scanlon. The next draw will be on Monday 11th March for Jackpot of 10,000.

➤MASTERGEEHA FC

U15 PREMIER

Mastergeeha FC U15 team were victorious over Fenit at the weekend. The game was played in Kibreen Park for round 5 of the Premier League.

LOTTO

There was no winner on Friday 23rd February 2024 of the Jackpot for €8,800. Numbers drawn were 10,15,17,27. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Claire Corcoran, Mileen, Philip, Elaine, Ada & Abbey Kelly c/o John Kerins, Erin O'Connor, Glounonea c/o Post Office, Cian, Dara & Evan Cronin c/o Mike Devane. The next draw will be on Friday 1st March for Jackpot of 9,000.



3rd Place U12 Group Music: Leah Brosnan, Colm Fleming, Aoibheann O'Connor, Michael O'Connor.

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GLENFLESK

Written by: Seamus Healy

➤**LOTTO**

There was no winner of Glenflesk Lotto which took place on 19/ 2/ 2024 in Glenflesk Hall. Jackpot €7,600. The numbers drawn were: 14, 17, 18, 20. Consolation Prizes of €50: 1. Niamh Faulds, Lisbabe (On Line) 2. Caroline Fleming, c/o Maria Buckley 3. Maria Buckley, Glashacormac (Sellers' Prize) 4. Ciarán Favier, Co. Westmeath (On Line). Next draw will take place in Glenflesk Hall on Monday 4 th March 2024. Jackpot will be €7,800. Thank you to all who support our Lotto and to our sellers. Lotto tickets including annual tickets can be bought from our ticket sellers, in local pubs and shops or online before 6pm on the date of the draw at: https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?ll_id=2534#Anchor Jackpot for the next draw on Monday 4th March 2024 is €7,800.

➤**EAST KERRY SCOR NA BPAISTI 2024**

Glenflesk GAA were well represented at the East Kerry Scór na nÓg final held in Fossa on Sunday, 25th February. The club had success in all entries which lead to Glenflesk GAA receiving the best club title. Among the winners contributing to this title were Olivia Angland 1st Solo Music (on concertina), Ellie McSweeney 1st Solo Singing, Olivia Angland 3rd Solo Singing and finally, Olivia and Seán Angland won 1st prize in the Music Group competition. Well done to Olivia, Seán and Ellie who go on to represent Glenflesk and East Kerry at the County final in March.

➤**EAST KERRY SUPER LEAGUE**

Well done to our seniors who had a win against Kenmare last Sunday. Glenflesk 3.09 Kenmare 1.13.

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➤**PUBLIC MEETING**

A Public meeting will be held on Friday 1st March at 7.30pm in Glenflesk GAA Hall. The theme of the meeting is based on Bishop Ray Browne's letter Moving Forward in Hope. The aim of the meeting is to get your thoughts on how the Parish will function and continue to thrive going forward. This is your opportunity to participate and to share your ideas. Each Parish throughout the Diocese will be facilitating these meetings.

As preparation for the gathering, you are invited to reflect on the following three questions:

1. Without the presence of a priest to lead and coordinate, what aspects of parish life could we, the laity, take responsibility for and organise ourselves?
2. Where do we see scope for cooperation with neighbouring parishes in our pastoral area?
3. Given what Bishop Ray has said about reducing numbers and increasing age, what do we want to say to priests?

SPA

Written by: Leanne Cronin

➤**LOTTO**

26/02/24 Results: Numbers drawn: 8, 11, 12, 19. No jackpot winner. Lucky dips €50 each: Billy & Marion O'Mahony c/o Ann Mc; Gina Corkery, Minish; Mike Foley, Online Jack O'Leary, Mileen. Next weeks draw is on Monday 4th March for a jackpot of €3,200

➤**CONGRATULATIONS** to our Scor na bpáistí competitors who partook in the East Kerry Final in Fossa on Sunday last. Among competitors included Figure, Set and Solo Dancing representing Spa Gaa, Spa Ladies Football and Spa handball

➤**SCOR NA NOG AND SCOR SINSEAR**

Our Scór na nÓg and Scór Sinsear All Ireland Champions 2023 were honoured last Friday night at an awards ceremony by the Killarney Municipal District at a ceremony in the Anam Centre. It is a great honour

for any individual to be honoured by the great achievements of the people of Killarney and surrounding areas, to have two teams honoured in our home town is amazing.

➤**MINORS**

Well done to our Minors who have made it two out two in the Keane's SuperValu Minor County League after defeating Cumann Caide Na Gaeltachta at home in Spa this evening

FT score Spa 3-15 Cumann Caide Na Gaeltachta 2-10

➤**GET OUT, GET ACTIVE**

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TY STUDENTS GET BEHIND THE WHEEL

On the 23rd of February last, two transition year classes from St Brigid's attended the Munster Driving Campus in Mallow.

On arrival, the students were split into two groups, one focusing on practical driving skills and the other doing a mock theory test.

Students were also encouraged to try on goggles which imitated what their vision would be like after 2 and 3 alcoholic drinks.

The students found the day very educational, beneficial and an enjoyable experience, and a very useful link to their ongoing car maintenance module. Thanks to Mr Lyne Roberts and to Ms A O Donoghue who accompanied the students on the trip.





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Over €25 million allocated for Kerry's National Roads and Greenways in 2024



Minister for Education and Kerry T.D, Norma Foley, has welcomed today's announcement from Government of €25,838,605 for National Roads and Greenways in Kerry during 2024.

The funding is part of a total package of over €440 million which is being allocated to National Roads and Greenways across the country. The allocations will be made to local authorities nationwide through Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII).

Minister Foley said: "I welcome today's significant funding allocation of over €25 million which is hugely important for roads and greenways across Kerry. Today's announcement is part of the Government's investment in improving our national roads and greenways infrastructure. It will help ensure that our roads and greenways are safe, reliable and accessible for everyone who uses them.

"Investing in the continued maintenance and improvement of our road network and greenway infrastructure is a key priority for this Government in order to support regional connectivity and balanced economic development.

Kerry Education and Training Board

Fianna Fáil Councillor Michael Cahill has welcomed funding announced by Kerry County Council for the Arts in the Kenmare Municipal District area.

"It's great to see Arts Funding announced locally. These funds are very important to our local communities, funding artistic endeavours, festivals, etc, and are also hugely important to the local economy here in Kerry" said the Rossbeigh based Councillor.

"I wish to say a very special thank you to everyone working in the Arts Office in Kerry County Council and to our Arts Officer, Kate Kennelly for the wonderful work they all do in promoting the Arts here in Kerry" said Councillor Cahill, a member of the Culture, Heritage & the Gaeltacht SPC.

ARTS GRANTS & ARTIST BURSARIES 2024.

K-FEST €4,500. Eigse na Brideoige €800.

Comhchoiste Ghaeltacht Uibh Rathaiagh - Binneas €600. Chamber Music on Valentia €2,500. Biddy's Day €500. Beaufort Film Festival €250. Kenmare Film Club €400

KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL ARTS CONTRIBUTIONS FUNDING 2024

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Minister Foley receives confirmation of over €507,000 in infrastructure funding for Kerry Education and Training Board.

Minister for Education and Kerry T.D, Norma Foley, has received confirmation of over €507,000 in infrastructure funding for Kerry Education and Training Board.

This funding can be used for essential small-scale works, new equipment needs and energy efficiency projects.

Minister Foley said: "I am very pleased to have received confirmation of a Government funding announcement of €507,500 for Kerry Education and Training Board. This funding is a further endorsement of the importance of Further Education and Training. It will provide vital support to Kerry ETB as it enhances and develops the FET sector in the county."

Kerry ETB is one of the largest education and training providers at this local level, amassing over 2,900 primary and post-primary students and 14,000 further education and training beneficiaries annually. It has 670 full-time staff and 590 part-time staff working around the county. Under Project Ireland 2040, an investment of over €8 million will be distributed to the 16 ETBs this year as part of the ongoing investment in the further education and training sector. SOLAS will distribute the funding to the individual ETBs.

Minister Foley also welcomed confirmation by the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science, Simon Harris TD and Minister of State for Skills and Further Education Niall Collins that Kerry Education and Training Board will get the same level of infrastructure funding (€507,500) for the next two years. This will allow Kerry ETB to plan for 2024, 2025 and 2026.



LAUNE BRIDGE TO FEXCO RDI HUB

Design work on the project to provide a shared footpath/cycleway from Killorglin's Laune Bridge to the FEXCO RDI Hub is now completed according to Kerry County Council. They have confirmed to Fianna Fáil Councillor, Michael Cahill that they expect to start the planning process in Q2 2024 and as soon as that is completed, the land acquisition will commence and each affected resident will be contacted separately.

"On behalf of the residents there, I was anxious to find out what progress has been made to date and the Kerry County Councils reply to me indicates

that the process is moving along as expected" stated the Rossbeigh based Councillor.

"I have pursued this project vigorously on behalf of the Killarney road residents since day one" said Councillor Cahill.

"Kerry County Council also plan to hold an information day for the local residents and public representatives in advance of the statutory planning process. It has been a long time coming, but I believe that significant progress is being made for the safety of all residents and road users on the Killorglin Killarney road" added Councillor Cahill.

GREENWAY FUNDING

The release of €8,400,000 in funding for the building of the South Kerry Greenway is a further step on the road towards the delivery of the greatest single project ever seen in the area, according to long time supporter, Fianna Fáil Councillor Michael Cahill.

"The amount of money involved is obviously enormous and befitting the delivery of a world class Greenway in South Kerry. Progress is steady and I am confident that people will visit in their droves to experience our beautiful landscape, flora and fauna, with the very best of food, accommodation and entertainment" stated the Rossbeigh based

Councillor.

"This will be a major boost to the environment and the economy of Mid and South Kerry and I would urge everybody to get on board now, to make it a success for all. Everyone living here and those hoping to return home, can succeed with vastly improved job prospects and business opportunities" said Councillor Cahill.

"As I have stated time and time again, this will be a "LIFELINE AND A GAMECHANGER" for the region" added Councillor Cahill.



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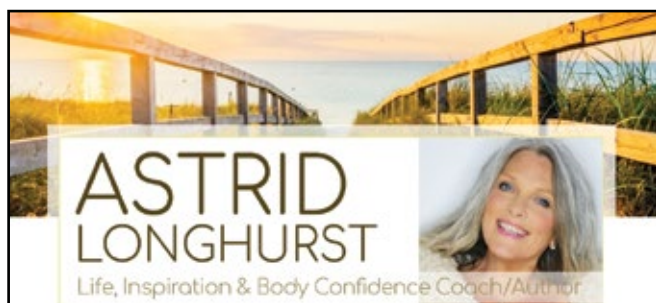


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Hyperopia – long sightedness
Hyperopia is a refractive condition of the eye where light focuses behind the retina. This makes close objects blurry, and while distant objects may appear clearer sometimes they are blurry too. If the amount of hyperopia is large enough and is left uncorrected,


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Astigmatism is where the optical surfaces are shaped more like a rugby ball than a football. This means that there is not a clear single point of focus. If left uncorrected, it can also lead to headaches and eye strain.

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KERRY COLLEGE OPEN WEEK

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Katie Hannon being presented with flowers after delivering an inspiring speech at the Listowel Campus.
L-R – Miriam Goulding, Katie Hannon, Carmel Kelly (Clash Road Campus Deputy Principal), Stephen Goulding (Clash Road, Denny Street and Listowel Campus Principal)

Kerry College Open Week 2024 welcomed over 2000 students, career changers, and jobseekers across its five campus locations in Listowel, Clash Road, Killorglin and Monavalley this week. An additional 2500 prospective learners attended the many events hosted across the week, including the Further Options Event, Information Evening, Kerry College of Beauty Open Evening, Apprenticeship Open Evening and Guest Speakers Event.

Killorglin

A much-welcomed addition to Open Week 2024 was the Killorglin Campus Open Day on Monday 19th February. Visitors enjoyed a FREE bus service from Tralee and Killarney to Killorglin Campus on Monday, setting the tone for the exciting day ahead.

Highlights included insightful discussions on careers in the Great Outdoors, showcasing the potential of outdoor/adventure therapy in youth work, and more.

The Scuba Skills Showcase impressed with demonstrations of essential diving techniques, leaving attendees inspired to dive into this

career. Attendees found serenity and strength at our Yoga Mastery Event, deepening their understanding of this ancient practice and how to turn it into a career.

People had the chance to learn more about Killorglin Campus' brand-new Nature Based Early Learning and Care course, highlighting the importance of outdoor learning and play in the field of Early Years Education.

Clash Road

Clash Road Campus visitors enjoyed guided tours of campus facilities and met with teachers and current learners during the event. Learning Support Staff were on-site to highlight the many supports available to Kerry College learners. Career Guidance Counsellors were also available to offer progression and career-related advice.

Listowel

Visitors were treated to guided tours of the newly-built campus facilities and had the opportunity to interact with teachers and current learners. Career Guidance Counsellors and Learning Support Staff were on-site to

meet with prospective learners and offer expert information.

Listowel Campus hosted several guest speakers including Katie Hannon, Tracey Grimes and Lizzy Lyons. These successful women in business inspired attendees with diverse range of insights and expertise.

Monavalley

At Monavalley Campus, visitors were offered hands-on experiences, with practical skills-based demonstrations throughout the day. Activities ranged from stone carving to virtual reality experiences overlooking Tralee from the Wind Turbine training tower. Kerry College's state-of-the-art Digital Skills Centre allowed visitors to record radio sound bites or vox pops. The highlight of the week was the Amazon Web Services Fibre Splicing Workshop. This fantastic program enabled learners to develop their skills and knowledge further. It also catered to potential career changers who were interested in learning more about this exciting and growing industry.

Killarney

At our Killarney Admissions Office, visitors connected with the Admissions Team, current learners, teachers, instructors, the Apprenticeship Team, the Business Support Unit, representatives from our Pathways Programmes, and many more! They came along to find out about the suite of full-time and part-time courses available in Killarney. Furthermore, they found out about transport, childcare, and financial supports available to help them access their Kerry College journey to success.

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'Brú na hArdteiste' (Leaving Certificate Pressure)

Le Éabha Ní Rodáin



Táim ar tí scrúdú na hArdteiste a dhéanamh agus caithfidh mé a admháil go bhfuil brú ollmhór orm agus ar mo chomhscolairí. Mar mhic léinn sa séú bhliain, táimid díreach tar éis ár réamhscrúduithe don Ardteist a chríochnú ach níl sos againn go fóill mar tá ár scrúduithe béal agus An Ardteist timpeall an chúinne. I mo thaithí féin, tá daoine i gconai ag insint dom nach shainíonn an Ardteistiméireacht mé. Cé go bhfuil said i gceart, ní athraíonn sé an méid strus a bhraithimid ag déanamh an scrúdú, go háirithe de bharr Córas na bpointí. É sin ráite, tá an t-ádh dearg orainn go bhfuil an iomraca slí chun chúrsaí a dhéanamh mura gheofaí na pointí atá ag teastáil. I mo thuairim, ba chóir an Ardteist a athrú – dá mbeadh an seans agam an chóras oideachas a athrú, churfinn níos mó measúnú leannúnach ar fáil ionad an gnáth scrúdú chun an brú a laghdú do na daltaí ar fud na tíre. Ach bíonn 'dhá insint ar gach scéal' faoi mar a deir an seanfhocal agus ar an taobh eile, tá cúpla n-ábhair scoile a dhéanann tionscadail, ar nós liníocht theichnúil, eacnamaíocht bhaile, coirpoideachais, tíreolais agus eacnamaíocht agus níl dabht ann go méadaíonn siad níos mó struis orainn chomh maith lenár gcuid oibre rialta i ngach ábhar. Chomh maith le sin, is minic a bhíonn daoine ag argóint gur annamh a dhéantar scrúdú cosúil leis an ardteist arís agus ní ullmhaíonn sé daoine ar feadh an saol réadúil tar éis scoile. Leis an méid oibre atá i gceist sa chúrsa seo, bíonn sé deacair mar dhaltaí am a fháil dár gcaitheamh aimsire. Mar sin ní fhaighimid faoiseamh ó bhrú na scoile agus is minic a cothaíonn sé dhroch-nósanna chomh maith le stíl mhaireachtála mhíshláintiúil. Tá an sean-chúrsa seo ag chur ag smaoineadh mé; an bhfuil sé ag déanamh níos mó dochair ná maitheasa do shláinte agus meabhairshláinte dhaoine óga? Ach ar deireadh tá fírinne sa seanfhocal sa chás seo 'is maith an scéalaí an aimsir'. Má leanaimid ar aghaidh ag obair mar a táimid – Le cúnamh Dé, Éireoidh go maith linn!

