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Margaret O'Donoghue of the landmark Gleneagle INEC Arena was inducted into the Order of Inisfallen by Ciarde Chill Airne at a reception in the historic Muckcross House in Killarney National Park on Monday evening. Pictured her with her Children sitting from left Maurice Owen, Aine, Shellagh, Aoife, Back row, Eamonn, Patrick and John O'Donoghue. Presenting her with the honour were Cathaoirleach Killarney Municipal District Cllr. Brendan Cronin, Joint President of Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce, Padraig Treacy. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

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Aisling Crosbie.

FROM THE EDITOR

With just ten more sleeps until the big man arrives, we bring you a very Christmassy magazine this week.... from glamour and glitz at the OsKaRs to Nativity Plays, not forgetting the unveiling of a wonderful new crib in St. Mary's Cathedral.

The town's highest honour has been bestowed on Margaret O'Donoghue, for the second year in a row, a student from St. Brigid's Presentation Secondary School will represent the Rotary Club on a trip to Strasbourg and the traditional turning on of the Christmas Tree Lights at The Brehon took place.

Four Schools in the Glenflesk Parish gathered to put on a wonderful nativity play, Little Blue Heroes enjoyed a Christmas Day out and this year's winter Solstice on the Paps will be in memory of Johnny "The Rock" O'Brien.

Killarney Valley AC celebrated a record year at an event at the Great Southern Hotel, there is Christmas Cheer in abundance in the Sem and Christmas Markets bring joy to the Pres.

Old friends are the best at a Mercy Convent NS reunion, festive orienteering is planned for this weekend and students at Killarney Community College took part in a film making workshop. With the Christmas rush well and truly underway, take time to relax and enjoy this week's Killarney Outlook.

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The matriarch of an incredibly entrepreneurial family that has made an enormous contribution to business and community life in Killarney over many years has been awarded the highest honour the town can bestow.

Margaret O'Donoghue of the landmark Gleneagle INEC Arena was inducted into the Order of Innisfallen by Cairde Chill Árne at a reception in the historic Muckcross House in Killarney National Park on Monday evening.

The award was created in 2005 to allow Killarney to recognise, celebrate and say thank you to a select number of people who have, in a variety of different ways, brought good to Killarney's name and image around the country and around the world.

Margaret follows in the footsteps of very distinguished previous recipients including former Taoiseach Enda Kenny, international industrialist Isolde Liebherr, Hollywood A-lister Michael Fassbender and entertainer Daniel O'Donnell.

She becomes the first lady to receive the honour since 2018 when the recipient was Camilla, then Duchess of Cornwall and now the Queen of England.

Margaret and her late husband, Maurice, who passed away in 2001, transformed an eight-bed guesthouse into the incredibly successful entertainment complex that is now the Gleneagle INEC Arena which has attracted hundreds of thousands of visitors to the town over the years.

They were the guiding hands in the push to develop The Brehon Hotel, The Gleneagle Apartments and Scott's Hotel as well as top class indoor and outdoor sports and leisure facilities and a concert band and the O'Donoghue family has been to the forefront of several other major developments which have been of huge benefit to Killarney, to Kerry and to Ireland.

The Order of Innisfallen award – a joint initiative between Kerry County Council and Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce – was presented to Margaret by Mayor of Killarney, Cllr Brendan Cronin.

"Margaret has been the guiding hand in all that the family has achieved and, given her enormous contribution over so many years, it is wonderful that she is being officially recognised with this very

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Margaret O'Donoghue pictured with her Children and extended family.

important award," the mayor said.

Event host and Muckcross House Trustee, Geraldine Rosney, said the award reflected the enormous contribution Margaret and Maurice O'Donoghue have made to Killarney. "They were a couple with a dream, a couple with a vision and a couple with get-up-and-go determination to pick up the ball and start running and running and running."

"Margaret, Maurice and their family's achievements with the creation and building and expansion of their enterprises over the last 59 years is nothing short of monumental," she said.

Margaret said it was an honour to accept the Order of Innisfallen on behalf of both herself and the late Maurice and, indeed, their seven children, Patrick, Maurice, John, Eamonn, Aine, Shelly and Aoife.



Margaret O'Donoghue is pictured with her O'Sullivan (Shanara family) sitting Sr Joan O'Sullivan. Back row, John O'Sullivan, Maryann O'Sullivan, Jo and Pat Dunleavy. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



Presenting Margaret O'Donoghue with the honour are from left, Joint President of Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce, Johnny McGuire, Cathaoirleach Killarney Municipal District Cllr. Brendan Cronin, Joint President of Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce, Padraig Treacy.



Margaret O'Donoghue pictured Killarney Municipal Manager, Angela McAllen.



Margaret pictured with Juliette O'Sullivan, left and Nanette O'Leary. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

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Killarney Student Wins Rotary Youth Leadership Development Competition

By Grace Foley

A fifth year student from St. Brigid's Presentation Secondary School has been chosen as the overall winner of The Rotary Club Youth Leadership Development Competition Zone final, which was held at the Great Southern Killarney this week.

Aoibhín Kelly, was chosen as the Killarney Representative, for the Zone Finals of the Youth Leadership Development Competition after an intense two day interview process held in October with students aged between 15-18 from a number of schools. For many students including Aoibhín Kelly it was the first interview they had ever done. Aoibhín represented St. Brigid's Secondary School and The Killarney Rotary Club, at the Zone final interviews this week for The Annual Youth Leadership Development Competition. This Competition is one of the Rotary Clubs longest running youth projects and it rewards young people with clear leadership potential.

The candidates were asked some challenging questions on current affairs, focusing mainly on Europe. President Barry Murphy said, "Our interviewers were in awe of the calibre of the participants. Aoibhín can be very proud of her achievement. We wish her well on her adventure and look forward to hearing all about it on her return."

Kevin Taylor, member of Killarney Rotary Club said "The standard of the candidates increases year on year which is a credit to both their parents and teachers."

As winner of the Zone Final for the Rotary Youth Leadership Development Competition, Aoibhín will go on an all-expenses paid trip to Stormont in Belfast, The European Parliament Office in Dublin, Dáil Eireann and finally Strasbourg. In advance of the trip the students will be taught about current European issues which they will be given the opportunity to debate, amend, vote and adopt in the EU Parliament.

Last year, the Killarney club finalist, Abbie O'Sullivan won the Zone Final which was held in



Overall winner, Aoibhín Kelly (Killarney), Grace O'Donnell, Rotary Assistant District Governor (Tralee), James Crawley (Galway/Salthill), Barry Murphy, President Killarney Rotary Club and Labhraidh Costello (Tralee).

Cork and had the opportunity of going on the all-expenses paid trip. Abbie O'Sullivan said "I can't believe this opportunity was available to me in Killarney. It was the chance of a lifetime". The 2023/2024 Zone winner, Aoibhín Kelly plays soccer with Killarney Celtic and has a passion for equal representation for women in sport. Aoibhín Kelly said " I would have to say my passion probably would have to be equality for women in sport being a woman in elite sport myself. I was at Ireland

assessment's, I've been at the centre of excellence and my soccer team has reached the national finals a couple of years in a row. So it's definitely something I feel strongly about".

The Youth Leadership Development Competition has been running for over twenty-five years and gives young people the opportunity to enhance their personal development and communication skills.



New beginnings...

Continuing the wonderful tradition of St. Mary's Cathedral life-size Christmas Crib in Killarney, this week a new crib has just been installed in St. Mary's Cathedral, Killarney. Inspired by Mrs Rena Kennelly, who created the iconic Cathedral crib for over 50 years. Fr Kieran O'Brien, Adm, Killarney Parish, commissioned the very talented Eamonn Mulvihill, (left) to design and construct a new crib. The blessing of the new crib by Bishop of Kerry, Ray Browne, takes place during 6.15pm mass on Saturday 16th December. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



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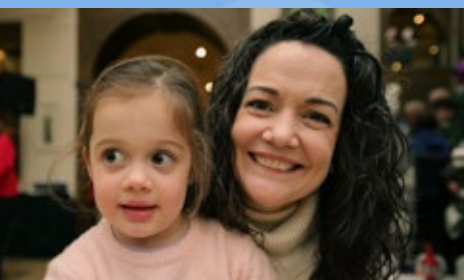
Members of Staff of the Brehon Hotel, at the charity Christmas tree lighting and visit of Santa Claus at the Brehon Hotel, Killarney, in aid of St. Francis Special School, Beaufort.



Dearbhla and Fionán O'Connell, at the charity Christmas tree lighting and visit of Santa Claus at the Brehon Hotel, Killarney, in aid of St. Francis Special School, Beaufort.



Santa Claus just switched on the lights, at the charity Christmas tree lighting and visit of Santa Claus at the Brehon Hotel, Killarney, in aid of St. Francis Special School, Beaufort.



Laura and Carson O'Connor-Fagan, at the charity Christmas tree lighting and visit of Santa Claus at the Brehon Hotel,



Hazel Dineen, at the charity Christmas tree lighting and visit of Santa Claus at the Brehon Hotel,



The Fleming Family meets Santa.



Evan Smith at the charity Christmas tree lighting and visit of Santa Claus at the Brehon Hotel



Singing solo, Bryan Keavane, makes an impromptu visit to join with St. Brigid's Secondary School Choir, Killarney at the charity Christmas tree lighting and visit of Santa Claus at the Brehon Hotel, Killarney.



Oh Christmas tree...Jerry Fleming, Muckross, Killarney



Members of St. Brigid's Secondary School Choir, performing, at the charity Christmas tree lighting and visit of Santa Claus at the Brehon Hotel.



Singing solo, Bryan Keavane, makes an impromptu visit to join with Music Teacher Rosie Healy and St. Brigid's Secondary School Choir, Killarney at the charity Christmas tree lighting and visit of Santa Claus at the Brehon Hotel.



