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## FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the first edition of Killarney Outlook for 2023. There is lots for you to enjoy this week with the Chamber welcoming the new Finance Minister to their inaugural Chamber lunch today.

The Kilcummin Ladies were pretty in pink as they raised funds for Comfort for Chemo, there is a new Chairman at Killarney Racecourse and this year's Wander Wild Festival has been launched.

A Killarney family are holding 100 Days of Walking in memory of their dad, Snooker legends held an exhibition in aid of Recovery Haven and we said goodbye to two great musicians who passed away this week. Mayor of Kerry has launched the Community Support Fund, there is a new novel on Mons. Hugh O'Flaherty and there is a call for fallen trees to be made available to the vulnerable.

We have lots for you to enjoy in the sports pages this week as we look forward to the All Ireland Intermediate and Junior Finals featuring Rathmore and Fossa in Croke Park this Sunday.

Best of luck to both teams from the team at Killarney Outlook!

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A Wild Winter's Evening by Loch Lein captured by Niall Keogh

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## CHAMBER LUNCH WELCOMES MINISTER FOR FINANCE

A full house is expected at a lunch at the Killarney Plaza Hotel today. The Inaugural Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce President's lunch will welcome the new Minister for Finance, Michael McGrath, TD as the keynote speaker for the business organisations first gathering of 2023.

The event will be hosted by outgoing Chamber President Niall Kelleher, today Friday, January 13 at 1.00pm.

Minister McGrath, a TD for Cork South Central, was first elected to Dáil Éireann, at his first attempt, in 2007 and he has retained his seat in all elections since then.

He secured a first-class honours commerce degree in UCC and went on to qualify as a chartered accountant before entering politics on a full-time basis.

As Minister for Finance, he holds one of the most powerful positions in Irish politics having succeeded Paschal Donohue in the cabinet reshuffle in December.

Niall Kelleher will shortly complete his two-year term as President of Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce

and, at the event, he will reflect on the highlights and the challenges of his time in the position.

The President's Lunch, in association with AIB, will be his last public engagement as Chamber President.



*Always looking on the Pink Side of Life....*

## KILCUMMIN GAA LADIES HAVE FUN AND RAISE FUNDS

Traditionally the 6th of January is known as Nollaig na mBan and it was on this special night that the Kilcummin GAA Ladies held their annual Pink Night to raise funds for the Comfort for Chemo charity. Held in the clubs Social Club, a very large crowd enjoyed the music of Derry and Rosie Healy and the music of DJ Declan. With lots of prizes to be won, the patrons were once again very generous and raised in excess of €5,000, with the final amount to be confirmed as donations are still coming in.

Mary Horgan, Secretary of Comfortforchemokerry, attended and outlined

their aims to raise 5 million euro to provide better services for Cancer sufferers in UHK. She acknowledged the support efforts of Kilcummin GAA Club over the last ten years to help them achieve their goal and emphasised that all the funds raised are to provide more comfortable surroundings for patients in Kerry who are undergoing chemotherapy treatment.

The organising committee want to sincerely thank every business and individual who donated prizes so generously and to every single person who bought tickets to support this fundraiser.



Niamh Dwyer, Geraldine Pigott, Roisin Kivlehan pictured at Pink Night at Kilcummin GAA Club. Photo: Sinead Murphy



Eileen, Christine and Noreen O'Sullivan enjoying Pink Night at Kilcummin GAA Club. Photo: Sinead Murphy.

## NEW CHAIRMAN APPOINTED AT KILLARNEY RACECOURSE

Gerard Coughlan has stepped down as Chairman of Killarney Race Company after six years at the helm, however he will remain an active Director on the Board of Management.

Leading property consultant, Billy O'Sullivan who has served as Vice Chairman for the duration of Coughlan's term will take over the role of Chairman.

Over the last six years, Gerard Coughlan has embraced a great deal of change and unprecedented uncertainty. During this period his commitment has been unwavering as he guided Killarney Race Company through testing times and the business has not only survived but thrived as a

result.

Incoming Chairman, Billy O'Sullivan has served on the board at Killarney Race Company for 15 years. A keen golfer and horse racing enthusiast, he is eager to hit the ground running in his new role. "I am very much looking forward to working with the team and my fellow board members to build on the achievements of recent years. I would like to thank our outgoing Chairman Gerard Coughlan and former company secretary Con O'Mahony in particular for their sterling work and dedication. In recent years we have expended in excess of €10m on capital development projects to enhance our offering at Killarney Racecourse.





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# SEAMUS HAS LEFT US WITH A MUSICAL LEGACY

**O**ne of Ireland's finest musicians Séamus Begley has died at the age of 73.

The news broke on Monday evening that the talented West Kerry man had passed away following a short illness.

One of Ireland's most famous traditional musicians, Séamus comes from a strong musical background, growing up in the parish of Baile na bPoc in the West Kerry Gaeltacht. Born in 1949, Séamus Begley learned his music at home and began playing at the local céilí at the age of 13. He released his first album, *An Ciarraíoch Mallaith*, with his sister Máire in 1973. Begley and his sister joined up again on *Planxtaí Bhaile na bPoc* in 1989, the same year he played at the Glastonbury Festival with Steve Cooney. He later collaborated with Cooney on the album *Meitheal* in 1992. He later partnered with the likes of Jim Murray, Mary Black, Sharon Shannon and Tim Edey, producing further albums. In fact he first met Sharon Shannon at his home in West Kerry while she was at the Gaeltacht at the age of 17. They began a life long friendship and speaking on Morning Ireland this week, Sharon said he was like a father to her.

President of Ireland, Michael D Higgins led tributes to the talented musician.

"It is with sadness that lovers of Irish music across the world will have heard of the death of Séamus Begley.

Séamus will be remembered as one of Ireland's finest accordion players as well as a beautiful singer. Growing up in a family rich in traditional Irish music in Baile na bPoc in the west Kerry Gaeltacht, his recordings and performances captured not only the music of his upbringing but also a knowledge of music far beyond these shores", President Higgins said.

Sliabh Luachra musician Bryan O'Leary spoke to the Killarney Outlook this week about his memories of the great musician.

"I first became aware of Séamus at my grandfather Johnny O'Leary's funeral, himself and his brother Breandáin spent the day at the house", Bryan said.

"My first time playing with him was when I was about 12 years old in Milltown Malbay. I was a student of Breandáin's and after lessons

we would head into The Westbridge for a trad session and were joined by Séamus.

"He was not only a fantastic musician, but he was also a wonderful singer and when he sang a song whether it was in his native Irish or in English, he captured the audience and you could hear a pin drop - such was the beautiful, soothing tones", Bryan added.

There was a fun side to the great man who was always up for a bit of craic but was also a most generous side, Bryan told Killarney Outlook. "We were trying to develop Tureencahill Community Centre into a bit of a venue and I asked him would he play the first concert there, he was in Donegal, feeling a bit under the weather with the flu, but drove down the length of the country to Tureencahill to perform - such was the generosity of the man. Of course the night ended in a trad session in Knocknagree - and this is a memory I will never forget", Bryan said.

"His generosity was such that when he heard I was hoping to start play a C Sharp D Accordion, like my grandfather Johnny, he gave me his to try - "carry it away with you" he said "and give it a go".

"He learnt a lot of tunes from my grandfather and it was often a case that he wouldn't know the name - I remember getting a text about an hour before he was about to perform at a Fleadh Cheoil which was being televised looking for the names of the tunes "quick", Bryan added.

Seamus played for many famous people over the years including at the State dinner held in honour of their Majesties, the King and Queen of the Netherlands in June 2019, on which occasion he was accompanied on vocals by his daughter Méabh and on guitar by Donogh Hennessy.

Everyone who knew Séamus, will remember him for his incredible talent, his genuine



*The late Séamus Begley, singing a lament in concert at the INEC Killarney. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan*



*Séamus and Méabh Begley pictured with Bryan O'Leary.*

warmth and his great sense of fun. He was a man that left a lasting impression on all those who he met and he will be deeply missed.

The traditional music scene said goodbye to another legend this week, the late Jimmy Doyle from Headford. Jimmy was one of the last of the great Sliabh Luachra Musicians having played with the likes of Johnny O'Leary and Denis Murphy. In fact, it was Jimmy who was instrumental in also teaching Bryan O'Leary at his weekly Sunday sessions in The Arbutus Bar in Killarney.

"Everyone in the trad scene in Ireland would have known or heard of Jimmy Doyle, he was the last link to the old Sliabh Luachra music, having learned directly from my grandfather, Bryan said. "Always so encouraging, he would bring young students along with him on a Sunday and encourage them to play the tunes the knew and accompanied them.

No one could play a jig like Johnny, his old style was synonymous with his talent and he will be greatly missed.



*Bryan O'Leary playing with the late Jimmy Doyle.*



*Bryan O'Leary, Moira O'Leary and Jimmy Doyle pictured with the statue of his grandfather Johnny O'Leary in Killarney.*



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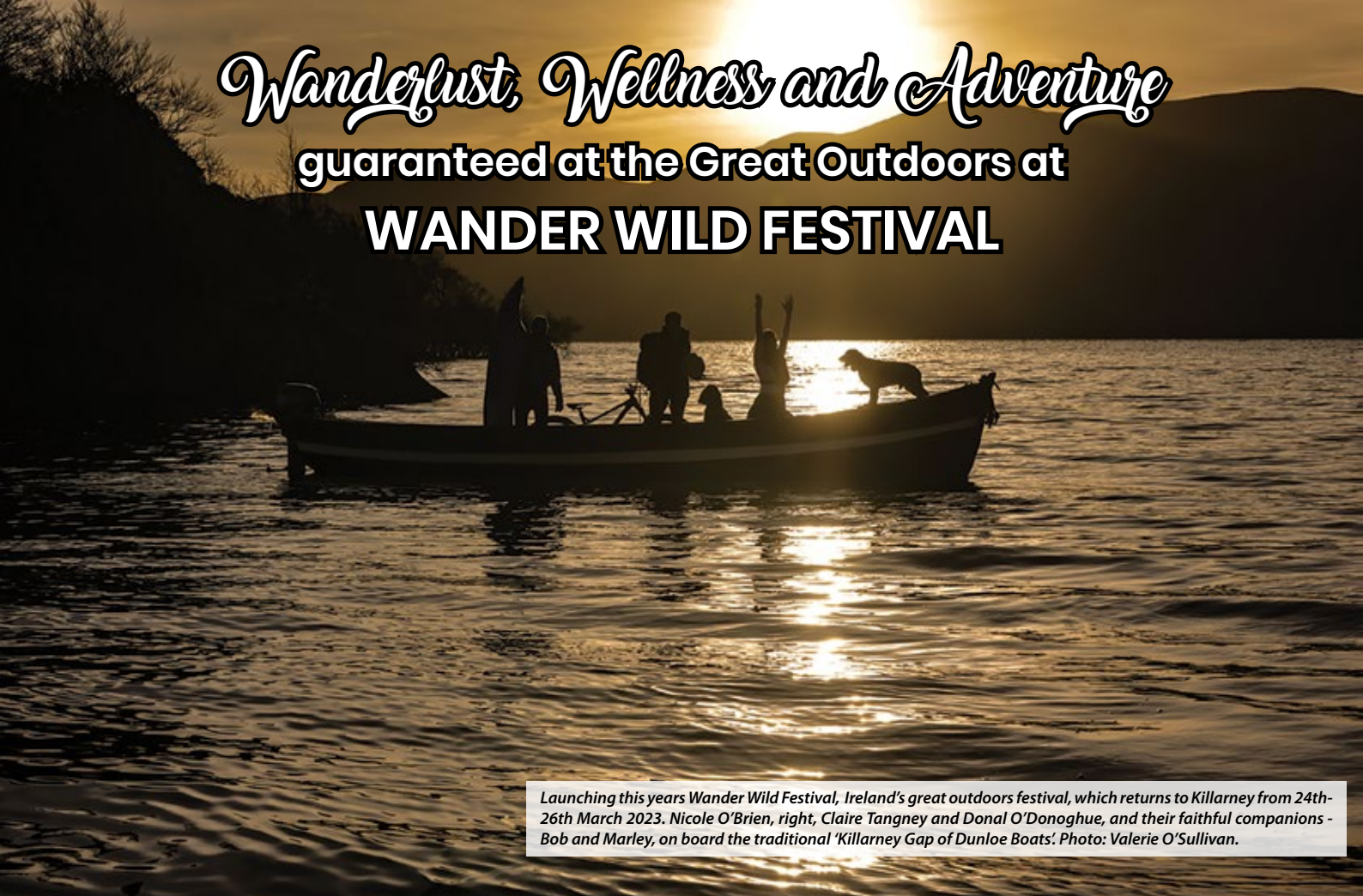
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Launching this year's Wander Wild Festival, Ireland's great outdoors festival, which returns to Killarney from 24th-26th March 2023. Nicole O'Brien, right, Claire Tangney and Donal O'Donoghue, and their faithful companions - Bob and Marley, on board the traditional 'Killarney Gap of Dunloe Boats'. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan.

**Whether you're an adrenaline junkie, or a rambler who treks off the beaten track, or are on the search for new mindful experiences, there's something to suit all wanderers at the Wander Wild Festival, Ireland's great outdoors festival, which returns to Killarney from 24th-26th March 2023.**

The unique adventure and wellness festival, set in the lakes and mountains of the 25,000-acre UNESCO Killarney National Park, has doubled in scale with a host of outdoor events for the body, mind and soul.

Over the weekend, you'll have the chance to explore new adventures and recharge with a dip, hike, bike, kayak, swim, horse ride, ramble, or wellness activity against a backdrop of stunning scenic landscapes.

Thrill seekers can scale Carrauntoohil - Ireland's highest mountain, test their endurance on a trail run through the Gap of Dunloe, enjoy a night trail run on the Old Kenmare Road, rise to new heights with rock climbing and abseiling, or join an outdoor classroom and learn how to move off the beaten track with a Steep Ground Masterclass.

The festival offers something for all outdoor lovers, ages, and abilities, with a myriad of unique experiences for those who seek out the rare or unusual. Paddle back in time on a Kayak Tour to Innisfallen Island - home to a monastery dating back to 640 AD, or start the day with a sunrise dip at Dundag, float in nature with an enchanting forest bath, discover the power of breath with a Wim Hof Method Workshop, or savour a warm recovery with a Samhradh Sauna Experience.

New additions include a natural ice-bath in the Lakes of Killarney, a 3D sensory tour of the Blue Pool Nature Reserve with a light and sound installation, the premiere of two Irish adventure films, a gourmet food trail, a photo exhibition, and an expanded children's activity camp. You can also nourish your inner self with a range of culinary and cultural experiences unique to the area.

For those who want to explore the National Park with the benefit of local knowledge, there are guided hikes, night walks, and pony treks, urban orienteering, photo exhibitions, and self-guided loop walks for families. Wellness enthusiasts can experience Yoga & Light Therapy, Reiki, Yoga, Sunrise Vinyasa, workshops on Handstands, Yin Yoga, and a Strength and Conditioning for Hiking for over 55s.

One of the best things about the festival is that you can experience complete remoteness by day, and a town buzzing with entertainment at night! The fun won't stop when the sun goes down as Killarney hosts the electric basecamp for the festival, harnessing the power of the Killarney UNESCO Biosphere Reserve and the bustling town to offer a compelling weekend of activities and social events.

A spectacular opening Spring Equinox parade will take place through the streets to celebrate the end of winter and the rebirth of spring, and there will be a Beat Party Workout and Dance Party, and live music and entertainment in local bars over the weekend.

Pat Chawke, Chairperson of Wander Wild Festival, said, "This is a fantastic chance to explore the stunning Killarney National Park, its

lakes and its mountains, in a unique way. From solo travellers to families and groups of friends, from ardent adventurers to those who just love the great outdoors, we have something for everyone, whether that's wilderness, wellness or wanderlust! It's about being out in nature, self-care, and the simple pleasures of going for a float, ramble, roam, stray or stroll! There are also great deals over the weekend as the festival kick starts our tourism season, so it's a great time to explore and enjoy everything that Killarney town and the National Park has to offer."

There's a plentiful and diverse range of accommodation options in Killarney with something for every budget, from hostels and self-catering to four- and five-star hotels. Shuttle buses will transfer people from the town centre to all the activities making the connection from vibrant Killarney to the majestic wilderness of the surrounding natural landscape, quick and convenient!

Many events are free, and some are ticketed. Those looking to secure their preferred events or avail of early bird weekend activity packages which are now live are advised to book early to avoid disappointment [wanderwildfestival.com](http://wanderwildfestival.com).

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# 100 DAYS OF WALKING TO REMEMBER JJ

The family of a popular Killarney businessman who passed away suddenly while travelling abroad on December 5th, 2021 are holding a fundraiser in support of The Kevin Bell Repatriation Trust.

JJ O'Donoghue always believed in the simple things in life, good quality food and getting at least 15 minutes a day spent out in nature. "Colin Bell and all at The Kevin Bell Trust were an incredible support in the swift repatriation of bringing JJ home to his grieving family and friends and we are forever indebted for their kindness, wisdom and gentle ways", JJ's daughter Pamela told Killarney Outlook.

"We have set up a gofundme page and are asking everyone to Join us in 100 days of get up, get out & walk amongst nature, hear the birds sing, feel the gentle breeze / mist in your hair & give yourself the time to reflect & nourish your spirit", Pamela added.

The family started their fundraiser on Thursday last 5th January and plan to hold their last walk on Saturday April 15th 2023 on the Old Kenmare Road starting at 10.30am.

"We as a family are exceptionally GREATFUL to all our family & friends who have supported us this year & we look forward to raising much needed funds for The Kevin Bell Repatriation Trust to support future families who find themselves in such heartbreaking & unbearable circumstances", Pamela added.

You can donate to 100 Days of Walking at <https://gofund.me/2ff19841>.

"Between family & friends we have 20 plus participants from Killarney to Cavan, Kiskeam, Stillorglin, Leopardstown, Cabinteely, Skerries, Washington DC, Carlow and London, doing the 100 days in Memory of JJ O' Donoghue & in aid of Kevin Bell Repartition Trust", Pamela said.



JJ's daughter Grace Moran & her daughter Lily Rose doing the 100 days walking from Knocklyon Dublin.

JJ's daughters Rachel O'Donoghue and Pam Tracey with Rachel's fiancé Alan Mc Carney with Pam's husband Mark and Daughter Frankie Tracey.



The late JJ O'Donoghue

## MAYOR LAUNCHES COMMUNITY SUPPORT FUND 2023

Kerry County Council has this week opened applications for the Community Support Fund for 2023. Community groups across Kerry can now apply to the fund through the Kerry County Council website and the closing date is Wednesday 8th February 2023.

A total of €750,000 is being made available through this year's scheme.

The fund, which is now in its ninth year, has supported over 2,680 projects since 2015.

The 2023 Community Support Fund was launched by the Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council, Cllr John Francis Flynn who encouraged community groups to apply.

'Millions have been distributed to community groups over the past nine years through this vital funding stream and it has allowed voluntary and community organisations in the county to upgrade community facilities, to support local projects and to enhance existing services.

'I would encourage voluntary and community groups to apply at the earliest opportunity,' said Cllr Flynn.

**There are four main categories eligible for funding this year including:**

- Rebuilding and Reconnecting Communities
  - Tidy Towns Initiatives and Amenity Projects
  - Community Economic Innovation
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- Queries should be referred by email to the Municipal District which groups are applying to or by contacting the Community and Tourism Department at Kerry County Council on (066) 7183680.



Pictured at the launch at Kerry County Council Chambers this week were: Moira Murrell CEO Kerry County Council, Cllr John Francis Flynn and Niamh O'Sullivan KCC. Photo By: Domnick Walsh © Eye Focus LTD.





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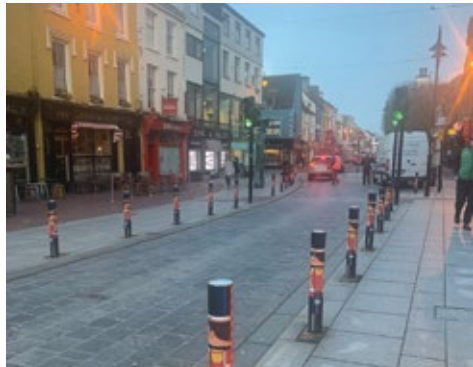
# It's the talk of the town...

With Anne Lucey



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

## Main Street Misses the Mark in Litter Report



Main Street misses the mark in IBAL report.

Town centre Killarney gets a bit of a doing in the latest IBAL Irish Business Against Litter survey conducted by An Taisce.

Killarney has not reached the heights of previous years and has been overtaken and is on a declining trend. This is a great pity after all the voluntary and professional effort over the years.

As mayor of Killarney Niall Kelleher put it, "the decline in Killarney over the past 18 months needs to be reversed".

"We have a problem," he told this week's council meeting, which was back in the town hall.

The declining trend in relation to IBAL is a negative and the things raised in the survey have previously been raised by councillors, the meeting was told.

Niall O'Callaghan put it bluntly: "We haven't replaced the workers on the ground," he said referring to retirements and such.

Council road staff were praised by all councillors for their efforts historically and over at Christmas.

Brendan Cronin asked for consultation with bar and shop owners on cigarette litter.

Marie Moloney said the staff in place were doing their utmost "but they are under severe pressure and I can't understand we are not back up at levels of recruitment."

The bins in the Glebe were "a disgrace" she said and cars could hardly pass them, she added.

Temporary staff should be taken on full-time, Donal Grady said. Bins should not be put out at night and this would reduce litter, he also said.

Approach roads and the Killarney Leisure Centre, far outside the town centre, garner great praise. But overall, Killarney "just holds on to its clean status," comes the assessment. The report does not put a tooth in it:

"It is a shame that the Main Street in this important tourist town just missed the top litter grade, not much effort is required to rectify this. By far the most heavily littered

area was the 'Bins at Glebe Car Park' site – clearly better management of commercial / industrial waste is required here."

Surely the Glebe Car area which has been an eyesore with some time can be tidied up? A simple solution would be a timber railing and protective area to corner off the Glebe bins while preventing casual dumping.

I am amazed neither the Tidy Towns earlier this summer, or An Taisce/IBAL do not stress the issue of chewing gum stuck to the pavements on New Street and elsewhere. Cigarette butts are far easier to pick up. By the way, "the long deep ruts" on many of the roads, mentioned in the Tidy Towns have also yet to be addressed.

Kerry County Council management and engineers have pledged a doubling of efforts.

Town manager Angela McAllen insisted there are enough resources but says the council is taking on board the negatives "as well as the large number of positives" in the IBAL report. "Our standards are and remain high in this town," the manager said.