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MADAMA BUTTERFLY RETURNS to the INEC

Award-winning producer Ellen Kent returns to Gleneagle INEC Arena on March 10th with the Ukrainian Opera & Ballet Theatre Kyiv presenting a stunning classical production of Puccini's Madama Butterfly.

Ellen Kent's Madama Butterfly, winner of the 'BEST OPERA AWARD' by the Liverpool Daily Post Theatre Awards, returns in a new production with exquisite sets including a spectacular Japanese garden and fabulous costumes including antique wedding kimonos from Japan.

One of the world's most popular operas, Puccini's Madama Butterfly tells the heart-breaking story of the beautiful young Japanese girl who falls in love with an American naval lieutenant – with dramatic results. Highlights include the melodic 'Humming Chorus', the moving aria 'One Fine Day' and the unforgettable 'Love Duet'.

In Madama Butterfly the fabulous Korean soprano Elena Dee returns alongside Ukrainian soprano Alyona Kistenyova and Ukrainian mezzo-soprano's Natalia Matveeva and Irina Sproglis.* Madama Butterfly will be sung in Italian with English surtitles. Directed by Ellen Kent.

"Above all it was a production which captured the raw emotion at the centre of the opera.

Don't take a handkerchief with you, take a box of them." - The Independent Alike Ellen's past UK and Ireland opera tours, Ellen personally hand-picks and directs all soloists to create visually beautiful and moving productions. Ellen Kent said 'I am delighted to be working with the Ukrainian Opera & Ballet Theatre Kyiv again after the huge success of the spring 2023 tour. I started working with Ukraine in 2000 and have continued these strong relationships ever since, working with the Odessa National Opera for which I was awarded The Golden Fortune Honorary Medal from the President of the Ukraine, as well as the Kharkiv National Opera and for the last couple of years with the brilliant Opera & Ballet Theatre Kyiv.'

Tickets for Madama Butterfly on March 10th at the Gleneagle INEC Arena are available from www.inec.ie. Cast is subject to change.



Garvey's SuperValu Castleisland named among top 10 SuperValu stores in Ireland



Garvey's SuperValu Castleisland, pictured at the 2024 SuperValu Conference, at the Great Southern Killarney alongside SuperValu Managing Director, Ian Allen and SuperValu Sales Director, Dan Curtin at the finals of the 2024 SuperValu Store of the Year Award. Garvey's SuperValu Castleisland were named as one of the top ten finalists for the 2024 SuperValu Store of the Year Award. The stores were judged independently by retail consultant Paul Ellison for the coveted awards across product range and quality, customer service, store presentation and innovation, fresh food offering and store hygiene standards, as well as sustainability. Dan Curtin, SuperValu Sales Director; Dan Curtin, SuperValu Sales Director Jim Garvey, Seamus O'Connor, Kevin McCarthy Garvey's SuperValu Castleisland

Garvey's SuperValu in Castleisland was announced as a finalist in the running for the highly coveted and recognised 'SuperValu Store of the Year 2024' title, making the store one of the top 10 SuperValu stores in Ireland.

The stores had their achievements recognised at the SuperValu National Conference, which was held in the Great Southern Hotel, Killarney, where they were presented with their finalist award by Ian Allen, SuperValu Managing Director, and SuperValu Sales Director, Dan Curtin.

Paul Ellison, independent judge, and retail consultant, was tasked with assessing and adjudicating SuperValu stores around the Republic of Ireland and choosing the deserving winner. This year's store audits focused on product range and quality, customer service, store presentation and innovation, fresh food offering and store hygiene standards as well as sustainability.

SuperValu Managing Director, Ian Allen, recognised the efforts made by the Castleisland store. "Being recognised as a finalist in the SuperValu Store of the Year Awards is a testament to the hard work and commitment to retail standards shown by Garvey's SuperValu Castleisland throughout the year. Their focus on product range and quality, customer service and sustainability was evident throughout the store. Congratulations to the team at SuperValu Castleisland on this fantastic achievement."



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SHARING THE ROAD WITH CYCLISTS & PEDESTRIANS

If you're driving or cycling during this time of year, take extra caution and watch out for any new signage that has been put in place. Drivers have a duty of care towards vulnerable road-users, and there are important rules to be aware of when sharing the road.

Pedestrians

There are several instances in which pedestrians have the right-of-way, these include when a pedestrian:

- is already crossing a road
- is waiting to cross a road at a zebra crossing
- is at a pelican crossing and the amber light is flashing

Drivers and cyclists should always give way to pedestrians in these situations and, of course, always stop at a set of pedestrian lights that has turned red. Footpaths are for pedestrian use only. It's illegal to drive partly or fully onto a footpath unless you're crossing the path to enter a premises. Pedestrians can be unpredictable, and may be obstructed from view before attempting to cross the road eg. coming from between two parked vehicles, or having just alighted a bus. By reducing your speed in areas where there are a lot of pedestrians, such as in towns and cities, you allow yourself more time to react to unexpected hazards. Children's movements are especially uncertain. Be extra attentive and slow down when driving in areas where children may be present such as near schools and parks, in car-parks and in housing estates. When reversing, smaller children can't be seen in your mirrors or back window; get out and check behind you if you're in any way uncertain.

Older people and people with disabilities are also more vulnerable than others using the roads, so be patient and give them time to cross safely.

Cyclists and motorcyclists

The Rules of the Road handbook states that drivers must share the road with cyclists and motorcyclists without putting them at risk. The best ways to increase vigilance are to check mirrors and blind-spots, especially in these instances:

- when changing lanes or reversing at junctions
 - when stopping and turning (especially left)
 - when a cycle lane ends and merges with the road
 - when opening your door to exit your vehicle
- When you're overtaking cyclists as a driver, you need to allow a safe passing distance - that means leaving at least 1m between you and the cyclist when driving under 50kmph, and 1.5m when driving over that speed. Be especially careful when overtaking groups of cyclists or cyclists riding two abreast. Don't overtake a cyclist as you approach a junction if you plan to turn left. Similarly, if you're crossing traffic to turn right, watch out for cyclists travelling towards you on the opposite side of the road. 'Dooring' when a cyclist crashes into the open door of a vehicle, is a common danger for bike-users. Get into the habit of using 'the Dutch Reach' when you get out of your car. This safety technique is ingrained in driving practices in The Netherlands and involves the driver opening their door using their far hand (so, in Ireland, their left hand), forcing them to look in their mirror and over their shoulder before exiting. It's a simple technique, but it saves lives. Keep in mind too

that weather conditions impact cyclists and motorcyclists more than drivers. In strong winds they're more likely to be blown off course and when roads are wet or icy they're more susceptible to losing grip on the road.

When Can You Cross a Cycle Lane?

Tips For Drivers Cycle lanes are reserved for those on bicycles or in motorised wheelchairs and are designed to keep these road users safe from other vehicles. There are two types of bike lanes, each with different rules: According to the Rules of the Road, a cycle lane separated from the rest of the road by a continuous white line is a mandatory cycle track. It should not be crossed by any other road users - including motorcyclists - unless for access to/from a premises or side road. You cannot park in a mandatory cycle track as it endangers cyclists. Other bike lanes are distinguished by a broken white line - these are considered non-mandatory cycle tracks. Provided they are not already in use by a cyclist and it's safe to do so, drivers can temporarily cross the broken white line when necessary. If there is no alternative parking available, drivers of goods vehicles are permitted to briefly park in this kind of cycle track, but only for less than 30 minutes while loading or unloading their vehicle.



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KERRY PITCH & PUTT

NATIONAL CONVENTION

While the official start of the Pitch & Putt season locally is still a few weeks away last Saturday February 24th at the National Convention in Templemore was a big day for two Deerpark members.

Damien Fleming was honoured as the No 1 Irish Mens player for 2023, his fourth time in five years winning the award as his Deerpark club-mate Jason O'Connor formally stepped down as an officer on the National Executive after 10 years.

O'Connor served for nine years as the Association's Communications & Press Officer between 2014 and 2023 and was Honorary Secretary for the final year prior to stepping down last Saturday. It brought to an end 13 years of both Deerpark and Kerry representation on the National Executive with both O'Connor and Fleming along with their club-mate Ger O'Connor having served on the National Executive in different capacities between 2011 and 2024.

Elsewhere at the County Board AGM back in January, Christy O'Mahony of Tralee succeeded John McGrath of Deerpark as Chairman after John decided to step down following two years in the role. We thank John for serving over the last two years and wish him well on the playing front this year. Jason O'Connor stepped down as Secretary of the same organisation after six years but remains on as PRO for the coming year. Audrey O'Mahony is the new Competition Secretary with Orla O'Mahony also joining the County Board as a Non-Portfolio Officer.

2024 KERRY PITCH & PUTT IRELAND OFFICERS

Chairman: Christy O'Mahony (Tralee)

Secretary: Jason Cregan (Tralee)

Treasurer: Sean O'Brien (Deerpark)

Registrar: Vince Barry (Castleisland)

Competition Secretary: Audrey O'Mahony (Tralee)

PRO: Jason O'Connor (Deerpark)

U16 Officer: Gearoid Cronin (Deerpark)

Non-Portfolio: Orla O'Mahony (Tralee), Second Position to be co-opted.

As March 1st is the official start of the playing year in the sport, the first major event will be the Adult County Matchplay Championships on the weekend of April 14th in Deerpark. Entry forms and other particulars for the event will be distributed to clubs in the coming weeks

DEERPARK PITCH & PUTT

SUNDAY DRAWS

Fourball Betterball- First Nett: Noel Moynihan & Betty O'Brien 42½ (B9), Gross: Gearoid Cronin & Daniel Kelly 48 and Second Nett: Gearoid Cronin & Robbie O'Brien Snr 42½.

NATIONAL CONVENTION

It was a day of presentations for club members at the National Convention in Templemore last Saturday. Damien Fleming was honoured as Irish No 1 Mens player for 2023 as Jason O'Connor was honoured by Pitch & Putt Ireland on the occasion of stepping down after 10 years as an NEC Officer. This ends a period of 13 years of club members serving on the NEC between 2011 and 2024 with Damien, Jason and Ger O'Connor all serving well on the national board in that time. Damien dedicated his No 1 award on the day to Jason in recognition of being there and seeing him on the way to the top of the game- a great gesture!

2024 MEMBERSHIP

Membership is now due as of March 1st. Single Adult- €150, OAP- €100, Juvenile- €80 Family- €300 and Associate- €133. Contact Registrar Bobby Kelly in relation to all membership queries.



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CLUB MATCHPLAY

This event (sponsored by Murphy's Bar) will take place primarily on Easter Sunday March 31st with the finals to be completed by the following Sunday April 7th. Further details in the weeks ahead. We encourage interested players to ensure they are registered early to play in both this and the County Matchplay which we host on Sunday April 14th.



Maine Valley Members Golf Club Captain's drive in - Wishing the very best of luck to captain Pat Healy, Lady Captain Marie Gleeson & President Mary Ann Downes for the upcoming 2024 season. Photo by Marie Kennedy.

PRESTIGIOUS AWARD FOR AUTOPOINT MOTOR GROUP



The Autopoint Motor Group Tralee has won the Prestigious National Independent Retailer Operation Award 2024.

After being shortlisted in the above category, Autopoint Motor Group Tralee is celebrating after winning the overall SIMI National Award for Independent Retailer Operation 2024.

The awards ceremony was held in the Clayton Hotel - Burlington Road on the 22nd of February last at the SIMI's Irish Motor Industry awards. Presentations on the night were made by the President of the SIMI Paddy Magee, Brian Cooke, Director General of the SIMI, and John Feeney, Head of Property, Project & Asset-backed Finance of Bank of Ireland Finance. The Master of Ceremonies for the evening and host of the Awards Ceremony was Simon Delaney.

The Tralee based company, Autopoint Motor Group, which has grown from strength to strength having previously won SIMI awards in 2016, 2018, 2020 and 2022. This award was won for their forward-thinking approach to sales, both offline and online, and exemplary customer service.

"A huge thank you to our dedicated team and our loyal customers for driving us to success. This award fuels our passion for delivering exceptional service and quality vehicles to our community over the last two decades" Managing Director Brian Hanafin commented.

The award winners, adjudicated by an independent panel, operate across all sectors of the Irish Motor Industry. Companies selected demonstrated an award-winning level of excellence and best practice over the last 12 months.

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Pictured are: L-R: Paddy Magee President of SIMI, John Feeney Bank of Ireland with John Dillon and Brian Hanafin of Autopoint Motor Group winners of the Award for Independent Retailer Operation of the Year 2024, Brian Cooke Director General of SIMI.



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The Kerry County Roads took place last Sunday in Beaufort. Killarney Valley AC Senior Team came 1st which included Jack O'Leary (2nd), Eoin O'Reilly (3rd), Donald O'Sullivan and Paul Doolan.



Killarney Rugby Club U16 girls who were in action at the weekend.

KILLARNEY RUGBY CLUB

3 KILLARNEY U18 GIRLS MAKE IRELAND SQUAD

Congratulations to Emma Dunican, Ava O'Malley and FIA Whelan who were selected for the Ireland Women's U18 squad for the forthcoming U18 Six Nations tournament in Wales. A very proud occasion for the club, following on from the 3 girls playing with Munster U18 in the Interpros last week. Best of luck to the girls.

SENIORS WIN AT HOME

Very well done to our Seniors who were in Munster Junior League action last weekend at Aghadoe, winning 41 points to 5 against Waterford City RFC. Try scorers were Brendan Fuller, Eoin Gleeson, Ciaran O'Brien, Donnchda Grealy, Alan Lynch, Padraic Talbot & Liam Randles and conversions by Donnchadh Grealy (1) Ciaran O'Brien (2). This weekend the lads host Castleisland. Kick off on Sunday is at 2:30pm.

BAKE SALE A HUGE SUCCESS

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Bake Sale in aid of our Youths Easter Tour to Toulouse, at Minis last Saturday. A huge thank you to all who purchased and a sincere thank you to all who baked and brought along the fantastic goodies on the day. Thank you also to all those who helped out in the running of the day and a special thanks to Catherine Clifford for all the hard work putting it all together. In all over €740 was raised.