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Kerry Footballer, All Star, Player of the Year 2023, and PE Teacher at St. Brendan's College, Killarney, David Clifford has rowed in behind Vision Sports Ireland for the launch of a Vision Impaired Physical Education Teaching Guide. The Guide has been developed to give readers the skills and confidence to teach students who are blind or vision impaired by equipping them with knowledge, skills, and considerations to make PE more inclusive for all; ensuring students with a vision impairment have equal access to participate in physical education activities.

Sean Poland, Education and Training Coordinator with Vision Sports Ireland, stated "We believe in the power of physical activity and its ability to transform lives, this vision was shared with our expert steering group who have a vast wealth of knowledge and years of experience in the area of Inclusive Physical Education. We came together to develop this resource to address the gap in Physical Education levels of children with a vision impairment in Ireland, where only 1 in 3 children with a vision impairment are engaging in the recommended amount of PE time in school. I believe this resource will help equip PE teachers across the country with useful techniques and considerations for providing an optimum experience for students with a vision impairment in their class. This guide is a testament to our commitment to breaking down barriers and providing meaningful opportunities for everyone to engage in physical activity".

The PE resource is a welcome addition to the offerings from Vision Sports Ireland, following on from the Vision Impaired Rugby Coaching Guide which was launched in May 2023. This toolkit marks a culmination of work from the PE Steering Group, made up of subject matter experts.

David Clifford, commented on the launch "I was thrilled to lend my voice to the launch of such a vital resource. As a PE teacher myself, I know the importance of having such toolkits available and the impact it will have on students with vision impairments across the country. Physical

David Clifford helps Launch Vision Impaired Physical Education Teaching Guide



Vision Sports Ireland launched a Vision Impaired Physical Education Resource to give P.E teachers the skills to make school sports more inclusive for blind and visually impaired students. At the launch in St. Brendan's College, Killarney is Principal, Sean Coffey, Padraig Healy, Vision Sports Ireland, student, Michael O'Brien, Kerry Footballer and Teacher, David Clifford, Senator Martin Conway, Gearóid O' Doherty, Kerry Recreation and Sports Partnership, Teachers, Claire Murphy and Annette O'Neill, SNA Orna O' Shea, Sean Poland, Vision Sports Ireland, SNA Darren O' Riordan, Christine Slavin, Kerry Recreation and Sports Partnership and Arthur Fitzgerald, P.E Teacher. Photo: Pauline Dennigan

Education is a crucial part of each student's development and learning, this resource will aid PE teachers to ensure all students get the same opportunities to partake in PE lessons. I would encourage all PE teachers to download this resource, it is an excellent toolkit to be added to any teacher's library".

This guide will work in tandem with the Vision Sports Ireland training and education framework which already incorporates Vision

Sports Awareness Training delivered both online and through Vision Ireland's new Learning Management System and our Vision Impaired PE pack which includes an array of adapted equipment all available on www.visionsports.ie. We are excited about the positive impact this resource will have on the lives of students with a vision impairment, this is a significant milestone in our journey towards a more inclusive and diverse society.

Iryna Halaieva_Puffins Paradise



IRYNA'S PUFFINS PARADISE CAPTURES A WIN AT KILLARNEY CAMERA CLUB

Killarney Camera Club recently held its second competition of the season. There were 21 entries for the Flora and Fauna themed competition. There was a diverse range of images with flowers, plants, animals, birds and insects all on show.

Iryna Halaieva had her first competition win, not just in the Novice category but also in the Unrestricted category, with a stunning photo of a puffin. She told us about the photo - "At last, in June this year, I reached the puffins' paradise - the Great Saltee Island off the coast of County Wexford. They do not mind visitors at all and they are the cutest birds I have ever seen. So friendly, so fast and so adorable. In spite of very windy weather that day, I was able to capture some good photos."

Congratulations to Iryna - her trip to The Saltees certainly paid off. Here are the top three in the Unrestricted category.

Unrestricted category:

1st Place: Iryna Halaieva, Puffins' Paradise

2nd Place: Keith Johnson, Flora & Fauna

3rd Place: Maryann Heidtke, Gary

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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

SANTA CLAUS IS NOT DELIVERING FOR FINE GAEL THIS CHRISTMAS - BUT A WEEK IS A LONG TIME IN POLITICS

Rumours had been swirling recently that Seán Kelly was the most likely candidate for the Dail for Fine Gael in Kerry. But Santa Claus will not be delivering for Fine Gael just yet.



Seán has turned down the approach and the reasons he gives are interesting.

Some 70 per cent of legislation now comes from Brussels, he told Jerry O'Sullivan on Radio Kerry. For much of its time, the Dail is transposing what's already decided in Europe. In that respect he feels he can be more effective for Kerry if he remains in Europe.

(It is a nice put down to those who like to remind Kelly that he failed to get elected to Kerry County Council).

Seán also said he would have to 'start from scratch' to learn the ropes of Dail representation, never having been a councillor.

This column regularly laments the inability of our Dail and Seanad people to secure better resources for Kerry. So, would we be better off in future when it comes to roads, new courts buildings, provision of housing, not to mention the thousands of Ukrainian refugees in tourist accommodation in Killarney, to sound Seán Kelly to see if he could maybe use European legislation for better services? Meanwhile, the next Dail and council elections are all to play for, once again. The shine seems to be going off the Shinners. Suddenly they don't look the sure bet they

were just weeks ago. I think they got too cocky. They acted as if they were in power already and started talking down to people who were once their core supporters. They began standing on the rarefied high ground, trying to attract the middle class and a wider base. The reluctance to outrightly condemn the October 7 Hamas attacks on Israel was disturbing for their new higher class supporters.

Then the warnings about the threat to democracy by a number of international watchdogs regarding Sinn Fein's pursuit of journalists over niggly things did not help at all. Sinn Fein has long had journalists in their sights. But they became cocky about it.

Trying to muzzle journalists by suing them is listed as one of the four red flag warning signs in threats to democracy in the book How Democracies Die. Refusal by a party to outrightly condemn political violence in other countries is another.

Which all amounts to how old parties like Labour, FF and FG may find their straying sheep are on the way back - having suddenly learned the grass is not always greener

ANGLERS CONCERN ABOUT WATER QUALITY

Anglers, traditional guardians of rivers and lakes, have raised concerns over the wastewater treatment plant in Killarney. This column has been trying to raise this too. Cllr John O'Donoghue, to be fair, has put a council motion down recently. But given the recent report into water quality in the Laune and Lough Leane, I don't understand why the treatment plant is not top of the agenda by



everyone.

The Laune Salmon and Trout Anglers' Association have now lodged an appeal against the housing development in Cronin's Wood/Park over the plant and the sewer system.

Large scale applications should be considered 'premature' until the council and Irish Water /Uisce Eireann carry out upgrades to the storm and foul sewer systems in Killarney Sewer network, the anglers told the council from day one.

Their appeal will delay the construction of much needed housing, of course, and this is a pity. But the situation with the treatment plant and the sewer systems needs to be addressed. For years all development in Kenmare has been halted for the same reason: sewerage and water. Coincidentally it is a Kenmare company which is behind the 249 new residential units now under appeal. In principle, the anglers have no objection to more housing for Killarney, Laune Anglers' honorary secretary Danny Joy of Killorglin said.

However, the application would result in 'significant increase in the annual daily load into the Killarney Town Sewage Treatment system and network,' he said.

He referred to the recent water quality report which found the River Laune was one of the two worst rivers in the country and the Folly stream which takes treated water from the plant in Ross Road was the cause.

'Having regard to Killarney's reliance on tourism and in particular recreational activities this is a catastrophic situation,' the anglers said. They are right.

The planning appeal case is due to be decided by An Bord Pleanála in early April. The decision will be of huge interest in Killarney.

THE SAGA OF THE ANNALS - TIME TO PURSUE THEM AGAIN

Several European countries are now in pursuit of the British Museum and other institutions for their native treasures. The most famous repatriation row is over the Elgin Marbles of Greece and it has hotted into a major dispute between the UK and Greece. There is also an issue between Italy and Germany over a Roman statue known as the Discobolus which was much loved by Adolf Hitler and was sold to his regime.

The statue had been 'returned' to Italy by US troops after the war. A marble base remained in the museum in Munich. Italy's national museum in Rome wrote looking for the base. It got a reply saying Germany had in fact legitimately purchased the Discobolus and its base in the first place. Positions have been taken and tempers have flared.



The 'we bought it', that is, acquired it legitimately, excuse is the one the Bodleian Library in Oxford used when I asked them about the return of the Annals of Inisfallen to this town. But the Bodleian also said they would look at repatriation. And I felt there was a chink of light. Councillor Niall Kelleher made huge efforts too.

'The Bodleian Libraries have not been approached by the Irish Government nor the Government's Arts and Heritage Minister with a request to have the Annals returned to Ireland,' is what the Oxford museum told me in early 2022.

The gold luna from Mangerton is another 'legitimately' acquired object sitting in the British Museum. I went after this too.

Unfortunately, I have heard nothing since. I feel strongly we should be making a better effort to get both the annals and the luna returned to their native Killarney. Now that there is renewed momentum from other countries on repatriation, could our TDs and maybe our important MEP join in on this?



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Parish Schools Come Together to Celebrate Christmas

A most wonderful nativity play was performed by the children from the four schools in the parish of Glenflesk and Barraduff last Saturday night in a packed to capacity Barraduff church. It was a top class play from start to finish bringing the audience back to their own childhood. It was a totally professional production with narration, perfect sound and lighting effects and not forgetting the donkey was also spectacular! The children were brilliant and credit must also go to all the hard work put in by the parents, teachers and staff loyal volunteers and Fr. Jim the Parish priest for his huge input and wonderful words. Santa Claus arrived in the church to great excitement and more wonder, dishing out treats for everyone. Next it was out to the Christmas tree and with a few bits of magic Santa had the tree lit up in no time! Thanks to Barraduff Tidy Village Group for all their hard work in keeping our village looking so spectacular.