## Guests of the Nation

One of the most disappointing aspects of the most talked about subject in Killarney, a huge increase in population, has been the deafening silence from our own Government TDs Norma Foley and Brendan Griffin. Main opposition TD Pa Daly of Sinn Féin has also been silent other than to condemn a protest outside the direct provision Hotel Killarney last weekend.

There is real anxiety now in a town hosting thousands of extra people with no plan for the future and no supports.

Local residents feel overwhelmed by the volumes being placed, as the result of what are private commercial deals between the State and individual property owners. And all this in a town where housing, health and other services were stretched already.

Yes, on Monday night on TV, Killarney got a pat on the back from Tralee based Minister and former teacher Norma Foley for being so welcoming. Tanaiste Micheal Martin, a former teacher too, has also given Killarney the same pat on the back as indeed has Higher Education Minister Simon Harris during his visit to the town. It's beginning to feel like gold stars from the primary school teacher!

But the problems and anxiety in the relatively small tourist dependent town need more than gold stars on our copy book. And we citizens are entitled to answers from our political leaders.

How long is this to continue? How many contracts are being renewed? Are there new contracts? Can Norma or the former deputy Government chief whip Brendan tell us how a town filled with traumatised people can

at the same time present a light-hearted, carefree holiday atmosphere.

What will happen to all these people and their children as well as men if the contracts are not renewed? There is also the thorny problem of different treatment, something I and others are increasingly uncomfortable with. A two-tier system, encouraged by the EU, has been created with regard to refugees that is downright discriminatory, as several have already pointed out. Those in direct provision in Killarney get Euro 38.80 a week while those in temporary protection are entitled to several times this, support organisation Masi points out. Access to education and language support and medical are also speedier, Masi also says.

Is it too much to ask that our Kerry TDs could insist on consultation with the wider community in Killarney before any more private contracts with B&Bs and hotels are signed by the State. Could they seek to end the stark discrimination between classes of refugees that is reinforcing division. Could they ensure we get our rightful allocation of gardai, GPs, postal workers, social workers, administrators, houses, educators, traffic police etc in accordance with the dramatic increase in population numbers. Finally, could they also seek that all refugees are identified properly before being placed in communities?

## Local Hillwalking may have "Peaked"

There has been a noticeable downturn in numbers of hillwalkers in Killarney this Christmas. Some of this may be down to weather. But I have a sneaking suspicion much of it is post-Covid.

For almost three years there was nothing to do but walk! And walk again. And with the Macroom bypass there was an expectation of more walkers than ever.

Grey skies do not help of course, but all things have cycles and it may well be the case hillwalking "peaked" during Covid lockdowns. That said, there was an extraordinary call-out on Christmas Day on my doorstep and you would wonder why we are still at the stage of not demanding some financial penalty from lost walkers who drag volunteers away from the Christmas dinner table. Something else to consider for the New Year!





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## Release of New WW2 Novel Eagerly Anticipated

**B**ased on an extraordinary true story, *My Father's House* is a powerful literary thriller from a master of historical fiction. Acclaimed Irish author Joseph O'Connor has created an unforgettable novel of love, faith and sacrifice, and what it means to be truly human in the most extreme circumstances.

Eagerly anticipated since it was announced in early 2020, based on Hugh O'Flaherty's activities in WW2 occupied Rome will be available in all good bookshops from January 26th 2023. An absolute "must read" for all fans of WW2 history, Msgr Hugh O'Flaherty and author Joseph O'Connor.

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## Snooker Legends RAISE THOUSANDS FOR RECOVERY HAVEN

**S**NOOKER legends, Ken Doherty and Jimmy White, held a very special New Year's reunion in Killarney in January as part of a charity exhibition match in aid of Recovery Haven Kerry Cancer Support House.

The renowned snooker legends appeared at Killarney's Eviston House Hotel on Monday, January 2nd for the very special event, which was organised by local man Connie O'Sullivan and hotel owner Patrick Eviston. Patrick wanted to host the event in memory of his late wife Linda, who received valuable support from Recovery Haven prior to her death.

"We had such a wonderful night and are so grateful to every single person who made it possible", Marisa Reidy from Recovery Haven told Killarney Outlook

Killarney man Connie O'Sullivan was instrumental in making the event

such a huge success, along with tremendous support from our MC David Joyce from Cork and of course Pat Eviston of the Eviston House Hotel, who kindly hosted the event

Needless to say, none of this would have been possible without the incredible support our two snookers legends – Ken Doherty and Jimmy White – two absolute gentlemen who went above and beyond to ensure that the sell out crowd had a fantastic night of entertainment and they also played a few frames with a number of local, amateur snooker players, which was great fun.

Massive thanks to the amazing people in the room who supported our raffle and auction, raising over €5k alone on the night – including €1700 for a signed David Clifford jersey. David attended the event and even had a shot or two with Ken Doherty.

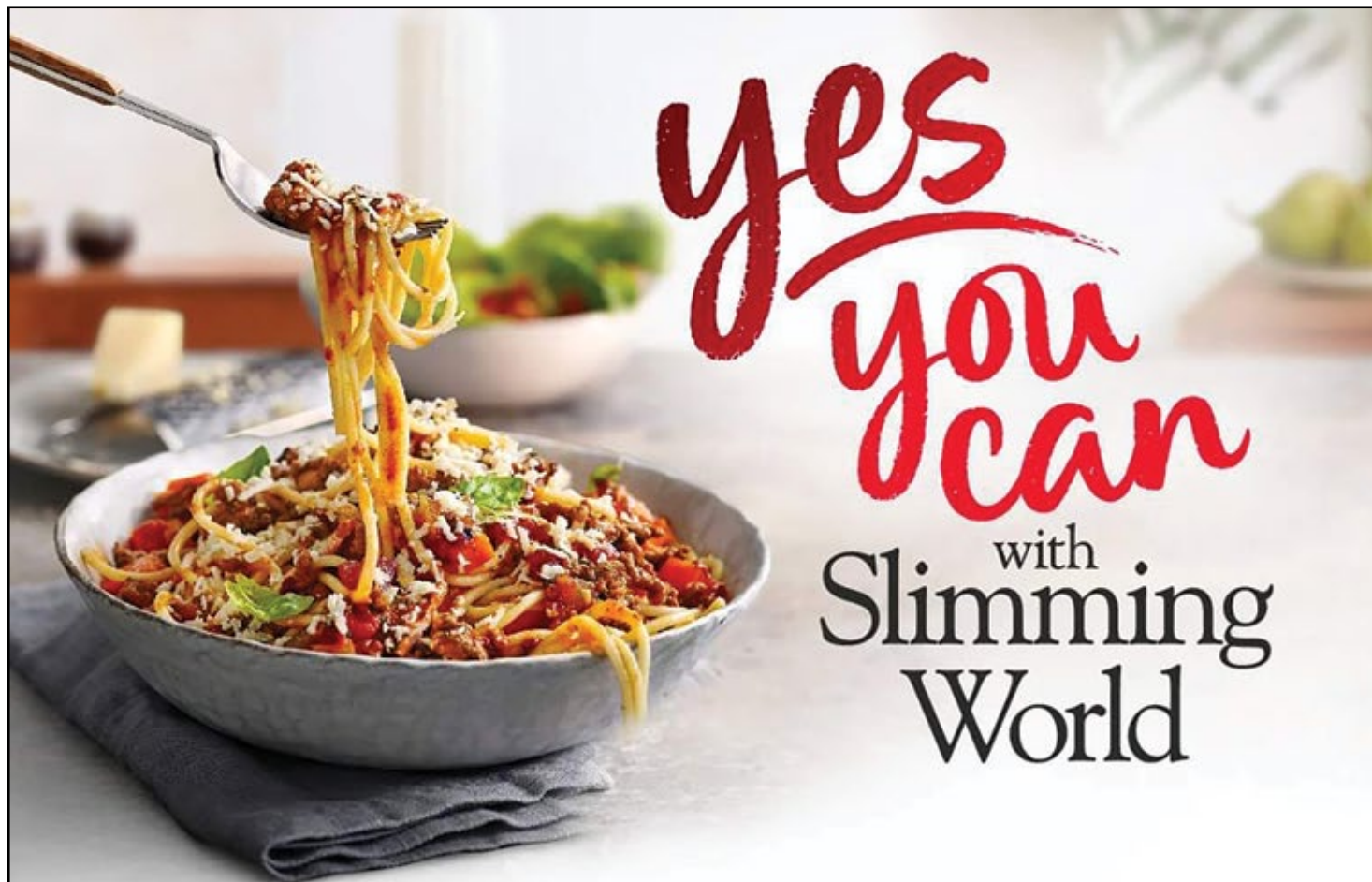
David Clifford tries his hand at snooker – quite successfully – against Ken Doherty



Marisa Reidy and Jacinta Bradley with snooker legends Jimmy White and Ken Doherty







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## SCOIL PHOBAIL SLIABH LUACHRA CELEBRATE THE RETIREMENT OF ESTEEMED COLLEAGUES



Maria Hanrahan (Deputy Principal), Margaret Dennehy, Mary O Connor, Carmel O Keeffe, Mary Woods and Denis Kerins (Principal) pictured at the Retirement celebration.

Photo: Tony O'Brien.

There was a sense of celebration and gratitude in the air among the staff of Scoil Phobail Sliabh Luachra in Rathmore recently at a lovely social occasion to mark the retirements of four members of the teaching staff. The now former teachers, Margaret Dennehy, Carmel O Keeffe, Mary Woods and Mary O Connor attended the celebratory meal and evening with their husbands along with a huge number of staff members, past and present. The event which was held in the Great Southern Hotel gave teaching colleagues and friends the opportunity to share stories and memories of the retirees and wish them well as they move onto the next phase of their lives away from the classroom. All four former teachers had initially started in St. Mary's Secondary School in Rathmore before joining Scoil Phobail Sliabh Luachra when the amalgamation occurred in 1998. Margaret Dennehy, who taught Music and English had spent her entire career in Rathmore and special mention was made of her musical contribution to all school events over the years. Carmel O Keeffe taught French and Irish for many years instilled



School staff pictured with the retirees. Photo: Tony O'Brien

a passion and grá for languages in all of her students. Mary O Connor was key figure of the Science Department where she taught Junior Cycle Science and Biology as well as providing staff and students with lots of delicious home-baking over the years. Mary Woods, an enthusiastic Home Economics for many years, was a driving force behind the success of the Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme (LCVP) in the school with a particular passion for developing an entrepreneurial spirit and leadership skills in her students. "While their presence is missed in SPSL, we wish each of our colleagues health and happiness in their retirement," said Principal, Denis Kerins.

## CALL FOR FALLEN TREES TO BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR THE VULNERABLE

At this week's Killarney District Municipal meeting, which was held in the Killarney Town Hall, Cllr. John O'Donoghue put forward a notice of motion that in the event of the NPWS having wood from fallen trees in excess of that required for re-generative purposes, it would



A fallen tree in the Demesne in Killarney National Park. Inset: Cllr John O'Donoghue.

consider donating that supply to a local charity shop for distribution to appropriate households e.g. pensioners to help them cope with the rising energy costs.

"I am well aware of the argument from an environmental perspective for allowing fallen trees regenerate their own ecosystem, and I am not looking to interfere in the process. I am asking that if the powers that be in the NPWS deem it a possibility due to having an excess of this fallen timber, that they would consider making it available to suitable households e.g. pensioners due to the ongoing energy crisis. The cost of heating our homes has exploded in recent months, and this is being felt by the vulnerable more than most, and I feel that due to the extraordinary circumstances we find ourselves presented with, every possible avenue for easing the burden should be explored. It makes me very uncomfortable to think there are elderly people and struggling families within our MD who are too worried about their bills to heat themselves properly. If the NPWS were to acquiesce to my request, I would not be looking to set a permanent precedent, but as mentioned earlier, these extraordinary times call for extraordinary measures", Cllr. O'Donoghue told the meeting.

**The Council will bring this to matter to the NPWS for their consideration.**



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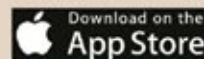
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# Celebrations at The Gleneagle Hotel



Pictured left to right: Patrick O'Donoghue, Mike Woods, Ellis Loughrey, Jack McCarthy, Breffni Ingerton, John Dolan, Ann O'Leary and Chido Mukambi of The Gleneagle hotel.  
Picture: Valerie O'Sullivan



Gleneagle Group HR Department pictured from left to right: Ellis Loughrey, Eileen Doherty, Catriona Nolan, Sylwia Godzik, Orla Steinbeck and Ann O'Leary. Picture Valerie O'Sullivan

**The Gleneagle Hotel is a great place to work and that's according to Fáilte Ireland. The award came in the week when the HR team at the hotel were announced as a finalist in the annual Chartered Institute of Personnel Development Ireland HR Awards.**

The hotel has become one of the first in Ireland to achieve the mark of Employer Excellence through Fáilte Ireland's new Employer Excellence Programme.

Fáilte Ireland, together with Great Place to Work, launched the Employer Excellence Programme in September with the aim of supporting tourism businesses to drive employee engagement and build a great workplace culture. The Employer Excellence mark acts as a symbol that identifies businesses that are rewarding and appealing workplaces.

The Gleneagle Hotel was awarded the mark of Employer Excellence following the correlation of results of an employee survey. The results of this survey were then benchmarked independently by an employee engagement expert.

"We are delighted to be recognised as a great place to work. Our team is our greatest asset and essential in delivering exceptional guest experiences. As employers, it is our responsibility to provide a rewarding and appealing place to work and, in today's competitive employment market, this is more important than ever," said Patrick O'Donoghue, CEO of The Gleneagle Group.

To find out more about working as part of the team at The Gleneagle Hotel visit [www.gleneaglehotel.com/en/jobs/](http://www.gleneaglehotel.com/en/jobs/)

Meanwhile, The Gleneagle Group's hardworking HR team is a finalist in the annual Chartered Institute of Personnel Development Ireland HR Awards.

The Chartered Institute of Personnel Development (CIPD) is the professional body for human resources and people development in Ireland and their awards are considered the most prestigious HR awards in Ireland.

The Gleneagle Group has been shortlisted for an award under the Talent Management category and is the only hotel group to feature. The Talent Management category is one of the most hotly contested with The Gleneagle Group facing stiff competition from Boots Ireland, Bus Éireann, the Department of Foreign Affairs, Mater Private and Tusla Child and Family Agency.

"This nomination is a testament to the work we all do across the hotel to attract, engage, train and retain people," said Ellis Loughrey, Director of People and Culture for The Gleneagle Group. "It is very much a team effort but we must give particular credit to Sylwia Godzik our Recruitment Manager for her work in developing new pipelines for talent throughout Europe."

The HR team's next step is to present their talent management strategies to the CPID judging panel. The overall winners will be announced at a special awards ceremony in the Mansion House, Dublin on February 24.

## Running for the Hospice....

### DAVID RAISES €15,445 IN NOVEMBER RUN

Following the death of his sister in law Geraldine O'Connor who passed away in November 2021, Killarney man David Looney decided to raise money for the Kerry Hospice who looked after her so well during her illness.

David Looney decided for the month of November he would take on a 170mile run for Kerry Hospice.

"It was his way of saying thanks for the care given to his sister in law Geraldine O'Connor who sadly passed away in November 2021.", Cathal Walshe, PRO of the Killarney Branch of the Hospice told Killarney Outlook. "He timed the run to conclude on the 1st anniversary of her death. Last week he invited all the O'Connor clan from Keel to the handover of the cheque in the Tatler Jack where he is the manager", Cathal added.

On hand to accept the donation was Cathal Walshe, P.R.O of Killarney branch of Kerry Hospice.



On hand to accept the donation was Cathal Walshe, P.R.O of Killarney branch of Kerry Hospice (right) with David Looney, centre and family members.



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"Being accountable to someone every week, getting the right advice and being able to eat normal everyday foods is what sets this plan apart, whether you want to lose a few pounds or several stone," said Pat. "Everyone needs a bit of encouragement."

You can contact Pat on 087 6856930 and book your consultation either at Club Vitae Leisure Centre at Hotel Killarney. For those who can't do an appointment in person, Pat's weight loss program can also be done ONLINE APPOINTMENTS.

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# STILL CLEAN, BUT MORE WORK NEEDS TO BE DONE

The latest litter survey by business group Irish Business Against Litter shows Tralee and Killarney retaining their 'clean' status in 2022. In 21st and 28th place respectively in the ranking of 40 towns and cities nationwide, neither came close to challenging Naas for the title of cleanest town. In all, three quarters of Ireland's cities and towns were deemed 'clean' in 2022, compared to just over half in the previous year.

## **The An Taisce report for Killarney stated:**

While not reaching the heights of previous years, Killarney just holds on to its clean status. Top ranking sites included the approach roads and Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre – the latter was exceptionally well presented and maintained. It is a shame that the Main Street in this important tourist town just missed the top litter grade, not much effort is required to rectify this. By far the most heavily littered area was the 'Bins at Glebe Car Park' site – clearly better management of commercial / industrial waste is required here.

**Pike Road: Grade A.** A clean a fresh impression of Killarney was created along this route. The recessed area with seating was a nice feature.

**Woodlands Industrial Estate: Grade A.** Apart from a few minor items, including dog fouling, this was a clean site. Apart from very minimal planting, this was a very functional environment.

**Killarney Sports & Leisure: Grade A.** An exceptionally well presented and maintained environment with a complete absence of litter throughout. Car park surface and markings were in good order and the extensive planting looked great. Well done to all concerned!

**Park Road: Grade B.** (from junction with N22 and Countess Road). Some parts of this road were much cleaner than other parts. As well as a wide variety of food and alcohol cans, there was a pile of discarded clothing and some construction related materials.

**Aldi: Grade B.** This freshly presented environment was let down by noticeable litter at all the pedestrian entrances, on the grass area, next to the bin and trolley bays. As well as typical food related items, there were



Port Road received a Grade A in the report.

shop receipts and promotional related materials.

**Main Street: Grade B+.** Excellent streetscape with lovely paving, road surface, bollards, ornamental tree planning, planter boxes and well presented shop fronts. With a little extra effort on behalf of smokers and shoppers, this could be a top ranking site.

**Bohereenacael: Grade B+.** The brick paving along this narrow laneway looks great and the ornamental tree is a welcome addition. Cigarette butts were the most obvious litter item, with lower levels of food related items. There didn't appear to be any litter bins / cigarette butt units.

**Bins at Glebe Car Park: Grade C.** This area was by far the most heavily littered site surveyed in Killarney. Many of the large commercial bins (with locks) were full /overflowing, the contents of which were spilling onto the ground. As well as a wide variety of food related items, there was cardboard and industrial wrapping. The overall impression was a poor one.

**Bus Station: Grade B.** The Bus Parking area was clean but the covered seating area harboured litter – mostly cigarette butts with lower levels of food items e.g. sweet papers, mineral cans, coffee cups and plastic bag. This took away from an otherwise well presented environment with attractive paving, seating and litter bins which were in good condition.

**Port Approach Road: Grade A.** Road surface / markings / signage were in very good order and area was enhanced by some nice paving and stainless steel bollards. It was excellent with regards to litter.

## Quiz buffs enjoy Fíries NS Quiz in aid of My Canine Companion

People in the Fíries area have supported My Canine Companion Therapy Dogs at Fíries National School at a table quiz held in Hendersons Bar over Christmas.

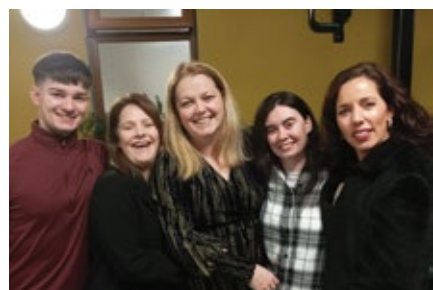
"Bosco and Fifi from My Canine Companion Services are a huge hit in Fíries National School where they do amazing work to help children with autism", Majella O'Sullivan told Killarney Outlook. My Canine Companion is an Irish national charity who provide accredited service dogs to people with disabilities, predominantly autism. In addition MCC provides a range of therapy dog services and autism awareness programmes. My Canine Companion was set up in 2011 by husband-and-wife team Cliona O'Rourke and Niall Ruddy from the couple's home in Blarney Co Cork the charity quickly became the largest provider of service dogs to children and young adults with autism in Ireland.

The organisation is now headquartered in Blackpool, Cork and provides a nationwide service including the provision of over 60% of Ireland's autism service/assistance dogs.

My Canine Companion is committed to enriching the lives of people with difficulties particularly autism, through the placement of highly skilled Service Dogs and companion dogs providing safety, independence, and companionship to our clients



Enjoying the table quiz on Friday night in Hendersons bar Fíries for My Canine Companion is Frances Henderson, Eammon Foley, Brendan Spring, Majella and Kieran Breen with Juno the St. Oliver's NS Killarney MCC therapy dog.



Conor Henderson, Mags Foley, Majella Breen, Helena O'Connor & Mairead Sheehy pictured at the quiz.



Majella Breen, Rebekah and Elaine O'Sullivan with Juno St. Oliver's NS Killarney MCC therapy dog





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# Sick Leave and Sick Pay

*Sick  
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**Q. This is also the time of year when a lot of people are getting colds and flus and may have to take time off work. Today we are going to look at what support is available if you find yourself in a situation where you have to take time off work due to illness. Can you clarify what rights to paid sick leave that employees have?**

It may surprise some of your listeners to hear that until this year, 2023, you had no legal right to be paid while you were on sick leave from work, no matter how long you had worked for your employer. However, this has changed. Since 1 January 2023, you have a right to 3 days' sick pay a year. This is called statutory sick pay (that means the legal minimum). Sick pay is paid by your employer at 70% of your normal pay up to a maximum of €110 a day.

The entitlement to paid sick leave is being phased in over 4 years:  
: 2023 - 3 days covered  
: 2024 - 5 days covered  
: 2025 - 7 days covered  
: 2026 - 10 days covered

Sick days can be taken as consecutive days or non-consecutive days. The sick pay year is the calendar year, so it runs from 1 January to 31 December.

**Q. Is every person who is in employment entitled to sick pay?**

To qualify for statutory sick pay you must be an employee and have worked for your employer

for at least 13 continuous weeks before you are sick – that's about 3 months. You must also be certified by a GP as unable to work

**Q. Does this mean that the employee needs a medical cert to get sick pay?**

Yes - under the sick leave legislation, you must be certified by a GP as unable to work to qualify for statutory sick pay. You should be certified from day 1 of your sick leave. You have a right to SSP from the first day you are off sick. Your employer cannot apply 'waiting days' before you get sick pay.

**Q. How is the sick pay calculated?**

Your statutory sick leave payment must be paid at your normal daily rate. You are entitled to 70% of your normal gross pay, up to a maximum €110 a day.