U16 GIRLS

Very well done to our Killarney/Iveragh/Listowel U16 girls who go through to round 2 of the Munster U16 Cup following a 33 - 19 win over Bruff at Aghadoe last Saturday. A cracker of a game which was tied with 10 minutes to go, the girls played some really lovely flowing rugby. Well done to all the girls, coaches and team management. Thanks to everyone who came up to support the girls and who helped out with the post match hospitality. Tomorrow the girls are away in to Ennis in round 2. All support very welcome.

RESULTS

U14 Boys: Killarney 12 - 15 Bruff

U16 girls: Killarney 33 - 19 Bruff

U16 boys: Killarney 7 - 14 Nenagh Ormond

Seniors: Killarney 41 - 5 Waterford City

FIXTURES

U18 Girls V Ennis, Away. Sat @ 12:30pm

U16 Girls V Ennis, Away. Sat @ 11am

U14 Girls V Mallow, Home. Sat @ 12

Seniors V Castleisland, Home. Sun @ 2:30pm

KILLARNEY SWIMMING CLUB

There were 25 Killarney Swimming Club swimmers representing their Community Games Areas at the Community Games County Swimming Finals in Tralee on Sunday. We represented Spa Muckross, Beaufort, Killorglin, Fossa, Kilcummin & Milltown / Listry. We had 21 medal winners.

Five Killarney Swimmers will now go on to Nationals in Kilkenny to represent Kerry in the Finals in June.

Shane Tomlinson in the U16 Freestyle

Ella Cremin in the U16 Backstroke

Lara O'Brien Leahy in the U14 Back

Daniel Cremin in the U12 Backstroke

Aideen Casey in the U10 Back

Well done to all of our swimmers!

KILLARNEY VALLEY ATHLETIC CLUB

The Kerry County Roads took place last Sunday in Beaufort. Our Senior Team came 1st which

included Jack O'Leary (2nd), Eoin O'Reilly (3rd), Donald O'Sullivan and Paul Doolan.

The Munster Indoor Juvenile Championships were held in Nenagh last weekend. Kieran Moloney came 1st in the U14 Shot Put. Eoin O'Reilly came 1st in the U23 3000m. Babatunde Smith came 2nd in the U15 60mH and High Jump. Bebhinn O'Donoghue came 3rd in the U15 Pole Vault. Naoise Cronin came 3rd in the U16 Pole Vault. Anna O'Shea came 3rd in the U17 Pole Vault. Dominik Wasila came 3rd in the U17 Long Jump. Congrats and well done to them.

The route of the Streets of Killarney 5 mile road race has been revealed and promises to be epic. Join us on Good Friday March 29th and don't miss out. Register now on:- <https://killarneyvalleyac.ie/streets-of-killarney-5mile-good-friday-road-race/>

Our Easter Camps are booking up fast so book early on our website to avoid disappointment. We have indoor and outdoor facilities for kids aged 5-12yrs. Book March 25th-28th or April 2nd -5th.

All relevant information on our club is on our website www.killarneyvalleyac.ie.

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attended last Fridays dance night fundraiser at the Killarney Avenue. Both young and old helped to keep the dance floor full all evening with a wide selection of dances from sets, jives to waltzes. Jerry McCarthy & Co provided excellent music on the night.

The club would like to sincerely thank all who bought tickets and attended on the night. Fantastic home baking and excellent spot prizes contributed to a memorable night.

Funds raised are greatly appreciated and will assist all our rowers in competitions for the up and coming year.

MUCKROSS ROWING CLUB

MEMBERSHIP 2024

Club membership is now due for both existing and new members. Details have been communicated on email and Clubforce. Please ensure membership payment is completed online at the earliest opportunity. Further to our AGM, membership fees for 2024 remain unchanged from 2023.

CORK HOR

This Saturday, March 2nd, the club will compete in the annual Cork Head Of the River taking place at the city marina. The club has 39 crews entered from Junior 14 to Masters with the 4km time trial taking place between 9am and 3pm. Best of luck to all our crews! All help and assistance with trailer unloading at the MRC boathouse on Sunday morning is also appreciated if there are any adults and parents of junior members who have an hour to spare.

EVENTS

The Tribesmen Head Of the River is the final HOR (time trial) event for 2023/24 before the regatta season kicks off in April. The Tribesmen Head event takes place in Galway on Saturday 16th March. The regatta season will then get underway with a busy few weeks of racing. Bantry Sprint Regatta, Sat April 6th, Reendonegan Lake, Bantry; Skibbereen Grand League Regatta, Sat April 13th, NRC Farran; Limerick Regatta, Sat 20th April, O'Briensbridge. Coaches will also advise each group of competition plans for the weeks and months ahead.



Killarney Swimming Club Swimmers



Fifteen year old Killarney Swimming Club member Ella Cremin has been selected to represent Swim Munster at the International competition in Swansea in March as part of Swim Munster's Regional Development Programme. Ella is 1 of 25 swimmers across the region selected to take part in the elite training programme. Ella will be competing in five events 100m butterfly, 50m backstroke, 100m backstroke, 200m backstroke and 100m freestyle. This is her first International competition and is a huge achievement for Ella and the Killarney Swimming Club. Ella is pictured with her Head Coach Erin McNulty at the Killarney Sports and Leisure Club. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



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The Munster Minor Championship –
Round 3

KERRY TOPPLE TIPP

Kerry 4-11 -v- Tipperary 1-12

Kerry got back to winning ways in the Munster Minor Championship with an eight-point win at home to Tipperary in Fitzgerald Stadium on Saturday. Three goals in the first half proving crucial in the outcome of this game. The visitors started the brightest with two points inside the first two minutes from Ciara O'Hora and Molly Gilmartin. Katie Doe reduced the deficit for the home side with a free but once again Tipperary showed to be the hungrier side in the early exchanges with a further two points to open up a three-point lead. Both goalkeepers were called into action in the early exchanges with each pulling off excellent saves. As Kerry settled more into the game so did the scores for the home side. Frees from Katie Doe & Leah McMahon saw the deficit reduced to one before Lucy O'Connor goaled in the twelfth minute to take the lead for the first time in the game. Kerry was now on top throughout the field with the defence dealing with any threat Tipperary posed up front. Further goals from Lisa Slattery and Mary Kate Smith following good team play saw Kerry go in at the break eight points in front. Tipperary's final score in the half coming from Ciara O'Hora. The second half proved to be even on the scoreboard as both sides scored 1-06 a piece. Mary Kate Smith and Katie Doe extended the hosts lead out to ten points in the early exchanges. It wasn't until midway through the second half that Tipperary began to come more into the game. Two points from Ciara O'Hora and a converted penalty from the same player saw the deficit reduced to six with twelve minutes remaining. Substitute Emer Dawn reduced to deficit to five shortly after but in truth this game was never in danger for Kerry. As both sides exchanged scores late on Katie Doe's penalty attempt went over the bar before Tipperary substitute Emily Spillane registered the final score of the game to see Kerry win out deserving winners.

Kerry Scorers: K Doe (0-07 3f), L McMahon (1-03 1f), M K Smith (1-01), L O'Connor (1-0), L Slattery (1-0)

Tipperary Scorers: C O'Hora (1-06 1p 3f), M Gilmartin (0-01) E Dolan (0-02), E Spillane (0-01), E Dawn (0-01), E Franklin (0-01)

Kerry: B Nic an tSithign, A O'Donoghue, É Ní Laignin, G Murphy, M Mulvihill, S O'Donovan, L O'Sullivan, K Enright, K Ryan, L O'Connor, M K Smith, L Slattery, L O'Connor, L McMahon, K Doe
Subs: A Murphy for L O'Connor, T Murphy for L Slattery, C Dwyer for M Mulvihill

Tipperary: S Smith, N O'Farrell, S Luttrell, C Shelly, E Cuddihy, E Cremins, L Coppinger, S O'Carroll, E Franklin, H Butler, L O'Brien, M Gilmartin, E Dolan, A McCormack, C O'Hora

Subs: M Crowe for H Butler, S Coughlan for N O'Farrell, E Spillane for M Crowe, E Dwan for E Dolan, C Dwyer for M Mulvihill, A Reddan for A McCormack.

Referee Mark Murphy

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It's 35 years since the Lidl Comórtas Peile Páidí Ó Sé began and there is no stopping this juggernaut of a GAA club festival with over 600 players playing football, socialising and filling up hotels and BnB's across the Dingle Peninsula last weekend, a huge economic boost to the area during the off-season.

As usual, some well-known people were part of the line-up including former Down 1994 All-Ireland winning captain DJ Kane who managed Cooley Kickhams in the senior men's cup, Multi All-Ireland winning Dublin all-star Lyndsey Davey who lined out Skerries Harps in the junior ladies cup, Dublin legend Joe McNally, who managed St. Anne's to victory in the intermediate men's cup and Johnny B O'Brien of The Two Johnnies who was player/manager whose native Cahir GAA of Tipperary lost the junior men's final by one point to Galbally of Limerick.

Comórtas Chairman, Pádraig Óg Ó Sé said; "We are thrilled to keep driving forward Páidí's vision to attract new people to the peninsula every year to play Gaelic football. It's a big organisational and financial undertaking and special mention has to go to Lidl, our title sponsor. They have really changed the ladies game in Ireland and have been with us for six years now, which shows their commitment to our national sport. We also have strong partners in Dooctor.ie, Medel healthcare, EJMenswear.ie, Udaras Na Gaeltachta and Kerry County Council Tourism Unit who see the value of being part of one of the most well-known GAA club tournaments in the country."

Pádraig Óg Ó Sé continued, "Our volunteers and locals clubs who give us their pitches are vital and the goodwill is unreal from everyone involved to make this happen annually."

There was no silverware for Kerry clubs this year. Corca Dhuibhne, Scartaglin and MKL lined out in the ladies intermediate round-robin competition. Corca Dhuibhne had a winning start beating Ballymore of Longford

4-6 to 1-3 but fell to St. Maur's of Dublin 2-11 to 4 points. On the other side of the draw, Kerry's MKL and Scartaglin lost out on their matches to Sligo's Eoghan Rua, the eventual winners of the cup who beat St. Maur's of Dublin in the final by 3-4 to five points. Scartaglin did get a victory in their final round-robin match, beating MKL by 2-8 to 2-2.

Daingean Uí Chúis lost out in the junior ladies first round to eventual cup winners Round Towers of London by 1-10 to 0-2.

Galbally of Limerick beat Kerry's Beale, last year's champions, in the junior men's cup straight semi-final after extra time by 2-14 to 2-9 in Castlegregory. Galbally went on to beat Johnny B's Cahir of Tipp by a single point on a scoreline of 2-8 to 13 points.

St. Anne's of Dublin, managed by Dublin footballing legend Joe McNally won the intermediate men's final, beating Ballycumber of Offaly 4-20 to 2-9.

In the senior men's final, Clane of Kildare coasted to victory this one against Courtwood of Laois by 5-10 to 6 points while last year's ladies senior cup winners CLonguish of Longford lost to Burrishoole of Mayo by 13 points to six points.



Johnny B O'Brien of The Johnnies comedy duo having a chat with Comórtas chairman Pádraig Ó Sé in Gallarus before his team Cahir of Tipperary competed in the junior men's cup at the Lidl Comórtas Peile Páidí Ó Sé football tournament which took place in West Kerry at the weekend.



Members of the MKL Gaels LGFA team taking part in the Lidl Comórtas Peile Páidí Ó Sé which took place at the weekend in West Kerry. L to R: Caoimhe Evans, Claire O'Sullivan, Liam Flood, Emma Tagney, Maeve Rochford, Mairead Lehane and Niamh Broderick.

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UTILITY TRUST ST PAULS VS MARBLE CITY HAWKS REPORT AND LEAGUE SEMI FINAL PREVIEW

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O Loughlin Gaels GAA Club

UTILITY TRUST ST PAULS 100 MARBLE CITY HAWKS 46

Report by Enda Walshe

Utility Trust St Pauls limbered up for their massive league semi final next weekend at home with a routine win over the Marble City Hawks in O'Loughlin Gaels GAA Club this evening. With a busy few weeks for some of the squad with other commitments Coach James Fleming chose to assign some downtime to some integral figures with Lorraine Scanlon, Niamh Ni Chonchuir, Siobhan Burns and Leah McMahon all on the easy list with GAA commitments.

It did little to disrupt the rhythm that they have been accumulating of late and also had the upside of giving much deserved game time to the likes of Cliona Coffey. MVP last weekend Meabh Barry continued her good vein of form while the usual suspects of Khiarica Rasheed and Sofia Paska led the scoring returns. With the steady hands of Rheanne O Shea and Denise Dunlea at the wheel, the Hawks, without their two Americans Briana Bailey and Olivia Crigler, had no answer to the visitors despite the efforts of Aoibhin Dunphy and Faye McDonnell.

Gemma Lawlor and Faye McDonnell gave the Hawks a quick start but Khiarica Rasheed, who was prolific in this quarter, quickly responded as did Sofia Paska. Aoibhin Dunphy and McDonnell kept the Hawks in touch but Rasheed was rampant at this stage. Denise Dunlea, who started on the bench, poured in five points and St Pauls ominously opened up a 28-15 first quarter lead.

The dye was now well and truly cast with St Pauls remaining dominant through the strong play of Sofia Paska with Rheanne O'Shea and Meabh Barry scoring at will. The two Aoibhins, Dunphy and Timmons, were doing their utmost but Paska and Rasheed were dominant, helping St Pauls into a 49-27 interval advantage.

Rheanne O'Shea kick-started a third quarter purple patch, she hit eight points early, Denise Dunlea and Meabh Barry taking the cue to open it out to 68-31. Dunphy and McDonnell tried to arrest the slide but Paska and Rasheed kept the scoreboard ticking going into the last quarter. The final quarter

was a formality despite Mc Donnell raging against the fading light. Paska, Rasheed and O Shea all chipped in a further five points each, Lynn Jones hit her customary three while Cliona Coffey hit a neat basket to cap off her night's work. It helped St Pauls hit the century mark as they ran out winners on a 100-46 scoreline.

Sofia Paska hit 27 points, Khiarica Rasheed had 26, Rheanne O'Shea shot 16. Denise Dunlea 13, Lynn Jones 5 and Cliona Coffey 2. For the Hawks Faye McDonnell shot 14, Aoibhin Dunphy 12, Aoibhinn Timmons 8, Gemma Lawlor 7 and Maria Connolly 5.

LEAGUE SEMI FINAL PREVIEW

A facile win but the real work begins again this Saturday, March 2nd, with that home League semi final top of the agenda. The opponents have now been confirmed as Templeogue with game tipping off at 4pm in the Presentation Gym. The club from the Southwestern suburb of Dublin finished second in the Northern Conference, grabbing twelve wins and losing just four times. An interesting insight into their four losses is that three of them were to Southern Conference sides, namely the two Limericks, Celtics and Huskies, and St Pauls. The Limerick defeats were in the Treaty City and St Pauls inflicted the sole home defeat on them back in November. That defeat, on a 74-67 scoreline, could come with an asterisk as one of their two Americans Madeline Holland was playing with an injury and her contribution was curtailed. They started the season with five straight wins and Californian Holland has been their mainstay. Alisha Lewis is a graduate of the University of Georgia and she has averaged 15 points per game this season. Lynn Tunnah has been in outstanding form recently and chipped in 24 points last time out against St Pauls. Their most recent win against Dublin rivals and Northern Conference top dogs Swords Thunder was very impressive and Aoife Whelan and Aoife Byrne were central to that triumph.