Amelia Duggan, Kaylee Lynch and Emma Hickey at the Glenflesk Parish Nativity play in Barraduff Church last Saturday. Photo Seamus Healy.



Hark the Herald angels sing....at the Glenflesk Parish Nativity play in Barraduff Church last Saturday. Photo Seamus Healy.



Santa Claus creating excitement at the Glenflesk Parish Nativity play in Barraduff Church last Saturday. Photo Seamus Healy.



Fionn and Saoirse O Leary at the Glenflesk Parish Nativity play in Barraduff Church last Saturday. Photo Seamus Healy.



Ned Spillane, Frankie Favier and Darragh Carey at the Glenflesk Parish Nativity play in Barraduff Church last Saturday. Photo Seamus Healy.



Joanne, Maisie and Conellie Sheahan at the Glenflesk Parish Nativity play in Barraduff Church last Saturday. Photo Seamus Healy.



The fantastic children from our four schools at the Glenflesk Parish Nativity play in Barraduff Church last Saturday. Photo Seamus Healy.



Mary and Joserph with their baby Jesus in the stable at the Glenflesk Parish Nativity play in Barraduff Church last Saturday. Photo Seamus Healy.



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Christmas Cheer for LITTLE BLUE HEROES

Honorary Gardai Recruits who are members of the Little Blue Heroes had a fantastic day at Ballygarry House Hotel on Sunday where they and their families met members of the Kerry Gardai and of course the main man himself....Santa. The group is run in Kerry by local Gardai and they support families of children with serious illnesses while empowering the lives of children.



Honourary Garda Michael O Sullivan, Kenmare meeting Santa



Honourary Garda Kate Lehane, Killarney with her mum Sharon and the Star Wars extras



Honorary Garda Theo Whelan, Killorglin with his parents Stephanie and Shane and Kerry Gardai



Honourary Garda Theo Whelan with Killarney Garda Cathy Murphy and Gda Patrick Harrington of the regional dog unit



Honorary Garda Frankie O Sullivan, Killarney with his sister Ellie Mai O Sullivan and his dad Frank O Sullivan



Gda Gillian Mac Eoin with brother and sister honourary Gardai Alannah and Adam Foley, Killorglin with their parents Geraldine Dunleavy and Andrew Foley and Santa



Newly assigned honorary Garda Adam Foley being surprised with his garda uniform



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THE HEIGHTS OF AGHADOE

By Nicky Barry



I pitched my tent in darkness, on my first night in Aghadoe,
And had not an inkling, of what lay below.
I awoke at dawn to look out, and could not believe my eyes,
For beneath me was a paradise, of mountains, lakes and isles.
That moment in '68, utterly changed my life,
For I resigned my job in Belfast, and later found a wife.
We laughed away that summer, with picnics and with song,
In a fairytale of romance, for days and nights were long.
I played piano every night, in the hotel on the hill,
Where I first met her, and still recall the thrill.
We wed in the spring of '69, and settled down in town,

And for fifty four great years, walked and cycle all around.
Angela taught in the Monastery, for over forty years,
And was loved by generations, for she had her own ways.
We had two fine young fellas, whom we named Ross and Roy,
Who became rowing champions, and her pride and joy.
But in the mouth of Christmas, the good Lord called her home,
And now she is buried, on the heights of Aghadoe,
Overlooking the splendour, that first captured my heart,
And I'll join her when my time comes,
nevermore to part.



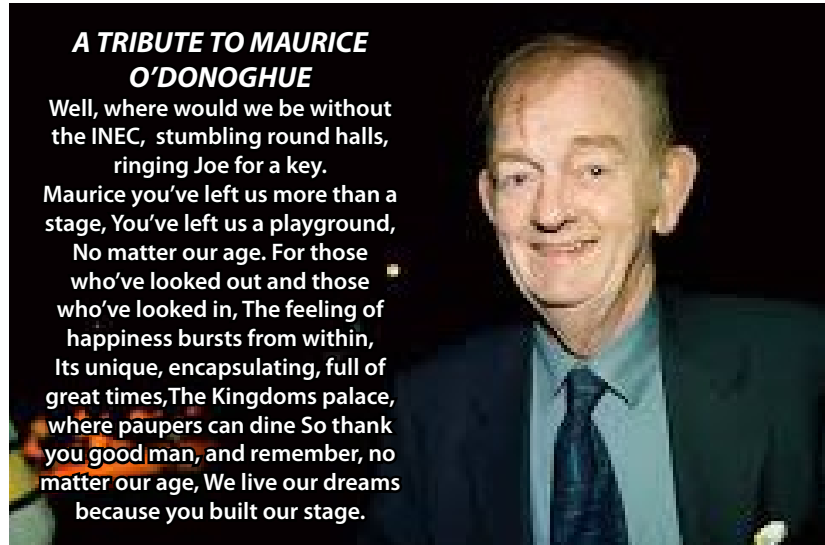
Ms. Margaret O'Donoghue, The Gleneagle Hotel who was honoured by the IHF and Killarney Town Council for her family's contribution to tourism received a standing ovation from members at the IHF Kerry Branch ball in The Gleneagle Hotel, Killarney. Photo: Don MacMonagle



Pictured at the Kerry Branch of the IHF annual ball in The Gleneagle Hotel, Killarney were from left, Michael Magnier, Vice-Chairman, Ms. Denyse Campbell, President, IHF, Ms. Bernadette Randles, Chairperson, Kerry IHF and Ms. Emer Corridan, Organising Committee. Photo: Don MacMonagle

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An anonymous poet took pen to paper after being inspired by the OsKaRs Night held in the INEC by local clubs Glenflesk and Kilcummin and wrote this lovely tribute to the late Maurice O'Donoghue



Pictured at the Kerry Branch of the IHF annual ball in The Gleneagle Hotel, Killarney were Ms. Bernadette Randles, Chairperson, Kerry IHF Ms. Margaret O'Donoghue, The Gleneagle Hotel who was honoured by the IHF and Killarney Town Council for her family's contribution to tourism. Photo: Don MacMonagle

BOOK SIGNING AT BRICÍN

Killarney author Louis O'Toole will sign copies of his book The Fungi of Killarney National Park in Bricín Craft Shop at 11.30am tomorrow, Saturday 16th December.

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Having a Saturday Solstice will allow people to travel and have time to savour the day, marking the first day of the Christmas holidays. This year the charity walk will be in memory of Johnny ‘the rock’ O’Brien, who sadly passed away on St. Stephen’s Day, 2022. Johnny was the heart and soul of Glenflesk, a caring farmer and wonderful neighbour who lived his life on his own terms. Waving to everyone who passed his house, with a return beep from lorries and locals. He tended to his animals with such compassion, and made sure they were safe during storms and floods.

Carpooling is encouraged parking at the Kerry Way Inn, Glenflesk, and with the kind permission of local landowners, the walk departs at Garries Bridge - the first bridge after St Agatha’s Church, Glenflesk, Meeting at

6.45am.

The long walk in darkness to the summit, has two strenuous inclines, leading to the Western Pap at 690 Metres. At approximately 8.45am sunrise and craic begin, with Glenflesk’s finest musicians Derry and Rosie Healy, setting the pace for a Kerry polka set, followed by a rendition of ‘For these are my Mountains’ Johnny ‘the Rock’ O’Briens favourite song. Mountaineer Donie Mulcahy and crew will guide the walker to and from the summit.

These ancient sacred summits, ‘The Paps of Anú’, resemble a pair of breast shaped hills known as ‘The Paps’ in the Derry Na Saggart Mountains close to the Cork Kerry border. The Paps have long been associated with mythology, mysticism and majesty. The Goddess Anú represents all that is earthly, fertile, abundant and protective.

Donations will be collected on the morning of the walk. It is compulsory to wear a head torch, a level of fitness is required. Proper walking boots and rain gear is advised. Guides will be on duty for gear check before departure.



*The Late Johnny ‘The Rock’ O’Brien, from Glenflesk, on the summit of the Paps of Anú in 2019.
Photo: Valerie O’Sullivan*



Celebrating our ancient past with the winter Sunday Solstice on The Paps of Anú - Saturday 23rd December In memory of Johnny ‘the Rock’ O’Brien. At approximately 8.45am sunrise and craic begin, with Glenflesk’s finest musicians Derry and Rosie Healy, setting the pace for a Kerry polka set, followed by a rendition of ‘For these are my Mountains’ Johnny ‘the Rock’ O’Briens favourite song. Mountaineer Donie Mulcahy and crew will guide the walker to and from the summit. Photo: Valerie O’Sullivan

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Brian Greensmith DPL presenting Carrie Dillon Clinical Midwife Specialist in Bereavement & Baby Loss UHK with €2,500 for Feileacain Kerry also in picture is L-R Mike Pigott DPL Branch Manager Tralee, Sandra O Connor Director of Midwifery UHK Tralee, Carrie Dillon (Clinical Midwife Specialist in Bereavement & Baby Loss UHK) and Brian Greensmith DPL Tralee



Mike Pigott Branch Manager DPL Group Tralee presenting €2,500 to General Manager UHK Mary Fitzgerald and who is also Chairperson for Comfort for Chemo Kerry, also in picture L-R Brian Greensmith DPL, Sandra Murphy (Oncology UHK) Sarah Lane (Oncology UHK) Mairead Kelleher (Cardiology & Comfort for Chemo Kerry) Mary Fitzgerald General Manager UHK & Mike Pigott Branch Manager DPL Tralee

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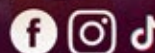
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HELP when its needed most...