**Q. Some employers may already have a sick pay scheme – how does this new scheme impact on those situations?**

Yes, some employers already pay sick leave and may already offer their employees more generous sick pay arrangements than the new statutory scheme. These would normally be outlined within your contract of employment. However, the important point to note is that any company's sick leave scheme can't be less than the statutory amount.

**Q. What are my options if I experience problems getting sick pay?**

If you do not get statutory sick pay, contact your employer to try to resolve the issue informally

first.

If you cannot resolve the issue directly with your employer, you can make a formal complaint to the Workplace Relations Commission (WRC). Contact your local Citizens Information Centre for information on how to make a complaint to the WRC

You must make your complaint within 6 months of the dispute. The time limit can be extended for a further 6 months if there is reasonable cause for the delay.

**Q. This new statutory sick pay scheme provides sick pay for a limited number of days e.g. 3 days in 2023. What happens if I am off sick for more than 3 days?**

If you are off work sick for more than 3 days, and you have enough PRSI contributions, you can apply to the Department of Social Protection (DSP) for a payment called Illness Benefit.

If you do not have enough PRSI contributions, you should contact the DSP's representative at your local health centre. They will assess your situation and you may have entitlement to Supplementary Welfare Allowance which is means-tested

For anyone needing information, advice or have an advocacy issue, you can call a member of the local Citizens Information team in Kerry on 0818 07 7860, they will be happy to assist and make an appointment if necessary. The offices are staffed from Monday to Friday from 10am to 4pm. Alternatively you can email on [tralee@citinfo.ie](mailto:tralee@citinfo.ie) or log on to [www.citizensinformation.ie](http://www.citizensinformation.ie) for further information.

## SECOND BOOSTER AVAILABLE TO 18-49 YEAR OLDS

**Cork Kerry Community Healthcare is reminding all adults aged between 18-49 that they can now avail of their second COVID-19 booster vaccine with appointments available at clinics in Cork and Kerry this week.**

From Wednesday January 11th clinics in Cork and Kerry will offer a second COVID-19 booster vaccine to all eligible adults aged between 18-49.

Dr. Anne Sheahan, Area Director of Public Health for Cork and Kerry says:

"We strongly encourage people aged 18-49 to avail of the vaccine. It is a very safe vaccine and will offer added protection at a time when we are seeing very high levels of COVID-19 in the community. And people can still become very sick with the infection"

Adding that: "Our best ammunition against COVID is vaccination"

Vaccines take 14 days to be effective. The new

adapted vaccines will be provided as a booster vaccine for this group. You can book a booster appointment online at HSE vaccination clinics on [www.hse.ie](http://www.hse.ie). Booster vaccines may also be available at participating pharmacies and GPs.

While some people in the 18-49 years age group may have already received their second booster if they are a healthcare worker or have

had an underlying health condition, the HSE also strongly urges people who have not yet received a COVID-19 booster vaccine to check their vaccine status and to do so as soon as possible. You can do this by contacting HSELive on 1800 700 700.

Vaccination clinic times this week in Kerry:

• Saturday January 14th, 9.15am-1.15pm, and 2pm-3.15pm (12+)

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# COLLEGE HOPEFULS CAN APPROACH THE 2023 CAO COLLEGE APPLICATION SEASON WITH CONFIDENCE AND OPTIMISM

By Billy Ryle

As a new year begins with renewed hope and exuberance, college applicants must focus on the CAO form as the deadline looms large. Indeed, it's shaping up to be a very promising year for the 80,000 plus applicants – about 2,500 from Kerry – seeking a third level college course. In 2022, 67,075 applicants received at least one offer from the CAO. The net applicant acceptance figure was 49,459 – 43,207 at Level 8 (Honours Bachelor Degrees) and 6,252 at Level 7/6 (Ordinary Level Degrees/Higher Certificates). More than 50,000 college places will be available next August. Applicants have until 5pm on 1st February to submit a completed application form. So, use the remaining weeks wisely. Carefully consider your course choices. Follow your heart but keep an eye on the jobs market.

Since the new Leaving Cert grading system and CAO common points scale were introduced in 2017, points' requirements for many courses have stabilised. As the 'calculated, accredited and enhanced grades' considerably inflated course points requirements during the past three years, it might be wiser to consult the 2019 cut off points as a guide to likely points requirements in 2023. But keep in mind that points' requirements for courses fluctuate from year to year, so predicting cut off points is an inaccurate science. Each Leaving Cert candidate should aim to achieve her/his best possible result in that exam. Points' requirements for courses will take care of themselves in due course.

The CAO processes applications for admission to undergraduate courses in third level colleges in Ireland. Every public sector university, college and institute in the country, as well as a number of private colleges, participates in the CAO system. An applicant may choose from the entire range of courses in the CAO Handbook 2023. The courses are categorised as 'Level 8' or 'Level 7/6'. The 'Level 8' category contains the Honours Bachelor Degrees while the 'Level 7/6' category contains Ordinary Bachelor Degrees/Higher Certificates.

All you have to do is submit a single application to compete for one of the available third-level places. The interactive online application system, 'Apply' has made the process very straightforward. 'Apply' is easy to follow, particularly as the CAO provides an 'Interactive Demo' to enable you make a trial application. The CAO Handbook 2023 also contains detailed easy-to-follow information on how to apply for the courses on offer. The interactive online application service will remain open on the CAO website, [www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie) until 5pm on 1st February. The fee is €30, if you apply by 20th January and €45 thereafter until the 1st February.

Before you apply, study the CAO Handbook 2023 – PDF format or Personalised – which explains how to apply for a third level college place. The colleges in the CAO system are listed in alphabetical order by location. The courses in each college are listed directly under the college title, with 'Level 8' courses being listed separately from 'Level 7/6' courses. Select your personal preferences from the entire range of courses in the Handbook. Each course is assigned a code, which you enter on the application. You may apply for up to ten courses in each of the two categories, listed in order of your preference.

As the CAO Handbook 2023 doesn't contain information about general academic requirements, specific course requirements nor content of courses, consult the colleges' Prospecti and/or websites for that

information. Consider the potential career value of each course for which you are applying. Play to your strengths as you do your course research during the next few weeks. Jot down your personal career profile, including such variables as ability, achievement, application, aptitude, ambition, values, interests and personality (SAVIP). Select courses that suit you in order to have a fulfilling and successful college experience.

## 2023 CAO Common Points Scale

Percentage		Higher	Points	Ordinary Points
90 - 100	H1	100	O1	56
80 < 90	H2	88	O2	46
70 < 80	H3	77	O3	37
60 < 70	H4	66	O4	28
50 < 60	H5	56	O5	20
40 < 50	H6	46	O6	12
30 < 40	H7	37	O7	0
0 < 30	H8	0	O8	0

- 1) 25 bonus points are awarded for Higher Level Maths for H6 or above if Maths is one of the six subjects being counted for points calculation
- 2) Foundation Level Maths: F1 and F2 are valued at 20 and 12 points, respectively
- 3) LCVP: Distinction, Merit, Pass are valued at 66, 46 and 28 points, respectively

## CHECKLIST

- Familiarise yourself with the H and O grades and the respective points' values
- Be aware of the minimum and specific course entry requirements
- The CAO processes applications for admission to third level undergraduate courses
- The fee for the online application is €30, if you apply by 20th January
- Thereafter the fee is €45 until the standard closing date of 1st February
- Before you tackle the CAO application, study the CAO Handbook 2023
- Select your personal preferences from the entire range of courses in the Handbook
- You may apply for up to ten courses in each of the two categories
- Don't apply for a course without consulting the Prospectus and/or college web site
- Play to your strengths as you consider your course choices
- Jot down your personal career profile, based on the 'SAVIP' method
- Good quality research will result in you securing a suitable course

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**Tel: 0879808979**

Congratulations to two of St. Brigid's TY students, Ciara O'Donoghue and Isabel Waters, for qualifying for the next round of the Certified Irish Angus Beef Schools Competition. This competition showcases the innovative ideas from young agricultural enthusiasts, with a chance of winning 5 Angus calves to rear themselves. Ciara and Isabel submitted a video application that was chosen from a large volume of entries. Their project is highlighting the physical health of farmers and its importance in the agricultural industry. The girls now face an interview stage that is taking place in the University of Limerick at the end of January.





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## TEEN ZONE

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Enquiries: Sinéad 087 9652532 for further details.

## FOSSA TWO MILE CCÉ

Fossa Two Mile CCÉ welcomes the return of our set dancing classes with Catherine Joy on Tuesdays @ 9pm Fossa Community Hall.  
Sult na nÓg will take place on Sat 4th and Sun 5th March @ Dúchas Comhaltos Centre, Tralee.  
This competition is a perfect introduction to new competitors. Entries to secretary by the 6th Feb. Contact Eileen 087 628 4053 or Jackie 085 768 4933 for more information.  
Date for Your Diary - Christmas Ceilí will now be held on Sunday 12th March  
Congratulations to the Fossa Senior Team from Fossa Two Mile CCÉ

## KWOTE MEETING

Kwote Killarney Women's Organisation for training and empowerment monthly meeting, which is our AGM will be on THURSDAY JANUARY 19th 7pm at Ross Café, Upper Lewis Road.

## SEARCH TO FIND 2023 TEXACO CHILDREN'S ART COMPETITION WINNERS LAUNCHED

The search to find the young artists who will excel in this year's Texaco Children's Art Competition has begun. Last year four students from Co. Kerry won prizes in the Competition,

which is now in its 69th year and widely acknowledged as the longest running arts sponsorship in Ireland.

The closing date for entries is Tuesday, 28th February. Judging will take place in March with winners to be announced in April.

Details are available at [www.texacochildrenart.com](http://www.texacochildrenart.com) or at Texaco service stations throughout the county.



## KILCUMMIN BOG WALKS

Details of these walks which are rich in a variety of flora & fauna, are in the "Kilcummin Walks" brochures (free of charge) which are available at the Rural Development Office and the Post Office. Why not pick one up and it may inspire you to discover this beautiful amenity which is enjoyed by many already. Please be mindful of keeping this a clean, safe and friendly place to enjoy by bringing your rubbish home, keeping your dog(s) on a lead when you come in contact with fellow walkers or wildlife and respecting the local landowners' property.

## Half a Century of Service for Sean

A very special occasion was marked recently when Sean Moriarty celebrated 50 years of service with Killarney Hotels Collection

Team members from Killarney Hotels Collection came together in the lead up to Christmas to celebrate their annual end of year lunch.

It was a special day for Sean Moriarty who was recognised for his dedication and commitment to the company, celebrating 50 years of service.

Sean Moriarty manages the hotel's 400-acre farm that stretches between The Europe Hotel & Resort and The Dunloe Hotel & Gardens which is home to 340 head of cattle, a combination of Aberdeen Angus, Charolaise, Limousin and hundreds of sheep. Speaking about the

recognition, Managing Director, Michael Brennan said; I would like to congratulate Sean for reaching such a milestone and thank him sincerely for his valued contribution and dedication over the past fifty years.



Pictured L-R: Adrian Stehr, Managing Director of Killarney Hotels Collection and Sean Moriarty, Farm Manager of Killarney Hotels Collection

## New Course to Start in Killarney

## Seasons for Growth - Living with Grief, Loss and Change

A course on Grief, Loss and Change is starting in Killarney on February 1st. The SHEP - Capacity for Personal & Social Transformation is being facilitated at Ballyspillane Family Resource Centre and places are limited.

Your sense of loss could be associated with losing your job, a relationship break-up, family moving to another part of the world or perhaps loss of good health. You may be recently bereaved or still feeling acutely the loss of a loved one after all these years.

Whatever your loss, you want the opportunity to look at it, maybe talk about it to others

who would have an idea of what you're going through, and you'd like to come to an easier way of being with it in the context of your life. If you are interested in this course please contact Marian McCabe CWD on 086 0202924. Email: [marianballyspillanefrc@gmail.com](mailto:marianballyspillanefrc@gmail.com)



Yellow rain and wind warnings remain unabated as torrential rain and winds have caused severe flooding in Killarney National Park. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



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A meeting of the Killarney Municipal District took place on Wednesday, 11 January 2023 at 10.00am at Killarney MD Offices/Killarney Town Hall.

A number of notices of motion were put forward by Cllr. John O'Donoghue

**That the Council would examine the repeated ponding of water on Mill Road at the turn off for South Hill and put in place measures to resolve the issue.**

"This ponding of water has been ongoing for years now, and in really inclement weather it renders the road virtually impassable. The road is extremely busy, but also quite narrow, and it causes traffic to back up when half of the road is impassable. Due to the close proximity of the River Flesk, I cannot imagine it would be impossible to put in a drainage system at this point which would carry away this surface water and alleviate the ponding and I ask that the Council examine possible solutions to this problem".

The Council have cleared out a roadside gully at this location and will monitor the situation. If required, further drainage works will be carried out.

**That the Council would examine the pedestrian crossings within Killarney, with a view to making them constant flashing lights, rather than pressing a button resulting in a red light which is leading to serious traffic congestion, particularly on Railway Road by the Outlet Centre.**

"Traffic in the town is a perpetual issue due to the town being a victim of its own success and I would consider it a far bigger issue if there weren't people coming to the town at all. The placement of some of our pedestrian crossings, and in particular their proximity to roundabouts I know is under review and I welcome that. However, at other locations around the town I feel there is also room to tweak the current systems, and I am in particular thinking of the crossing on Railway Road by the Outlet Centre. Far too often traffic is stopped here at a red light without any pedestrian in sight, and I feel that were it to be replaced with a flashing amber light instead, it would ensure traffic flowed much more smoothly. I believe this was the case previously and ask that the Council consider reverting to this system, even on a trial basis to see how it goes". The Council feel that the current situation of a button with a red light is the most suitable type of pedestrian crossing for this area, but are going to upgrade the signal and control units of these crossings with a view to making traffic flow more freely.

**That the Council would repaint the lines at the top of Ross Road as they are quite faded, and currently the cycle lanes are often used for parking impeding the progress of those on bicycles. If these lanes could be clearly identified as cycle lanes, it would greatly alleviate the problem.**

6. "These traffic markings on Ross Road have become quite faded, both at junction at the top of the road, and in particular the cycle lanes further down. They road markings have faded to the point where they are almost illegible and it has resulted in cars parking in them, unwittingly I would say. This causes cyclists, and in particular children cycling to and from school, to have to leave the cycle lanes and move out into the road, which immediately places them in danger. I ask that the Council repaint



*The Council feel that the current situation of a button with a red light is the most suitable type of pedestrian crossing at the Killarney Outlet Centre.*

these lines, clearly indicating the cycle lanes as well as touching up the lines at the junction at the top of the road".

The Council have agreed to refresh the road markings on Ross Road.

**With increased levels of dog ownership within our country, that the Council would consider the creation of a dog park in the town or its immediate surrounds.**

"This may seem an unusual request, but is one which I feel would be a most worthwhile venture. Dog ownership has soared since the pandemic lockdowns, and part of the responsibilities surrounding owning a dog is that you follow the rules and keep them on a leash in the required areas. For those living in urban areas, this can make giving your pet proper exercise problematic. Dog Parks are a way around this problem and they are growing in popularity here in Ireland with several now in place in Dublin and other cities to great acclaim. They are beginning to spread to other counties, with one opening recently in Westmeath and I feel that in a town such as ours, which prides itself on being welcoming to visitors, ensuring that those who bring their 4 legged friends are also catered to is a must. There are a growing number of businesses around town now, from cafes to bars, which now advertise themselves as being dog friendly indicating the increasing demand for such places, and I feel it is time the Council stepped up to the mark in this regard. The beauty of dog parks is they do not require colossal infrastructure, really it is an enclosed space where dogs are free to socialise with other dogs and get their exercise. As part of this enclosure, a dog run should also be included to allow the more active breeds a long space to run through. I feel it would also bring the added benefit of reducing instances of dogs being off the leash in public areas, particularly in the National Park, which some people can find unsettling. I ask the Council to please identify a suitable tract of land, possibly in conjunction with the NPWS, and put this in place before the summer as once the land is identified it would be relatively simple to set up".

The Council have agreed to look into the matter and have said it is a matter for the Environmental SPC, on which I sit, to look into. I will pursue the matter further there.

## Tenants Purchase Scheme

Fianna Fáil's Councillor Michael Cahill has stated at a recent meeting of Kerry County Council that the recent changes to the Tenants Purchase Scheme as announced by the Department of Housing and Kerry County Council, need to be totally redrawn, if this scheme is to be useful for tenants and successful for all.

"The change to allow people in receipt of Pension payments to be eligible, is a very positive step and one that I have been pressing for for some time now, as is the reduction in Minimum Income requirements from €15,000 p.a. to €12,500 p.a." stated Councillor Cahill.

"But the increase in the period of time tenants will be required to be in receipt of social housing support, to be considered eligible under the scheme, has been increased from 1 to 10 years and this will apply to both parties in a joint tenancy. That is absolutely crazy and will rule out a very large number of tenants from purchasing their own home" said the Rossbeigh based Councillor.

"The purpose of the scheme is to encourage tenants to purchase, not to rule them out of doing so. This requirement must be reviewed immediately to ensure the scheme does not implode" said Councillor Cahill.

"I am also urging that disabled tenants, tenants in one bedroom houses and those in Part 5 housing be allowed enter the Tenants Purchase Scheme as a matter of equality" said Councillor Cahill.

"The increase in the length of time that one has to be in receipt of Social Housing Support so as to qualify for the Tenant Purchase Scheme is discriminatory as is not allowing disabled tenants, tenants in one bedroom houses and those in Part 5 housing from entering the Scheme" stated Councillor Cahill.

"I have called for an urgent deputation to meet with the Minister and his Officials at the the earliest possible date so that these important issues may be addressed" added Councillor Cahill.





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**KILLARNEY RFC NEWS****4 U18 GIRLS TO REPRESENT MUNSTER**

A huge congrats to our U18's players Fia Whelan,  
 Lily Morris, Ava O'Malley and Clodagh Foley  
 who have been selected to play for Munster in  
 the forthcoming U18 Interprovincial series. This  
 is a truly historic occasion for the club and we  
 are all so very proud to see our KRFC girls on  
 the Munster team! Very well done to each of  
 the girls and we look forward to watching you  
 line out for Munster!

**MINIS TRAINING - TOMORROW AT 9:30AM**

Our Minis are enjoying being back to training  
 following the Christmas break. Please note that  
 Minis takes place between 9:30am and 10:30am  
 this week. New players always welcome. For  
 further information, give David Hickey a call  
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**RESULTS**

U14 Boys: Killarney 15 - 0 Killorglin  
 U16 Boys: Fermoy 22 - 19 Killarney  
 U18 Girls: Killarney 34 - 0 Ballincollig  
 Seniors: Middleton 26 - 0 Killarney

**FIXTURES**

U16 Boys: Killarney V Bruff, Aghadoe, Sunday @  
 12pm. U16 Girls: Killarney V Bandon, Aghadoe,  
 Sat @ 1pm. Seniors: Killorglin V Killarney,  
 Ballymalis, Sun @ 2:30pm

**MUCKCROSS ROWING CLUB****HAPPY NEW YEAR**

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**CHRISTMAS EVENTS**

Well done to all our members  
 who took part in the club's  
 Christmas Duathlon held on  
 Tuesday, December 27th.  
 Despite the wet conditions  
 for the running leg, there was  
 plenty competition in the  
 challenge which involved a  
 multi-kilometre race involving  
 the ergometer and running  
 from the boathouse. Hot  
 food and prizes completed  
 proceedings and the event was  
 a great success. Our thanks to Marko Tot, Elaine  
 Daly, Sharon Cooper and to everyone who  
 helped with the event on the day. Following  
 the duathlon, the club's Table Quiz fundraiser  
 was held on the same Tuesday evening at the  
 Dromhall Hotel. We are most grateful for the  
 tremendous support with a packed function  
 room of quiz brains enjoying an entertaining  
 night of trivia and fun. A big thanks to our  
 quiz master Sean Coffey and to the committee  
 members, supporters and young assistants  
 who stepped in to bring it all together on  
 the night. Many thanks also to everyone who  
 sponsored a spot prize. A special word of  
 thanks to Bernadette Randles and the staff and  
 management of the Dromhall Hotel for hosting  
 us on the night.

**KILLARNEY COUGARS BC****JUVENILE NEWS****KERRY AIRPORT LEAGUES****U12 Girls****Killarney Cougars 29 Vixens Athea 14**

The Cougars continued their great winning  
 run with a home victory over the Vixens in the  
 Plate competition, Cougars led throughout in  
 a competitive game but finished the stronger  
 with a late scoring burst to secure the win.

Best for Cougars Emma O'Connor, Jessica Leane,  
 Ada O'Leary, Elise Brunner and Ava Harty.

**U13 Girls****St Brendan's 24 Killarney Cougars 39**

The Cougars travelled to the Moyderwell  
 Gym Tralee on Saturday evening and leading



Killarney Rugby Club U18 girls who were selected to play for Munster for the forthcoming U18 Interpros: Fia Whelan, Lily Morris, Ava O'Malley and Clodagh Foley

throughout the first half the Cougars had  
 withstand a comeback by the Tralee girls in  
 the third quarter but a strong final quarter saw  
 the Killarney girls finish comfortable winners.  
 Best for Cougars on this occasion were Isabelle  
 Lyons, and Sophie O'Shea

**U16 Girls****Killarney Cougars 60 St Paul's 48**

A well contested game at the Pres Gym, saw  
 Cougars take the points with a strong second  
 half performance to finishing deserving  
 winners. Best for Cougars were Kiera Moynihan,  
 Cora Donovan, Grace Cox, Eva O'Shea.

**U12 Boys****St Joseph's Duagh 14 Killarney Cougars 44**

The U12 Boys travelled early on Sunday  
 morning to Duagh and came away with a good  
 win with their best performance of the season.  
 A great start to the game saw Cougars leading  
 by 10pts with Luke Bowler on target with a  
 couple of good baskets. The Cougars were  
 always on top despite a strong second half by  
 the Duagh boys.

Best for Cougars on this occasion were Aaron  
 O'Sullivan, Luke Bowler, Rory O'Sullivan, George  
 Nomikos, David Kennelly and Ryan Lynch.

**ACADEMY**

Our Friday evening Basketball resumes on  
 this evening Friday Jan 13th. New members  
 welcome at the Parish Hall. Well done to  
 our Academy Boys and Girls that hosted  
 the Ballymac Bobcats U11 at halftime at the  
 National League game on Saturday evening  
 well done to all. Parish Hall opens from 4.30pm.  
 Schedule: 4.45 =pm U8 Girls & Boys. 5.30pm  
 U10 Girls. 6.30pm U10 Boys.