It's no exaggeration to say that this is probably one of the biggest Women's basketball games to be ever played in Killarney and a huge home support is expected to cheer the team on, with promotion to the Superleague only two wins away for either side. Swords Thunder entertain the Limerick Celtics in the other semi final.

SCOTTS LAKERS VS TITANS MATCH REPORT

InsureMyVan.ie Mens Basketball League
Saturday February 24th
The Jes, Galway

TITANS 91 SCOTTS LAKERS 84

Report by Enda Walshe

A greater scoring spread ensured that when Scott's Lakers look back at season's end, they will "remember the Titans" as the Galway side picked up the win in "The Jes" on the Sea Road. And while the Westerners may have found wins scarce, the warning signs were there from the meeting between the same two sides last October. On the occasion the Titans outscored the Lakers in three of the four quarters but were undone by a second quarter blitz. Ironically the visitors improved that stat, winning two of the four quarters but they just couldn't reel the ravenous Titans, whose confidence visibly grew as the game progressed.

Deontae Robertson and Comhghall McCormack caused the Lakers all sorts of problems in the opening half with Jackson Soper taking over the tormentor in chief duties, especially in the final quarter. Samuel Mensah was also a physical presence throughout and every time it looked like the Lakers were getting a foothold in the game, one of the aforementioned shut the door firmly on that idea. All is not lost though for the Lakers as their rivals for a play off place both lost over the weekend, the Limerick Sport Eagles, to their city rivals the Celtics and the Waterford Vikings, to UCD Marian. All of which means that two wins will absolutely guarantee the Lakers a playoff place, and maybe even one. And with a Killarney Derby next weekend on the menu, all eyes will be on that for the bounceback.

While the opening quarter belonged to the Titans it was noticeable that it was Eoin Carroll who was taking the game to them early. He had to as Comhghall McCormack hit two early threes and Mensah and Robertson were causing problems taking the ball to the rim. Braden Bell got his eye in, Washington hit his stock shot three and with Oisin Spring also netting they still had the Titans in sight at 26-20. Robertson had the last word of the quarter, with the Titans nine clear 29-20.

Early free throws from Bell and another three from Washington made it 31-25 but Malik Thiam was now on court for the Titans, his size again an inconvenience for the Lakers. The lead was now in double figures, 35-25 but good work from Carroll and Bell trimmed it to five, 39-34. It must also be said at this point that Rui Saravias influence on the game was curtailed by some early fouls as Mark Sheehan and Jamie O Sullivan toiled hard against the physically bigger Titans. Some smart play from Washington, answering further points from Robertson,



had the game at a manageable 46-42. The third quarter was equally tight but one in which the Lakers could never get their noses in front. Washington hit early but Declan Gbinigie responded. Braden Bell hit a three midway through the quarter to make it a two point game, 56-54 as the Lakers missed two opportunities to get ahead. The previously benched Jackson Soper was starting to heat up now for the hosts but Bell and Carroll maintained the gap to three, 62-59, at the three quarter stage. The fourth quarter, as is often the case, was the highest scoring, as the Titans made the break for home. Threes from McCormack, Soper and Brian Gaffney put them twelve clear with a little under five minutes to go. Soper stretched it to fourteen, 78-64, as the home crowd were starting to crank up the noise. But back came the Lakers, through Washington and Bell, to halve the deficit with 1.56 to go. But Thiam and Soper were now ebullient for the Titans and with Robertson arriving on cue, the game was up at 91-78. Washington did throw in two late three pointers but it was all academic, the scoreboard reading 91-78 in the Titans favour. Not the best of nights for the Lakers with four

players on the scoresheet, the upcoming Cougars game, a chance for redemption. But credit must go to the Titans who worked hard for the win. Leondre Washington hit 34, Braden Bell 31, Eoin Carroll 17 and Oisín Spring 2. Deontae Robertson shot 25 for the winners, Comhghall McCormack 19, Jackson Soper 17, Samuel Mensah 12, Malik Thiam 8, Declan Gbinigie 4. The Killarney Derby Part Two takes place this Saturday night in the Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre with a 7.30pm tip off. The Lakers will be keen to get that trip up the West Coast out of their system and grab another win in the race for the playoffs. But the Cougars will be a tough nut to crack, buoyed no doubt by their win over the very same Titans. In Marty Hill and Darius Hopkins they have a high scoring duo. Oleg Drahanchuk is efficient as an outside shooter while the wily Andrew Fitzgerald is always good for a solid contribution. Since the Cougars have come into the league these games have always been highly competitive, typified by last January's game which the Lakers won on a 101-93 scoreline. With a big crowd expected the advice is to get there early!!

LEAH TO DON THE IRISH JERSEY AGAIN

St. Paul's star basketball player Leah McMahon has secured a place in the Ireland team ahead of Four Nations Tournament. This week the team's head coach Tommy O'Mahony reduced his squad to 16, as the focus turns towards the upcoming in Scotland.

Ireland will travel to Dundee, Scotland to take on Scotland, England and Wales

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Leah, the daughter of Karl and Aine McMahon was a member of the Irish Under 16 Basketball Team last year.



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BALLYHAR DYNAMOS FC

TEAMS

The Club U6s & U7s had a useful workout v MEK on Saturday last. Thanks to the Parents & Coaches of both clubs for facilitating the stars of the future.

The U13 team two welcomed Killorglin B to Murt Scott Park with Killorglin taking the points on a 2-4 win. The visitors led 1-2 at the break with Charlie Curran scoring from the penalty spot. Charlie added a second during the second half after good work by Ciaran Ferris & Brian Evans. Adam Quirke, Brendan Flynn & Ruairi Casey were also in good form throughout the game. The seniors travelled to the KDL on Saturday evening to play Castlegregory FC in League action. Ballyhar conceded twice just before the break & late in the second half to fall to a 3-0 defeat. There were four youths in the starting line up who played very well along with Trevor O Shea, Dan O Shea, Danny Cronin, Alan Moriarty & Mike Daly.

TEAM OF THE WEEK

Daniel Duggan of the clubs u14 premier squad was selected on the KSB team of the week. Daniel is the last line of defence between the posts and has had a great season. Well done Daniel.

SYMPATHY

The Club offers its condolences to the Kerrisk Family, Ballyhar, the Goulding Family, Ballyhar & the Quirke Family, Furies on their recent family bereavements.

KILLARNEY CELTIC

CELTIC LOTTO

Numbers drawn 1,4,18,20. No jackpot winner. Match 3 winners received €40. Next jackpot €6,000 on Monday March 4th. Tickets available from The Dungeon Bookshop, club members and online through clubzap.

U15 PREMIER

Killorglin AFC 1-2 Killarney Celtic

Luca Mosca, Ignacy Truchan

Celtic kept up their recent good run with a win over Killorglin last Sunday. Luca Mosca broke the deadlock just before halftime. In the 2nd half Ignacy Truchan stretched the lead before Killorglin pulled 1 back. Celtic held on to their lead to take the win.

U15 DIV 2

Killarney Celtic 1-0 Dingle Bay Rovers

Andrew Sheehan

A very tight game which was decided by a sweeping move that went the full length of the pitch and resulted in Andrew Sheehan finishing to the net. Celtic defended very well to hold on to their lead and claim these vital points. The win keeps Celtic B in the mix for the divisional title.

U14 NATIONAL TROPHY

Cherry Orchard FC 2-0 Killarney Celtic

Despite a spirited effort Celtic U14 exited the National Trophy in Dublin last weekend. Cherry Orchard scored an early goal. Celtic came back into the game but could not find the equaliser. Late in the 2nd half Cherry Orchard scored from a penalty and Celtic therefore exited the competition. Well done to players and management on a memorable run in the competition.

U13 DIV 2

Killarney Celtic B 6-1 Mastergeeha B

Conor Doherty 2, David Ajibare, Fahim Hossain, Cathal O Donovan, Roan Clifford

Celtic B had a good win over Mastergeeha B last weekend.

U12 PREMIER

Killarney Celtic 6-0 Killorglin AFC

Cillian Scannell, Sean Doyle, Conor Doherty, Paul McGrath, Jack Kissane

Celtic A continued on their winning ways with a clear cut win over Killorglin. This win leaves Celtic right in the mix for league honours. Next up is a game with MEK.

U12 DIV 1

Killarney Celtic White 4-0 St Brendans Park

Josh O'Donoghue, David Ajibare, Rowan Murphy, Hugh Fleming

Celtic B had a fine win over Park B in a very entertaining game last Saturday morning.

GIRLS

U12 CUP

Killarney Celtic 6-0 Iveragh

Leah Mannix 3, Seodhna O'Sullivan 2, Aimee Shine
Celtic moved to the next round of the cup after a good win over Iveragh. Celtic were clear by half time and continued to play good football in the 2nd half.

CONGRATS to Dara Horan U15 who made the KSBGL Team of the Week and to Mia Cox who made the Girls Roll of Honour. Congrats to Pa McCarthy who has signed for Kerry FC U14 and

who scored in their win over CK Utd FC.

KILLARNEY ATHLETIC AFC

U17 CUP 1/4 FINAL

Tralee Dynamo's 1-6 Killarney Athletic

Jake Nash, James Dempsey

Both teams went into today's game down a few bodies due to various reasons but it was Athletic who came out on top and progress to the semis. From start to finish the whole squad put in a massive performance. We took the lead after 15 minutes when Luke Doolan set up Jake Nash to lash the ball to the roof of the net. Jake added his second via a volley from a Liam O'Brien cross. 2-0 at half time. The guys came out firing again straight after half time and James Dempsey made it 3 nil with a finish inside the box and then added another when he was on the end of a lovely team move down the right after great running by John Murphy which was goal of the game. Jake completed his hat trick soon after when he got on the end of a ball over the top and finished first time from the right hand side of the box. Dynamos grabbed a consolation to make it 5-1 but there was still time left for James to complete his hat trick just before full time with a side footed volley in the box. Some great performances throughout the team but special mention has to go to Jake who came straight from a GAA game and was outstanding in everything he did. Thanks to Dynamo's for a sporting game. We now look forward to a cup semi final against the winners of Killorglin and Kenmare

U15 DIVISION 2

Killarney athletic 2-3 st Brendan's park

Jack Fleming Jayden Hurley

The blues welcomed park to Woodlawn this afternoon in their final league game of the season. The boys had a poor first half and trailed 2-0 at halftime. Athletic were still asleep as The Tralee side got their 3rd within the first 5 minutes of the second half. This woke the blues up as they pulled one back through Jack. Athletic got their second from an unbelievable long range effort from Jayden to make it 3-2. The boys pushed and were unlucky not to equalise through some chances from twomey who was brilliant again today, and some brilliant set piece deliveries from Jayden late on and even had a goal disallowed for offside. Another 3-2



Killarney Celtic U14 squad vs Cherry Orchard in the National Trophy



Ballyhar Dynamos FC u8s who played Milltown FC During the past week



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Pádraig Corkery
Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs



The MEK Galaxy U13 Div 2 South Team



Well done to former Killarney Athletic U 14 players Éanna Hennigan and Cian Hegarty who both started and performed really well for Kerry FC in a fine 3-2 win on their league of Ireland debuts v Carlow Killkenny

loss which has been the story of our season unfortunately. We've the cup to look forward to for the rest of the season where we hope to go far

U12 GIRLS CUP RESULT

Killorglin 0 - 2 Killarney Athletic

Leah Heinemann, Erica Maloney

Our U12 girls made the trip to Killorglin this morning in the Cup and put in a dominant display. We started on the front foot and were unlucky not to be ahead when Roisin hit the crossbar and the keeper saved well from Evie. However, we eventually found net when Leah ran onto a through ball from Clodagh and finished coolly to the bottom corner to keep her impressive goal scoring streak going. HT 1-0 Athletic. The second half started in the same vein with Athletic on the front foot and our pressure finally told when Erica ran through and finished well to the Killorglin net. Our girls saw out the remainder of the game with all 17 players playing their part. An all round excellent performance from the girls on a tight heavy

pitch and player of the match Lucy Myles edged it, putting in an outstanding performance. FT 2-0 Athletic

U12 DIVISION 2 TEAM

Killarney Athletic 3 Killorglin 0

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MEK GALAXY

U13 DIV 2 SOUTH

Killarney Athletic C 1 v 3 MEK Galaxy B

Well done to our lads this morning who came away with a win in a hard fought game against with Killarney Ath.

This is the 3rd time this year the two teams have met, twice in the league and once pre season and this Killarney Athletic A.F.C. side has gone from strength to strength so our boys needed to

be at their best today.

It was an evenly contested first half and Eoin Murphy struck the first of the game just before half time after an exquisite assist from Tristan Cryan.

The second half both teams worked hard but after some great support from our midfielder Eoin Murphy notched two more with a stunning second to make it 3v0.

The hard working athletic side scored a great free kick towards the end of the game and piled on the pressure in the closing stages but our MEK team worked just as hard to keep them out and came away with a deserved 3 points.

Well done to both teams and many thanks to the supporters, coaches and official today

Goals: Eoin Murphy

POTM: Tough to pick from such a great Team performance but for his brilliant Hatrick Eoin Murphy was brilliant today as was the creative Tristan Cryan



The Fossa U13-Girls Indoor Soccer Team, Gold Medal Winners at the Kerry Community Games Finals held last Sunday (18th April, in Duagh)



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Killarney Community CCTV Project – Killarney Town Centre CCTV Scheme

Kerry County Council have prepared plans to establish the “Killarney Community CCTV Project – Killarney Town Centre CCTV Scheme” as approved by The Commissioner An Garda Síochána, under Section 38 of the Garda Síochána Act 2005, and part funded by the Department of Justice.

Non-Statutory Public Consultation

The Council is undertaking a broad public consultation to seek the observations, views and suggestions of the local community and all the key stakeholders regarding the proposed Killarney Town Centre CCTV Scheme.

An open day will be held on Thursday the 7th of March 2024 at the ANAM centre from 2.00pm to 7:00pm and a webinar from 7:00pm to 8.00pm where Kerry County Council will present the plans for this scheme.