In October, Samaritans Ireland released its annual Impact Report and it showed that volunteers in Kerry Samaritans played a major in supporting the nation's mental health last year as figures show calls to the helpline rose.

Samaritans is the only 24-hour emotional support helpline that covers the island of Ireland. Volunteers from Kerry are among the 2,000 strong volunteers who answer the freephone number 116 123 and email jo@samaritans.ie. They answered over half a million calls for help last year – that's approximately 1,000 calls a day last year, up 10pc on 2021.

The 2022 Impact Report showed:

Over half a million calls were answered across Ireland (400,000 in RoI and 100,000 in NI).

The most frequently raised concerns related to mental health or illness (42%), isolation and loneliness (34%), family (30%), relationship problems (20%). (Multiple issues can be raised in one call)

A call needing emotional support lasted an average 26 minutes.

Volunteer Branch Director of Kerry Samaritans, Jan Rice: "The rise in calls answered by volunteers shows the continued need for our services and

the impact they are making in providing emotional support to those in distress. We are focused on being there when people need us most. "It has been a challenging time, but we are proud to say that Samaritans successfully provided essential support to those in need, 24 hours a day." As the Christmas season fast approaches, Samaritans would like to remind everyone that they will be conducting a collection drive at church gates all across the county on the 24th and 25th of December. Any donations are welcome, and for those who don't carry around change anymore, they will have QR codes that will bring them to Samaritans online donation page.

Lastly, branch director, Jan Rice, added: "The 21st of December is a special time of year for Samaritans as the Longest Night of the year is marked when public buildings, landmarks, and businesses light up green to remind everyone that our volunteers are always there to listen, especially on the darkest days."

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KILLARNEY VALLEY CELEBRATE A RECORD YEAR

Killarney Valley Athletics Club held a celebration of a record year of success. The event took place in the Great Southern Hotel Killarney Events Centre and was attended by 270 people from the club and the broader community.

A very special treat for everyone attending was the premier screening of a documentary which told the story of the clubs high jump athlete Jordan Lee and his training through the covid effected time leading into the Tokyo Paralympic Games where he represented Ireland . The documentary got a standing ovation from the huge audience who were all amazed at the story of resilience and over coming all sorts of obstacles. The club raised funds at the event for a very worthy cause the Killarney Cardiac Response Unit and its volunteers who were also in attendance.

The Club Chairman Jerry Griffin in his opening address painted a picture of how the Killarney Valley AC club and athletes have had a meteoric rise this past few years and now stands at 370 members and 9 different nationalities. The past 2 years have been incredible with in 2022 Killarney Valley AC being selected the Athletics Ireland Development club of the year, Jean Courtney the Club secretary selected early in 2023 as the Sport Ireland Volunteer of the year and the clubs athletes in 2023 having a record medal haul of 47 national medals, 97 provincial medals and 1 European team medal.

Special recognition awards were presented to 4 of the clubs athletes by Mayor of Killarney Brendan Cronin as they were interviewed on stage by 15 year old club member Amy Garvanovic. Sarah Leahy being the clubs very first senior national champion , Ciara Kennelly the clubs first senior national medallist in a field event of High Jump, Jason O reilly and Oisín Lynch also as 2023 European Youth Olympians.

The evening concluded with a parade of the cups and titles won by the club in Kerry athletics championships this year which were , Senior Mens Track & Field Champions Quill Cup Juvenile Team Track and Field Champions, Senior Mens County Roads Champions Tadhg Crowley Memorial Cup, Juvenile Cross Country Team Champions, Novice Cross County Champion Freddy Murphy Memorial Cup , Juvenile Indoor Team Champions, Eamon Fitzgerald Triple Jump Memorial Shield. & the Patrick O Shea memorial cup in Iveragh.

Badges of Honour were presented to all the athletes that represented the club at County, Munster, National and International level in 2023.



The Buckley Family with Jordan Lee and Madie Wilson Walker. Photos: @1ncphotography



Killarney Valley AC National Athletics Representatives.



Killarney Mayor Brendan Cronin Presenting athlete Sarah Leahy with special recognition award as Irish National Senior indoor 60 meter sprint champion 2023. (Also in pic Amy Garvanovic and Ciara Kennelly)



Killarney Mayor Brendan Cronin Presenting athlete Sarah Leahy with special recognition award as Irish National Senior indoor 60 meter sprint champion 2023.



Killarney Valley AC Parade of Club Team titles with team captains. Back: Tara O'Sullivan, Naoise Cronin, Dara Looney, Conor McElroy, Jack O'Leary, Sam Griffin. Front: Daniel Smith, Conor o'Donnell.



Killarney Valley AC Marathoners & Munster Masters Team Medallists. Front Row Fearghal O'Donnell, Kevin Smith, Sinead Hickey. Back Row Tom Doherty, Noel Rice, DJ O'Sullivan, Philip Gammell, Paul Doolan, Karen Smith.



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BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT LINE SERVICE THIS CHRISTMAS

Irish Hospice Foundation (IHF), a leading organisation dedicated to providing support to those dealing with loss and grief, wants to remind people in Kerry about their Bereavement Support Line service, available from 10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday. The service aims to provide solace and support to individuals who have lost a loved one, friend, or colleague, allowing them to openly discuss their grief and loss. This service is not exclusive to recent bereavements but is also open to those who have experienced loss in the past. Callers to the line may have lost a parent, spouse, child, sibling or close friend. Some deaths have been sudden and unexpected, others coming after an illness. IHF say that all callers are welcome and that people mourn different relationships – for example we have had callers who struggle with the loss of a pet. Bereavement Support Line 1800 80 70 77

GOAL MILE

Register for your local GOAL Mile in Kerry, this Christmas, enjoy one of Ireland's favourite fundraising traditions with family and friends and donate to GOAL's global humanitarian aid work. This year in Co. Kerry, four GOAL Miles will be taking place in the following locations: Deenagh Lodge, Port Road, Inch, Killarney, Christmas Day, 10am-1pm Castleisland Athletic Track, Castleisland, Christmas Day, 10:30am-12:30pm The Dragon's Den, Intermediate School, Iveragh Rd, Castleconway, Killorglin, Christmas Day, 10am-12:30pm MTU Kerry Sports Academy, Entrance North Campus, Tralee, Wednesday, 29th November, 1pm To register and take part in a GOAL Mile near you this Christmas, please visit <https://www.goalmile.org>

CHRISTMAS CHEER AT THE SEM



Launching the 27th Christmas Food Appeal and Carol Singing Gearoid O'Connor, Sean Pierce, teacher Paul Bardon, Principal Sean Coffey, Ronan Fahy and teacher Emer Devane. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin.

There is plenty of Christmas Cheer in St. Brendan's College this year. Staff and pupils have come together to launch a Christmas Food appeal in aid of St. Vincent de Paul. This is the 27th Christmas Food Appeal and Carol Singing and the boys will be singing in both St Columbanas' Home and the Market Cross Killarney on The 21st December with all proceeds will go St Vincent de Paul Killarney. Meanwhile the Parents Council are holding their annual Christmas fundraising drive in association with the Carol Service on Tuesday 19th December in the school chapel. All funds raised on this occasion will go to support the Music Dept at St. Brendan's. "As all know this facet of the school brings great joy to our whole community with their wonderful

energy and talent So we are most grateful to our Parents for selecting them as beneficiaries of their Christmas event", Mish O'Donoghue from the Music Department at the school said.



Caolán Mitchel, Pam O'Brien, Franciszek Janiuk, Sean Coffey Principal, Amanda Spillane Murray and Muiris O'Donoghue launching the St Brendan's College Parents Council Christmas fundraising raffle in association with the Christmas Carol Service on Tuesday 19th December which will be held in St Brendan's College Killarney. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin

Renowned Soprano Celine Byrne to perform at the INEC Arena



Soprano Celine Byrne will perform for the first time at Gleneagle INEC arena, Killarney for one night only in January 7th. It will be an evening jam packed with well-known favourites from the world of Opera, Operetta, Musicals, Irish Songs and much more. Programme includes Villia, Merry Widow waltz, Brindisi, All I Ask Of You (from Phantom Of The Opera), O Mio Babbino Caro, Nessun Dorma and Danny Boy ...to name but a few. A night not to be missed! Celine will be joined on stage by Tenor and Gavan Ring and male voices choir The Baldonnel Singers. With such an array of different music being performed, this will for sure be an audience pleaser and a wonderful night out. Tickets from €33.65 are available from www.inec.ie. The concert can also be combined with a hotel stay at the onsite 4* Gleneagle Hotel. See www.gleneaglehotel.com for more.



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ST. BRENDAN'S TY STUDENTS RAISE €1,200 for Lions Christmas Food Appeal

Teacher Eimear Buckley and Transition Year students from St. Brendan's College presenting a donation of €1,200 to John Fuller, Killarney Lions Club. The students raised the funds to support the Lions Christmas Food Appeal, and the money will be used for food hampers that will be provided for Christmas to families in need in the Killarney area. The Appeal concludes this week with a street collection on Friday.



FESTIVE ORIENTEERING PLANNED IN KILLARNEY THIS WEEKEND



Can you find your way around the town of Killarney through all of its paths, tracks, lanes and alleys? Come and give Urban Orienteering a go with courses suitable for all ages and abilities. Orienteering is an exciting outdoor adventure sport which involves walking or running whilst navigating around a course using a detailed map and sometimes a compass. The aim is to navigate in sequence between a set of control points and decide the best route to complete the course in the quickest time. It does not matter how young, old or fit you are, as you can run, walk or jog the course and progress at your own pace. If you need any help or tips members of Kerry Orienteering Club will be available to assist during the day. - Why not give it a go? and bring all the family!