**KILLARNEY RFC U18 GIRLS QUALIFY FOR MUNSTER LEAGUE SEMI FINAL: Killarney RFC 34-0 Ballincollig**

By Diarmuid O'Malley

Killarney U18.5 girls team continued their  
 unbeaten league form, with a win last Saturday  
 at Aghadoe. Played in atrocious conditions both  
 sets of players provided a very entertaining  
 game in very testing conditions, thankfully  
 the fantastic home surface was in perfect  
 condition which is a huge testament to all the  
 great work that has been done on the playing  
 surfaces in Aghadoe.

Killarney started off very well, with an early try  
 from Ali O'Donoghue which was converted  
 by joint skipper Fia Whelan. Both sides at all  
 times tried to play expansive rugby despite the  
 near gale force conditions. Next up to score

for Killarney was the speedster Niamh Dorrian  
 after some good interplay with Marina Eagar.  
 Killarney didn't have it their own way and  
 Ballincollig, at times, really tested the resolute  
 Killarney defence. After two tries from the  
 Killarney backs it was then the turn of their  
 forwards to get in on the act, first up to score  
 was Ava O'Malley whose try was duly converted  
 by Whelan and followed soon after by her hard  
 working team mate Katie O'Donoghue. This left  
 the halftime score at 24-0 to Killarney.

After a quick halftime turnaround, Ballincollig  
 attacked and attacked but just couldn't  
 manage to break the outstanding defence led

by some outstanding tacking by the Killarney  
 forwards O'Malley, Clodagh Foley, Emer O  
 Keefe, Lilly Morris and Katie O'Donoghue.. On  
 the 47 minute mark, Molly Gabbett gathered a  
 good Ballincollig kick, making a good run and  
 excuted a lovely pass to Molly Jenkins setting  
 up a great counter attack from deep inside  
 their own half, after some great interplay with  
 Bronagh Dorrian, Katie O'Donoghue made a  
 strong carry and was just held up short but on  
 hand to take the final pass was Lilly Morris to  
 go over the line for a lovely score. Leading by  
 29 points, Whelan was keen to get in on the  
 scoring and scored the final points of the day.





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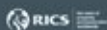


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## KILLARNEY GOLF CLUB - LADIES

### RESULTS FOR NOLLAIG NA MBAN SCRAMBLE FRIDAY 6TH JANUARY MAHONYS PT.

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1st: Maureen Creedon, Martina Cusack, Evelyn McCarthy, (9) 33pt  
2nd: Ciara O Mahony, Kathleen Brosnan, Caitriona O Connor, (9) 32pts  
3rd: Mary Geaney, Eimear O Sullivan, Lorna O Leary, (10) 32pts B9  
4th: Noreen O Mahony, Nancy Fleming, Ailish Mulcahy, (9) 31pts B9  
5th: Breda Sherin, Geraldine Tarrant, Elizabeth Kelleher, (9) 31pts B6  
6th: Patricia Walsh, Eileen Devan, e Jane Dwyer, (9) 31pts  
7th: Betty O Farrell, Dolores McSweeney, Miriam McFarlane, 30 pts.

## KILLARNEY GOLF CLUB - MENS

### TEAM OF 4 (2 SCORES TO COUNT)

### PLAYED SAT 7TH & SUN 8TH JAN, ON KILLEEN

Winners: Dan O'Leary, Joseph Scanlan, Ian Millis & Eugene McSweeney; 81pts.  
2nd place: Muiris Healy, Darragh Kelly, Michael P O'Donoghue & John Kelliher; 79pts.  
3rd place: Colin Feeley, Tim Kiely, Denis Kiely & John O'Connor; 79pts.

### ARBUTUS CUP - PLAYED MONDAY 26TH DECEMBER, MAHONY'S POINT

Winner: Colm O'Shea, 41pts  
2nd: Tommy Barry, 40pts  
Cat 1: Cormac Finn, 40pts  
Cat 2: Colin Moriarty, 37pts  
Cat 3: Fergus Houlihan, 37pts  
Cat 4: Bernard O'Shea, 36pts  
Best Gross: Shane Horgan (71)

### MIXED FOURSOMES - PLAYED TUESDAY 27TH DECEMBER, MAHONY'S POINT

Winners: Catherine & Liam Hartnett, 43pts  
2nd: Breda & Barry Duggan, 40pts  
3rd: Aoife Twomey & Declan Kelly, 40pts

4th: Lora Beth Malloy & Stuart Graham, 39pts  
Best Gross: Amy Arthur & Donal Considine (75).

## DEERPARK PITCH & PUTT CLUB

### CHRISTMAS COMPETITIONS

We thankfully had a busy run of competitions over the Christmas period with competitions taking place over four different days.

Friday December 23rd: We had our previously delayed U16 Christmas Competition (sponsored by Jason O'Connor) on this date and the following were the results- First Nett: Ben Kelliher 49 (B9 22 1/2), Gross: Nathan Cronin 53 and Second Nett: Brian O'Leary 49 (B9 23 1/2).

St Stephens Day: On this date we had a Three Ball Scramble where both the Danny Nolan Cup and Johnny Kelly Memorial Shield were on offer to teams on the day. Our Danny Nolan Memorial Cup winning team for 2022 were the three generations of the Kelly family who took part as the Johnny Kelly Memorial Shield for the Best Gross went to Margaret C Looney and our Club Matchplay Championship finalists in John McGrath and Daniel Kelly. Results- First Nett (Danny Nolan Memorial Cup): Eamon, Declan & Cathal Kelly 72 1/3, Gross (Johnny Kelly Memorial Shield): John McGrath, Margaret C Looney & Daniel Kelly 90, Second Nett: Sean Ashe, John Murphy & Betty O'Brien 74 1/3. Spot Prizes: Aidan O'Keeffe and Bobby Kelly.

New Years Day: Two Ball Scramble- First Nett: Robbie O'Brien Snr & Noel Moynihan 33½, Gross: Noel Moynihan & Sean Kelly 43, Second Nett: Robbie O'Brien Snr & Betty O'Brien 35.

Monday January 2nd: Two Ball Scramble- First Nett: Noel Moynihan & Betty O'Brien 34 ½, Gross: Sean Kelly & Robbie O'Brien Snr 48, Second Nett: Sean O'Brien & Niall O'Loughlin 37.

### AGM

Scheduled for Monday January 16th in the Killarney Avenue Hotel at 7.30pm. More

details next week.

### CONGRATULATIONS

To our former Club Registrar Alan Kelly and his wife Sarah on getting married over the Christmas period.

### DEEPEST SYMPATHIES:

The Club offers its sympathies to the family of Tim Shine on his passing over the Christmas period. The Club also offers its sympathies to Listowel's Killian O'Gorman on the death of his mother Mary Toomey. May they Rest in Peace.

### SUNDAY DRAWS

Three Person Team, Two Scores Count Each Hole- First Nett: Robbie O'Brien Snr, Daniel Kelly & Mark O'Shea 77 (B9), Gross: Adam Kelly, Robbie O'Brien Snr & Sean O'Brien 96, Second Nett: Gearoid Cronin, Aidan O'Keeffe & Betty O'Brien 77 and Hole-In-One: Ger Casey (11th Hole).

### AGM

Scheduled for next Monday January 16th in the Killarney Avenue Hotel at 7.30pm. We ask all members available to make an effort to show up on the night and contribute to the meeting.

## ROSS GOLF CLUB (GENTS)

### RESULTS

On December 26th we held a 10 hole mixed scramble which was very well supported .

The winning team was :- Michael J O'Connor, Michael Barrett, Catriona Shanahan, Jim Delaney .

On January 2nd we also held a mixed scramble over 9 holes and again there was a good turnout.

The winning team was Ivo O'Sullivan, John Ivory, Tony Lenihan.

### SYMPATHY

We offer our sympathy to Mike Gorman and Past Lady Captain Mary Gorman on the recent death of Jeremiah Gorman R.I.P.

We also offer our sympathy to Past Captain Alan Flynn and Ross member Ger on the recent death of their mother, Kathleen. R.I.P.



President Paul Murphy, Captain's Kathleen Brosnan and Colm O'Shea, Junior Captain's Alex O'Callaghan and Niamh Dinham driving in with club members at the Drive In at Killarney Golf Club on Tuesday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin





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Captain Colm O'Shea at the Drive In with his wife Marie, son Tadhg, Mother Anne, sisters Sinead and Aine, brothers Padraig, Aiden and John, Karl and Cian McMahon, Rachel O'Shea and Maura Fitzgerald in Killarney Golf Club on Tuesday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Grace Dennehy of Sapphire Signs (front fourth from left) presenting first prize in the Sapphire Signs Mixed Foursomes to winners Catherine and Liam Hartnett with Captain's Colm O'Shea and Kathleen Brosnan (second row) Barry and Breda Duggan 2nd, Aoife Twomey and Declan Kelly 3rd (back) Stuart Graham and Laura Beth Malloy 4th, and Donal Considine best gross at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Tuesday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



**Golfer Of The Year.**  
Photographed at the presentation of the Golfer Of The Year Trophy over Christmas in the Ross Golf Club are (l to r) Donie Broderick, Captain, Michael J Casey, President, Aidan O'Connor, Winner.



**The Denis McCarthy Memorial Cup**  
Photographed at the presentation of The Denis McCarthy Memorial Cup in the Ross Golf Club are (l to r) Donie Broderick, Captain, Padraig Bruton, Greenkeeper and Colleague of the late Denis McCarthy and Niall O'Brien, Winner.



Photographed at the presentation of the Maurice O'Donoghue Memorial Cup in the Ross Golf Club over Christmas are (l to r) Donie Broderick, Captain, Margaret O'Donoghue, Sponsor, Aidan O'Connor, Winner



Deerpark Pitch & Putt Club Captain Sean Kelly presenting his father Johnny's Memorial Shield to the team of Margaret C Looney, John McGrath and Daniel Kelly after they achieved the best Gross score in the Club's Three Ball Scramble on St Stephens Day last.

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## GLENFLESK

Written by: Seamus Healy

### >LOTTO

There was no winner of the Glenflesk Lotto which took place on 08/01/2023 in Glenflesk Hall. Jackpot was €10,400. The numbers drawn were 2,5,10,19. Consolation prizes of €50 each to: 1. TJ Moynihan, Carrigeen. 2. Corner Bar. (Sellers' Prize). 3. Pádraig O' Sullivan, Clonkeen. 4. Noelle Murphy, Readrinagh, Headford. (Yearly Ticket).

Next draw will take place in Glenflesk Hall on 23/01/2023. Jackpot will be €10,500 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](https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?ll_id=2534#Anchor) Thank you to all who support our Lotto and to our sellers.

### >McGRATH CUP

Kerry and Clare's McGrath Cup Group game went down to the final moments today, and it was Glenflesk man Darragh Roche who proved the difference. Darragh came on near half time, and had to be patient for his opportunities as Clare employed a mass defensive effort to frustrate Kerry. He took his chances, as injury time arrived, though brilliantly. Firstly, he burst past Clare defenders to fire over off his left foot to give Kerry the lead for the first time. Then when Clare equalised, he found enough room, just outside the penalty area, to again found the target sending his shot off the

left high and over the bar, expertly avoiding the Clare attempts to block. This follows on his performance against Cork, where he kicked two more outrageous points, one off the right and one with the left. Well done to Darragh and the Kerry team.

Report by Michael Healy

### >COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP MEDAL PRESENTATION

Congratulations to Glenflesk Senior and U21 players involved with East Kerry who received their County Championship medals in the Killarney Heights last Friday night. Well done Darragh Roche, Chris O Donoghue, Daniel O'Brien, Marc Kelliher, Patrick Darcy, Emmet Finnan, Peter Cronin, Dylan Roche & Killian O Sullivan.

### >GLENFLESK LIGHTS UP

Glenflesk GAA will begin the 'Ireland Lights Up' initiative this Monday and Wednesday evenings beginning at 6.30pm. There will be two options, walkers will hit the track in Glenflesk GAA pitch and the runners will hit the track in the Barraduff Community Field with @triumphdeclan for the couch to 5km. All levels will be catered for.

Registration will begin @glenflesk\_gaa hall @ 6.10pm and you will be given your recording sheet and have the option of a private weigh in and blood pressure check with a healthcare professional. We ask for a €2 per family donation (€1 towards the flood lights and €1 towards a new club defibrillator).

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Craig McKenzie Vass (seated centre) celebrating his 21st birthday with some of his friends from Killarney at the Killarney Avenue Hotel, Killarney. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin

## KILCUMMIN

Written by: Helen Moynihan

### >KILCUMMIN COMHALTAS

It was with great sadness that we learned of the passing of our former Chairperson and branch member Jerh O'Gorman of Coolick. Jerh served initially as County Board Delegate from 1986 - 1995 and as our Chairperson from 1995 to 1997, before serving as Vice-Chairperson from 1997 -1998. We extend our sincere sympathy to his wife Joan, his children Noreen, Diarmuid and Brigid and the extended family.

### >KILCUMMIN BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

Kilcummin baby & toddler group returns on Monday 16th January at Kilcummin Recreational Hall from 9.30am to 11.30am. Starting on the 16th we will have a Facilitator in to run a 6-week Language & Play programme. It is run as a fun interactive workshop for children aged 0-3 years; €3 each Monday. All welcome. Contact Orla on 086 3628335.

### >ADULT LADIES SET DANCING

Adult Ladies Set Dancing will resume on Monday January 23th for 10 weeks from 8.15pm - 9.15pm in Kilcummin Recreational Hall. Set dancing has proved to be a great way to get fit while making new friends and a guaranteed great night out. To register, please contact Mary on 087 9620135 before Friday 20th January.

### >JUNIOR SET DANCING CLASSES

Junior Set Dancing Classes will commence on Friday 20th January in the Recreational Hall. Children from 5 years upwards are welcome. Beginners and intermediate 7pm to 8pm and advanced dancers 8pm to

9pm. Registration will take place at the Recreational Hall on Friday 13th January from 7pm to 7.45pm. To avoid any delays on the first night of class it is vitally important that you attend registration on the 13th. For further information contact Mary on 087 9620135.

Mastergeeha F.C

### >LOTTO

There was no winner on Friday 6th January 2023 of the Jackpot for €7,200. Numbers drawn were 17,24,25,27. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Neilus McCarthy, Kilbreen, Theresa Casey, Glounacopple, Laura & Lisa Devane & Croia McNally, Joe Hurley, Whitebridge Manor. The next draw will be Friday 13th Jan. for Jackpot of €7,400.

### >KILCUMMIN GAA

"The Ireland Lights Up" initiative returned at Kilcummin GAA Walking Track on Wednesday 11th January @ 7pm in partnership with @rteoperationtransformation and @get\_ireland\_walking. The aim is to make exercise more accessible on the dark winter nights and to offer anyone in our local community an opportunity to get together and socialise in a healthy way. So spread the word, this is open to everyone, Club Membership is not required but each participant must register each night for insurance purposes and adhere to Health and Safety Guidelines issued at registration. Registration will take place each Monday and Wednesday night in the reception area of the Gym between 7pm & 8pm. Please note that only Therapy dogs or Guide dogs are permitted on the Club grounds.

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Attending the East Kerry Medal presentation in the Killarney Heights last Friday, Patrick O'Sullivan, Chairman Kerry Co. Board, Sean Kelly MEP, Juliette Kelly, Carmel Kennedy and Catherine Brosnan. Photo Seamus Healy

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Written by: Deirdre O'Sullivan-Darcy

### ➤SPA LOTTO 02/01/23

Numbers Drawn: 11, 12, 13, 17. No winner and €50 Lucky Dips to Hannah c/o Anne Mac, Karen McAuliffe, Tiernaboul, Timmy Horgan c/o Brendan Cronin and Deborah Doolan, Woodlawn. The Jackpot next Monday January 9th will be €3,600. Play online on spagaa.com or tickets on sale in usual outlets. Thank you for your continued support.

### ➤SCOR

**Scór na nÓg:** Any club member under 17 on 1st Jan 2023 is eligible to participate in Scór na nÓg. East Kerry date to be confirmed, the Co. Final will take place on 25th March at 6.00pm in Currow and Munster Final is on 15th April, venue to be confirmed. All Ireland Final will take place on May 6th in the INEC.

**Scor na bPaistí:** Primary school children, club members are eligible to participate in Scor na bPaistí. East Kerry date to be confirmed with the Co Final on 30th April. Disciplines are Rince Foirne, Amharanaíocht Aonair, Aithriseoireacht, Ceol Uirlise, Léiriú, Bailéad Ghrúpa, Rince Seit, Trath na gCeist and also Sean nós dancing for Scór na bPaistí. If anyone is interested in participating please contact Scor Officer Eileen Aherne on 087 9940594 by Friday 27th Jan 2023.

### ➤CAIRDE SPA DRAW TAKES PLACE ON FEBRUARY 2ND 2023

Tickets for the Cairde Spa draw can be collected or returned at the Spa clubhouse this Saturday between 10.30am – 12noon. The draw will be taking place at the clubhouse on Thursday February 2nd 2023 and special guests on the night will be GAA President Larry McCarthy and the Sam Maguire. Any queries please contact Andy (087 2236754), Michael (0858213027) or Deirdre (085 1216359) or any of our club officers over the coming weeks.

The Cairde Spa draw is to raise funds for the development and upgrade works at the club grounds, including a new car park, new juvenile & ladies dressing rooms, dugouts, a skills wall, upgrades to the walking track lighting, perimeter fencing around the pitches and much more! There are 10 amazing prizes up for grabs: 1st Prize: €15,000. 2nd Prize: €3,000. 3rd Prize: €2,000. 4th Prize: €1,000. 5th Prize: Two nights Dinner, B&B at the Killarney Park Hotel. 6th Prize: €500 Voucher for Killarney Carpets & Furniture. 7th Prize: €300 Voucher for O'Sullivan's Cycles. 8th Prize: €250 Voucher for Killarney Oils. 9th Prize: €150 Voucher for Killarney Hardware. 10th Prize: Signed Kerry jersey

Tickets are available on spagaa.com or from any club officers. Thank you to everyone for your ongoing support of Spa GAA Club.

### ➤2023 REGISTRATION

Spa GAA registration for the coming year is now open on our website spagaa.com. Membership rates remain the same as last year and are as follows: Adult €40; Senior Player €60; Minor Player €50; U8 to U15 €30; U6 FREE; Family €120 (Two adults and all children under 15 in the same



Spa GAA Award Winners: Front L-R Conor Gleeson (Spa GAA Vice-Chairman), Dan O'Donoghue, Seamus O'Donoghue, Dara Moynihan. Back L-R Mairead Bennett, Shane Cronin, Oliver Cremin Mulrey, Timmy Moynihan and Mairead Mangan. Photo Anne Holland

family). A reminder that all players and competitors MUST register before they can train or compete with the club.

### ➤ALL IRELAND CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congrats to Fossa & Rathmore on their All Ireland Junior and Intermediate club championship semi-final wins and commiserations to Kerins O'Rahillys. Both All Ireland Club Finals take place next Sunday January 15th in Croke Park – All Ireland Junior Final Fossa v Stewartstown Harps (Tyrone) at 1.30pm and All Ireland Intermediate Final Rathmore v Galbally Pearses (3.30pm). Best of luck to both clubs. Games will be live on TG4.

### ➤CONDOLENCES

Condolences to Sean, Donal and the Hickey family on the passing of their grandmother Kathleen Hickey RIP, Gneeveguilla Village. May she Rest in Peace.

**➤SPA GAA CLUB AGM** will take place at the clubhouse on Tuesday January 24th at 7.30pm. Motions & nominations to be submitted to the Secretary before Friday January 20th.



Spa Senior Ladies Player of the Year Mairéad Bennett receiving her award from Ladies Chairperson Emma Daly. Photo Anne Holland

## RATHMORE GNEEVEGUILLA

By Michael O' Mahony

### ➤SYMPATHY

Sympathies To Agnes Cremin, Juliann, Martina, Gorretti, Evelyn, Annette, Lisa, Sharon & families on the death of Mike Cremin Corran, Headford, Son, Brother & partner of Margaret & extended families. Mikes funeral took place on Tuesday 27th December in Rathmore.

To Cyril Hickey, John, Elma, Lorraine, Donal, Catherine & families, on the death of Kathleen Hickey, Gneeveguilla, wife, mother & grandmother. Kathleen's funeral took place on Tuesday 3rd January in Gneeveguilla.

May Mike & Kathleen rest in peace

### ➤FR DONAL O CONNOR

It is with deep sadness that the members of Rathmore GAA Club learned of the sudden & untimely death of Fr Donal O'Connor. Fr Donal had many many friends in our club and he will be sadly missed by all in his native Rathmore. To his brothers Seán Denis, David & Aidan and their families we offer our sincere sympathy. Leaba I measc na Naomh go raibh agat Fr. Donal.

### ➤PANTO SEASON IS HERE AGAIN

After the curfew of covid, a long held tradition in Rathmore is revived, and members of The Marian Players are in full swing once again as they prepare for their January show.

Pantomimes come in all shapes and sizes, and during the lock down the

Panto in Rathmore people have explored all the ins and outs of Pantoland. The result is revealed when Dame Annie goes out West brandishing more life, more colour and more fun than ever. Look out for the details coming your way for the last week of January with our 34th Panto presentation in The Community Centre, Rathmore

### ➤ALL ROADS WILL LED TO CROKE PARK THIS SUNDAY

What an achievement by Rathmore senior footballers to reach an All-Ireland Final. This is a unique occasion, and a very proud day for the club and parish. Let hope that they go all wayand bring sliver ware back to Rathmore, Kerry and Parish .

AIB All-Ireland Intermediate Club Football Championship Final Rathmore will play Galbally Pearses of Tyrone in next Sunday's All-Ireland Club Final. at croke park 3-30

### ➤AIB GAA FOOTBALL ALL IRELAND JUNIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

Fossa will now play Stewartstown Harps of Tyrone in next Sunday's All Ireland Club Final.at 1-30pm Let hope that kerry have Double

### ➤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 6pm Sunday





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## LISTRY

Written by: Anne Sugrue O'Brien

### >DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Listry Gaa would like to send Deepest Sympathy to The Hobbins family, Ballyheigue/Coolroe on their recent death of Mary Hobbins RIP. Deepest Sympathy to John O'Sullivan and family Pallas and O'Shea family Beaufort on the recent death of his sister, Nora O'Shea RIP.

### >KERRY LGFA U16

Congratulations to Sarah Fitzgerald, Naoishe O' Donoghue on their achievement on been selected on the LGFA Kerry U16 panel.

### >TEEN ZONE

To explore the challenges of adolescent journey for teenagers between the ages of 13-18yrs please come to Listry Community Centre, Faha, every Sat at 11am Enquiries: Sinéad 087 9652532 for further details.