Plans and Particulars of the proposed scheme are available for inspection during normal office hours from **Thursday, 29th of February 2024 to Wednesday, 20th March 2024** at the following locations;

- Kerry County Council, Killarney MD & Area Office, The Town Hall, Killarney.
- Kerry County Council Consultation Platform <https://consult.kerrycoco.ie/>

Observations, views and submissions in relation to the above can be made using the consultation platform or in writing (and marked) to:

Killarney Non-Statutory Public Consultation


To: Kerry County Council, Killarney MD & Area Office, The Town Hall, Killarney, V93 KH5V

And must be received by 5.00 pm on Wednesday, 20th March 2024

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1st Monday

8.15 PM
8.30 PM
9.00 PM
9.30 PM

Rathmore & Gneeveguilla

Top of the Hill, Rathmore
Bridge Bar, Rathmore
Dennehy's Bar, Rathmore
Richie McAuliffe's, Gneeveguilla

1st Wednesday

8.00 PM
8.30 PM
9.00 PM
9.30 PM

Killarney Area

Torc Hotel, Lissivigeen
The Village Inn, Kilcummin
Old Killarney Inn, Aghadoe
The Golden Nugget, Fossa

1st Thursday

8.30 PM
9.00 PM
9.30 PM
10.00 PM

Glenflesk & Barraduff

The Kerry Way, Glenflesk
Spillane's Headford
Murphy's Bar, Barraduff
Sweeney's Bar, Barraduff

1st Friday

9.30 PM
10.00 PM
10.30 PM

Tuosist & Lauragh

Sailors Bar, Killaha West
Helen's Bar Kilmacalogue
The Lake House Tuosist

3rd Monday

8.30 PM
9.00 PM
9.30 PM
9.45 PM

Knocknagoshel & Brosna

O'Connor's Bar, Knocknagoshel
Walsh's Bar, Knocknagoshel
Kate Pat's Bar, Brosna
Sportsfield Bar, Brosna

3rd Friday

7.30 PM
8.00 PM
8.15 PM
9.00 PM
9.30 PM

Castleisland Area

River Island Hotel, Castleisland
The Kingdom Bar, Castleisland
The Crown Hotel, Castleisland
Hughes Bar, Cordal
Lyon's Bar, Scartaglen

4th Thursday

7.00 PM
7.30 PM
8.15 PM
8.45 PM
9.15 PM
9.45 PM

Killorglin Area

Golden Nugget, Fossa
Galvin's Bar, Beaufort
O'Grady's Bar, Killorglin
Larkin's Bar, Milltown
Griffins Bar, Castlemaine
Anvil Bar, Boolteens

4th Friday

8.30 PM
9.30 PM
10.00 PM
10.45 PM

Kenmare & Sneem Area

The Roughty bar, Kenmare
Riney's Bar, Sneem
Blackwater Tavern
O'Connor's Bar Kenmare

Last Monday

8.00 PM
8.30 PM
9.00 PM
10.00 PM

Farranfore Area

Ulick's Bar, Farranfore
James Daly's Bar, Farranfore
Cunniffe's Bar, Currow
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JIMMY O'SULLIVAN-DARCY

takes a look at all things sport...

JARLATH BURNS TAKES THE GAA HELM

Jarlath Burns, a truly great player who has gone on to establish a reputation as an administrator, has taken over as Uachtarán Cumann Luthchleas Gael at this year's Annual Congress. I liked previous incumbent Larry McCarthy, but I never got a sense of purpose or drive in his presidency. I'm hoping that Jarlath Burns will do more to grasp a few outstanding nettles.

The establishment of a Football Review Group is badly wanted. Respectfully, the previous one brought in all the delights of the likes of the forward mark but had absolute no impact on the game as a spectacle – and it has been hugely declining as a spectacle for at least twenty years now. This Review Group consists of Jim Gavin (Dublin were a rare exception, a real joy to watch), Eamonn Fitzmaurice (one of the best thinkers about the game in modern times), Malachy O'Rourke (the Fermanagh man has managed at all levels, most recently All Ireland champions Watty Grahams the Glen), Colm Collins (his Clare sides were always a big challenge for both Kerry and Cork), and Colm Nally (he coached Meath and Louth and is now with Kildare). Look, that's a group with huge credibility. I personally felt that the last review group were reciting answers learnt off by rote and 'recommending' changes that Central Council administrators wanted. That might seem a bit too cynical, but the grassroots were ignored when it came to the likes of the age changes, the Sky TV deal and now GAAGO, that ludicrous 'super eight' nonsense (they have now added a completely unnecessary 'preliminary quarter-final' into the mix (think about the idea of a pre-quarter-final knockout game halfway through a sixteen team competition), the completely unnecessary requirement of pre-booking tickets to scan (the sight of lifelong volunteer pensioners being turned away at GAA turnstiles is an abiding and offensive memory)....

I don't have the answer to the overwhelming negativity of the game at the moment. Kerry and Dublin last weekend was the best game of the National League Division One so far. Now, just so that you understand the extent of the problem, take a look at how bodies both teams had in defence any time they lost possession. And that's the positive teams. Shot clock? Back-pass limitation? Reduction in playing numbers (I'd prefer 13 a side, I believe teams would have to go man to man)? Requirement to keep X number of bodies forward? I don't know – but we do badly need to find out. 2025 is a rule change and we need rule changes because people are starting to vote with their feet.

The amount of money being spent on inter-county teams has been flagged by Burns, and quite rightly so. Over €40 million on preparing inter-county teams last year? There's an

element of 'keeping up with the Jones' about it. But, while I completely support Burns' stance on the matter, how on earth do you police that? Look, Jarlath Burns' is not going to magically get everything right, but I personally don't want a safe hand on the tiller. I want someone willing to change the gaelic football ship's course. I wish him the best of luck with it.

MOTIONS

Disciplinary cards will carry over into extra-time. Most people would take that as a statement of the obvious, but in fact the old notion was that extra-time was a completely new game so you could replace a red carded player with a new player. It never made sense to me and this is a much better approach.

Players will be allowed to play U20 and senior championship in the same week as long as there is 60 hours between the games. This Cork motion generated most debate. I was okay with the week long gap. I'd worry that you will have 18 year olds playing Sunday/Wednesday/Sunday over a sustained period, but it passed. To me it's a tacit concession that fixture schedules are too crowded.

Verbal abuse of a match official is to carry a minimum two match ban from now on. To be blunt about it, abuse (and I'm not just talking about verbal) has become a serious issue for the GAA in recent years. The problem was not around any rulebook sanctions. The problem was always about rule implementation as opposed to cover-up culture, and this well-meaning but token gesture will have zero impact on that.

A hurler who removes his helmet during a game has to leave the pitch for medical assessment or helmet replacement. I had no idea why that mattered but it has since been explained to me that players were removing their helmets so that the referee had to stop the game, i.e. it was a deliberate time-wasting tactic.

CASEMENT PARK

Well, this one is getting interesting. The GAA doesn't have a great recent record in

building new facilities. Let's just say that Pairc Uí Chaoimh (€110 million!) will not accurately be described as 'super value' any time soon by anyone with common sense.

Casement Park is in a slightly different position. Ireland is part of the joint bid to host the 2028 European Championships and it needs a stadium in Northern Ireland to do that. Windsor Park is simply too small to be upgraded – that's a cold reality, however much IFA supporters in Northern Ireland might wish different. So Casement Park, which has been in a state of development for over a decade now (it last hosted a game in 2013) has been selected as the venue. After all, Croke Park (€266 million upgrade in 2004) quite rightly hosted Irish soccer games when Lansdowne Road was being upgraded by the IRFU and FAI in 2010 (€410 million).

The GAA has pledged €15 million to the upgrade. Considering that after the Euros, it will revert to Northern Ireland's main GAA stadium, that is an absolute bargain for the GAA.

The British Government originally intended building a multi-sports stadium. They originally committed to Windsor Park (£31 million in 2016), Ravenhill (£16.5 million in 2014) and £61 million to this new stadium. Which would be situated where the Maze Prison used to be – that played about as well as could be expected with all sides. The project faced a lot of delays, including three legal challenges, before finally getting the all-clear in 2022. But Casement Park (and it is not insignificant that Roger Casement is considered an Irish nationalist hero) is now estimated to cost approximately £220 million.


The Irish Government has pledged €50 million out of the public coffers. Soccer supporters on both sides of the border are understandably displeased, given the widely accepted state of disrepair of their own facilities. But Northern Ireland hosting a major international sports tournament in conjunction with the other five soccer associations would be a major tourism boost as well as a great political message. Ireland could expect to recoup a decent amount of that €50 million in tourism revenue





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Time: 7:30pm



Sean O'Shea in action v Dublin on Saturday night. Photo: Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans.



His trademark kick.... David Clifford in action v Dublin on Saturday night. Photo: Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans.

in 2028 while earning serious brownie points. But if the Irish Government can give €50 million to a project in another jurisdiction based on potential, how about one within the Republic that has a very solid track record of attracting people (and thereby revenue) to Ireland's premier tourist town?

1.5 million people visited Muckross last year, with almost 1 million paying into Muckross House. It's generally accepted that 7 million tourists visit Ireland each year and 1.5 million of them visit Kerry. Almost just short of 1.2 million people (60% of them international visitors) booked a bed in Killarney, generating around €410 million in revenue. And that's repeat business, not just a one off sports tournament. When it comes to grant allocations, The Fitzgerald Stadium has to be in the national conversation.

DUBLIN HUMBLE KERRY IN CROKER NATIONAL LEAGUE Dublin 3-18 Kerry 1-14

Kerry were coming into this one off the back of two wins from three games and a very narrow defeat to a full strength Derry that didn't worry me too much. To be fair, we more or less got out of jail in the Mayo game, but I still felt that

we were shaping nicely. Dublin's only win so far has come at the hands of a Roscommon side who are badly struggling at this altitude and look most likely to drop down to Division Two. I wasn't expecting either side to really throw the handle with the hatchet in this game. Both sides would like to keep a bit of powder dry for later on in the year. I did expect Dublin to pull out more stops than Kerry, not just to send out a message to a team they are very likely to meet in the crucible of championship, but also because Dublin wouldn't want to get sucked into a relegation dogfight that would sap needless energy. The truth is that with Leinster and Munster looking so uncompetitive, neither Dublin nor Kerry needs to really hit the accelerator for a while. Compare it to any Ulster team, which is straight into all-out trench warfare in the provincial championship as soon as their league campaign ends. They basically have to go harder or longer than Kerry or Dublin. That's why I felt neither team in Croke would go all out.

Which, in hindsight, is why this one really worries me. Defeat is one thing, but we were absolutely schooled. Worse, this wasn't even a full strength Dublin. They had seven changes from the team that beat us in last year's All Ireland Final. We were closer to full strength than they were – would Brian Ó Beaglaíoch,

Paul Geaney, the Spillane brothers really have turned this one around? I don't think so. Dublin read our game plan absolutely perfectly and steered all the play into channels that they were controlling. It was masterfully done – not just brilliant individual displays by the likes of Fenton, Kilkenny, and the frighteningly phenomenal Con O'Callaghan – but the cohesion and unified movement of the team as a whole. I know it's early days, but that really was like being taken to primary school for the first time. You couldn't even begrudge them; they were that good. I can't help suspecting – and it may well be paranoia on my part – that Dublin aren't too bothered at the moment about defeats to Monaghan or Mayo, but they were conscious of not giving anything to a Kerry side they view as a real threat.

Seán Bugler with a point right from the start – Dublin had a lot of free bodies and space there. Great crowd and great atmosphere. Dublin swallowed up a Kerry attack but were turned over. A long ball into David Clifford was comfortably cleared by David O'Hanlon and Eoin Murchan. Ross McGarry notched a second Dublin point, almost an exact replica of Bugler's score, but Kerry's Seán O'Shea replied. Dublin took a quick kick-out down the left wing and Brian Fenton sent the ball into Con O'Callaghan. He cut inside and lashed an absolute beauty.



Over the bar.... Sean O'Shea in action v Dublin on Saturday night. Photo: Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans.



Kerry Captain Paudie Clifford pictured at the game v Dublin on Saturday night. Photo: Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans.

O'Callaghan is bull-strong and very direct, he's always going for goal in that situation and more often than not he's going to get it. 1-2 to 0-1. O'Callaghan will take all the headlines after the game, deservedly so, but Jason Foley was left one-on-one with him and good quality passes being sent in all day. Clever football by Dublin; our half back outer shell was carved open with ease and Fenton owned so much ground in the middle third that he could have applied for planning permission.

One of Dublin's tactics was simply closing out space for the Clifford brothers to operate. David did win a free converted by Seán O'Shea and added a point from play – he was shooting for goal – after a pass from Paudie, who had won a great turnover. However, neither was their usual influence on the game and Kerry players weren't stepping up in their stead.

Con O'Callaghan pointed a free. Just ten minutes gone but Kerry were clearly baling water already. Dylan Geaney popped a point after a good all by Graham O'Sullivan, who was one of the few Kerry players to acquit himself well. Kerry turned over the kick-out, only for David Clifford's effort tailed wide. Paddy Small made it 1-4 to 0-4 with a fine left leg conversion. Dublin were making inroads too easily and there was a certain inevitability about Dylan Casey holding Paddy Small. Conor Lane signalled for a penalty – there could be no possible argument. Up stepped Con O'Callaghan and Shane Ryan had no chance. Ciarán Kilkenny and Con O'Callaghan added points – I don't know if it was coincidence, but an awful lot of Dublin points came from that left side of the attack, perfect for right-footed kickers.

Paddy Small twisted inside and out before taking his point. Con O'Callaghan grabbed a long ball in – once again Jason Foley had no help or cover – and it took a good reflex save by Shane Ryan to deny him a third goal.

David Clifford managed to prise through a narrow gap but once again the shot was off target, much to the delight of Dublin supporters. He did make a mark and put it over to stop the rot, but an easy score by Niall Scully – he had all day to pick his spot – meant that Dublin were nine points in front and in cruise control. A devastating Con O'Callaghan slips the cover again and takes his point. Cillian Burke, who in fairness put in a hard shift, pointed for Kerry over a packed Dublin defence but Seán Bugler promptly replied in kind. In the 28th minute, David O'Hanlon is a fraction off target with a '45. That's Dublin's first wide of the game. That's the kind of shooting efficiency that managers dream of.

Seán O'Shea slotted a point. Ciarán Kilkenny replied with a mark. With the last attack of the half, Paudie Clifford couldn't get his shot on goal off in time after a great pass by Dylan Geaney and Gavin White had to settle for a point.

Only one team really played football in that first half – and it wasn't us. Half-time Dublin 2-11 Kerry 0-8

Kerry re-jigged at the break – it's not like they had much choice – and came out with all guns blazing in the second half. Seán O'Shea opened the scoring with a fantastic kick from the left

sideline. He did well to volley a ball going wide back into play, with Dylan Geaney feeding Paudie Clifford for a point – I suspect he was trying a shot to the top corner, but even a point was valuable at that stage. Play was called back for a free, but it was a simple tap-over or Seán O'Shea with the same result.

Then came Kerry's goal and the game burst into life. It was very fast link-up play by Kerry after a good turnover by Gavin White, with Cillian Burke selling a dummy before laying off to Joe O'Connor for a cracking finish. Great goal, but Dublin won't be happy at how O'Connor simply ran past static defenders and into the space. 2-11 to 1-10.

Ciarán Kilkenny settled any Dublin nerves with a good score but Joe O'Connor replied. Kerry were much more in the game now. Paddy Small pointed for Dublin but Jason Foley responded. A '45 by Seán O'Shea, who is looking much more confident and free-flowing in this half, trims the gap back to just a goal.

The game is on a knife edge now, but Dublin have the sharper steel on the night. Lee Gannon put four between them again and Con O'Callaghan added a free.

David Clifford bursts forward for a Kerry score. We were still in this, albeit only just.

Man of the match Con O'Callaghan – who else? – effectively put it to bed with his third goal after good build-up play by Brian Fenton and Niall Scully. Fenton himself and Seán Bugler closed out a Dublin victory that was far too comfortable. Kerry are a long way from panic stations but we do have to go back to the drawing board. We need to close out those channels through our defence much earlier, preferably before it reaches our defensive forty. We were very much second best around midfield and, to add to that, with the Cliffords tightly marked, Seán O'Shea didn't have anything like enough help on the scoring front. We're not holed below the waterline yet, far from it, but these questions are lingering far too long now for my liking.