Sunday 17th December 2023

Start from Killarney Library Carpark anytime from 10:00 -12:00am

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5 TIPS TO KEEP YOU FIRE SAFE THIS FESTIVE PERIOD:

Have a working smoke alarm fitted.

The top advice from NDFEM is to have at least one smoke alarm fitted on every level of your home, ensure you can hear them from your bedrooms, test them weekly and never borrow batteries from your smoke alarms. In under three minutes you could die from smoke inhalation and the sound of a smoke alarm is the sound that could save your life!

Stay vigilant if using a stove or open fire.

Keep Christmas cards and decorations away from stoves and open fires. Chimney fires remain the top cause of fire in Ireland. In 2022, over 1600 chimney fires were attended by fire services. A loud roaring noise from your fireplace would indicate that your chimney is on fire. While an open fire can give a festive feel, remember to get your chimney cleaned, keep a spark guard on and be cautious of anything that may fall from the fireplace.

Be mindful to plug out this holiday season!

During the festive period more equipment will be plugged in and electrical fire continues to be a big danger. Never overload sockets and always ensure all electrical equipment is in good working order especially if not used since last year. If Santa brings new e-scooters or e-bikes charge them in a safe place and never overnight.

Extinguish cigarettes and ash.

The biggest cause of fire fatality so far this year in Ireland has been smoking, due to leaving lit cigarettes unattended. 1 in 5 Fire Fatalities in Ireland in 2022 were from smoking materials! The NDFEM advises not to smoke in bed and to ensure that cigarettes or cigars are always fully extinguished. Dampen ashtrays with water before retiring for the night.

Call 999 or 112 in case of fire.

If a fire starts in your home, get out and get the Fire Brigade out!

The campaign also reiterates existing fire safety advice to ensure you have at least one working smoke alarm in your home and to have a plan in place with your household for what to do if a fire breaks out.

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FILM MAKING WORKSHOP AT KCC

Last week in the Killarney Community College, all 2nd Year, Transition Year and 6 LCA students took part in a Film Making Workshop with Burning House Productions. Burning House Productions is an award-winning production company based in Dublin who specialise in film and theatre production.

The students learned how to devise a script, operate the filmmaking equipment as well as acting and directing on camera. The students learned how to visually story tell and bring their ideas to life using cinematography. They used their own smartphones as well as professional filmmaking equipment and ended up shooting professional advertisements and short films.

This is the second year that the award-winning production company has joined up with the college in order to not only teach students about how to creatively write a script for a scene but to also teach them the understanding of the technical aspects of filmmaking, such as camera operation, lighting, sound design, and editing which provides a strong foundation in multimedia production.

Killarney Community College are working with Burning House Productions in choosing film making equipment for their school to further enhance the learning experiences of all of their students. This will give students the opportunity to enter their short films in competitions

for Film Festivals in the future along with the entries they created with the company Burning House Productions.



Christmas Markets bring Joy to the Pres

By: Vanessa Dineen, Business Studies teacher at St Brigid's Killarney

'Tis the season of joy, and our school gym was recently transformed into a bustling marketplace as our students showcased their products at the annual Christmas Market.

This year's Christmas Market had students from TY, LCA and Enterprise club creating and presenting their unique products. From handmade crafts to delicious treats, our students unleashed their creativity and entrepreneurial spirit to bring a touch of festive magic to the school gym. The gymnasium was covered with twinkling lights and handcrafted decorations, creating a warm and inviting atmosphere. Our students set up stalls showcasing their products, turning the gym into a mini winter wonderland. It was heartening to see the enthusiasm and dedication that went into every mini company, reflecting the passion our students have for both the holiday season and the world of entrepreneurship.

The students took on various roles during the market, from sales representatives to marketing experts. The experience provided a hands-on lesson in business, teaching them the importance of presentation, pricing, and customer interaction. There was something for everyone, and not only did the market showcase the students' creativity but also encouraged them to think outside the box when it comes to product development.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our special guest, Paudie Clifford, a beloved figure in our community. He took the time to visit each stall, engaging with our students and expressing genuine enthusiasm for their creative products. The students were buzzing with excitement to showcase their products to a local hero.



Special Guest Paudie Clifford pictured with teachers Mr Kelly, Ms Dineen and Ms Dowling.

As we wrap up this festive season, we applaud the hard work and dedication of our students who transformed the gym into a hub of creativity. The Christmas Market not only brought joy to our school community but also equipped our students with essential skills for the future.

Many thanks also to the Business teachers, Mr Kelly, Ms Dowling, Ms Dineen, and to everybody who contributed to making the day such a wonderful success.





Students pulled out all the stops to set up their mini businesses in time for the Christmas Market



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- Week 9 Results -

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2nd Prize €250: Jimmy Doran, Almans
Terrace

Seller: Dan Casey

Winners of €100 each are as follows;

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Seller: Joan Coffey

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Seller: Parish Office

Aileen Doyle, Birch Hill, Aghadoe

Seller: Parish Office

Dan Horan, Kilcummin

Seller: Danny Ferris

Winners of €75 each are as follows;

Mary Spillane, Kilbrean

Seller: Parish Office

Sadbh & Adbha O'Leary, Ballina,
Co Tipperary

Seller: Evelyn O'Leary

Catherine Noonan Hickey, Crosstown

Seller: Cáit Darcy

Mary Healy, Loreto Road

Seller: Sheila Morris

Shane Walsh, Askeaton, Co. Limerick

Seller: Mary Walsh

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Congratulations to all winners, and thanks
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SHINGLES VACCINE

Reports that the Health Service Executive
are now considering to include a Shingles
Vaccine as part of their Adult Immunisation
schedule, has been welcomed by Kerry
Fianna Fáil Councillor, Michael Cahill, who
has been campaigning for such a scheme.

"I am delighted to see that common sense
is prevailing and that both Chickenpox
in children and Shingles in adults, may at last
be included in the immunisation schemes
of the HSE. The suffering and cost of these
two debilitating viruses could be wiped
out forever with an efficient vaccination
scheme" stated Councillor Cahill.

"My call earlier this year, to include a
Shingles vaccine for adults, appears to have
been acted upon and I trust it will relieve the
suffering of many people in years to come.
Anyone who has ever contracted Shingles
will tell you that it is a painful condition, but
at last, relief is at hand" added Councillor
Cahill.

ST. GOBNAIT'S MANY CONNECTIONS WITH KERRY

A beautiful new book has been published and describes the places and people encountered by the author, Cornelius Lynch who researched and mapped St. Gobnait's Camino (journey), from Inisheer through counties Kerry, Limerick, Tipperary and Waterford, to Baile Mhúirne, in Co. Cork where she saw the nine white deer that she sought.

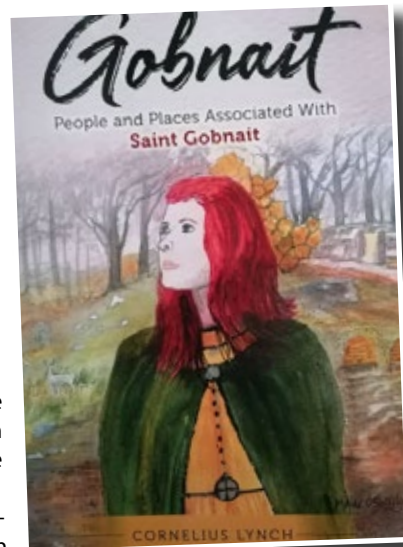
Dún Chaoin and Kilgobnet, are two of the places with which she is strongly associated in Kerry and she has tentative association with Garfinny near Dingle, Ballinagroun near Inch, Castleisland, Cahersiveen, and the Boolteens/Keel area, where the church, cemetery and local Castledrum N.S. bear her name.

Written by Baile Mhúirne born, Cornelius Lynch, the book has 280 pages, 245 colour photographs and is in colour throughout. It has a 35 page section as gaeilge out of respect to the gaeltacht areas.

The cover portrait was painted specifically by Baile Mhúirne artist, Maire O'Sullivan. The book can be bought in Killarney at The Friary Bookshop, The Dungeon Bookshop and at O'Connor's Newsagents, Beech Road. It is on sale in Beaufort at Carson's Daybreak Supermarket and can be bought online from: <https://www.corneliuslynchauthor.ie>

Other books by Cornelius Lynch include: Along the Right Path and Lives of Service. Both of these books are available online from: <https://www.corneliuslynchauthor.ie>

No profit accrues to the author from his books but goes instead to various charities.



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Paudie Hanafin, Ballygarron Farm near Fenit in Kerry is a SuperValu supplier, supplying Brussels sprouts to SuperValu for over a decade now.

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The winning cast of *Downfall* at the Oskars last Thursday in the INEC.
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The Oskar Committee at the Oskars last Thursday in the INEC. Photo Seamus Healy



Jonathan
Bowler,
Sean Lucey
and James
Moynihan



Breda O'Donoghue, Shannon
Murphy and Chloe O'Donoghue.

It was a night of glitz and glamour on Thursday last in the Gleneagle, INEC Arena, as hundreds of locals walked the red carpet at 'A Night at the Oskars' by Glenflesk and Kilcummin GAA Clubs. The joint fundraiser was a resounding success with over 1,800 people attending on the night. Each of the eight films shown on the night were of an incredibly high standard, leaving the judges with the very difficult task of choosing the 'Oskar' winners from the 102 actors who took part. 'It was a fantastic night's entertainment and it was extra special to see the different generations enjoying a great community event together' said Niamh Dwyer of the Organising Committee, 'we are very grateful to all those who supported and sponsored us and attended on the night.'