### >LISTRY GAA AGM

Our Listry GAA AGM will be held on Tuesday 17th at 7.30pm in the clubrooms. Nomination and Motion sheets available on our website <https://www.listrygaa.ie/agm-2023/>

### >TABLE QUIZ

Thanks to everyone who supported our recently fundraising Table Quiz in Faha Court. Congratulations to the following winners.

1st Place: John Joe Courtney, Chris Kimmage, Pat Sheehan and Tim Lynch. 2nd Place joint winners: The Lehane Family Ahane. The Horan Family, Rockfield. 3rd place: Tom O'Leary, Jerome Tangney. Cathal O'Shea and Jamie Courtney.

Thanks to our Sports Direct Ireland Keane's SuperValu Four Star Pizza, O'Sullivan's Shop A Baker's View and everyone who sponsored spot prizes. We also like to thank Seamus and team Faha Court Bar for the venue and finger food.

### >ALL IRELAND JUNIOR CLUB FINAL

Best of Luck to Fossa and management facing Stewartstown Harps of Tyrone on Sunday in All Ireland Junior Club Final.

### >MUNSTER CLUB CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to Rathmore G.A.A AIB Munster Club Intermediate



1st Place in Listry GAA Club Christmas Quiz: John Joe Courtney, Pat Sheehan, Chris Kimmage and Tim Lynch. with Conor O Sullivan table quiz organiser

### >LISTRY WEEKLY LOTTO RESULTS

Numbers drawn 5, 11, 15, 23. €100: Dermot Finn, Knocknagowna. €50 x 2: Niamh Tangney, Ballymalis. Des Giles. €25 x 2: Clifford family, Faha West. Jennings. Next Sunday Jackpot is €8,700.

### >MILLTOWN/LISTRY CCE

Milltown/Listry CCE are looking for young musicians under 9, 9 to 11 and 11 to 13 categories for The Sult competitions, Contact 087 6592326 if interested.

### >IRELAND LIGHTS UP

Listry Gaa Club are turning on our floodlights for our walking track to enable locals to come together to walk and talk in a safe environment during the long dark evenings of winter from Wednesday January 11th from 6.00pm to 9.00pm for 6 weeks in partnership with Ireland's Lights Up. Please come along.

## BEAUFORT

By Cliona Coffey

### >HAPPY NEW YEAR

Wishing all our readers everywhere a happy and healthy 2023.

### >LOTTO

No jackpot winner on 8th January. Numbers: 1, 15, 17, 28. Consolation Prizes: €80 Daniel Teahan, online. €50 Ger Doherty, Shanara, Shae Spillane, Coolmagort, Paudie and Maeve Kelliher, Kilgobnet. The next draw for a jackpot of €11,400 will be on Sunday, 22nd January 2023. Good wishes for 2023 to all our lotto supporters and helpers.

### >IRELAND LIGHTS UP

Ireland Lights Up in partnership with Operation Transformation starts this week on Tuesdays and Fridays from 6.30pm to 8.30pm in GAA field. Everybody must sign in before walking.

### >CLUB DEVELOPMENT

Beaufort G.A.A. Club are embarking in a Club Development in the form of an All-Weather Playing pitch and are holding a fundraising draw. First prize will be a Ford Focus car and there will also be cash prizes. Tickets are

€25 each, 3 for €60 and are available from local sellers, shops, and public houses and online at [www.beaufortgaa.com](http://www.beaufortgaa.com). Please contact the Club at 087 9975737 for more information.

### >SPORTS PREDICTION QUIZ

The 2022 Sports Prediction Quiz results are as follows: Noel Spillane, Coolmagort 114 points. Micheál Foley, Cullina Park 98 points. Gerard Foley, Tullig 96 points. Ronan Ferris, Gap of Dunloe 95 points. Paudie Lynch, Beaufort 94 points. Thank you to everybody who took part in the quiz and all the sellers.

### >WALKING CHALLENGE

Healthy Club Irish Life 'Every Step Counts' Walking challenge will begin on the 11th January and continue until 15th February. To participate, download the Irish Life 'My Life' app. Register for the challenge by selecting Social-Challenges-Impending-Munster-Beaufort. There is a draw for O'Neill's gear vouchers for every Club who completes 4,000km between all participants. Everybody is welcome to join the challenge.



Dan Tim O'Sullivan presenting some of the proceeds of the Killorglin Reunion Charity Dance to Helen Ryan Director of Nursing St Joseph's Home Killorglin with (from left) Sr Helena Sisters of St Joseph, Sheila O'Sullivan and Marian McCann at St Joseph's Home Killorglin. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



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
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


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## BALLYHAR DYNAMOS FC

### TEAMS

Last weekend saw squads return to action with the clubs U15s (Division 1) travelling away to take on Killarney Celtic where the game ended in a 2-2 draw. Cillian Slattery gave Ballyhar a 0-1 half time lead with Jim O Dowd, Ross Lally & Tom Costelloe playing very well. Slattery made it 1-2 to the visitors being set up by Davin Quilter with Celtic equalising late on to share the points. Eoin O Mahony, Marcus Clifford, Jamie Fleming & Conor O Regan also put in big efforts to secure the deserved point. The Clubs U13 team Two hosted Killorglin B at Murt Scott park and in a close affair Killorglin just shaded it with a 0-1 win. Noah Browne, Daniel Ryan, Fionn Clifford & Alan Mrotek ensured it was 0-0 at the break. Killorglin got the winner late on with Odhran Leslie, Killian O Sullivan, Luke Bartlett impressing in the second half. The clubs U13s & U14s played each other in a warm up game in preparation for upcoming league & cup fixtures.

### WORLD CUP PREDICTION COMPETITION

Congratulations to Jamie O'Brien, Fíries (€150) & Ulick O'Sullivan, Farranfore (€60) on their success in the clubs world cup prediction competition. Thanks to all who entered & to Ger Fitzgerald, Maurice O'Donoghue & Padraig O'Connor for organising & totting up the points.

### GIRLS

Two great results last weekend for our Girls U12 and U14 teams against our local neighbours. U12 Girls Premier Killarney Celtic 0 MEK 5 Scorers: Ava Harty (3) Isabelle O'Connor (2) POTM: Ada O'Leary & Aoibh Nic Gearailt U14 Girls Premier Killarney Athletic 0 MEK 7 Scorers Isabelle Lyons (5), Anna Allen, Flour O'Neill. POTM: Isabelle Lyons & Zoe Daly

### BOYS

Under 13 Premier MEK 2 Inter Kenmare 4 – Played in horrendous conditions this was a cracker of a game. Playing against the wind Kenmare started the better and scored two goals in the first 10 minutes. MEK struck back with a 20 yard strike from Cade Jameson. Just before Half time Kenmare struck again to make the score 3-1 to Kenmare. After the break MEK were defending against a strong wind and were under pressure from the Kenmare attack. However the defensive display was outstanding with Breandan Allman superb. We were also dangerous on the counter attack and should of put away the chances we had. Mid way through the half Kenmare struck the killer blow with a well taken goal. 5 Minutes before



Ballyhar Dynamos FC u13s following their home 0-1 defeat to Killorglin FC on Saturday last.

the end Cade Jameson got a second for MEK to leave the final score 2-4. If we put away the missed chances the result could have been so different. Well done to Both teams in playing so well in the very difficult conditions. POTM for MEL were Cade Jameson and Conor McKeon U13 Division 2 Boys Castleisland C 0 MEK B 9 Jack Clifford x 3, Fionnán Burke x 2, James Rooney, Fionn Bevan, Donnacha Leane and Darragh Burke. POTM: Donnacha Leane.

Under15 National Trophy Granagh United 2-1 MEK Galaxy. goal scorer Jayden Fennell, Man of the Match Fionn Kennedy with strong displays also from Corey Campion, Kevin Coffey and Danny Murphy.

In a very even match throughout plenty of chances on both sides in the 1st lead to Granagh taking the lead with a very good individual goal, we equalised through a Jayden header from a superbly struck Danny Murphy free kick. We were unlucky not to score when a Jayden header struck the crossbar from a David McCarthy cross, a brilliant save from the opposition keeper from a Kevin Coffey free kick kept the scores level at half time. The second half was a similar affair with plenty of chances on both sides. Granagh United took the lead from a corner where we failed to clear our lines properly. We pushed for an equaliser but came up short but not until we rattled the post from a superbly hit Jayden Fennell. It wasn't to be our day, best of luck to Granagh United in the next round.

## KILLARNEY ATHLETIC

### 300 CLUB DRAW NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

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€100 - Sean Landers, Kings Park, Killarney  
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### DECEMBER

€500 - Honor Doyle, Woodlawn  
€100 - Pat O'Donoghue, Killarney  
€100 - Roger O'Sullivan, Ross Road  
€100 - Tony Looney, Whitebridge Manor.  
€100 - Eddie Sheehy, Aghadoe  
€100 - Elaine O'Shea, Dublin

### Killarney Athletic Senior B 7-1 Lixnaw Celtic

Played on a pristine Woodlawn pitch Sunday morning in wintry conditions refereed by Tom Kerrisk, Athletic didn't have it their own way for 60 minutes before Lixnaw tired towards the end.

The Senior C team received a walkover from Tralee Dynamos C team. Not the way we like to receive points but great to see all 3 senior teams in title hunts

### UNDER 13 NATIONAL CUP

#### Mastergeeha 0 - 2 Killarney Athletic

The blues made the short trip up to Kilbrean Park on Saturday morning in the 4th round of the National Cup. Athletic started brightly and played on the front foot for most of the first half, with Eanna Hennigan and Conor Moynihan causing early problems with Hennigan unlucky



MEK Girls U12 who defeated Killarney Celtic



Ballyhar Dynamos FC u13s & u14s who had an in house game on Saturday last to prepare for upcoming league & cup games.



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not to open the scoring and also not to get a first half penalty. Mastergeha were holding firm and were always looking dangerous from set pieces throughout the game. But strong defending from Ethan Clarke, Bennett, Noonan, Adam Moynihan and Michael o Sullivan kept them at bay. The second half was much the same with Athletics midfield taking over and Jayden Hurley and Sean Lyne putting their stamp on the game with fine passing and infectious workrate, Cian Hegarty and the outstanding Alan Scannell were causing lots of problems. And an outrageous solo effort from Scannell would have been fit to win any game of football at any level gave athletic the lead and soon after Eric Corcoran and James o Callaghan combined with the latter finishing off a fine move. Callum Cox , Brendan McHugh and Max Moynihan all made a big impact when introduced to cap off a fine display for Killarney Athletic and now into the last 32 of the competition again this season.

## UNDER 13S BOYS DIVISION 1

### Dingle Bay Rovers 5-2 Killarney Athletic B

This keenly fought contest by the coast went the way of the home team. Two goals by Luke Foley on debut in the second half helped Athletic reduce the deficit after Dingle Bay Rovers went into the break 4 goals up. Thanks to Dingle Bay Rovers for a sporting fixture.

## U12 GIRLS PREMIER RESULT

### Fenit Samphires 0 - 4 Killarney Athletic

Lillian Slattery

Great result and performance on the road for our girls. Lillian continues to impress in front of goal .Well done girls.

## U14 PREMIER GIRLS RESULT

### Killarney Athletic 0 - 6 MEK

Tough day for our girls but they battled hard till the end.

## KILLARNEY CELTIC

### CELTIC LOTTO

Numbers drawn 21,2425,26.

No jackpot winner. Match 3 winner received €150. Next jackpot €11,600 on Monday January 16th. Tickets available from The Dungeon Bookshop, Hegartys Park Rd, club members and online through clubforce.com

## MCCARTHY INSURANCE GROUP MUNSTER JUNIOR CUP 4TH RD

### Killarney Celtic 0, Waterford Crystal 1 AET

Celtic bowed out of the Munster Junior Cup last Sunday. After a scoreless 90 mins Waterford Crystal grabbed the only goal of the game in the 1st half of extra time.

## YOUTHS LEAGUE

### Killarney Celtic 2, Killorglin AFC 2

Kalvin O Sullivan, Eoghan Crowley

## U16 PREMIER

### Killarney Celtic 1, Listowel Celtic 5



Killarney Celtic U12 Girls vs MEK

Cian Mulcahy

## U15 DIV 1

### Killarney Celtic 2, Ballyhar Dyn 2

Jack Culloty, Patrick O'Brien

Celtic fought back twice to earn a draw in a game played in very tough conditions.

## GIRLS

## U12 PREMIER

### Killarney Celtic 0 MEK Galaxy 8

**CONGRATS** to Cian Mulcahy U16 who made the Team of the Week and to Katie Foster who made the Girls Roll of Honour for her display with the Kerry U16 Girls

**WELL DONE** to our coaches and players who were involved with the Kerry Girls Teams last weekend.

# NEW SIGNINGS AT KERRY FOOTBALL CLUB

Kerry man Sean Kennedy has put pen to paper and has signed to play for Kerry FC in the 2023 SSE Airtricity First Division campaign.

Sean, who hails from Annascaul, will return home in 2023 to line out for Kerry FC in the club's inaugural season at senior level in the League of Ireland.

Having played underage football in Kerry and for Tralee Dynamos, Sean made the move cross-channel to play for former Premier League side Sunderland, making some 11 appearances for the North England sides Under 18 team.

Kennedy returned to Ireland in 2021 where he played for both Cork City's under-19 and senior sides before finishing up with the Rebel Army at the end of 2021.

Sean also donned the international jersey for Ireland at Under 15 level.

Speaking on the announcement, Sean said "I'm delighted to sign for Kerry FC after taking a career break for the past year. I can't wait to get started and looking forward to playing back home" He added "When I got the call from Billy I couldn't turn it down. I'm really looking forward to playing in front of all the fans and getting all the support we can here at home in Kerry"

First team manager Billy Dennehy said, "I'm delighted to have secured the services of Sean for 2023. He is a huge asset to us and has proven he can compete at this level of the game". Billy added "The squad is beginning to take shape and training seasons are intensifying as we begin to take our preseason sessions to the next level



Sean Kennedy

Season tickets remain on sale ahead of the 2023 campaign and sales are strong with massive interest from locals in the projects. If you want to secure your seat for all home SSE Airtricity First Division games, you can purchase your ticket online at [www.kerryfc.com](http://www.kerryfc.com) 191 324

Another signing announced this week is Trpimir Vrljicak, a Croatian National, who has put pen to paper and will line out for Kerry FC in the 2023 SSE Airtricity First Division Season. 'Tryp' who is 22 years old will play an upfront role for Kerry FC, having signed from Killarney Celtic whom he's been playing for since he made his move to Ireland from the Czech Republic where he last played football. Vrljicak, from Medjugorje, went to football school in NK Neretva before signing for NK Istra 1961, who play in the Croatian First Division. Trpimir went on to play first-team football for Junak Sinj, who play in the Second Division in Croatia.



Trpimir Vrljicak

Standing at 6 foot 4, the Croatian attacker has an incredible stature.

Speaking on the announcement, Trpimir said "To be honest, this is a new beginning for me, I really like Kerry. This is a great opportunity for my teammates and I to take a step forward in our careers, we are a young team with an excellent coach and his assistants who can help us a lot and show us many things. The only thing I want to say to the fans is that I will always give 150% of myself on the field and that I am hungry for victories and goals

First team manager Billy Dennehy said "'Tryp' is a great guy and a great addition to our squad ahead of the season. We are delighted to give Tryp this opportunity to play at league of Ireland level. His experience is huge for us and with his height, he will be a huge threat in front of goal"



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## ABBEY SEALS SEAL THE DEAL

**ST PAULS 64**

**ABBEY SEALS DUBLIN LIONS 69**

St Pauls Womens were left to count the cost of a disappointing third quarter which saw their slender halftime lead turn into a thirteen point deficit and meant they were left to chase the game in the fourth quarter. But credit where it's due they went about that task in an impressive manner hauling their opponents back on a number of occasions but the opportunity to overturn them never really presented itself again as game MVP Amelia Motz led her side to a cup final where they will face the Phoenix Rockets.

The Lions had gotten the better of St Pauls in an earlier league battle and had even strengthened their hand since with the signing of another American Trudy Walker. But St Pauls had been on a good run, unbeaten since that reverse and surging up the League standings. They arrived at this Cup semi final played in Glanmire Sports Hall on the back of an impressive quarter final win over Limerick Sports Huskies and based on League form may just have been slight favourites.

With the tried and trusted starting five of Lynn Jones, Rheanne O Shea, Lorraine Scanlon, Yuleska Tejeda and Sofia Paska they found themselves at the wrong end of a quick start. Amelia Motz and Emily Smyth with a three opened up a 7-0 lead, necessitating an early time out. That worked the oracle as O Shea and Paska succeeded in getting them back in the game and the ship steadied. Siofra O Shea got her first taste of the action but it was her namesake Rheanne with a customary three who helped Pauls into their first lead. Lorraine Scanlon and Motz exchanged baskets to help Pauls into a 17-15 first quarter lead.

The second quarter started in the opposite fashion to the first. This time it was Pauls who flew out of the traps. The hot hand of Rheanne O'Shea saw the lead stretch to 10, 25-15, forcing the Lions to have a chat about it. Tejeda and Siofra O Shea minded the gap and Paska pushed it out further to 12, 32-20. The Lions then got a bit of momentum going with Wheeler and Motz particularly influential. The gap was cut to three, 36-33 by quarters end, but still in Paul's favour.

The opening minutes of the moving quarter started evenly enough, with Paska keeping St Paul's nose in front. But Katie Flanagan, Emily Smyth and the other Wheeler, Ciara, got their mojo going to roar into a 12 point lead, 50-38 midway through the quarter. Coach Fleming shuffled the deck in an effort to stymie the Lions surge with Denise Dunlea and Leah McMahon seeing court time. Lorraine Scanlon with four quick points seemed to have arrested the slide but Motz and Smyth opened it up once again to 13, 56-43.

What St Pauls needed now was a fast start to the fourth quarter and they duly delivered. Paska, Scanlon and Tejeda hit ten points between them in the opening three minutes and some aggressive defence held the Dublin side scoreless at the same time. It was now a three point game, 56-53. Paska and Trudy Walker, well shackled throughout, swapped scores to 58-55 before Tejeda made it a one point game, 58-57 with 5,23 to go. Ciara Wheeler then nailed another three to make it a four point game as St Pauls again introduced underage International Leah McMahon. She made an instant impact, cutting the gap to two again before Motz made it 63-59. You could now cut the tension with a knife as both sets of supporters were engrossed in the proceedings and Tejeda raised the levels again to cut the gap to two again. Tormentor in chief Motz with the aid of Ciara Wheeler looked to have put the game out of St Paul's reach at 66-61. But Lynn Jones hit a massive three and it was down to the wire with a little over a minute to play. St Pauls though were now in team foul trouble and Motz and Gillian Wheeler made the most of the opportunities handed to them and they had the final say to win out 69-64 and leave the gallant Killarney girls crestfallen.

There was no shame in defeat and they could hold their heads high. Being in a prominent position heading into the business end of the league there is still plenty to play for, starting with the trip to St Munchins College next Saturday to face the Limerick Sports Huskies.

## LAKERS TAKE THE FIRST WIN OF THE SEASON SCOTTS LAKERS ST PAULS 100 KILLARNEY COUGARS 79

With 3.20 remaining in the second quarter and the Killarney Cougars leading 39-32 it looked like the hosts were on track to grab their first win of the season. Darren Townes, Tommy Bowler and Jack Lynch had been instrumental in establishing that advantage and with their supporters in a packed Presentation Gym lending to a tumultuous atmosphere it was going to take a renewed effort from Scotts Lakers to mine a victory. But the next 10 minutes of basketball, spread between the end of that second quarter and running into the third, saw the Lakers explode into life and go on 34-9 scoring run. Central to all this was the outstanding Jack Ferguson, whose performance was worth the admission price alone and Rui Saravia who brought a defensive intensity when it was needed in that purple patch.

Ferguson, who hit eight three points amongst his 37 point haul, was just happy to be back to his normal self after an uncomfortable New Year suffering from a debilitating stomach bug. "It was great to be healthy and help the team win. But we've a lot to work on but I loved the

battle tonight with the Cougars and it's always nice to win".

Team captain Saravia was philosophical after the game. "Derbies are always hard to win because the Cougars came out to play and they gave us a tough first half. But hopefully this win can get a good run going to help us back into the playoff spots. There is big potential in the team so we need to build up some momentum". Momentum was something that was with the home side in the opening quarter. Jack Lynch hit two big threes while Darren Townes was gaining a foothold inside. When Tommy Bowler hit another three it gave the Cougars a 12-6 lead. Marko Bencic, Saravia and Ferguson got the Lakers lungs open though with some nice interplay and the gap was cut to one, 14-13. Aron Walker and Ferguson pushed the Lakers ahead by six, 20-14 but Esebio Strijdhartig was keen to impress and he helped the hosts into a 26-24 first quarter lead, despite Jack O'Sullivan's late points for the Lakers.

Jamie O Sullivan hit an early basket to level but Bowler, Townes, Lynch and Evan Cox pushed the Cougars into a seven point lead, 39-32. But that only prompted the Lakers resurgence with Ferguson hitting fourteen points in three minutes, going through his full repertoire of skills. Not that he did it single handedly, Ronan Collins hit from beyond the arc and young Mark Sheehan nailed a big three as well. Conor Flynn responded for the Cougars as did Andrew Fitzgerald but the Lakers held the advantage at half time, 52-44.

Andrew Fitzgerald threatened a Cougars comeback with a basket but Aron Walker, Ferguson and Marko Bencic, enjoying his most productive game of the season, were having none of it. Saravia's defensive intensity at this juncture was infectious and with Paul Clarke using his physique they limited the Cougars to just fourteen points in the quarter. Further scores from Walker, Senan O Leary, Bencic and Ferguson opened the lead out further, 79-58 going into the final quarter.

It saw the Lakers hold their twenty one point advantage but also afforded Coach Jarlath Lee the latitude to give his entire squad meaningful minutes. Jack O Sullivan wasn't phased, matching up to American Townes, Eoin Carroll netted three points while Mark Sheehan added four more to bring his total to seven. Oisin Spring again saw court time and they very much belong to the future and present of the Club. The Cougars battled on gamely mainly through Townes and Strijdhartig but Ferguson and Jamie O Sullivan both hit threes to quell any swing of the pendulum. Saravia and Walker netted also but the last word went to Ronan Collins as the Lakers hit the magical ton.

SETU Carlow are the visitors to the Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre this Saturday night as the Lakers look to build on the momentum of their Derby win. Tip off is 7.30 pm as per usual.



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## JIMMY O'SULLIVAN-DARCY takes a look at all things sport...