Dublin: David O'Hanlon, Seán MacMahon, Theo Clancy, Eoin Murchan, Cian Murphy, John Small, Lee Gannon (0-1), Brian Fenton (0-1), Peadar Ó Cofaigh Byrne, Ross McGarry (0-1), Seán Bugler (0-3), Ciarán Kilkenny (0-3, 1m), Paddy Small (0-3), Con O'Callaghan (3-4, 1-0 pen, 2f), Niall Scully (0-1). Subs: Tom Lahiff 0-1, 1m (for Peadar Ó Cofaigh Byrne (46), Brian Howard (for Seán MacMahon, 53 mins), Lorcan O'Dell (for Ross McGarry, 57 mins), Greg McEneaney (for Eoin Murchan, 59 mins), Daire Newcombe (for John Small, bs, 70-ft), Killian McGinnis (for Theo Clancy, 71 mins).

Kerry: Shane Ryan, Graham O'Sullivan, Jason Foley (0-1), Dylan Casey, Damien Bourke, Tadhg Morley, Gavin White (0-1), Diarmuid O'Connor, Joe O'Connor (1-1), Paudie Clifford, Dylan Geaney (0-1), Cillian Burke (0-1), David Clifford (0-3, 1f), Seán O'Shea (0-6, 2f, 1'45), Dara Moynihan. Subs: Paul Murphy (for Damien Bourke, half-time), Tony Brosnan (for Dylan Geaney, 50 mins), Keith Evans (for Cillian Burke, 57 mins), Barry Dan O'Sullivan (for Joe O'Connor, 59 mins), Seán O'Brien (for Dara Moynihan, 64 mins).

Referee: Conor Lane (Cork).

KERRY HURLERS RECORD FIRST WIN

NATIONAL HURLING LEAGUE

Kerry 3-14 Meath 0-16

It's an open secret that Kerry were down a lot of bodies this year and it always looked an uphill battle, suffering some tough defeats so far in both the Munster Senior League and the National League. The return of Shane Conway from injury was a boost, but would it be enough for our first win? I won't lie, I was fairly sceptical in the circumstances, and I am absolutely delighted to be proven wrong.

The Royals drew first blood through Nicky Potterton. Shane Conway, playing as a loose midfielder, equalised. That was more or less the pattern of the opening ten minutes, Meath nudging a point in front through Potterton, James Murray, Seán Quigley, and Potterton again, with Shane Conway (3f) replying each time. Niall Mucahy put Kerry into the lead but Pádraig O'Halloran replied. Kerry were actually the better team here but were being held in check by excellent defending by Meath, who were well marshalled by Simon Ennis, and some fairly wasteful shooting by Kerry at times – that'll come in time. Mulcahy almost got in for a goal and maybe should have done a little bit better with the opportunity. With Pádraig O'Hanrahan and Seán Quigley doing well up front for the Royals, they were a point in front coming towards the half-time break but late scores from Daithí Griffin and Maurice O'Connor nudged Kerry in front.

Half-time Kerry 0-8 Meath 0-7

Despite leading, Kerry will have been disappointed with the chances they left behind them in that first half and set out to make amends. Shane Conway (2f) and Tom Doyle put them four points clear. Sharpshooter Pádraig O'Hanrahan pulled back two points for Meath but Doyle and Dan Goggin combined to set up Michael Leane who showed quick thinking by just volleying the sliotar to the net rather than wasting time trying to control it with the hurley. Meath battled hard to stay in touch, O'Hanrahan in particular taking his opportunities very well, but in the 63rd Shane Conway, now much closer to an orthodox attacking role for the second half (I much prefer our danger-man in the danger-zone), cut in superbly and unleashed an unstoppable rocket to the net. Deep in injury time, Dan Goggin iced the cake with a third goal for Kerry. More importantly, that win gets them on the board and will be a massive psychological boost to a team that is bleeding in young players.

Kerry: Louis Dee, Kyle O'Connor, Evan Murphy, Eric Leen, Darragh Shanahan, Daithí Griffin (0-1), Tomás O'Connor, Fionán Mackessy, Shane Conway (1-9, 7f), Niall Mucahy (0-1), Tom Doyle (0-1), Killian Hayes, Maurice O'Connor (0-1), Michael Leane (1-0), Dan Goggin (1-0) Subs: Gavin Dooley (for Maurice O'Connor, 49 mins), Ronan Walsh 0-1 (for Niall Mucahy, 55 mins), Morgan Madden (for Tomás O'Connor, 66 mins), Seánie Brosnan (for Dan Goggin, 71 mins), Darragh Leen (for Michael Leane, 71 mins)

Meath: Charlie Ennis, Seán Geraghty, Shane Whitty, Ronan Byrne, Dáire Shine (0-1), Simon

Ennis, Ethan Devine, Kris Gorman, Tom Shine (0-1), Jack Walsh, James Toher, James Murray (0-1), Nicky Pottterton (0-3), James Kelly, Pádraig O'Hanrahan (0-8, 5f) Subs: Seán Quigley 0-2 (for James Toher, 5 mins), Mark Horan (for Seán Quigley, 51 mins), Ciarán Lonergan (for Seán Geraghty, 66 mins).

Referee: Brian Keon (Galway)

COLLEGES GAA HOGAN CUP SEMI-FINAL Mercy Mounthawk v Naas CBS

Mounthawk are completely debutants at this level, whereas Naas have won five of the last Leinster titles and a Hogan Cup (they beat the Sem in the final). Not surprisingly, Naas made the early running in Bansha and led by 1-4 to 0-2. Significantly, Niall Cramer was making a very good hand of marking Mounthawk sharpshooter Paddy Lane – between club, county, and college, I don't think I've seen any player lock him down one on one until now. But Mounthawk are no one man show though. Noah Townsend's cleverly crafted goal saw Mounthawk pick off 1-3 to trail by just two at the break. They emerged a transformed side in the second half – it may be simplistic, but it's hard not to surmise that they had realised that they were well able to compete at this level. With the likes of Gary O'Riordan (he has been a revelation from corner back this year), Ben Murphy, and Odhran Ferris driving them on and Paddy casting off the shackles to start scoring at will, Naas simply couldn't live with the pressure. Losing influential midfielder Liam O'Connor to a second yellow and their goalkeeper to a black card saw their challenge slowly – albeit gallantly – begin to unravel. In the end Mounthawk were victors on a 1-15 to 1-10 scoreline.

They will be up against reigning champions Omagh CBS in the final. Omagh are simply an awesome team at this level, but Aidan O'Shea's team will fear no-one at this stage.

DR. EAMONN O'SULLIVAN SEMI: Tarbert Comp. 2-18 Mercy Ballymahon 2-15

An absolute thriller in Clarecastle's 4G pitch (Kerry desperately needs something like this, given the many difficulties around colleges games this year, with Frewen and Russell Cup games all falling by the wayside at short notice last week). An early goal by John Coolahan, who gave an absolutely spectacular display and finished with 1-8, had Tarbert on their way. Caolam Moriarty added another one. In fairness, Ballymahon had a forward as good as any I have seen in the grade in Josh Kelly and, even against Kerry minor David Mulvihill, he kept his side in the game. They trailed by 2-5 to 0-8 at half-time and, with Coolahan in particular reeling off points, Tarbert were ahead by seven with as many minutes left, having twice hit the crossbar. Then it started to go wrong. Ballymahon got in for a goal through Conor Lynn and added another one a minute later through Oliver Manser, Kelly involved in both goals. An equalising point from Cormac McGann, and we were headed for extra-time.



I thought the sudden turnaround would completely deflate Tarbert, but their response was perfect and, once Ballymahon lost a player to a red card, Tarbert were able to see it out at the second time of asking.

TOUGH TREATY SEE OFF KERRY CAMOGIE CHALLENGE NATIONAL CAMOGIE LEAGUE Limerick 3-23 Kerry 1-4

Not too much that can be said here. Kerry are going to struggle in Division 1B, that was always inevitable. Take out the likes of Patrice Diggin, Sara Murphy, Kate Lynch, Michelle Costello, and of course they are going to struggle against a top quality outfit like Limerick.

The blunt truth is that this was never any contest. Kerry had Jackie Horgan to thank for all of our points, two in each half, while Amy O'Sullivan came off the bench for a great goal late on. But trailing by 1-12 to 0-2 at half-time pretty much says it all. The 3-23 to 1-4 scoreline is a fair enough reflection. Limerick midfielder Rebecca Delee gave an absolute exhibition.

Positives for Kerry were the young guns – it's not that long ago at all that Kerry simply couldn't have fielded a senior team if they were missing four guaranteed starters, so the fact that young players of quality are coming through is a much bigger positive than many people realise. The other good sign was the crowd in Ballyheigue. One of the frustrating things in recent years has been the relative lack of support from the Kerry public for a team that are brilliant to interact with and brilliant to watch, so hopefully the big numbers in Ballyheigue wasn't a one off.

I actually wouldn't worry too much about this one. Being honest, nobody in Kerry was targeting this game for points. There are more realistic opposing teams to come and those games will tell a lot more.

Kerry: Aoife Fitzgerald, Eilish Harrington, Roisin Quinn, Ciara O'Sullivan, Clodagh Walsh, Aoife Behan, Rachel McCarthy, Ruth O'Connor, Sarah Walsh, Ellen O'Donoghue, Caoimhe Spillane, Ann Marie Leen, Jackie Horgan (0-4, 1f), Emma Conway, Laura Collins. Subs: Norette Casey (for Emma Conway, half-time), Amy O'Sullivan 1-0 (for Laura Collins, 50), Áine O'Connor (for Eilish

Harrington, 53), Kate Buckley (for Clodagh Walsh, 53), Julianne O'Keeffe (for Roisin Quinn, 55), Leonie Walz (for Sarah Walsh, 60).

Limerick: Ciara Mulqueen, Teresa Dore, Marian Quaid, Aoife Nelligan, Niamh Ryan (0-1), Sarah Carey, Nadine White, Dearbhla Egan, Rebecca Delee (0-4), Sophie O'Callaghan (0-2), Niamh Ryan (1-4), Lizanna Boylan (0-2), Laura Fennelly, Caoimhe Costello (2-5, 2f), Caoimhe Lyons (0-4). Subs: Ailbhe Larkin (for Teresa Dore, 48) Sarah Shanahan (for Mairead Ryan, 48) Stephanie Woulfe (for Nadine White, 48), Áine Reynolds (for Laura Fennelly, 48), Orlaith Kelleher (for Dearbhla Egan, 48), Muireann Creamer (for Marian Quaid, 49), Mary O'Callaghan (for Sophie O'Callaghan, 49), Niamh Brennan (for Lizanna Boylan, 54)

Referee: Cathal McAllister (Cork)

RUGBY SIX NATIONS Ireland 31 Wales 7

Ireland sent early notice of their intentions with a dangerous ball for Robbie Henshaw to chase. Wales managed to tap it down to clear but it was a very brief respite before a high tackle saw Jack Crowley slot a penalty to get Ireland on the scoreboard. Wales simply hadn't the power to deal with the likes of Andrew Porter, Tadhg Furlong, Josh van der Flier, Joe McCarthy, Caelan Doris, Bundee Aki, Peter O'Mahony..... arrah, Ireland were going to win any physical match-up. Moreover, Wales couldn't speed through any gaps simply because Ireland weren't leaving any.

Ireland sent Wales flying backwards with a scrum and a good kick to touch allowed Dan Sheehan to gather and force over the line. I wouldn't pretend it would make too many headlight reels, more clinically effective than poetry in motion, but the scoreboard doesn't measure aesthetics and Crowley's conversion put Ireland in front by 10-0. The hard truth is that Wales were only just hanging on in this game and their discipline was creaking badly in the face of sustained Irish pressure. After half an hour, James Lowe gets room to burst down the wing and we all know what Lowe does in that kind of situation. Jack Crowley makes it a third kick out of three. I don't like saying it but this contest was already over. Wales never gave

up, but their few promising forays into Ireland's territory kept breaking down. Unfortunately, the crowd in Lansdowne Road knew it as well. The atmosphere was more coffee morning than international sporting contest.

Credit to Wales, they were running more and looking much livelier on the restart. They get a lineout and opt to drive for the line with a maul. Ireland weren't quite ready for it and Wales somehow bundled over the line. They didn't quite ground it, but that's because they are stopped illegally from doing so and the referee awarded the penalty try. Tadhg Beirne got a ten minute time-out on a yellow card. This could get interesting yet!

It did get interesting. In fairness to Wales, they weren't afraid to go for it. No safe kicks to touch, this was running, passing rugby. They press very, very hard for a try and, in terms of ambition and effort, you could argue that they deserve one. But sport doesn't work like that, and Ireland's defence contains the threat.

In fact, it's Ireland who score a beauty, rapid transfers stretching the Welsh line to breaking point and talismanic Bundee Aki getting over. Brilliantly done, but it's ruled out because of an earlier knock-on.

Time is running out for Wales. In the 66th minute Ireland again worked the ball fast from a line-out, with Gibson Park laying off perfectly for Ciarán Frawley to gather with maximum momentum and power past a tiring Welsh defence.

Ireland lost Ryan Baird to a yellow card for repeat infringements – all of that couple of minutes looked a complete mess to my uneducated eyes – and Wales are stopped just inches from the Irish line. But the danger was averted and, with the last move of the game, Ireland's fresher subs showed their impact as Ireland run through the phases from the corner, with Tadhg Beirne finishing it off and Crowley adding another two points.

At this stage, I imagine bookies are starting to refuse bets on Ireland winning a Grand Slam. England's loss to Scotland means that we are the only team with the Slam in play. And I really and truly hate being the guy to say it, but it has to be said, it all feels like a bit of an anti-climax. It feels as if Irish hopes peaked for that World Cup Quarter-Final – despite certain revisions of history, we actually played well that day. But it leaves a Grand Slam – and I'm old enough to remember the days where two wins in the Five Nations was a good year for Irish rugby.

LEAGUE OF IRELAND

Bray Wanderers 3 Kerry FC 2

Report by David Moriarty

Kerry FC were back in action Friday night as they took on Bray Wanderers in Mounthawk Park for the first time this season in League action. Kerry were unlucky last time out as two first-half Jack Doherty goals sealed the win for Cork City in Turners Cross. Kerry put on a much better second-half display last Friday, and they hoped for more of the same throughout the match against Bray who defeated Kerry in all four games of the 2023 season.

Bray, similarly to Kerry, also came out of the first week of games without a point as they lost 2-1 to UCD at home in the Carlisle Grounds. A second-half Ben Feeney goal was not enough for Bray to spark a comeback in that one. Coming into the game Bray Wanderers manager Ian Ryan was weary of the Kerry game as his team did not show a lot of the quality they possessed during pre-season in their defeat last week against UCD. He was also aware of the strengthening Kerry did during the transfer window while speaking to the media post-match.

Kerry FC's first team head coach Conor McCarthy made two changes to the team from Turners Cross with Daire McCarthy and Ryan Kelliher starting in place of Ronan Teahan and Victor Udeze. In the pre-match press conference Conor talked about his hope of more creativity for his Kerry FC side against Bray and to build on the fantastic second-half performance from last week.

First Half:

The game started very evenly in possession. It could be said Kerry were on top in the opening stages with two quick corners in the opening four minutes with nothing materialising from either set piece. Daniel Okwute had the best chance of getting Kerry ahead as a fantastic over-the-top through pass found him but unfortunately, he put his effort wide of the far post.

Kerry kept going and tested Bray goalkeeper James Corcoran with two efforts, once again from Daniel Okwute with the follow-up from Sean McGrath also being saved by Bray's man between the sticks.