The Oskar winners on the night were

- Best Film - *Downfall* (Voted by the audience)
- Best Actor - Donal Dwyer (*Hitler in Downfall*)
- Best Actress - Rosie Healy (*Jade in Blues Sisters*)
- Best Supporting Actor - Kevin O' Riordan (*Teddy in The Wind that Shakes the Barley*)
- Best Supporting Actress - Molly O' Connor (*Michelle in Kerry Girls*)
- Best Comedy Moment - Louise O' Sullivan (*Megan in Bridesmaids*)
- Best Director/Production - Louise O'Donoghue for *Braveheart*.
- Best Emerging Talent - Shea Kelly (*Cathal Guerin in Veronica Guerin*)
- Best Costumes - Calendar Girls
- Hall of Fame Award - Janet O' Donoghue (*Maurie the Band Promoter in Blues Sisters*)

The two clubs are continuing with their Christmas Giveaway until December the 29th with a chance to win fantastic prizes including a 4-ball with Footballer of the Year, David Clifford. The draw will take place on December the 31st. For more details see - www.kilcummingaa.ie and 'The Oskars by Glenflesk & Kilcummin GAA' on Facebook and Instagram.



The winning cast of *Downfall* at the Oskars last Thursday in the INEC.



Theresa Casey, Maria Mullane, Clara Brosnan, Aileen Moriarty, Mary Theresa Moriarty and Kathleen Ryan at the Oskars last Thursday in the INEC.



The O'Donoghue family Curreal Glenflesk at the Oskars last Thursday in the INEC.



Fionnuala Kelly, Shea Kelly, Louise O'Sullivan, Aimee Sexton, Noreen O'Sullivan, Maureen Fleming, Mary O'Brien and Geraldine O'Driscoll.



Rosie Healy with her Best actress award at the Oskars last Thursday in the INEC.



Donal O'Dwyer with his Best actor award at the Oskars last Thursday in the INEC.



Shane and Mary O'Riordan at the Oskars last Thursday in the INEC.



Padraig Dineen, Siobhan Darcy, Martina Dineen and Rory Darcy at the Oskars last Thursday in the INEC.



Emma O'Donoghue, Gavin O'Leary, Aileen O'Leary and Damien O'Leary.



Karina and Paul Favier with Catriona Crowley.



Cliona, Noreen, Seamus, Jamie and Eve Moynihan.



Eabha Healy, Trina Casey, Mary Theresa Moriarty and Eileen O'Leary at the Oskars last Thursday in the INEC.

The Week Through The Eye of the Lens



Abina O'Sullivan Chairperson Rathmore Credit Union who presented Long Service Award (seated centre) with Neilie Mahony Director Rathmore CU, over 30 year award winners Jerry Long, Donal Cremin, John Mahoney, John O'Neill and Rathmore CEO Fergus McAuliffe (back from left) Kathleen Linehan, Eileen Buckley, Sheila O'Connor over 15 years, Mary O'Brien over 10 years service, John O'Keeffe, John McCarthy, Mick Long and Genie O'Leary over 15 years service at the Rathmore Credit Union recently. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Fergus McAuliffe CEO Rathmore Credit Union (front left) and (right) Mary O'Shea Branch Manager Milltown CU who presented Milltown Credit Union Branch Long Service Awards to Mary Presdergast and Tony Powell over 30 years (back from left) Neilie Mahony Director Rathmore CU, Anthony Clifford, Robert Gallagher and Finola Geary 15-30 years service, Jeremian Murphy, Mary Fitzgerald and Owen O'Shea 10-15 years service with Abina O'Sullivan Chairperson Rathmore Credit Union at the Rathmore Credit Union Milltown Branch recently. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Well done to Alma and John O'Sullivan who won the €1,000 golden ticket thanks to the Lee Strand Milk Doorstep Challenge!!

Alma O'Sullivan from Glenbeigh is the winner of a Lee Strand Golden Ticket worth €1,000 - Gearoid Linnane CEO Lee Strand presented the Ticket To Alma O'Sullivan. Also Pictured were Michael O'Sullivan, Shane O'Sullivan and John O'Sullivan.

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Kevin Murphey Cardiac Rehab Instructor with members of Heartbeat Stutters walking group on their weekly walk through the National Park Killarney last Thursday. This was their last walk in 2023 and the walk will recommence on Thursday 11th January 2024 at 11am from Kingsbridge (Deenagh Bridge) across from St Mary's Cathedral, Killarney.

Santa pictured with Killarney mums and their young toddlers during the annual seasonal visit to the Macademy 'Macbabies' performing arts school in Killarney on Thursday. Photo: Don MacMonagle



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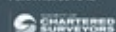


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By Dermot Cronin,
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RATHMORE GNEEVEGUILLA

By Michael O' Mahony

>SHARE THE BUCKET

Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group reminds you that Share the Bucket takes place weekly. The draw is every Friday evening in Teach Fáilte @8.30 pm and can be viewed live on our Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group Facebook Page. This week's jackpot was €202 and the winner was Sheila O' Neill. Tickets cost €2 each or 3 for €5. They are available at Teach Fáilte and can be bought online at <https://tinyurl.com/y2ade5om> or in local businesses where you see the Green Share the bucket.

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

>SYMPATHIES to John, Donie & Vincent Reen & families on the death of their brother Con Reen, Grange Rd Cork. Cons funeral took place on Wed 29th November in Cork. To Ben Noonan & family, Knocknagree on the death of his sister Sheila O'Connor and nephew James O'Connor whose funerals took place in Boherbue. May Con, Sheila & James rest in peace

>HAVEN Q (CANCER SUPPORT HOUSE) WILL HAVE A DESIGNER FASHION SHOWCASE event taking place in the Gleneagle INEC Arena on February 1st 2024. The date - St Brigid's Day - is particularly poignant for those involved, with the show set to incorporate the extraordinary Irish saint and mark her 1500th anniversary.

Renowned fashion designer Colin Horgan will be the star attraction of the event, showcasing a number of pieces from his new collection, while beloved Ballyheigue designer Don O'Neill - the charity's newly appointed Patron - will showcase a select few pieces from his fashion archive.

The event will be MC'd by legendary RTE broadcaster, Mary Kennedy. Tickets are only €30 and are for sale at Recovery Haven Kerry 5 Haigs Terrace Tralee or at the Gleneagle INEC box office, they can also be purchased online. For further information please ring 066 7192122

>KNOCKNAGREE - KENYA

A Christmas Cake sale will take place in the Adoration room on Sat 16th of December before & after the 7.30pm Mass in aid of Fr Sean Cremin's Missionary Work, your support will be greatly appreciated.

>THE MEMORY TREE will be placed outside Barraduff Church. Our Memory hearts will be available from O'Donoghue's Store Barraduff. €5.00 per heart & all proceeds to Barraduff Tidy Village Group. Our memory tree is dedicated to all the beautiful souls who are no longer with us but they are always in our hearts

>CHRISTMAS MASSES

Dec 24th Christmas Eve:

Rathmore: 6.00p.m

Gneeveguilla: 6.30p.m

Knocknagree: 8.30p.m

Dec 25th Christmas Day

Shrone: 9.00 a.m

Gneeveguilla: 10.00a.m

Rathmore: 11.30am

Christmas Penitential Services

Rathmore Sunday 17th December: 7.00 - 8.00pm

Ballydesmond Sunday 17th December: after 11.00a.m. Mass

Millstreet Tuesday 19th December 7.30 - 8.15p.m.

Dromagh Wednesday 20th December 7.30p.m.

Boherbue Thursday 21st December 8.00p

>GNEEVEGUILLA GAA CLUB AGM

We would like to thank all who turned up. A special mention for outgoing Chairperson Stephen Crowley and development officer Niall Foley. We wish our new Chairperson Sean O Keffe the very best. The following officers were elected. Chairperson: Sean O Keffe. Vice Chairperson: Joanne O Mahony.

Secretary: Padraig Moynihan. Assistant Secretary: Mike Lawlor. Juvenile Secretary: Andy Dealy. Treasurer: Adrian O'Connell. Bar Treasurer: Christine Collins. Assistant Bar Treasurer: Dave McAuliffe. Development officer: Stephen Crowley. Facilities and grants officer: Thomas Carmody. Assistant PRO: Mike O Keffe. Children Welfare officer: Elaine O Keffe. Scór officer: Cathal Collins. Coaching Officer: Padraig Doyle. President: Billy McCarthy

>NOTES

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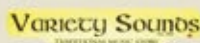
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KILCUMMIN

Written by: Helen Moynihan

>OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH KILCUMMIN

There will be normal Saturday evening mass on 23rd Dec @ 7.30pm. As Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year, there will be no 11.30am Mass instead there will be two masses on Christmas Eve, Sunday 24th @ 5pm (Family Mass) & 7pm. On Monday 25th December, Christmas Day Mass @ 11.30 am.

>KILCUMMIN RURAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Notice: Items for inclusion in our Christmas edition of the weekly newsletter should be emailed to info@kilcumminparish.com or dropped into the Rural Development Office by Tuesday 19th December.

>SAMARITANS

The Annual Church Gate Collection will be taken up at all the Masses in Kilcummin on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Please Support.

>KILCUMMIN MEMORY TREE

Remember loved ones this Christmas by having them represented on this year's memory tree. Memory Tree cards are available from Kilcummin Post Office & the Friary Office. €5 per individual & €10 per family. The Memory tree will be lit nightly from Dec 14th – 6th January 2024. This is a fund raising event by Kilcummin Parents Association.

>KILCUMMIN CCE CHRISTMAS HAMPER DRAW

Kilcummin Comhaltas will be raffling three Christmas Hampers on Thursday 21st December. Entry cards are available in Kilcummin Post Office, the Village Inn and Klub Bar. Entry is €2 per line or 3 lines for €5. Please support and be in with a chance to win a fabulous hamper just in time for Christmas.