### McGRATH CUP

Cork 5-11 Kerry 0-14

Look, I never in my life broke sweat over the McGrath Cup, any more than I would over the East Kerry Superleague. I am not knocking those competitions, but they are not so much any barometer of progress so much as a chance to get a bit of football back into players after the (these days imaginary) rest period and a chance for new players to raise their hands for selection. There's no waiter or waitress in Kerry would thank you for leaving a McGrath medal as a tip.

That said, when you are All Ireland champions, there are sharks in the water sniffing for blood from a long way out. Kerry were well beaten by Cork – well beaten? Hammered. Shipping five goals is a hammering. Like I say, I'm not worried about what it says about Kerry. We are missing a lot of starting bodies through club championships (great to have Kerry teams there, so that doesn't bother me), niggling injuries (I expect that to be a running theme this year at all levels, given the amount of games), and just players resting. We also took a well-deserved break and a holiday, so we are a good bit behind Cork in that regard. I expect that we are in the early phase of heavy training (I have no expertise of any kind here, so I'm guessing) and consequently a bit heavy-legged in comparison. That's January ground that we will be making up, but we are very close to the start of the National League and the calendar is a lot more merciless than it used to be. None of that is a big deal. But look at the message that Cork are taking away from that game.

I've always admired Cleary as a manager. Frankly, I thought he should have been appointed to the Cork seniors several years ago, he seemed the natural successor to Conor Counihan to me. Bringing Kevin Walsh on board is a good move as well. I think Walsh has an undeserved reputation for negative football after his time with Sligo and Galway; I thought even then that he was playing the hand he was dealt very well. He didn't have a Clifford, O'Shea, Geaney, Brogan, Murphy, Canavan....he adjusted to get the best out of the players he had and to me, he succeeded. Looking at Cork's set-up the last day, they were fearless. Yes, they would retreat into a covering shell without the ball (so do we, and pretty much everybody else as well) but they attacked with speed, ambition, and, dare I say it, real flair. They played great football. Powter for me was the perfect link in attack and instrumental in those goals. I'm less worried about O'Callaghan picking off 2-4 on the overlap, that's a door we have shown we know how to close later on. Cork went with a full hand – if a weakened Kerry had beaten that team, it would have sent an awful message. Instead Cork emerged brimming with confidence. Kerry were bailing water early on. We were



Kerry in action V Clare at the weekend. Photo: Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans.

down 3-7 to 0-6 by half-time, at which stage we brought on seven substitutes. The reason I say that Cork wanted to send out a strong message to their own players is because, with the game already wrapped up comfortably, John Cleary only brought on his first substitutes after 50 minutes. Kerry kicked seven late points, but the horse had already bolted from that particular stable long before then. No, there's a sense in Cork football after their minor successes, U20 progress, and Corn Uí Mhuirí progress this year that they have been in the doldrums football-wise for long enough. They went tooth and nail here, and it wasn't because of any hunger for a McGrath Cup. That's not the takeaway from this one at all.

Cork: Micheal Aodh Martin, Maurice Shanley, Daniel O'Mahony, Kevin O'Donovan, Rory Maguire, Sean Meehan, Mattie Taylor, Colm O'Callaghan (2-4), Ian Maguire, Eoghan McSweeney, Sean Powter (0-1), Brian O'Driscoll (1-2), Chris Óg Jones (1-1), Brian Hurley (1-2), Conor Corbett. Subs: John O'Rourke 0-1 (for Eoghan McSweeney, 50 mins), Killian O'Hanlon (for Ian Maguire, 50 mins), Tommy Walsh (for Kevin O'Donovan, 53 mins), Ruairi Deane (for Conor Corbett, 53 mins), Luke Fahy (for Mattie Taylor, 57 mins), Fionn Herlihy (for Seán Powter, 57 mins), Mark Cronin (for Chris Óg Jones, 57 mins), Cian Kiely (for R Maguire (60), Shane Merritt (for Colm O'Callaghan, 60 mins), Chris Kelly (for Micheál Aodh Martin, 64 mins), Steven Sherlock (for Brian Hurley (64)

Kerry: Shane Murphy (0-1, 1f), Dylan Casey, Jason Foley, Jack O'Shea, James McCarthy, Tadhg Morley, Cian Gammell, Diarmuid O'Connor, Barry O'Sullivan, Adrian Spillane, Ruairi Murphy, Barry Mahony, Tony Brosnan (0-6, 4f), Darragh Roche (0-2), Killian Spillane. Subs: Jack Barry (for Barry O'Sullivan, half-time), Tom O'Sullivan (for Jason Foley, half-time), Micheál Burns 0-1 (for Ruairi Murphy, half-time), Dara Moynihan 0-2 (for Barry Mahony, half-time), Stefan Okunbor (for Adrian Spillane,

half-time), Greg Horan (for James McCarthy, half-time), Mike Breen (for Cian Gammell, half-time), Dan O'Donoghue (for Tadhg Morley, 23 mins), Donal O'Sullivan 0-1 (for Diarmuid O'Connor, 53 mins), Dylan Geaney (for Killian Spillane, 58 mins)

### Kerry 0-14 Clare 0-13

Again, not a good display, and still not something I'd worry too much about. Something that would worry me is the loss of Diarmuid O'Connor to injury. David Moran has proven that he is one of the greatest midfielders in the modern game and I know he will be crucial to us later on, but I don't remotely want him coming back straight into a hard training slog with Kerry after just finishing out a great season with Rahillys. Give the man a chance to take some bit of a break. Clare could and should have won this. Sure, they were extremely negative, but they won't be the only team we play this year that will feature that style. They were the better side for the vast majority of it. But with Joe O'Connor already out and a long trip pretty much only a fortnight away....well, Barry Dan, Greg, Barry Mahony....there's a definite place up for grabs if ye want to grab it. Tony Brosnan and Darragh Roche have both made firm statements for the inside forward line, and Micheál Burns and Dara Moynihan have shown that blend of positive aggression and work-rate for the half forwards. Mike Breen has put up a very strong claim for a half back berth, he's looking as good as ever to me. Has anyone else really told Jack O'Connor that they are not so much asking for a starting jersey as demanding one? Not to me. But again, I'd put a lot of that down to the training cycle. We are comparing the starting players on a cold and miserable January (because let's face it, we don't exactly get tropical Januaries, do we?) to the memory of the likes of Graham O'Sullivan and Gavin White in full flight on summer ground. I'm not sure that the comparison is fair.



But it is far to point out that scoring three points in the first half isn't what we were hoping for either.

That's not to take away from Colm Collins or Clare. That's a Division two team, the same as Cork, Dublin, and Kildare. Yes, they'll probably struggle without the remarkable David Tubridy (a player who deserved more credit than he ever got). But Keelan Sexton is now fulfilling the potential that he showed as a minor (he was on the Clare senior panel as a Leaving Cert.) and the likes of Cian O'Dea, Jamie Malone, and Podge Collins would walk onto any team out there. Clare will be very disappointed at letting this one slip. In fairness, it wasn't that they dropped in intensity. It's just that we had triggermen when it really came down to it, especially Tony Brosnan. That was a serious winner by Darragh Roche as well; Clare were very quick to close down both space and time but Darragh Was composed enough. It was an element of playing a 'get out of jail free' monopoly card in a way, but it was about composure at crunch time, and that's a very different thing to mere luck.

Kerry: Shane Murphy, Dylan Casey, Jason Foley, Tom O'Sullivan (0-2), Mike Breen, Tadhg Morley, James McCarthy, Diarmuid O'Connor, Jack Barry, Dara Moynihan (0-1), Micheal Burns (0-1), Barry Mahony, Tony Brosnan (0-6, 4f)), Eddie Horan, Killian Spillane (0-1) Subs: Barry O'Sullivan (for O'Connor, 15 mins), Darragh Roche 0-2 (for Eddie Horan, 26 mins), Ruairi Murphy (for Barry Mahony, 39 mins), Greg Horan (for James McCarthy, 45 mins), Ronan Buckley 0-1 (for Micheal Burns, 46 mins), Donal O'Sullivan (for Adrian Spillane, 55 mins), Dan O'Donoghue (for Dylan Casey, 55 mins), Stefan Okunbor (for Jack Barry, 57 mins), Jack O'Shea (for Mike Breen (62), Dylan Geaney (for Dara Moynihan, 62 mins)

Clare: Stephen Ryan, Manus Doherty (0-1), Cillian Brennan, Ronan Lanigan (0-1), Cian O'Dea, Jamie Malone (0-1), Alan Sweeney, Cathal O'Connor (0-1), Darren O'Neill, Emmet McMahon (0-1), Eoin Cleary (0-3, 3f), Dermot Coughlin, Pádraic Collins (0-1), Keelan Sexton (0-3, 1f), Ciarán Downes Subs: Ikem Ugweuru (for Dermot Coughlin, 45 mins), Aaron Griffin (for Emmet McMahon (45), Daniel Walsh (for Alan Sweeney, 45 mins), Gavin Cooney (for Pádraic Collins, 51 mins), Darren Nagle (for Cian O'Dea (54), Gearoid Cahill (for Ciarán Downes, 54 mins), Darragh McDonagh (for Cathal O'Connor, 62 mins), Dan Keating (for Jamie Malone, 62 mins), Shane Griffin (for Eoin Cleary, 67 mins), Cathal Downes (for Darren O'Neill 67 mins)

## GOOD EFFORT BY KERRY HURLERS MUNSTER SENIOR HURLING

### League: Cork 2-30 Kerry 2-17

The hurlers went down to Cork within 24 hours of the footballers' defeat to the same opposition, but this was a completely different type of display. The hurlers were far, far sharper and obviously have hard work put in already. The fact that Stephen Molomphy had a strong team out is a great sign to me; it implies a certain

amount of hunger and ambition. That said, it's very early days and I imagine Cork were keeping a bit of powder dry – they'll certainly know that they will need to be physically stronger and sharper, especially in their speed of transition. Quite simply, Kerry were able to get in among them, not least because Kerry's touches were good. There were a few things I was curious about. Mikey Boyle was a feared full forward in his early days, moved out to the forty, went back to centre back three years ago (much to my consternation – but his physicality worked there and his long range homing missiles were a powerful weapon. Now he's in at full back, with Seán Weir having more freedom to use his speed from the half back line, and Mikey is as sharp and durable as ever. His brother is no revelation at full forward, we all know what Podge can do at this stage. Shane Conway on the wing really worked for me, I thought he was isolated last year in the corner. Daniel Collins played there against Cork, and arguably more conventionally than I personally would prefer – again, Daniel is very accurate from long range. He started as a centre back and I always prefer him there, despite his shooting stardom with Kilmoyley.

Kerry made a poor enough start after Shane Copnway's opening point. There were a few signs of rust (nothing wrong with that at all) and Cork were gradually and effectively picking off neat scores. It took twenty minutes before Kerry got their second point of the game and I was beginning to really fear a collapse – Cork could have gone hunting goals if they had really wanted to and John B Halloran had to deny Shane Kingston with a great save.. By half-time it was a twelve point deficit, 1-16 to 0-7, and Cork having the breeze wasn't the only factor. But Kerry showed an awful lot more grit and steel. Podge Boyle's first goal had a strong element of luck about it, one of those awkward long range frees that he hits so well, and Cork won't be happy at their failure to deal with it, but Kerry got enough bodies inside to compete for it that in a very real sense they forced their own luck.. His second was trademark, a good ball in and a great finish. I grew up in an era when Cork would dispose of Kerry by twenty point margins at their ease; we always had heart and battlers but just not enough quick hurlers. We aren't up to Cork's standard yet, not when the chips are really down (we were annually hammered at minor and U20 in Munster A competitions and a bit too good for B level) and Cork themselves won't be in the closing stages against the sheer physical power of the likes of Limerick and Galway. But this was a very decent showing by Kerry, and I came away feeling much more confident that I had entered.

Cork: Ger Collins, Seán O'Donoghue, Niall O'Leary, Eoin Roche, Mark Keane, Tommy O'Connell (0-1), Rob Downey, Ethan Twomey, Sam Quirke, Cormac Beausang (0-3), Conor Lehane (0-3), Brian Roche (0-1), Shane Kingston (0-6, 5f), Declan Dalton (1-7, 1-0 pen, 2f), Alan Cadogan (0-4). Subs: Ciarán Joyce (for Mark Keane, half-time), Luke Meade (for Ethan Twomey, half-time), Conor Cahalane (for Cormac Beausang, half-time), Shane Barrett

1-3, 1f(for Shane Kingston, 37 mins), Brian O'Sullivan 0-1 (for Sam Quirke, 44 mins), Ben Cunningham (for Conor Lehane, 51 mins), Colin Walsh 0-1 (for Ben Cunningham, 53 mins). Kerry: John B O'Halloran, Conor O'Keeffe, Mikey Boyle, Evan Murphy, Kyle O'Connor (0-1), Fionán Mackessy (0-1), Sean Weir, Micheal Leane, Cillian Trant, Shane Conway (0-2), Colin Walsh, Jordan Conway (0-2) Gavin Dooley, Pádraig Boyle (2-7, 1-5f), Daniel Collins. Subs: Morgan Madden (for Cillian Trant, 42 mins), Niall Mulcahy 0-1 (for Gavin Dooley, 43 mins), Tadhg Brick (for Conor O'Keeffe, 44 mins), Keith Carmody 0-2 (for Seán Weir, 46 mins), Philip Lucid (for Daniel Collins, 50 mins), Dan Goggin 0-1 (for Colin Walsh, 54 mins), Mark Heffernan (for Shane Conway, 62 mins), Vincent Doyle (for Evan Murphy, 62 mins); Brian Lonergan (for Fionán Mackessy, 66 mins), Ricky Heffernan (for Pádraig Boyle, 66 mins).

## RAHILLYS BOW OUT IN STYLE

### All Ireland Senior Semi-Final: Kilmacud Crokes 1-14 Kerins O'Rahillys 0-14

Last year Kilmacud Crokes were denied an All Ireland in the cruellest possible fashion. This year they have been favourites from a very long way out, especially with the addition of Galway's All Ireland superstar Shane Walsh to their ranks. Facing them were Kerry senior club champions Kerins O'Rahillys, who were given odds of 14-1 against by some bookies. That was a little bit ridiculous. I know that Kilmacud are a very good team, I did expect them to win, but Rahillys were there for a reason.

They didn't get over the line, and that's fair enough. They can honestly feel that they gave it everything, and by God but they did rattle a fine team. They could leave Croke Park with their heads high, none more so than David Moran and Tommy Walsh. Both were simply magnificent, genuinely awesome.

David Moran's first great catch set up Barry John Keane for the opening score. Craig Dias went for a goal that was never really on and Shane Horan had another more dangerous effort skim narrowly wide before Cian O'Connor opened Kilmacud's account and Shane Cunningham added another. They did look more dangerous, even if Rahillys were doing well off kick-outs. An industrious Gavin O'Brien won a free neatly picked off by Jack Savage. Dara Mullin put Kilmacud back in front but Tommy Walsh won a free for Jack to level again. Tommy was dangerous every time that the ball was sent into hi9m and in fairness to Kilmacud, they realised fast that they had to put extra cover there. They were finding their feet and choosing better attacking options now, especially with Shane Walsh drifting out as a playmaker. Hugh Kenny, Shane Horan, and Shane Cunningham made it double scores. They could have goaled as well after a good pass by Cunningham to Hugh Kenny, but Shane Foley made a great save (I thought the angle was a bit too tight; he should maybe have settled for a point). Shane Walsh put over the '45 and Dara Mullin pointed to make it an ominous 0-8 to 0-3. The response





Action from the Rathmore v Fethard St. Mogues game. Photo: Chris O'Sullivan Photography.



Tadhg O'Shea in action for Fossa v Castletown.

was good, with Gavin O'Brien trying and failing off balance to keep his shot under rather than over the crossbar. A soft enough free saw Walsh slot over for Kilmacud, but Conor Hayes scored an absolute beauty. A good ball in by Darragh McElligott was spilled by the keeper under pressure and Barry John Keane picked off a clever poacher's point in response. At half-time Rahillys trailed by 0-8 to 0-6, and I'd say they were happy enough with that.

Jack Savage won and converted a free to take the gap back to one, but Kilmacud Crokes were only revving up their engines and took over. They played some fabulous football in that period. Aidan Jones slotted a brilliantly worked score before disaster struck when Shane Foley could only parry a Walsh piledriver and there was the elusive Hugh Kenny to slot home a goal. Kenny added a point. Tommy Walsh replied and Conor Hayes picked off his second. Aidan Jones added a second score of his own before Craig Dias made it 1-12 to 0-9. All over, one would have thought, but Rahillys were always going to rage against the dying of this particular light and they caught fire. Jack Savage kicked a great point and added a free. Shane Foley needed to make another great save before Tom Fox nudged Kilmacud ahead by 1-13 to 0-11. Rahillys had the momentum now though, and it felt as though a real upset was still very possible. Gearóid Savage showed the same skill as his brother with a point and then won a free for his brother to convert. Just a goal in it now, and a real chance as a high ball arrived in the square, with David Moran rising high to fist goalwards, but Conor Ferris reacted well and the Dublin champions managed to clear it. The sound of the final whistle must have been euphoria for them, just as it must have been heartbreak for Rahillys. Both teams were applauded off the field, and rightly so.

Kerins O'Rahillys: Shane Foley, Cormac Coffey, Ross O'Callaghan, Darragh McElligott, Con Barrett, Karl Mullins, Pádraig Neenan, David Moran, Gavin O'Brien (0-1), Cian Sayers, Jack Savage (0-7, 6f), Tom Hoare, Conor Hayes (0-2), Tommy Walsh (0-1), Barry John Keane (0-2). Subs Diarmuid O'Sullivan (for Con Barrett, 34 mins), Ben Hanafin (for Darragh McElligott, 41 mins) Darragh O'Connor (for Tom Hoare, 46 mins), Ryan Carroll (for Cian Sayers, 56 mins), Gearóid Savage 0-1 (for Conor Hayes, 61) Kilmacud Crokes: Conor Ferris, Micheal Mullin, Theo Clancy, Dan O'Brien, Andrew McGowan,

Rory O'Carroll, Aidan Jones (0-2), Ben Shovlin, Craig Dias (0-1), Cian O'Connor (0-1), Shane Cunningham (0-2), Shane Horan (0-1), Hugh Kenny (1-2), Dara Mullin (0-2), Shane Walsh (0-2, 1'45, 1f). Subs Tom Fox 0-1 (for Shane Horan, 43 mins), Conor Casey (for Ben Shovlin, 46 mins), Cillian O'Shea (for Aidan Jones, 46 mins), Luke Ward (for Cian O'Connor, 52 mins), Paraic Purcell (for Shane Cunningham, 60 mins)

### RYAN BROTHERS IMMENSE FOR RATHMORE All Ireland Intermediate Semi-Final: Rathmore 2-16 Fethard St. Mogues 1-10

St. Mogues Fethard were good, very good. This one could well have been an awful lot closer only for their shaky start in terms of shooting. I suspect that they might have snatched at a few of those early chances. Kerry clubs are more used to watching games at this level, given our success in the Intermediate and Junior competitions (and I don't deny that our county championship format and the inclusion of divisional teams is an advantage) but it's rarefied atmosphere for a Wexford side. Whatever the reason, Fethard had five decent scoring chances early on....and couldn't raise a single flag. Mark Ryan showed them how it's done with a fine score before his older brother slotted a goal. Mark was breaking forward at every opportunity and quickly added his second point. Rathmore left two scoring chances behind them (Chrissy Spiers will know himself that he could normally put that one over while wearing a blindfold – it happens sometimes) but Brendan O'Keeffe split the posts and John Moynihan, as is his wont, gave the keeper no chance. Fionn Holohan joined the overlap of aspiring scorers and took his chance neatly and Spiers made it 2-5 to 0-0. That was tough on Fethard. They were a better team than that, but Rathmore were clinical and were timing the support runs to absolute perfection. In fairness to the Wexford outfit, there was no give in them and once they found their feet, they really took the game to Rathmore. Mikie Dwyer opened their account. John Tubritt, who impressed me, made it 0-2, and Joe Sutton added another. Paul Murphy was down with an injury and Fethard took full advantage (and I don't blame them, by the way, but I would like to see the GAA introduce a policy of putting

the ball out of play for injuries as per soccer) to cut in for a brilliantly worked goal from Richard Waters. The cat was definitely in among the pigeons now and sure enough, another point by Tubritt before the short whistle meant that Fethard had suddenly whittled an eleven point gap back down to four points, 2-5 to 1-4, at half-time. This game was clearly a long way from over.

Man of the match Mark Ryan opened the second half scoring, but a more assured Fethard replied through Cian Byrne. Cathal Ryan pointed but again Byrne replied, his free just about having the legs to get over the bar. Chrissy Spiers won a free for Shane Ryan to make it 2-8 to 1-6 and the unstoppable Mark Ryan put six points between them. Jake Molloy pulled one back for Fethard but their strength was beginning to flag now as Rathmore's pace with both feet and football started to take its toll. Shane Ryan, Mark Reen, Brian Friel, and Paul Murphy all scored and this time the game really was slipping well out of Fethard's reach. Cian Byrne and Shane Ryan (f) exchanged points. Paul Murphy picked up a black card before Chrissy Spiers and John Tubritt exchanged scores. Graham O'Grady had one last point, but it was to be Fethard's last score in the competition as Chrissy Spiers closed out a berth in Croke Park for his adopted homeland.

They will play Galbally Peares of Tyrone in the All Ireland Intermediate Final next Sunday at 3.30pm in Croke Park.

Rathmore: Kenneth O Keeffe, Mikey Joe Kelliher, James O'Sullivan, Dan Murphy, Brendan O'Keeffe (0-1), Paul Murphy (0-1), Fionn Holohan (0-1), Mark Ryan (0-4), Cathal Ryan (0-1), Mark Reen (0-1), Chrissy Spiers (0-3, 2f), Brian Friel (0-1), John Moynihan (1-0), James Darmody, Shane Ryan (1-3, 1f, 1m). Subs: Cillian O'Connor (for Fionn Holohan, 51 mins), Darragh Rahilly (for Dan Murphy, 51 mins), Anthony Darmody (for Brian Friel, 53 mins), George O'Keeffe (for Mark Reen, 57 mins), Jimmy O'Mahony (for Cathal Ryan, 63 mins).

St. Mogues Fethard: William Doyle, Seán Nunan, Daniel Mullan, Martin Doyle, Christopher Molloy, Garrett Foley, Jake Molloy (0-1), Joe Sutton (0-1), Richard Waters (1-0), Morgan Ellis, Mikie Dwyer (0-1), Eoin Whelan, Cian Byrne (0-3, 1f), John Tubritt (0-3, 1f), Graham O'Grady (0-1) Subs: Adam Swan (for Seán Nunan, 24 mins), Daire Barden (for Eoin Whelan, 49 mins) Referee: James Molloy (Salthill/Knocknacarra).