We unfortunately got a bad patch of bad weather over Mounthawk with rain, hailstones and even a thunderstorm which delayed the match by thirty-five minutes as referee Mark Moynihan called all players inside to let it clear off before deciding to carry on with the game. Antonio Tuta was kept quiet in the first forty-five with only one effort from a Darren Craven header testing the Croatian shot-stopper. Kerry would end up going down to ten men as Nathan Gleeson was controversially sent off for two yellow cards. Gleeson protested his innocence saying he only committed two fouls, but those two were enough for Moynihan to send Gleeson away for an early shower.

Kerry despite going down to ten men kept going and even got themselves in front by none other than Kevin Williams who scored a goal out of the top drawer. His effort from at least thirty yards out of goal flew past Corcoran putting Kerry ahead in what was the stroke of half-time in an exceptionally long half of football.

Second Half:

As you can imagine with ten men on the pitch Kerry defended for their lives and were not really tested in the opening 15 minutes. Even though Bray had their fair share of possession it was not until the seventieth minute that they got level through Peter Grogan. Shane Griffin curled in a corner on the left side and Grogan was free in the area to get the visitors back into

it.

A mere two minutes later Kerry's ten men were back in front. A needless corner given away from Bray gave Sean O'Connell the chance to whip the ball in which he did fantastically to Sam Aladesanusi who headed home at the back post to regain Kerry's lead.

In a mad few minutes, unfortunately, Bray levelled again. A cross from Freddie Turley was cleared by Antonio Tuta only as far as Kieran Cruise who teed up Darren Craven inside the area who finished his chance brilliantly into the top right corner.

Two minutes later again, Christian Magerusan put Bray ahead. Shane Griffin got another assist when his free kick found Magerusan at the back post to head home the goal to put Bray ahead. Kerry had a chance to salvage a point at the end but unfortunately, after such a brave performance with ten men it was not meant to be, and Bray Wanderers went out 3-2 victors.

Many positives had to be taken from the game coping so well with a man down. Two goals were scored by defenders, so they have worked on attacking also in recent training sessions by the looks of it. Kerry will be positive going into the home game against Treaty United who are two wins from two and top of the first division. Kerry FC: Antonio Tuta, Kevin Williams (Goal '45), Sam Aladesanusi (Goal '72), Andy Spain (C), Seán O'Connell, Daire McCarthy, Steven Healy, Seán McGrath, Nathan Gleeson, Daniel Okwute, Ryan Kelliher. Subs: Aaron O'Sullivan, Rob Vasiu, Jack Kavanagh, Ethan Kos, Ronan Teahan, Kennedy Amechi, Cian Brosnan, Victor Udeze, Ferdia O'Brien.

Bray Wanderers: James Corcoran, Max Murphy, Killian Cantwell (C), Cole Omorehiomwan, Guillermo Almirall, Darren Craven (Goal '73), Harry Groome, Callum Thompson, Paul Murphy, Shane Griffin, Kieran Cruise. Subs: Benjamin Clark, Christian Magerusan (Goal '75), Ben Feeney, Jamie Duggan, Freddie Turley, Zach Nolan, Thomas Morgan, Peter Grogan (Goal '70), Alain Kizenga.



Daniel Okwute had the best chance of getting Kerry ahead as a fantastic over-the-top through pass found him but unfortunately, he put his effort wide of the far post. (File Photo - Adam Kowalczyk)



FOSSA

LOTTO

The numbers drawn on 25/02/2024 for a jackpot of €10,050 were 2, 12, 13, 23. There was no jackpot winner and the €40 consolation prize winners were; Sinead Kennedy, Kenneth Clifford, Maria Falvey, Marie Farrell and James Houlihan. Tickets are available from our sellers and can also be bought online with the following link <https://fossagaa.clubforce.com/products/lotto/fossa-gaa-club-lotto>

EAST KERRY LEAGUE

Our seniors lost to Dr. Crokes on Friday night by two points, 1-10 to 0-11. It was a good workout despite the poor weather conditions, we play Gneeveguilla next weekend in the final game of the East Kerry league.

MINOR COUNTY LEAGUE

Fossa played Annascual/Lispole in round two of the county league in Fossa on Saturday afternoon. It was a cracker of a game with some great scores by both sides. Fossa started brightly, Dylan O'Meara kicked two frees, Cathal Breen and Harry O'Connor had points from play and Shay McCormick scored two fantastic points to leave Fossa leading, 0-06 to 0-02 after 22 minutes. Fossa were in complete control at this stage, Jack Spillane was having a stormer at corner back, Mark Kennelly was driving forward from midfield at every opportunity and Jack Hallissey, who had a brilliant game all through, causing serious damage with his marauding runs from wing back. However, Annascual/Lispole struck for two goals in quick succession to leave the leading at the break, 2-04 to 0-07. The second half was a real ding dong affair, Fossa fought their way back into the game with points from Harry O'Connor, Jack Hallissey and Dylan O'Meara. In the 21st minute, Fossa hit the front. David Butler had a brilliant interception and set up Dylan O'Meara for a goal who quickly followed this up with a free to leave them leading 1-11 to 2-06. Annascual/Lispole finished the game very strongly and kicked the last four points of the half to run out winners on a score of 2-10 to 1-11. It was a very entertaining game with both sets of players giving a wholehearted display of honest endeavour.

KILLARNEY LEGION

U17 BOYS

Our Minor boys hosted Austin Stacks in Round 2 of Division 1 of the County League in Direen last Saturday. Playing very well in the first half, they led at the interval by a scoreline of 2-4 to 0-6. Stacks came out of the blocks early in the second period with some good scores to close the deficit and benefited from a rebound off the post which led to a crucial goal for them. The lads rallied in the last quarter and traded scores with Stacks but their powerful third quarter saw Stacks take the points on the day. Final Score Killarney Legion 2-6 Austin Stacks 1-13. The game was refereed by Mike Morrissey.

SENIOR LADIES MANAGEMENT

With the season kick off not too far away the Senior ladies have confirmed their management

team. John McCarthy, Ted Healy and Orla Culloty will pace the sidelines for the team, with competitive fixtures pencilled in for late March.

U17 DIVISION 8

Legion B 1-8 Kilcummin B 1-8

A lovely evening under lights at Direen and all present were treated to an entertaining game. The teams traded scores early on in what was an open game. Legion was denied on the goalline 3 times in a frustrating first half, whereas Kilcummin netted after a good break. The goal was the difference between the sides at the break 0-5 to 1-5.

Scores were harder to find in the second half, with both teams defending doggedly. Legion found it difficult to break out of their own half and after the 3rd quarter trailed by 0-6 to 1-8. However, the home side rallied strongly, and Kilcummin were penned in their own half for the last 10 mins as Legion chased the game.

After a number of great goal chances were spurned and short range frees were missed, it looked like it wasn't going to be our night but the persistence and link-ups eventually led to a green flag and the Legion youngsters also got the last two points in a game they may feel they should have won.

Fair play to Kilcummin, the ref and all the supporters present for contributing to a sporting occasion.

Our best wishes to the young Kilcummin player who sustained a leg injury in the second half and left the field in some pain. We hope he makes a swift recovery.

Our minor players are back in action next weekend with a D1 trip up to Spa.

MOTHERS AND OTHERS TABLE QUIZ

Well done to our Mothers and Others group who ran every successful and hugely enjoyable table quiz last Friday night in the International Hotel. A big thank you to everyone who attended, helped out on the night and those who were most generous with spot prizes.

SCOR NA BPAISTI

Well done to our set dancing team who finished second in the East Kerry Scor na bPaiste held in Fossa last Sunday evening. We also had Emily O Shea competing in the Solo Singing and Frankie Tracey who took part in the Recitation.

MUNSTER COUNCIL GRANTS

The week past has seen the club receive its allocated grant from the provincial council. Always welcomed, it will help us to continue to provide the best in facilities for our club members. In recent years we have also laid out

our facilities for schools games, the East Kerry Board and Kerry County Board for the use of training of their teams. Many thanks to Diarmuid O Se for his assistance in helping to secure the grant and of course our Field and Facilities committee, headed up by Eamon Maguire.

JUVENILE MANAGEMENT TEAMS

With the underage season kicking off in recent weeks, our management teams are busy fine tuning for the games ahead. Eamon Maguire is the man in charge of the U11 Boys while John Keane and Donal O'Donoghue are overseeing the U13s. Enda Murphy is in charge of the U15 boys while the U17s have already started their County League campaign under the watchful eye of Sean Culloty. The U12 Girls are led by John Doona, former Senior player Mike O Sullivan is coaching the U14 girls. Ted Healy and Jason Stack are in charge of the U16 and Minor Ladies respectively.

LOTTO

Results Monday February 19th. Numbers were 5, 9, 10, 14. Bonus 6. No jackpot winner. Match 3s / Lucky Dips: 1. Bernie Cronin online 2. Bernie Foley online 3. Raymond Furlong online 4. Donal & Kate Hegarty c/o Hegartys shop 5. M.A.C. c/o Hegarty shop

EAST KERRY NEWS

EAST KERRY SENIOR LEAGUES 2024

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Division 1A: Dr Crokes 3-10 Rathmore 0-09, Dr Crokes 1-10 Fossa 0-11, Gneeveguilla 0-09 Rathmore 0-7

Division 1B: Kenmare Shamrocks 1-13 Glenflesk 3-09, Furies 1-12 Kilcummin 2-07

Division 2: Listry 1-09 Cordal 2-03

Fixtures, 12pm

1A Round 5 3/3/2024

Fossa V Gneeveguilla, Dr. Crokes V Legion, Rathmore a Bye

1B Round 5 3/3/2024

Kilcummin V Kenmare, Furies V Spa, Glenflesk Bye

Division 2 Round 5 3/3/2024

Cordal V Scartaglin, Currow V Listry, Kilgarvan a Bye

CONDOLENCES

Sympathies to our Chairman John Dineen and the rest of his family on the death of his mother Noreen (Nora) Dineen (née Quirke), Whitebridge, Killarney, Kerry.



Legion U17 Division 8 Team



DR. CROKES

EAST KERRY SUPERLEAGUE

Dr. Crokes 3:10 Rathmore 0:10

Our senior team got things off to winning ways in their first game of the season out in Rathmore on Tuesday last. Goals from Harry Potts, Cian McMahon and Michael Potts ensured a comfortable win in round 1 of the East Kerry League. It was a fantastic team performance that saw experience and youth merge brilliantly together. The club would also like to wish Rathmore's Mark Ryan a speedy recovery from an injury that he picked up on the night.

AWARDS NIGHT

Our Annual Awards Night will take place on March 8th in the East Avenue Hotel. Tickets will be available at Fr. Paddy's Cards night, from Eoin Brosnans office, Tatler Jack or from secretary Christina Bartlett.

GAA SUPER GAMES continues on Tuesday nights from 6pm-7pm. This includes all players from 8-12 years of age.

ASTRO HURLING continues every Sunday in Fossa National School. U8-U10 from 5pm-6pm. U11-U13 from 6pm-7pm. All are welcome to attend.

EASTER CAMP

Our Annual Easter Camp will take place on Wednesday 3rd April to Friday 5th April from 10am to 2pm.

DR. CROKES GAA CLUB EVENTS

Dr. Crokes GAA Club Events, Lewis Road Killarney, Kerry are on Clubforce - download the Clubforce app today to stay up-to-date with club news and make securely payments online. member.clubforce.com

MEMBERSHIP

Dr. Crokes GAA Membership for the 2024 season is now open online. https://member.clubforce.com/memberships_cart_m.asp?LL_ID=734&intMF_ID=13281#Anchor

MOTHERS & OTHERS

Our Mothers & Others team continues training on Monday nights. New members are always welcome. Contact Catherine Keogh on 087 2827626.

FR. PADDY'S CARD'S continue every Wednesday at 8pm in the clubhouse. There is lots of money to be won. All you need is €5 and a partner. All are Welcome.

PILATES WITH JOLA continues on Thursdays from 6:10pm to 7pm in the clubhouse.

GENTLE MOVEMENT CLASSES with Kathleen continue on Tuesday mornings at 11am in the clubhouse. You do not need to be a member to join these free classes. All are welcome.

OLD CLOTHES BANK is located at the rear of the clubhouse. All clothes should be deposited in bags. Donations will help to provide valuable funding to our club.

LOTTO took place February 26th. Numbers drawn were 1, 7, 9, 25 Jackpot of €7,400 was NOT WON. 11 patrons matched 3 numbers and received €40 each. Jackpot for draw on March 4th will be €7,700. Play online by following the link below and follow instructions attached https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?ll_id=734#Anchor

DR. CROKES SHOP

You can shop worldwide on our online shop. Follow the link <https://www.oneills.com/shop-by-team/gaa/ireland/dr-crokes-gaa.html>

BINGO

Dr Crokes Bingo continues every Sunday in St. Mary's Parish Hall. Doors will open at 7pm with the first game commencing at 8pm.

CONGRATULATIONS to former player David Neeson and wife Sarah on the recent birth of their daughter.

CONGRATULATIONS to Sean and Elizabeth Brosnan, Port Road who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary over the weekend.

NOTES

If anyone has anything they want to add to our club notes please email pro.drcrokes.kerry@gaa.ie.

KILLARNEY CAMOGIE

UNDER 8 & UNDER 10

Training continues next Monday 4th March from 6-7pm in Spa GAA Hall. Age 5 upwards. Hurleys & helmets provided. Please come along and try out a few sessions. Only need to bring runners and water. Contact Secretary Eimear Flynn for more information 087-6481736

UNDER 12 TRAINING

Under 12 training continues Sunday 3rd March from 4-5pm in Spa. Bring runners, boots, hurley, helmet and water. New players welcome. Contact Secretary Eimear Flynn for more information 087-6481736

MINOR & JUNIOR TRAINING

Training continues each Sunday morning. New players welcome. Contact Paul for more details 086-8416839

REGISTRATION

Registration is now open for all age groups on Foireann. Please check out our Facebook page for details on how to register. Contact Registrar Louise Moynihan or Secretary Eimear Flynn with any queries.

MILLTOWN/CASTLEMAINE

LOTTOSPONSORED BY ALMAS TAKEAWAY, MILLTOWN

The most recent fortnightly club lotto draw took place on Monday, February 19th at the club grounds. There was no jackpot or match 3 winner on this occasion. The numbers drawn were 9, 17, 23 and the bonus ball was 15.

Lucky Dip Winners were as follows: €50: Susan Sheehan, Milltown. €50: Clíodhna Quirke, Milltown. €25: Jason O'Connor, Castlemaine. €25: Arnold Castroverde, Milltown. €25: Ted Kennedy, Milltown. €25: Dolores O'Sullivan, Castlemaine

Our next club lotto draw is scheduled to take place on Monday, March 4th at 19:30pm in the Clubhouse where the jackpot will be €13,000. Get your draw tickets or renew your yearly tickets online on Clubforce or get your tickets for the next draw from all the usual local outlets.

MILLTOWN/CASTLEMAINE GAA CLUB MEMBERSHIP: NOW DUE FOR 2024!

Milltown/Castlemaine GAA Club Membership is now due for the 2024 season and is open to Adult Players, Adult Non-Players, Juvenile

Players and Families. New Members are always welcome too.

TO JOIN ONLINE: To join the club, please click the following link: https://member.clubforce.com/memberships_cart_m.asp?LL_ID=2602&intMF_ID=13265&fbclid=IwAR1QC-JJYfJOppMrAH_BY8yhJMc9aQXp_mZJEButCF_qOwHEIPARaBrd2w#topp

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

For FAQ's on membership or registering with ClubForce; please click the link below:

https://member.clubforce.com/newsrec.asp?LL_ID=2602&ID=27905&fbclid=IwAR33XSrSunGbrHCUIhBcOIkxH9dt2xL5W30-zUZHEkrzR7JnYwnRlh3Tsg

There will also be in-person opportunities to pay your membership in the coming weeks at the club grounds and these will be communicated to members in advance.