>KILCUMMIN GAA

O'DONOGHUE CUP SEMI-FINAL Killarney Legion 0-8 Kilcummin 0-6

Our senior team lost out to Legion by two points in a tough physical

battle in terrible conditions and so this brings the curtain down on a year that saw us reach the q/f of the intermediate championship and retain Div 1 status for next year. Well done to players and management for their efforts and we wish greater success in the future. Team and scorers Brendan Kealy (0-1), Kevin McSweeney, Chris O Leary (0-1), Damien O Leary, Sean O Leary (Capt), Dara O Callaghan, Donal Maher, Kevin Gorman, Paul O Shea, Mark O Shea (0-1) Danny Cronin, Cian Foley, Eoghan O Donovan, Gary O Leary (0-3f), Philip O Leary, Subs Used Kieran Murphy, James Nagle, James Devane, Mikey O Shea, Oisín O Leary

OSKARS NIGHT

Held in the INEC the night was a massive success due to the generosity of the sponsors and the entire community. A special word of gratitude to the Event committee, actors, directors and everyone who helped in any way to make it such a special occasion. Click in to FB and other social media outlets to learn more and remain updated.

LOTTO

There was no winner on 04th December 2023 of the Jackpot for €8,250. Numbers drawn were 06,10,18,26. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Pat O'Donoghue, Laccá, Eric O'Connor, Dunrín, Kathleen Lynch & Donal Murphy. The next draw will be Monday 18th December for Jackpot of €8,500.

>MASTERGEEHA FC

LOTTO

There was no winner on 8th December 2023 of the Jackpot for €6,600. Numbers drawn were 01,12,13,24. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Helen O'Sullivan, Knocknahoe, Mary Mangan, Knocknahoe, Connie Doolan, Mary Kenneally, Dept of Justice. The next draw will be Friday 15th December for Jackpot of €6,800.



Joanne and Ava O'Sullivan at the Oskars last Thursday in the INEC. Photo Seamus Healy



Corinna Favier who played Aretha in Blues Sister. Fiona Williams from Brewsterfield Glenflesk and Katie Crowley who played Sinead in The Wind that Shakes the Barley at the Oskars event on Thursday night for Glenflesk/ Kilcummin Gaa clubs.

LISTRY

Written by: Colette Leslie

>LOTTO

Numbers drawn 13,15,18, 23. €100 Phil Tangney, Rosnacarton, Faha. €50 Sinead Lucey, Faha. €50 Padraig O'Sullivan, Lissivane East. €25 Denise O Sullivan, Ballymalis. €25 Craig Hewerdine, Ballytrasna, Faha. Jackpot 17th

December €8,700

>CHARITY CARD GAME

Sunday 17th Dec at 5pm in Faha court Charity 31 card drive in aid of Kerry Cork cancer bus Faha court, Entry €10.

Carols By Candlelight at The Arbutus

On Tuesday next December 19th, local choirs will sing all the Christmas favourites at the Arbutus Hotel. Doors open at 7pm and all proceeds go to the South West Branch of the Irish Cancer Society. There will be Mulled Wine and soft drinks on arrival and a family tickets is €20; Adults €10, Children's €5 and toddlers are free. A great night for a great cause! Limited Space Available - so come early!





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FRIDAY 29TH:

11:30am - 1pm | 1:15pm - 2:45pm | 3pm - 4:30pm | 4:45pm - 6:15pm



GLENFLESK

Written by: Seamus Healy

>LOTTO

There was no winner of Glenflesk Lotto which took place on 11th December 2023 in Glenflesk Hall. Jackpot €6,600. The numbers drawn were : 16, 22, 26, 30. Consolation Prizes of €50 each to 1. Jimmy & Mary Moynihan, Islandmore (Annual Ticket). 2. Danny Kelliher, Barradubh. 3. Helena Kelliher (Sellers' Prize). 4. Liam Bartlett, Barradubh. Next draw will take place in Glenflesk Hall on Thursday 28th December 2023 at 2pm. Please note change day & time. Jackpot will be €6,800. Thank you to all who support our Lotto and to our sellers.

>RED CARPET GLAMOUR AT 'A NIGHT AT THE OSKARs'

It was a night of glitz and glamour on Thursday last in the Gleneagle, INEC Arena, as hundreds of locals walked the red carpet at 'A Night at the Oskars' by Glenflesk and Kilcummin GAA Clubs. The joint fundraiser was a resounding success with over 1,800 people attending on the night. Each of the eight films shown on the night were of an incredibly high standard, leaving the judges with the very difficult task of choosing the 'Oscar' winners from the 102 actors who took part. 'It was a fantastic night's entertainment and it was extra special to see the different generations enjoying a great community event together' said Niamh Dwyer of the Organising Committee, 'we are very grateful to all those who supported and sponsored us and attended on the night. The Oskars winners on the night were - Best Film - Downfall (Voted by the audience) Best Actor - Donal Dwyer (Hitler in Downfall) Best Actress - Rosie Healy (Jade in Blues Sisters) Best Supporting Actor - Kevin O'Riordan (Teddy in The Wind that Shakes the Barley)

Best Supporting Actress - Molly O'Connor (Michelle in Kerry Girls)

Best Comedy Moment - Louise O'Sullivan (Megan in Bridesmaids)

Best Director/Production - Louise O'Donoghue for Braveheart.

Best Emerging Talent - Shea Kelly (Cathal Guerin in Veronica Guerin)

Best Costumes - Calendar Girls

Hall of Fame Award - Janet O'Donoghue (Maurie the Band Promoter in Blues Sisters)

The two clubs are continuing with their Christmas Giveaway until December the 29th with a chance to win fantastic prizes including a 4-ball with Footballer of the Year, David Clifford. The draw will take place on December the 31st. For more details see - www.kilcummingaa.ie and 'The Oskars by Glenflesk & Kilcummin GAA' on Facebook and Instagram.

>Eoin Moynihan & Maurice 'Mottie' O'Donoghue Cup

The annual Eoin Moynihan & Maurice 'Mottie' O'Donoghue Cup was played in Glenflesk on Monday evening. This competition has taken place over decades in memory of Eoin and Maurice. This year's winners, who were captained by Sean Angland won a very sporting and competitive match under lights in Glenflesk. Neily Moynihan and Noreen O'Donoghue presented the cup and senior player, Killian O'Sullivan presented the medals. Also on the night, awards were handed out, with Sam Guérineau receiving the most dedicated player of year, Pádraig Lenihan received

most improved player during the year and Patrick O'Donoghue who won the overall player of year award. Coiste na nÓg chairperson, Pádraig O'Sullivan also thanked the management team of Micheál O'Donoghue, Tony O'Sullivan and Donal McCarthy for all their time and commitment to the team throughout the year. He also thanked Shane O'Riordan for the sponsorship of training jerseys and to Tom Tobin of Killarney Medal and Trophies for his sponsorship of the player awards on the night. From the football on display on the night, the future of Glenflesk football is in safe hands with these up and coming stars.

>NATIVITY PLAY /CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

A most wonderful nativity play was performed by the children from the four schools in the parish last Saturday night in a packed to capacity Barraduff church. A top class play from start to finish bringing us all back to our own childhood. Totally professional with narration, perfect sound and lighting effects and not forgetting the donkey was also spectacular! The children were brilliant and we must credit all the hard work put in by the parents, teachers and staff loyal volunteers and Fr. Jim our Parish priest for his huge input and wonderful words. Santa Claus arrived in the church to great excitement and more wonder, dishing out treats for everyone. Next it was out to the Christmas tree and with a few bits of magic Santa had the tree lit up in no time! Thanks to Barraduff Tidy Village Group for all their hard work in keeping our village looking so spectacular.

>THE MEMORY TREE

The memory tree will be placed outside Barraduff Church. Our Memory hearts will be available from O'Donoghue's Store Barraduff. €5.00 per heart & all proceeds to Barraduff Tidy Village Group. Our memory tree is dedicated to all the beautiful souls who are no longer with us but they are always in our hearts.

>BARRADUFF FESTIVE FUN QUIZ

The quiz takes place on Friday the 29th of December 2023 at 7.30 pm in John Dan's Bar Barraduff. Has your team got what it takes to win it??

Prize for best Christmas Jumper/Attire, spot prizes & you never know who may call in on the night!! No booking required, just come along on the night & support all the fantastic team at Barraduff Tidy Village Group.

>ANONYMOUS POET ON OSKAR NIGHT

Anonymous poet and Oskar actor was inspired after the show to pen this lovely rhyme, so true for sure and a well deserved tribute to the late Maurice O'Donoghue.

Well, where would we be without the INEC, stumbling round halls, ringing Joe for a key.

Maurice you've left us more than a stage, You've left us a playground, No matter our age. For those who've looked out and those who've looked in, The feeling of happiness bursts from within, Its unique, encapsulating, full of great times, The Kingdoms palace, where paupers can dine So thank you good man, and remember, no matter our age, We live our dreams because you built our stage.

BEAUFORT

By Bridget Hartnett

>LOTTO

There was no winner of Beaufort G.A.A. Club lotto jackpot of €16,000 on Sunday, 10th December. Numbers drawn: 2, 3, 15, 20.

Consolation Prizes: €80 Maisie, Grace and Katelyn, Gap of Dunloe, €50 Alice O'Connor, Carnahone, Emma Sheehan, Malachy Spillane, Coolmagort

Hampers: Aoife O'Sullivan, Ballydunlea, Derry O'Sullivan, Shanacloon, Renata, c/o Inn Between, Orna and Cara Stack, Fossa, Maisie, Grace and Katelyn, Gap of Dunloe, Carl, and Beaufort Bar.

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The next draw for a jackpot of €16,200 will be held on THURSDAY, 21ST DECEMBER in Beaufort Bar. (Please note change of date due to the Christmas holidays). Tickets are available from usual sellers, shops, and public houses and online at www.beaufortgaa.com.

Please note that the online lotto closes at 7pm on the night of the draw and tickets sold after 7pm are entered into the following draw.