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## FOSSA SEE OFF CASTLETOWN TO REACH ALL IRELAND FINAL

All Ireland Junior Semi-Final:  
Fossa 3-14 Castletown 0-11

While two players in particular have been making all the headlines – and David was once again merely sensational here, while his brother was even better – Fossa have been quietly and carefully building into a really solid unit. Fossa really needed David to pull out all the stops to get past a really good Listry side back in the Kerry Junior Final – I'd be very curious nowadays to see a rematch. I genuinely think that Fossa have improved an awful lot.

That said, it must be admitted that this game never really set nerves jangling. Fossa did too much damage too early. Effectively, Castletown were holed below the waterline early on. Fossa, who played with the very strong wind in the first half, needed to lead by at least five at half-time – they ended up leading by seven. David Clifford had two early points, the second one a real beauty, sandwiching an Emmett O'Shea free. The Cliffords combined for a stinging shot by Paudie that Jonathan Ginnity did really well to divert, with Paudie coolly slotting the resultant '45. Kevin Ross opened Castletown's account with a free and soon added another, while they had a goal chance drift narrowly wide. David Clifford kicked his third point and added a free won by Paudie. Good work by a lively Darragh Fleming teed up Killian Price for a score – Castletown were labouring, but they were just about staying in touch here.

Then it all really started to go wrong for them. Matt Rennie and the Cliffords split the defence with fast ball before Emmett O'Shea sent across to his brother Cian to fist home a goal. Doherty pulled back a point, but back came Fossa with another fast team move and this time it was Emmett's turn to punch home goal number two. Castletown did finish the first half strongly – and needed to – with points from Kevin Ross and Rian McDonnell to leave Fossa ahead by 2-7 to 0-6 at the break.

Castletown still had legitimate reason to hope, given that strong wind, but once Eoin Talbot exchanged a one two with David before smashing home a third goal, it really was over as a contest. The Cliffords continued piling up the points. Paudie had another ball in the net, only for the referee to call play back. Harry Buckley drew another great save out of Ginnity. So did Emmett O'Shea. Buckley, Matt Rennie, and Tadhg O'Shea clipped on scores. There were more available if Fossa needed them, but they didn't, not in a composed and clinical team display like this one.

Fossa will face Stewartstown of Tyrone next Sunday at 1.30pm in Croke Park.

Fossa: Shane O'Sullivan, Brian Myers, Fintan Coffey, Kevin McCarthy, Daniel O'Keeffe, Paudie Clifford (0-2, 1'45), Daniel O'Connell, Eoin Talbot (1-0), Paddy Sheehan, Harry Buckley (0-1), Matt Rennie (0-1), Cian O'Shea (1-0), Ruairi Doyle, David Clifford (0-7), Emmett O'Shea (1-1, 1f). Subs Rian Collieran (for Ruairi Doyle, half-time), Anthony Wharton (for Paddy Sheehan, 47 mins), Tadhg O'Shea 0-1 (for Emmett O'Shea, 50

mins), Cian Doyle (for Kevin McCarthy, 56 mins), Mark Dennehy (for Matt Rennie, 60 mins) Castletown: Jonathon Ginnity, Noel Smyth, Evan Hoey, Adam Matthews, Killian Price (0-1), Shane Hoey, Eoin Reid, Rian McDonnell (0-2, 1f), Killian Smyth, Darren Finney, Gerard Farrelly, Damien Ginnity, Seamus Doherty (0-2), Kevin Ross (0-6, 3f, 1m), Declan Cribbin. Subs Killian Markey (for Noel Smyth, 35 mins), Robert Hoey (for Eoin Reid, 41 mins), Mark Kelly (for Damien Ginnity, 51 mins), Cormac Farrelly (for Gerard Farrelly, 61 mins), Conor Price (for Shane Hoey, 63 mins)

## PAUDIE PALMER RIP

My deepest condolences to the family and the many, many friends of Paudie Palmer on his untimely passing. Paudie was an ever-present always in the media box for Kerry and Cork games and not only hugely and incredibly knowledgeable about both sides but also equally generous in sharing that knowledge. A Templenoe native, I only found out very recently that he was a key member of the 1973 Templenoe team that brought the first silverware to the club after winning the Novice. Himself and Mike Crowley taught in Bandon and played big roles in turning that school into the Corn Uí Mhuirí powerhouse that they have become. Again, it wasn't Paudie himself who told me about his own contributions; that was never the nature of the man. He will be sorely missed by all those fortunate enough to have known him.

## RUGBY

Congratulations to Fia Whelan, Lily Morris, Ava O'Malley, and Clodagh Foley of Killarney RFC who have been selected on the Munster U18 squad for the forthcoming Interprovincial U18 competitions.

## BOXING

Ireland's amateur scene is absolutely thriving as it never has before, not even back in the fifties. We are now real players on the world stage (unfortunately, boxing's administration on the world stage means that we won't see them at the next Olympics – no harm, some of those cages needed rattling). Womens' boxing has absolutely thrived since a quiet-spoken Bray girl abandoned playing up front for Ireland's Womens' team and concentrated on her first love. When they talk about Ireland's greatest sportsperson, both Katie and Sonia O'Sullivan must be right at the top of the pile. It sounds like Katie's rematch against Amanda Serrano will go ahead in Croke Park this summer. Frankly, they served up one of the best boxing matches I have ever seen – Serrano is brilliant as well – and that should be unmissable.



The other one I'm watching out for is Kevin Cronin. The affable firefighter is the real deal. Mind you, so is Limerick native Jamie Morrissey, whom he fights on February 4th in Belfast for the BUI light heavyweight title. Like any boxer starting off, Kevin has had to chase fights and there have been some frustrating cancellations – that's the nature of the game – but if he has a belt around his waist, future opponents will be looking for him. The last senior boxing champion I can remember from Kerry was Ballyduff hurler Garry O'Brien back in 2000, and that was amateur. I'd say you are going back to the days of Joe Christle, who trained the likes of Mick Finucane, for Kerry professional champions

## RIP PELE

I used to go to a fair few table quizzes. I always enjoyed the camaraderie, and they invariably raised funds for good causes – Cathal Walshe is probably best known for the Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle, but that man has done more good around this town than practically anyone else. The St. Pauls quizzes were always great craic.

A regular type of question was real names. Marion Morrison? Nope, not Twink (Adele King), it's John Wayne. Aubrey Graham? Drake. Edward Teach, which sounds remarkably English suburbanite, was the dread pirate Blackbeard. Cristé Colon, amazingly bigoted even by the standards of his era, is celebrated in America every Columbus Day – St. Brendan and Leif Erikson were there well ahead of you, lad. Edson Arantes do Nascimento was an old chestnut, and a very easy one.

Pelé. None of my generation ever saw Pelé play. But we all knew the name. I always assumed that the word had some sort of latin root and was a distant cousin to our own gaelic 'peil'. Apparently not so. It seems that Bilé was his favourite soccer player as a child, and he wanted to be 'Bilé' in childish kickarounds. Like Kerry footballers before him, he played codball – newspaper balled up in twine – on the crowded streets. I have no idea if that's true, it's not like his childhood was recorded for posterity, but only Maradonna, Best, and Garrincha have ever matched him in close ball control, and none had his physical grace. His childhood didn't last too long anyway. He was a senior professional with Santos (he was devoted to the club for most of his playing days) at the age of fifteen. At the time, the best players in the world were South American, and the best league in South America was Brazil. And Pelé? Among a people who know and understand every facet of the game (except, arguably, the financial and political side of it) Pele was immediately recognised as a phenomenon by their standards. He lived up to it at his ease, as well. Within a year, he was a senior international on one of the best teams in the world. In 1958 he scored six goals as Brazil became world champions. In 1962 he was, quite bluntly, kicked out of the world cup – no player, not even Maradonna, got kicked as hard or as often as Pelé; the smiling striker was hard as nails underneath it all. It made no difference – Garrincha, the famous 'little





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bird' (he moved awkwardly, like a bird with an injured wing....until he moved faster, slicing in from the wing) led Brazil to the title. In 1966, home team England famously beat Germany in the final. Brazil had been red hot favourites, but selected far too many players, many of them past their best, and played far too many games in the build-up. Frankly, they made a mess of it; they wanted to show how great they could be more than they wanted to actually win any particular game, and were badly caught in the group stage. Both England (who famously eschewed 'fancy dan' wingers) and Germany were far more focussed and pragmatic.

1970. What can be said? In the bygone days when League of Ireland matches could attract a five figure attendance, people were glued to their televisions. To quote Roddy Doyle, "I watched it in black and white (Ireland didn't exactly have a lot of colour televisions in 1970) but I remember it in colour". Mikey Sheehy and Jack O'Shea would take up soccer, and both would be phenomenal. Eoin Liston would become known as the Bomber because of Gerd Muller. Ger O'Keeffe's pace would earn him the nickname 'Gadocha' after the Polish winger. People say now that soccer nearly became the pre-eminent Irish sport after the euphoria of Italia '90, only for the Meath/Dublin saga of 1991 to recapture GAA imaginations. Nonsense, that was never happening, there were no roots or foundation to build on. But it actually could have happened in the early seventies. Television had created a global village and soccer was its universal sport because of Brazil in 1970. Remember that Kerry were a fading force (people didn't realise the potential of young talents like Gormanston Hogan winner Denis Moran, Ballyvourney star Mickey Ned, young Spillane and Páidí following the O'Keeffe's in the Sem, or Deenihan and big Kennelly in North Kerry). Offaly were getting older as well. Dublin? Dublin was very much a soccer town; they were knocked out after just one Leinster game three years in a row. And everyone, absolutely everyone, was glued to a mesmerising Brazil led by the magician that was Pelé. Remember Gordon Banks' save against Pelé? Banks became a legend in that moment. Brazil won 1-0, by the way. Take a look at how many junior soccer clubs were founded in Ireland in the seventies. That was Pelé, and that was Brazil 1970. Had the FAI been competently managed, there was a massive opportunity, but that space was filled by the rise of 'Heffo's Army' in 1974.

Best and Maradona were famous for dribbling, Diego, the ultimate pibé, could win any match on his own. But Pele, plain and simple, could do it faster over a wider range of ground. His first touch was simply magical, and his second touch invariably took him five yards closer to his goal. His passing, like all of that Brazil team, was instant and unerring. Messi made that space in front of the centre halves his own playground, and every team he has played with has been instructed to supplement his amazing use of that role (famously, Ibrahimovich was reduced to a winger rather than seek his own scores). But Pelé was doing that naturally by the age of seventeen. The difference was his acceleration – he could go from a false ten to an out and

out striker in less time that it takes to say it. Genuinely, almost any soccer move that you have heard of – the Cruyff turn, the Rabona, the Elastico, the Panenka, the overhead kick, nutmeg....honestly, Google any one of them and include the word 'Pelé'. They are all there (I did check). He was doing them all, most of them long before they even had names. He was Pelé. He really and truly was that good.

He was the second biggest sporting icon on the whole planet....pretty much ever. Muhammad Ali was first, I don't think that even the most die hard soccer aficionado can argue that Ali's controversial refusal to fight in Vietnam, his adoption of a muslim name and rejection of his slave heritage, his lightning wit and even faster fists....Ali strode the world like a colossus. Nobody had seen this kind of almost aggressive confidence allied to so much skill.

Pelé was different. Quieter, more dignified and almost silent off the field. He seems to retain a certain amount of friendly shyness in those flickering interviews recorded in those bygone days.

The early sixties was the start of the Television Age, and soccer thrived far more than any other sport on that exposure. It has a universality based on simplicity. George Best was an icon of the age. A phenomenal talent, and where Bobby Charlton had the dignified manner and almost military bearing of the fifties, George was the long-haired care-free hedonist of the new generation. He once received an autograph from Pele signed "from the second best footballer in the world". George took it as the ultimate compliment to his skill. But George, an incredible talent but lacking the will power to harness it to a team ethic, was the one seeking Pelé's autograph, not the other way around. George needed both the validation and the public adulation. Pele enjoyed it (quite a lot, by all accounts of his personal life), and he certainly unashamedly and unabashedly endorsed any product once he was paid enough. But it didn't define him, that was just business.

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But that wasn't his biggest achievement. Pele, like an uncanny amount of the really top sporting superstars, came from a background of poverty. There are numerous studies detailing that trend with a myriad of established reasons – the unaffordability of education and lack of any other route out of poverty generally being key. Sadly, the vast majority of really rich sports



stars very often sink back into deeply unhappy lives once the adrenaline surge of their playing days is gone – again, that's not a guess; it's a clear and proven statistical trend.

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## KILLARNEY LEGION

### COACHING OFFICER

Following discussion at committee level for a couple of years the Club Executive has begun the process to identify and recruit a Coaching Development Officer for the Club. With responsibility for amongst other things as training and upskilling of underage coaches, player management and welfare, skill development, health and fitness programmes for underage players it is seen as being a pivotal and crucial step in the future of the Club. The required candidate will have to have the necessary experience but probably most crucially be armed with excellent communication and leadership skills. With the goal that each boy and girl in the club can realise their full potential it is hoped to attract an energetic and dynamic individual. A sub committee in the club has been appointed to oversee the process and it will be headed by Club vice Chairman Liam McGuire. He is joined by Ladies Club Chairperson Ted Healy, Juvenile Management Committee Chair Donal O Leary, Senior Men's player Jamie O Sullivan and former Club officer Diarmuid Leen. We wish the sub committee the best of luck in its work. A full description of the role is available to view on our club website at [www.legiongaa.com](http://www.legiongaa.com).

### KERRY LGFA

The Kerry Ladies Gaelic Football association have been busy finalising their inter county panels for the year ahead. And the Club is represented on all three underage panels. Ali Bowler, daughter of John and Niamh, is selected on the U14 panel, a group where we're also represented by selector Jason Stack. Lauren Careys consistent form for both club and county in recent years is rewarded by a place in the U16s. Andrea Murphy's displays see her selected on the minor panel, an age group she is eligible again for in 2024. We will keep track of the girls' involvement throughout the year and we wish them all the very best.

### KERRY TEAMS

Cian Gammell started for the 2022 All Ireland Champions in the opening round of Munster pre-season competition against Cork in Pairc Ui Rinn. He followed that up with a squad appearance for the next game against Clare in Austin Stack Park on Sunday last. No doubt Cian will be eying up a challenge to break further into Jack O Connors squad with the National League commencing at the end of the month.

Will Shine and Darragh Fleming are currently part of Tomas O Ses U20 panel who are training at present in preparation for the John Kerins Cup which takes place on Saturdays in February.

### MOTHERS AND OTHERS

Our ever popular and proactive Mothers and Others group commence their year's activities Wednesday January 11th (and subsequent Wednesdays after) at 8pm in Direen. Self-named social football with a twist it offers an opportunity to all women, regardless of age and ability, to have a bit of fun and exercise in a light hearted and enjoyable environment.

### ALL IRELAND CLUB FOOTBALL

Commiserations to Kerins O'Rahillys who battled to the bitter end and just came up short



All-Ireland Champions Honoured With Civic Reception by Mayor of Kerry John Francis Flynn. The Civic reception to honour the achievements of the 2022 Kerry All-Ireland Champions at County Council buildings in Rathass Tralee. Photo By: Domnick Walsh © Eye Focus LTD.



East Kerry Seniors and U21s who recieved their County Championship medals last Friday night in the Killarney Heights. Photo Seamus Healy.

against Kilmacud Crokes in the All Ireland Senior Club semi final. And of course congratulations and the very best of luck to our East Kerry neighbours Fossa and Rathmore in their All Ireland finals against Stewartstown Harps and Galbally Pearses respectively, to be held in Croke Park this Sunday January 15th.

### LOTTO RESULTS

Tuesday January 3rd. 1, 7, 10, 24. Bonus 13. No Jackpot winner. Match 3/ Lucky Dips for €50: 1. Martin Walsh 2. John P Quirke 3. Aidan Slattery 4. Alan Lyne 5. John Lyne  
Sunday January 8th. 21, 16, 17, 8. Bonus 15. No Jackpot Winner. Match 3/ Lucky dips: 1. Chris Cronin 2. Gerry Looney 3. John Paul Lyne 4. Mary Burke 5. Pat Fleming. Next draw is Sunday January 15th 8pm.

## FOSSA

### JUNIOR ALL-IRELAND FINAL

Congratulations to our senior team and management who last Saturday in PortLaois qualified for the Junior All-Ireland final. Fossa will play Stewartstown Harps in the All-Ireland Junior Club Final in Croke Park on Sunday 15th January at 1.30pm. #theninesquaremiles are Croker bound!

### LOTTO

Jackpot not won. 4,14,18,25. €40 WINNERS: JOHNNY BUCKLEY, GORTAREE AGHADOE; JOHN O'NEILL, DROMIN FOSSA; O'SULLIVAN FAMILY, GORTNABOUL KILGARVAN, LIAM TSCHAEN; DONIE FLEMING, C/O TINA MYERS  
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## KEEL GAA CLUB

**CLUB LOTTO** Keel GAA Lotto Draw Monday the 2nd of January. Numbers drawn: 17, 20, 22, 30. There was no winner of our jackpot of €2,750z Lucky dip winner of €50 each were Moss Foley c/o W' O Shea and MKL Gaels. The jackpot will be €2,800 for the draw on Monday the 9th of January. Many thanks for all your support this week and thank you to this week's lotto team for facilitating the draw. You can purchase your tickets for the draw via Clubforce or through the local outlets. Thank you for your continued support of our club lotto.

### KEEL GAA LAST MAN STANDING

Thank you to everyone who bought tickets for our Last Man Standing Fundraiser. We have 41 people left out of 224. The Last Man Standing will win €500.

### STRICTLY COME DANCING

As you are aware we have teamed up with MKL Gaels for our Strictly Come Dancing fundraising event which is taking place on Saturday the 25th of February in Ballygarry Estate Hotel & Spa, Tralee. We have 24 dancers taking part representing both Keel GAA and MKL Gaels. It promises to be a fantastic night! There has been phenomenal demand for tickets with most local businesses sold out. Please be advised that this is an over 18s event. Keep an eye on the Keel GAA & MKL Gaels Strictly Come



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Emer Devane, Arthur Fitzgerald, Donald O Sullivan, Ann Holland and Tadhg O Keeffe attending the East Kerry medal presentation last Friday night at the Killarney Heights. Photo Seamus Healy.



Ann Holland, Tadhg O Keeffe, Ellen O Keeffe, Catherine and Michael O Mahoney at the medal presentation last Friday night. Photo Seamus Healy.

Dancing Facebook page for all the latest news.

### EVERY STEP COUNTS 2023

Every Step Counts Challenge is back for 2023. A great way to kickstart the exercising for the new year while also helping the club. From 11th January – 15th February 2023 we're asking our club members and community to hit our 4,000km target (that's roughly the distance around Ireland!) to be entered into the O'Neills Prize Draw. There are 3x O'Neills vouchers up for grabs in each province – €2,500, €1,500 & €1,000. Please follow the steps below to get involved: 1. Download/Redownload the Mylife app >>> <https://mylife.irishlife.ie/home> 2. Log in/Register your details 3. Link your tracker to it. 4. Go into Social - Challenges - Munster - Keel GAA

## BALLYHAR-FIRIES GAA

### LOTTO

02/01/23. Numbers drawn were: 7, 9, 10, 16. No jackpot winner. 5x€30: Margaret Kelly, Farranfore. Paddy Browne C/O Bridie. Eileen Galvin, Swinemount. Noreen Cronin, Ballyhar. John Sheahan, Gurteenroe. Next week's jackpot €4700

Lotto 09/01/23. Numbers drawn were: 13, 19, 22, 27. No jackpot winner. 5x€30: Doireann, Daithi & Daniel Breen, C/O Bridie. Amy, Rachel, Jerry & Brian O'Sullivan, C/O Bridie. Carmel Daly, Furies. Thady O'Donoghue, Lexlip, Kildare. Siobhan O'Shea, Gerah. Next week's jackpot €4800

### CELEBRATION NIGHT

Furies GAA will be hosting a Celebration Night on Saturday 14th January at 7pm in Ballygarra Estate Hotel. Tickets are €50 and are available at usual outlets. Get them before they're gone!!!

## EAST KERRY GAA NEWS

By Michael O'Mahony

### EAST KERRY WINNING TEAMS

Garvey's SuperValu County Championship Acorn Life County U21 Championship Were be presented with their medals on Friday 6th January 2023 at Killarney Heights Hotel. Senior County Championship medals by Chairman of Kerry County Board Patrick O'Sullivan,

Under 21 County Championship medals by Sean. Kelly MEP former Chairman of East Kerry GAA Board & current vice president of East

Kerry Board, Former president of GAA **CONGRATULATIONS** to Rathmore & Fossa on they great win last weekend, we wish both them best of luck in final this Sunday in croke park.

**SYMPATHIES** to Tim Shine Spa RIP& Paudie Palmer RIP Templehoe. Fr Donal O' Connor RIP Rathmore, Jimmy Doyle RIP Glenflesk. May Tim, Paudie, Donal and Jimmy rest in peace.

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**LOTTO** took place on December 9th Numbers drawn were 3, 11, 12, 17 Jackpot not won. 23 patrons matched 3 numbers and receive €25 each. Jackpot for draw on January 16th will be €15,200. We are calling on all members to support our weekly lotto as this represents one of the main sources of revenue for the club.

With activity likely to recommence on the fields over the next few weeks we need people's support to maintain our facilities in Lewis Road. We have made a number of alterations to make things easier for members to play the easiest one being to play it online by following the link below and follow instructions attached [https://play.clubforce.com/play\\_newa.asp?II\\_id=734#Anchor](https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?II_id=734#Anchor)

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**MOTHERS & OTHERS** will recommence on Monday 16th January at 6:30pm.

**HOMEWORK CLUB AFTER SCHOOL** Homework Club for primary school children resumes in the clubhouse on January 5th from 3pm-5pm. Contact Leah 085-7122081 or Amy 085-7145706

### NOTES

If anyone has anything they want to add to our club notes please email [pro.drcrokes.kerry@gaa.ie](mailto:pro.drcrokes.kerry@gaa.ie).

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Cillian Fitzgerald and Brid Kissane on their recent engagement and to Maggie McAuliffe on celebrating a special birthday.