MEMBERSHIP STATUS/QUERIES

Should you have any questions or queries on membership, or whether you are a member currently, please contact your teams' head coach or send an email to mcgaclubregs@gmail.com

KERRY PETROLEUM SENIOR CLUB FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP: GROUP STAGE DRAW

The draw was made last Thursday night for the 2024 Kerry Petroleum Senior Club Football Championship. We have been paired with Dingle, Na Gaeil and Dr Crokes.

Our first fixture will be against Na Gaeil. Dates, times and venues to be confirmed.

KERRY REPRESENTATION: ALLIANZ NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE - CILLIAN BURKE

Hard luck to the Kerry Senior Football team and management and especially to our own clubman Cillian Burke on their 3-18 to 1-14 defeat on Saturday night against Dublin in Croke Park. Round 5 takes place this weekend when Kerry host Tyrone on Sunday, March 3rd at 1:15pm in Fitzgerald Stadium, Killarney.

Tickets can be purchased online in advance at the following link or at SuperValu:

<https://am.ticketmaster.com/gaa/fbkerrydiv1>

The match will also be shown Live on TG4.

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMME: GRATITUDE/ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Milltown/Castlemaine GAA wish to express our sincere gratitude to Kerry County Council and the Department of Rural and Community Development for the awarding of a grant amounting to €1500.00 for utility costs under the 2022 Community Enhancement Programme.

MID KERRY SENIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE: GROUP ONE, ROUND 3 RESULT

Milltown/Castlemaine received a walkover at the weekend from Cromane and therefore the Round 3 fixture in the Mid Kerry Senior Football League did not take place. This means our senior side have secured three wins from three group games and will now advance to the Semi-Finals.

MID KERRY SENIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE: SEMI-FINAL FIXTURE

Milltown/Castlemaine's senior side will take on Keel in the semi-final of the Mid Kerry Senior Football League on Saturday, March 2nd at 4:00pm in the Paddy Burke Memorial Park, Milltown. All support is welcome.

KEANE'S SUPERVALU COUNTY MINOR



FOOTBALL LEAGUE: DIVISION 3B, ROUND 2 RESULT AND ROUND 3 FIXTURE

Milltown/Castlemaine 4-7 (19)

Churchill 1-7 (10)

Well done to the players and management who made it two wins from two games on Saturday afternoon with a strong performance and result against Churchill in Milltown.

Round 3 will take place this Saturday, March 2nd when our lads travel to take on Na Gaeil in Killeen, Tralee at 3:00pm. All support is welcome.

CONDOLENCES

All involved in Milltown/Castlemaine GAA would like to pass on our sincere condolences to the family of the late Maureen Hurley (nee McKenna) of Gurrane West, Killorglin and formerly of Steelroe, Killorglin.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all Maureen's family and friends at this most difficult time. Maureen's son Mike helps out with Milltown/Castlemaine GAA and her grandson Brian is part of the U15 squad.

Ar Dheis Dé go raibh a hanam.

CREDIT UNION COUNTY SENIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE: DIVISION 1 FIXTURES CONFIRMED (COMMENCING MARCH 23RD/24TH 2024)

Round 1 - Glenflesk (Home)

Round 2 - Ballymacelligott (Away)

Round 3 - Laune Rangers (Home)

Round 4 - Kerins O'Rahillys (Away)

Round 5 - Killarney Legion (Home)

Round 6 - Kilcummin (Away)

Round 7 - Rathmore (Away)

Round 8 - Spa Killarney (Home)

Round 9 - Dingle (Away)

Round 10 - Dr. Crokes (Home)

Round 11 - An Ghaeltacht (Away)

Dates to be confirmed closer to the time and we will advise accordingly.

CREDIT UNION COUNTY SENIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE: DIVISION 6B FIXTURES CONFIRMED (COMMENCING MARCH 23RD/24TH 2024)

Round 1 - Dr. Crokes 'C' (Home)

Round 2 - Beaufort 'B' (Away)

Round 3 - Kenmare Shamrocks 'B' (Home)

Round 4 - St. Michaels/Foilmore 'B' (Away)

Round 5 - John Mitchels 'B' (Away)

Round 6 - Spa Killarney 'B' (Home)

Round 7 - Ballymacelligott 'B' (Away)

Dates to be confirmed closer to the time and we will advise accordingly.

COUNTY SENIOR DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE: GROUPS CONFIRMED (COMMENCING 16TH MARCH 2024)

GROUP 1:

Austin Stacks 'C', Beaufort 'C', Fossa 'C', Laune Rangers 'C', Milltown/Castlemaine 'C', Rathmore 'C'

Dates to be confirmed closer to the time and we will advise accordingly.

U9 BOYS: TRAINING WEEKLY

Milltown/Castlemaine's U9 Boys are enjoying their spring football indoors. Training continues every Tuesday night from 6:00pm to 7:00pm in Nagle Rice Community Centre Milltown. If anyone is interested in joining us please contact Garry on 0879432745.

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Recently Bishop Ray Browne issued a Pastoral Letter 'Moving Forward in Hope' - Shaping together the future of the pastoral areas, parishes and local church communities in the Kerry Diocese.

Bishop Ray's vision is that each parish/local church community can sustain itself and thrive through lay people taking leadership roles locally and working co-responsibly with priests available across the Pastoral Area. This fits in with the global drive under the leadership of Pope Francis for a more synodal church, where we all have a part to play because of our baptism. Facilitated consultation meetings for lay people are currently being held in every parish in the Kerry Diocese and the arrangements for the meeting in the Milltown/Listry Parish are as follows:

Date: Tuesday, 5th March

Where: Nagle Rice Community Centre, Milltown

Time: 7:30pm - 9:00pm.

Those attending this meeting will be asked to consider the following three questions and give feedback which will be forwarded to the Diocesan Office and will be used in drawing up a plan for a way forward to ensure the sustainability of our Church and Faith Communities into the future.

1. Without the presence of a priest to lead and co-ordinate, what parts of parish life could we take responsibility for and organise?

2. Where do we see scope for co-operation with neighbouring parishes in our Pastoral Area?

3. Given what Bishop Ray has said about reducing numbers and increasing age, what is it we want to say to priests?

This is your opportunity to have your say. All welcome to attend.

HELP WANTED: VIDEOING GAMES

If you are available to assist in the videoing of club games, then please contact Liam Doherty on 086 041 3593. Full training and support will be provided and it will take approximately 10 minutes per match. No previous experience necessary.

COACHES WANTED FOR 2024 SEASON

Milltown/Castlemaine GAA are continuously looking for help within our club and at this time of year we would like to invite more coaches to come on board for the 2024 season. Parents' involvement in their child's sport increases the likelihood that they play sport and enjoy involvement for life. Don't just drop and go, be a part of their journey. You may be able to help coach, hand out bibs or organise a social outing for the team. You may be able to keep track of any information that the coach needs. If you are interested in any voluntary role within the club just send us a message on our social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram or Twitter/X) or text Coaching Officer Ian Twiss on 0872521053.

THE FAHA RAMBLING HOUSE/COMHALTAS
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MILLTOWN CASTLEMAINE GAA CLOTHES RECYCLING COLLECTION

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ITEMS FOR THE CLUB NOTES

If you have any items for inclusion in the weekly notes, then please contact the club's PRO Dara O'Connor on 086 268 8674 before 20:00 on Sundays.

TEAM UPDATES

For anyone New to the Area, who would like to get involved with the club, please contact Ian Twiss on 087 252 1053.

TEAM ENQUIRIES

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GENERAL ENQUIRIES

FOR ANY OTHER QUERIES, PLEASE send an email to our Secretary or Chairperson at the following addresses:

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A good example of this would be an alpine called Cerastium (snow in summer) which is quite a quick growing alpine and spreads quickly in a short space of time. it can tend to take over small rockeries. having said that it is a beautiful plant with silver foliage and is covered, as the name suggests, in beautiful white flowers.

It can be pruned back to keep it under control.

There are also lots of alpines which are compact and can make perfect mounds and shapes. alpines are also great fillers for stone walls. an ideal plant for this would be a Campanula or aubrieta. the aubrieta is a pink flowering plant that you see growing out of a lot of grottos. alpines can also be used in containers such as in troughs or window boxes but try to choose ones that are evergreen so that you will have some colour all year round.

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A Word of Victory

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"Praise the Name of God forever and ever, for Wisdom and Power belong to Him. It is He Who changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and establishes kings. He gives Wisdom to the wise, and knowledge to those who have understanding. He reveals profound and hidden things. He knows what lies hidden in darkness, and the Light dwells with Him" (Daniel 2:20-22). Many evil things are going on, and bad news screams for our attention, but as long as the devil is not bound and cast out, he just keeps conducting wicked works. The impact of evil can drag you down, but inviting Jesus in will lift you up (Acts 10:38). This is why we need to know how good God is, and what a different life is available in His Kingdom which will never end (Luke 1:33). "For Your Kingdom is an Everlasting Kingdom. You rule throughout all generations. The Lord always keeps His promises; He is gracious in all He does. The Lord upholds the fallen and raises up those who are bowed down. The eyes of all look to You in Hope..." (Psalm 145:13-15). Hope is like a balloon filled with the oxygen of faith – as faith is breathed in, it expands so the balloon can fly. "Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God" (Romans 10:17). The more we study the Word, the stronger our faith becomes – resulting in Peace. Gathering with other believers to study the Word is a powerful way of growing faith. God warns us not to neglect it (Hebrews 10:23-25). Friend, you are very welcome to attend our meetings on Sunday's at 11am, or on Thursday nights at 7.30pm – Eircode V93V6X4. There you will learn to navigate through the Bible for yourself and meet others who will stand with you in prayer and fellowship. It's amazing how differently things look from a Kingdom mindset. God does not want you to live afraid or exhausted. Jesus gave His Life so that you could enjoy abundant Life (John 10:10-11). Let's get started and go into this new season – let's 'March' onwards together into wholeness to witness God's Faithfulness and His Power! I encourage you to inform yourself on next week's Referendum and Vote NO+NO.

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JOURNEY WITH US THROUGH LENT

Each Week we will have a different theme as we try to deepen our faith commitment. This week we focus on FASTING & ALMSGIVING. The following might be helpful for your own private prayer and reflection, as well as a focus in our Masses for the time ahead.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Church of the Resurrection 5pm - 9pm Tuesdays
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COMMUNAL FIRST SATURDAY:

For those who would like to fulfil the second of Our lady's requests in Fatima for obtaining a period of peace and salvation of souls. The Communal First Saturday devotions will be held on the 2nd March commencing at 8.45 am in the Church of the Resurrection Killarney Devotions will begin with the Fatima intentions and prayer. Followed by the Rosary at 9am. Mass at 9.30 then 15 mins meditation on the mysteries of the Rosary. Everyone Welcome.

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THE FRANCISCAN FRIARY OFFICE & BOOKSHOP will close each day at the earlier time of 5.00pm.

THE KNOCK AND LOURDES PILGRIMAGE:

The dates for our Knock and Lourdes pilgrimages are Knock, Saturday 24th August. Lourdes, Thursday 29th to Tuesday 3rd September. This year we hope to have all elements of our Lourdes Pilgrimage: The assisted-pilgrims, a full team to care for them, youth from some Secondary Schools, and ordinary pilgrims. Further information to follow.

THE RAMBLING HOUSE:

Beaufort Pioneer Group presents Spring Rambling House At Beaufort Community Hall on Saturday 9th of March, Doors open at 8.00pm. Everyone Welcome.

IN MEMORIAM

TO PLACE A MEMORIAL ON THE KILLARNEY OUTLOOK

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If it is a repeat anniversary we will have your photo and verse on file, just call Ria on: **087 7160372**

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CHRISTIAN MEETINGS

WORSHIP, BIBLE STUDY, PRAYER.

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Contact Diarmuid on: 087- 6741190

Everyone
Welcome



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 own broken heart where your Father sees it.

Then in his merciful eyes it will become your favour not mine.

Amen.

Say this prayer for three days.

Publication of prayer and favour will be granted.

AOC

4TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

MAUREEN O'SULLIVAN



BALLINCARRIG, FRIES, KILLARNEY

WHO PASSED AWAY ON THE 4TH MARCH 2020

*Along the road to suffering
You found a little lane
That took you up to heaven
And ended all your pain.*

*You may be out of sight
We may be worlds apart
But you are always in my prayers
And forever in my heart.*

Always loved and remembered by your daughter Marguerite

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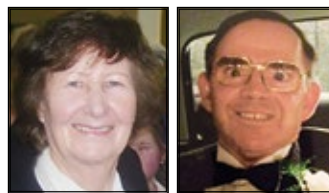
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7TH AND 9TH ANNIVERSARIES

IN LOVING MEMORY OF THE LATE



MARY MCLOUGHLIN
WHO DIED ON 6TH MARCH 2017

AND

JAMES MCLOUGHLIN
WHO DIED ON 23RD APRIL 2015

BOTH LATE OF ARDANEANIG, KILLARNEY AND LONDON

Missing you both

Those precious memories of you will always bring a smile.
If we could have you back even for a little while then we could talk and walk again like we used to do.

The fact you are no longer here will always cause us pain but you are forever in our hearts until we meet again.

Our hearts still ache in sadness and secret tears still flow, what it meant to lose you no one will ever know.

There is a path of beautiful memories from here to heaven above That keeps us very close to you its called the path of love.

And down that path of memories we travel today
All our thoughts are with you
As life goes on its way.

And life has gone on without you and the days have turned to years. But each day has held a thousand memories and a million silent tears.

Lovingly and sadly missed by their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, brothers and sisters, extended family and friends.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & 1ST ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF **MARY LAWLER**



LACKABAWN, MILLSTREET TOWN & LATE OF COOLCASLASH, KILLARNEY WHO DIED ON 8TH MARCH 2023.

As we lovingly remember Mary on her first anniversary, we, her family, would like to express our deep gratitude to all those who supported and sympathised with us on our sad loss.

A special word of thanks to everyone who called to our home, brought food, attended the rosary, removal, Requiem Mass, graveyard, travelled long distances to be with us as well as those who joined the Mass online. Our sincere thank you to all who offered condolences, sent Mass cards, perpetual enrolments, letters of sympathy, phone calls, text messages, floral tributes and expressed condolences online. We are especially grateful to our wonderful neighbours and friends for all their help and support.

Sincere thanks to Canon John Fitzgerald, Fr Danny Broderick, Fr Pat Mc Carthy, Deacon Thady O' Connor, Sr Peter, Sr David, Sharon Lane and Julie Brady for their kindness and support during this difficult time.

We wish to thank Jerry Duddy and organist Kathleen O' Connor for providing beautiful music during the Mass.

We also wish to thank Tarrant's Funeral Directors, Davy Tarrant, Declan Brady and Cora O'Riordan for their kindness and professionalism.

Our sincere gratitude to Dr Michael Casey and all the staff at Tullig Medical centre, Frank and Mairead Reen and all the staff at Reen's Pharmacy for their excellent care shown to Mary.

As we cannot thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our deep gratitude. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

Mary's First Anniversary Mass will take place on Friday 8th March at 7.30 pm in St. Patrick's Church, Millstreet.



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