KCC - All-Ireland Champions Honoured With Civic Reception by Mayor of Kerry John Francis Flynn. The Civic reception to honour the achievements of the 2022 Kerry All-Ireland Champions at County Council buildings in Rathass Tralee. Pictured: Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council Cllr Francis Flynn and CEO Moira Murrell make a presentation to Kerry's David Moran, Kerry County GAA Secretary Peter Twiss, Kerry County Chairman Pat O'Sullivan, Kerry's Joe O'Connor and Bainisteoir Jack O'Connor at a civic reception for the team on Friday at Kerry County Council chambers  
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 8.30 PM  
 9.00 PM  
 9.30 PM

### 1st Wednesday

8.00 PM  
 8.30 PM  
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### 1st Thursday

8.30 PM  
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### 1st Friday

9.30 PM  
 10.00 PM  
 10.30 PM

### 3rd Monday

8.30 PM  
 9.00 PM  
 9.30 PM  
 9.45 PM

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### 3rd Friday

7.30 PM  
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### 4th Thursday

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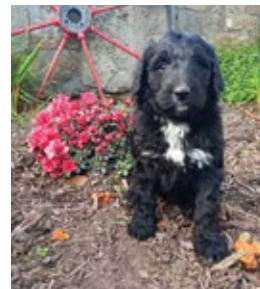
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## A Word of Victory

Welcome back dear student. I pray God's blessings of abundance and peace be upon you as we set sail on this new adventure into 2023. I proclaim the victory that Jesus won for you at the Cross will be unfolded deep into your heart this year, and that you will reap the benefits of His resurrection power in your spirit, soul and body (Psalms 103). I declare that you will grow as you ask to be filled and led by God's Holy Spirit. As you yield your life to Him, wisdom and revelation knowledge of the Truth of His Word and His promises which Jesus paid for will cause you to be blessed even in difficult circumstances. The Blood of Messiah Jesus still speaks for us from the mercy seat in the court of Heaven today.

God raised His Son Jesus from the dead as a guarantee that those who believe in Jesus - and live for Him, will be raised to everlasting life after death, and will inherit the blessing of Abraham while living on this earth (Galatians 3:13-14). "It was for freedom that Christ has set us free" (Galatians 5:1). It is possible to live free from the curse of sin, sickness, failure and destruction - in God's shelter. There is disaster occurring on every side, but God's promise to those who trust in Jesus is 'a thousand may fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand but it shall not come near you' (Psalm 91:1-7). The Word of God doesn't promise that we won't witness terrible things - the verse following goes on to say 'you will see the reward of the wicked' so remaining close to the Lord, in repentance and obedience to His commands is the only place of protection.

Leaders - I speak to you in the Name of the Lord Jesus - regardless of whether you lead a family or a country, a church or a corporation, leaders in law enforcement or the civil service - listen carefully. All people are called to lead but few choose to do it. Why? Because true leadership is hard; it requires courage, commitment, resilience but above all, integrity. We can see many who are brazen, but few who are courageously walking in integrity. Courage is a godly attribute - it makes one stand in the face of adversity when others crumble. God instructed Joshua to cultivate courage in order to lead God's people into the Promised Land. The Lord told him "...Moses my servant is dead, Therefore, the time has come for you to lead these people, across the Jordan River into the land I am giving them" (Joshua 1:2). Leading always requires advancement. You cannot advance until you choose to leave the past behind. But you cannot leave the past behind until the issues are resolved. Things are only resolved when they are confronted. The devil's greatest trick is to cover up and hide. Whatever is hidden in the darkness has power over you. It's the entrance of light that exposes and extinguishes darkness (Mark 4:21-25). One never knows how dark things are until proper lights are turned on. I pray that you will go forward into this year with a fresh resolution to take courage! You need to learn how to pray God's Word. Open this New Year by opening your Bible, and let the Spirit of God speak to you, comfort you, strengthen and empower you to be very courageous for God is with you, and He will give you success! (Joshua 1:6-9)

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
**MIKE JOHN MOYNIHAN**



GULLANE, GNEEVGUILLA,  
RATHMORE, CO. KERRY.

WHO PASSED AWAY ON THE  
06/01/2020.

#### *Bridge of Love*

*There is a bridge of memory.*

*From earth to heaven above.*

*It keeps you always near us,*

*it's called the bridge of love*

*May you always walk in sunshine*

*and God's love around you flow,*

*for happiness you gave us,*

*no one will ever know.*

*It broke our hearts to lose you,*

*but you didn't go alone,*

*for part of us went with you,*

*the day God called you home.*

Loved and missed always and forever,  
from Eileen, Michelle, Aoife, Evie & Fionn,  
Frankie and Kevin.

### 5TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF A  
DEAR HUSBAND, FATHER  
AND GRANDFATHER

**DAN CROWLEY**



INCHES, RATHMORE  
WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS  
ON 5TH JANUARY

*Quickly and quietly came the call  
Without farewell you left us all  
A sudden call from God on high  
You had no chance to say goodbye  
Without farewell you fell asleep  
But memories of you we'll always keep.*

*You never failed to do your best  
Your heart was true and tender  
You worked and toiled for those you loved  
And left us to remember.*

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WHO DIED ON  
JANUARY 7TH 2021

*Our hearts are full of memories,  
With pride we speak your name,  
Though life must go on without you,  
It will never be the same,  
Those special days will not return  
When we were all together,  
But the love and memories in our hearts  
Will stay with us forever.*

Still love and miss you everyday.  
Your loving daughter Theresa and  
granddaughter Aimee xx

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF

THOMAS (TOM)  
O' CONNELL



LATE OF 6 CLARINWOOD,  
RATHMORE  
WHO DIED ON  
JANUARY 7TH 2021

*Words cannot describe the loss I feel  
Saying farewell to you,  
But heaven chose to give you wings  
And now it's time you flew.  
I wish that we could have more time,  
That God had let you stay.  
Forever would not be long enough  
But I would take one day.  
I wish I had just one more chance  
To see that tender smile,  
To laugh with you again my dear  
Just for a little while.  
Gone too soon, but not forgotten,  
Forever you will remain,  
My guiding light, my shining star,  
Until I see your face again.*

Loved and remembered by your  
heartbroken wife Mary xx

†

## 50TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

GARDA  
JAMES (SEAMUS)  
DOODY



COOLGARRIVE, KILLARNEY  
AND SUNDAYS WELL, CORK  
WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS  
ON THE 7 TH JANUARY

*May the God of love and mercy  
Care for our loved one who is gone  
And bless with consolation  
Those left to carry on.*

Sadly missed and always remembered  
by your brothers Donie and Pádraig (Pat)  
Doody and extended families.

†

## 3RD ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

EILEEN  
O'DONOGHUE



WOODLAWN PARK AND LATE  
OF DROUMDUHIG, BALLYHAR  
WHO DIED ON THE  
15TH JANUARY 2020.

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

Sadly missed and always remembered by  
Your sister Bridie, brother in law Paschal,  
niece Ciara and James, grand nephew and  
niece James and Isabel.

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OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

Oh, most beautiful flower of Mount  
Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven.  
Oh, Blessed Mother of the Son of God;  
Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my  
necessity. Oh, Star of the Sea, help me  
and show me you are my Mother. Oh,  
Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of  
Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you  
from the bottom of my heart to succor me  
in my necessity (mention your request  
here). There are none that can withstand  
your power.  
Oh, Mary, conceived without sin, pray for  
us who have recourse to thee. (say three  
times).  
Holy Mary, I place this prayer in your  
hands. (say three times). Amen.

PRAYER TO THE LITTLE  
FLOWER ST THERESE

O Little Therese of the Child Jesus,  
please pick for me a rose from the  
heavenly gardens and send it to me as  
a message of love. O Little Flower of  
Jesus, ask God to grant the favors  
I now place with confidence in your  
hands . .  
(mention in silence here)  
St. Therese, help me to always believe  
as you did in God's great love for me,  
so that I might imitate your "Little  
Way" each day.  
Amen

## 33RD ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

PETER D.J.  
O'SULLIVAN



ANNAGHMORE, HEADFORD,  
KILLARNEY, CO. KERRY WHO  
DIED ON JANUARY 7TH, 1990

*Two calloused hands from work are stilled,  
A million Jobs undone.  
At rest, at last, in Gods Own House,  
Content, at Peace, At One.*

Ar dheis De go raibh a anam

Always remembered  
by your loving wife Philomena & family.

## 3RD ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

EILEEN  
O'DONOGHUE



WOODLAWN PARK AND LATE  
OF DROUMDUHIG, BALLYHAR  
WHO DIED ON THE  
15TH JANUARY 2020.

*The flowers we place upon your grave,  
May wither and decay,  
But love for you who sleeps beneath,  
Will never fade away.*

Loved and always remembered  
Your brother Jerry, nieces Maria and Eileen



## 2ND ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

**JAMIE  
O'SULLIVAN**



GEARHA CROSS, BEAUFORT,  
KILLARNEY

WHO PASSED AWAY ON THE  
15TH JANUARY 2021

*A daily thought, A silent tear  
A constant wish that you were here  
A empty place no one can fill*

*We miss you Jamie  
And always will.*

Always missed by Mom Dad and your  
brother Diarmuid.

*Anniversary mass for Jamie on  
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## 1ST ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

**ANNE  
O'SULLIVAN**



BALLYDALY, RATHMORE,  
CO. KERRY

WHO DIED ON THE  
16TH JANUARY 2022

*Loving are the memories  
Precious they stay  
No passing of time  
Can take them away*

*You live in our hearts  
And walk by our side  
And from Heaven above  
You are always our guide*

Loved and missed by your son  
Hugh and Carla xxx

*Your memory is our keepsake  
With which we'll never part  
God has you in his keeping  
We have you in our hearts*

Sadly missed  
Cian, Oisin and Sorchia

## 1ST ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

**ANNE  
O'SULLIVAN**  
(Nee Dunlea)



BALLYDALY, RATHMORE,  
CO. KERRY

20TH MARCH 1944  
- 16TH JANUARY 2022

*In Memory our Mother & Nan*

*Always a welcome, Always a smile.  
"Pull up a chair, sit down for a while"  
Always so eager, to hear what we'd say.  
"Well, tell me now, what did you do today?"  
Always so grateful, for anything done..  
"Lovely and fine, says Donny, my son"  
Always remembered, we'll never forget.  
Such happy memories, no single regret.*

Ar Dheis Dé Go Raibh D'anam  
John A, Mary & Joshua

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & 1ST ANNIVERSARY

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The Family of the Late Anne O'Sullivan, (Nee Dunlea) would like to express our sincere and heartfelt gratitude to all those who helped and supported us during her brief illness, funeral and in the past 12 months. Her final days, were made so much more comfortable due to the professionalism and loving tender care that she received from the staff at Millstreet Hospital. They all took such phenomenal care of her for the 15 months that she was a resident there. It's wasn't a hospital as such, but a home from home. Her co-residents became her second family, and we are grateful for all their little gestures that made her time there so much easier.

Thanks to Davy, Cora and staff at Tarrant's Funeral home as they made her final journey so easy for her and us all. Thanks to Fr Jack and Fr. Sean for such a beautiful Mass.

Thanks to Sharon in the Parish office who did up such a lovely booklet. Thanks to Sacristan Julie for all her help and to Joan for such beautiful music.

We are very grateful to all the staff of Millstreet Hospital who formed a guard of honor on her leaving the hospital and all the friends, neighbours and extended family that lined the road from Millstreet Hospital to the funeral home and then through the Town and onto the Graveyard.

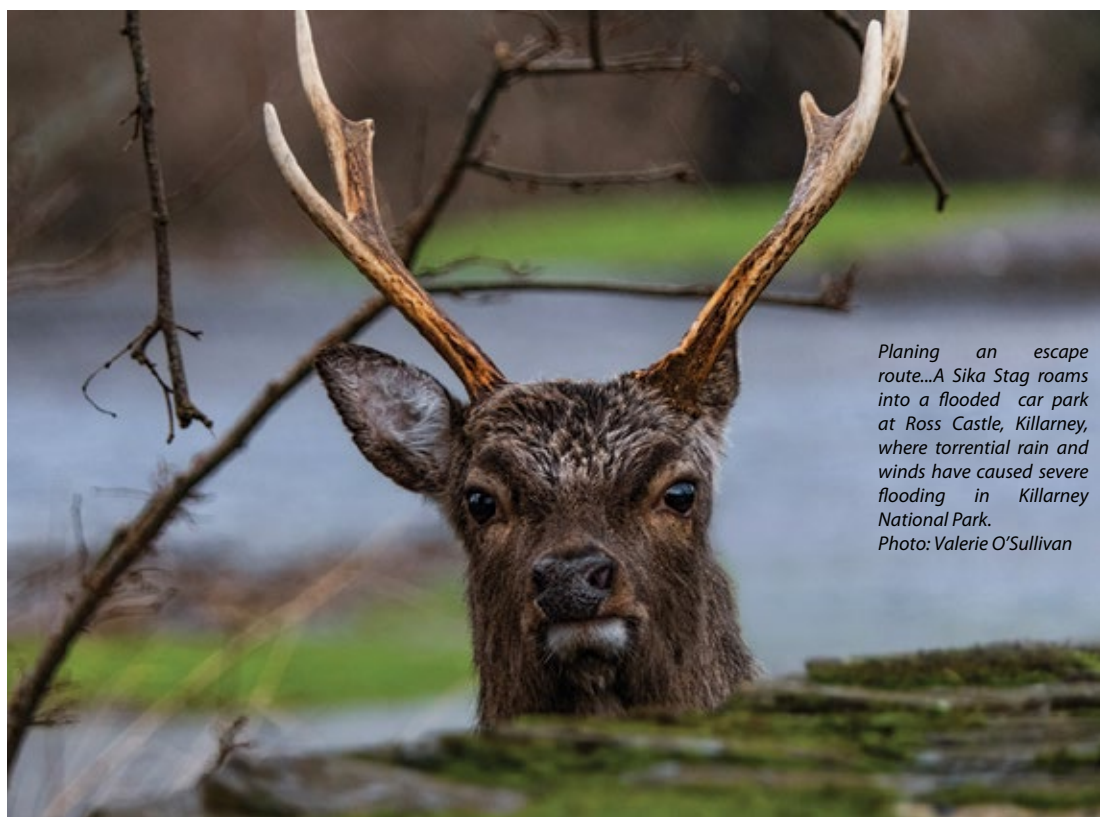
Her final prayers were broadcast over her Late Husband John Anthony's public address speakers, which were were set up by Timmy and Martin Lucey.

Thank you to all the friends and neighbours that took the time & trouble to drop off food to us.

We would like to sincerely thank everyone who wrote messages of sympathy on RIP. ie, sent Mass Cards and took the time ring or text. Your thoughtfulness was appreciated. Covid may have kept everyone physically apart, but we have never felt so surrounded by people with kind hearts and generous natures.

There were so many gestures of kindness and goodwill from so many people that we, as a family, appreciated and will never forget. We won't name these individuals as there were so many, we're afraid we'd forget someone.

A Mass for all those mentioned (and those not) , will be offered for your intentions, in St Patricks Church. Millstreet  
Go raibh maith agaibh go leir.



*Planing an escape route...A Sika Stag roams into a flooded car park at Ross Castle, Killarney, where torrential rain and winds have caused severe flooding in Killarney National Park.  
Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan*



**10TH ANNIVERSARY**

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

**MAUSIE  
COURTNEY**LATE OF CURREAL GLENFLESK  
AND DEERPARK KILLARNEYWHO DIED ON THE  
31ST OF DECEMBER 2012.*We will always have memories**To cherish and to hold**Of a wonderful mother**More precious than gold.**A laugh, a joke, a time to care**A wonderful nature, warm and true**These are the memories we have of you*Always loved and never forgotten  
Your son Johnny, daughter-in-law Evelyn  
and grandchildren Shane, Dayna and Katie.

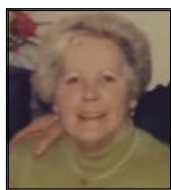
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**1ST ANNIVERSARY**

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

**HANNAH LYNE**

(NEE FALVEY)

BOSTON AND LATE OF  
KNOCKLEBEDE, KILCUMMIN  
WHO PASSED AWAY ON THE  
9TH JANUARY 2022***In Loving Memory of a Special Cousin****The day you left and gained your wings  
my heart just broke in two  
I wish you could have stayed with me  
But Heaven needed you**You left me with the memories  
And I love you dearly still  
No matter how much time goes by  
You know I always will**You were a very special person  
With kindness in your heart  
And the love we had together  
Grows stronger now we're apart**I know I cannot bring you back  
Although I wish it everyday  
But a piece of me went with you  
The day you went away*Sadly missed and never forgotten by  
your cousins Maura and the Lyne Family,  
Knocklebede**18TH ANNIVERSARY**IN LOVING MEMORY OF A DEAR  
FATHER AND GRANDFATHER**JOHN JOE LYNE**

KNOCKLEBEDE, KILCUMMIN

WHO PARTED FROM US  
SUDDENLY ON  
JANUARY 13TH 2005  
AGED 58***Memories Of You Dad****It's been the hardest thing to lose you  
You meant so much to me  
But you are in my heart Dad  
And that's where you'll always be  
I know that Heaven called you  
But I wish you could have stayed  
At least the memories I have of you  
They will never fade  
I did not want to lose you  
But you did not go alone  
Because a part of me went with you  
When Heaven called you home  
So just remember one thing  
We are not apart  
You're with me in my memories  
And in my broken heart*Lovingly remembered by  
Tina, Noel, Evan & Aaron xx**18TH ANNIVERSARY**

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

**JOHN JOE LYNE**KNOCKLEBEDE, KILCUMMIN,  
KILLARNEYWHO PASSED AWAY ON  
JANUARY 13TH 2005*Whenever I think of you Dad  
and how things used to be,  
I wish so much I could turn back time  
and re-live those precious memories...**Words cannot describe the sadness  
this brings  
or how very dearly you are missed...  
You were everything a great dad could be,  
You meant so much to me...  
You were remarkable and wonderful  
You were one in a millin indeed.**Life is not the same without you...  
You're truly irreplaceable.  
No one could ever take your place -  
You were loved more than words could  
ever say.**Until we meet to part no more,  
I'll forever remember you with love...  
I'll dearly cherish my memories of you -  
You're a d who's unforgettable.*Sadly missed by your loving sons Michael x  
and Martin x and Martin's partner Marena x

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**DIOCESAN MISSION 2023:** The Diocese are hosting a virtual mission on the theme 'Growing in Love' from the 22nd - 25th January 2023. By registering on [www.dioceseofkerry.ie](http://www.dioceseofkerry.ie) you will receive an email each day of the mission with links to the various sessions which include: the Holy Masses, Daily prayer/reflections/Prayer petitions & the Mission talk which is nightly at 8pm.

**ANAM CARA KERRY:** an organisation that supports bereaved parents are holding their monthly evening on Tuesday 10th January at 7:15pm in the Meadowlands Hotel, Tralee. This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents. They also offer an online support group. For further information email [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie).

**PARISH OUTREACH:** We always hold our concern and prayer for those who are housebound or sick, unable to gather now with the parish community for Mass each week. Please note that the priests of the parish visit with Holy Communion within the

month to those unable to attend Mass, and if you wish to arrange a visit, please contact the Parish Office at any time and we would be delighted to call.

**PADRE PIO MASS:** on Next Monday 16th January, 7.30pm in the Church of the Resurrection. All are welcome

**KILLARNEY PARISH CALENDARS:** The Killarney Parish Calendar is available at all the Churches and the Parish Office


**KILLARNEY MEMORY TREE** at the Holy Cross Mercy School, New Rd: A word of thanks to all who supported the school this Christmas through the Memory Tree. Thanks to all the shops and outlets who promoted it, to all who worked to make it happen, and to all who came to the launch and to the Mass before Christmas to pray for the deceased loved ones remembered on it.



18TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MY DEAR HUSBAND

JOHN JOE LYNE



KNOCKLEBEDE, KILCUMMIN, KILLARNEY

WHO PASSED AWAY SUDDENLY ON THE 13TH OF JANUARY 2005

Although you sleep in Heaven now  
You're not that far away  
My heart is full of memories  
And you're with me everyday.  
You lived your life with meaning  
And with a smile upon your face  
A world that was full of happiness  
Is now an empty place.  
People say that only time  
Will heal a broken heart  
But just like me and you  
It has been torn apart.  
I know you are at peace now  
And in a place where you are free  
Meet me at the Pearly Gates  
When Heaven calls for me.


Sadly missed by your loving wife  
Maura Xx

Anniversary Mass will be in  
Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kilcummin  
on Sunday 15th January at 11.30am

18TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

JOHN JOE LYNE



KNOCKLEBEDE, KILCUMMIN, KILLARNEY

WHO PASSED AWAY ON JANUARY 13TH 2005

*In Memory of Dad*

There is no one else on earth  
So special as you were to me.  
I hold you forever, my precious Dad,  
In my heart and memory.  
You made me laugh every single day,  
You really were the best,  
And even though you are not here,  
The time we had was blessed.  
I wish I had just one more chance  
To see that tender smile,  
To laugh with you again, my Dad,  
Just for a little while.  
So, this is not goodbye  
And this is not goodnight,  
Because you're still here by my side  
Holding onto me so tight.


Your loving daughter Mary x  
and son in law Maurice x,  
your grandsons Maurice x, Patrick x,  
grand daughter Natasha x

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18TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

JOHN JOE LYNE



KNOCKLEBEDE, KILCUMMIN, KILLARNEY

WHO PASSED AWAY ON JANUARY 13TH 2005

When you feel a little lonely  
And all you want is me  
Just place a hand upon your heart  
And you know that's where I'll be

I know how much you're hurting  
But remember me and smile  
I know we are apart right now  
But it's only for a while

Take comfort that I'm happy  
Where the sky is always blue  
I'll be waiting at the Rainbow Bridge  
When Heaven calls for you


Sadly missed by your loving son Gerard x,  
his partner Lisa x and your grand daughters  
Alana x and Aoibhinn x

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18TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

JOHN JOE LYNE



KNOCKLEBEDE, KILCUMMIN, KILLARNEY

WHO PASSED AWAY ON JANUARY 13TH 2005

Dad I miss you everyday  
You were so precious and unique  
A guiding light throughout my life  
You were my strength when I was weak

Happy memories flood my mind  
whenever I think of you  
But you can never be replaced  
that much is sadly true

The fact that you're no longer here  
Still fills my heart with pain  
I wish I had just one last chance  
to talk with you again

I shall always remember  
the closeness that we had  
I love you and miss you so much...  
... My kind and thoughtful Dad

Sadly missed by your loving daughter  
Geraldine x and her partner Gerald x,

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NOVENA TO ST. CLARE

IN THANKSGIVING

Novena to St. Clare. Ask for three favours, one business, two impossible. Say nine Hail Mary's for nine nights with lighted candles. Pray whether you believe or not. Publish on ninth day. Powerful novena.

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Your request will be granted no matter how impossible it may seem.

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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.

NOVENA TO ST. JUDE

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever.

Oh Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude worker of miracles, pray for us.

Helper of the hopeless, pray for us.

Say this prayer nine times a day, by the eighth day the prayer will be answered.

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