Thank you to everybody who support our lotto. It is greatly appreciated.

>CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Beaufort G.A.A. Club annual Christmas quiz will be held in Kate Kearney's Cottage on Thursday, 28th December starting at 8pm. More details next week.

>CHRISTMAS SHOP

Orders are now been taken for Club gear for Christmas. Please contact Mary 086 0640065, Moss 087 8234319, Nora 086 1556181.

Beaufort G.A.A. Club, O'Neill's online shop is also open for orders. The link is on the right hand side of www.beaufortgaa.com Home page.

Gift of Club and lotto membership are also available. Please contact the Club at 087 9975737.

>HEALTHY CLUB

Beaufort G.A.A. Club received their Phase 5, Healthy Club accreditation award in Mallow last Tuesday. The aim of the Healthy Club Project is to promote health and wellbeing in the community. It is supported by Irish Life Insurance, the H.S.E, and County G.A.A. Boards. If you have any ideas or initiatives for the next Phase (2024-2026), please contact the Club at 087 9975737.

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- 5. Reduce your allergen exposure.**
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- 6. Use artificial tears**
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Ross Ladies Golf Club Winners of Christmas Hampers competition pictured Lady Captain Mary McCarrick, Margaret O'Donoghue, Sponsor Johnny Maguire, Bricin Restaurant, Susan Shorten and Maureen Crowley



Ross Ladies Golf Club 2nd prize of Christmas Hampers competition pictured Lady Captain Mary McCarrick, Mary Nash, Cathy Crowley, Therese O'Keeffe and sponsor Johnny Maguire of Bricin Restaurant

ROSS LADIES GOLF CLUB NOTES

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS COMPETITION VERY KINDLY SPONSORED BY BRICIN RESTAURANT

Winners of the 2023 Christmas Hampers very kindly sponsored by Bricin were Margaret O'Donoghue, Susan Shorten and Maureen Crowley pictured is Lady Captain Mary McCarrick and sponsor Johnny Maguire of Bricin.

2nd were Mary Nash, Cathy Crowley, and Therese O'Keeffe.

3rd Mary Gorman, Elaine Casey and Mary B O'Sullivan. Well done to all and a huge thank you to our sponsor Johnny Maguire of Bricin.

CHRISTMAS WISHES

Wishing all our Club Members, Race Company

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CHRISTMAS TURKEYS

Sponsored by Tim Jones Butchers, Round 4 Results- Fourball Betterball First Nett: Sean O'Brien & Betty O'Brien 38, Gross: Dave Spillane & Daniel Kelly 42 and Second Nett: Robbie O'Brien Snr & Hugh O'Sullivan 39½. Presentation of prizes for both these and the Christmas Hampers after this Sunday's competition. Draws

at 9am and 10.45am. €5 per draw.

CHRISTMAS VOUCHERS

These are available for anyone looking for a Christmas gift until this Sunday evening December 17. Contact Sean Kelly on 086 0508686 for further information.

ST STEPHENS DAY SCRAMBLE

This 18-hole event will take place again on Tuesday December 26th this year at 10am. The Nett winners will once again receive the Danny Nolan Memorial Cup while the Gross winners will receive the Johnny Kelly Memorial Shield.

AGM

This has been set for Monday night January 15th 2024. Further information in the coming weeks.

School Awards Recognise Student Achievements in SCOIL PHOBAIL SLIABH LUACHRA

The Annual School Awards Ceremony held recently in Scoil Phobail Sliabh Luachra, celebrated the achievements of students in their academic studies, extra-curricular activities, active citizenship and contribution to school life inside and outside the classroom. "It is always a very special day in the school calendar which brings together the whole school community to celebrate our students," said Denis Kerins, Principal. This year's special guest was Christine O Donoghue de Vries, artist and designer at House of Kerry, who reminded students of the importance of really focusing on their values which making decisions at different stages in their lives and the importance of having the courage to be authentic and true to themselves. Karen O Sullivan and Seamus O Connell who shared the role of MC also had important advice for students to always remember where they came from, to be kind, honest and hard working, with Seamus reminding them that Sliabh Luachra wasn't just a place but a state of mind! Congratulations to our worth recipients, their families, teachers and míle buíochas to the organizing committee who work very hard behind the scenes to prepare for this important school event.

Active Citizenship Award - Róisín Daly, Shaunagh Hickey, Katie Rea, Amy Donnelly, Treasa Cremin

Exceptional Contribution in Team Activities Outside of School - Conn Deally, Yasmin O'Brien, Eoin O'Sullivan

Exceptional Excellence in Individual Activities Outside of School - Kate Murphy

Spirit of the School Award - Saoirse Casey

Spirit of the Community - Seán O'Keeffe

Nano Nagle Award - Nóirín Healy

Endeavour Award - Mariia Lukashevych

Junior Sliabh Luachra Arts & Cultural Award - Colleen Angland

Senior Sliabh Luachra Arts & Cultural Award - Grace Angland

Leadership Award - Bridget Sheehan

Creative Award - Cian Mangan

Outstanding Sporting Excellence Representing the School - U15 & U16 Boys Basketball Teams

Anne Casey Joy Memorial Shield - Rita Fitzpatrick

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Principal's Award - Chloe Breen

E.A.L Student of the Year - Maydamo Khasanova

Academic Excellence in Junior Cycle - Shauna McCarthy

Junior Cycle Student of the Year - Eoin Cashman

Transition Year Student of the Year - Lainey Harty

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Leaving Certificate Applied Student of the Year - Donal Murphy

Academic Excellence in Leaving Certificate - Ciaran Collins, Klaudia Domalik, Seán Finnegan, Máiréad Fitzpatrick, Fionn Murphy, Abby Sheahan, Cian Twomey, James Twomey, Breda O'Brien

Leaving Certificate Student of the Year - Jack Buckley



Active Citizenship Award - Róisín Daly, Katie Rea, Amy Donnelly and Treasa Cremin with principal, Denis Kerins and guest speaker, Christine O Donoghue De Vilers



Noreen Healy & family - pictured with principal Denis Kerins, guest speaker, Christine O Donoghue De Vilers and her parents, Liz and Seamus.



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KILLARNEY RFC NEWS**MINIS AWAY TO LISTOWEL**

Our Minis hit the road to North Kerry to play Listowel RFC minis this Saturday. We will meet at the town park in Listowel from 9:45. This promises to be a cracking morning of rugby so please support our next generation of stars. There will be no Fawns training this Saturday due to the blitz and we will take a break for 2 weeks for Christmas.

SENIORS HOST KILLORGLIN

Best of luck to our Seniors who host Killorglin in the Martin O'Sullivan Cup at Aghadoe this Sunday. Kick off is at 2:30pm and all support very welcome.

LANDROVER RAFFLE

Looking for last minute Xmas present ideas? We'll look no further! Killarney RFC are delighted to announce that we are one of the chosen charities for this years Killarney Valley Classic and Vintage Club Raffle with a wonderfully restored 1979 Landrover the top prize, as well as a host of other amazing prizes (see poster). Tickets are only €10 each and all funds raised by the club go towards the development of our new clubhouse. Simply check out our Clubzap or social media pages for more. Please support this amazing fundraiser.

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RESULTS

U14 boys: Killarney 24 - 24 Listowel

U16 boys: Killarney 24 - 17 Skibbereen

U18 boys: Killarney 8 - 30 Bandon

FIXTURES

Minis away to Listowel. Saturday at 10am

U14 boys V Iveragh, Home, Saturday @ 12pm

U18 boys V Midleton, Away, Saturday @ 12pm

U16 boys V Midleton, Away, Saturday @ 12pm

U18 girls V Dolphin, Home, Saturday @ 12:30pm

Killarney RFC U16 boys who won at the weekend.



Seniors: V Killorglin, Home, Sunday @ 2pm

KILLARNEY JUDO CLUB

Last weekend, members of Killarney Judo Club travelled up to Dublin to compete in the All Irelands following our success in the Munster Open.

For 5 members, it was their first time at the prestigious national event where there was 370 competitors.

Overall our club earned 3 Golds, 3 Silvers and 3 Bronzes. Thank you to all the families who travelled up and we hope everyone enjoys a well earned break over the holidays.

Gold: Cuan Kelly, Michelle Walsh and Ciara Forde

Silver: Carolina Kelly, Liadh Forde and Kate Forde

Bronze: Danielle Walsh, Liadh Forde and Kate Forde

Fifth: Rian Horgan and Cian Forde



Killarney Judo Club members at the All Irelands in Dublin
L to R: Carolina Kelly, Aidan Forde (Coach), Danielle Walsh, Cuan Kelly, Tim Kelly (Coach) and Michelle Walsh

also scored points for the Kerry Team for Silver position.

We had a fantastic evening last Sunday in the Great Southern Hotel celebrating the fantastic achievement of the club in 2023. We showed the premier of 'Man on a Mission' documentary, a real story of our sport with Jordan Lee while raising funds on the night for the Killarney Cardiac Response Unit. Thank you to everybody who came and donated generously.

All information on Training Schedules are on our website www.killarneyvalleyac.ie.

KILLARNEY VALLEY ATHLETIC CLUB

The Munster Masters and Juvenile Relay Cross Country Championships were held in Ennis last Saturday. Our U10 Boys team of Conor O'Donnell, James Doody, Charlie J Kelliher, Fionn O'Donoghue finished 7th, most of the team moving up an age. They had a great season with team medals in U9 a few weeks back. Congrats to our Master Athletes Noel Rice, Paul Doolan, Donald O'Sullivan, Kevin Smith and Feargal O'Donnell who received a bronze team munster medal. Paul and Noel

Munster Schools' Swimming Champion Alex Ahern 2023

Congratulations to Alex Ahern on winning gold and silver at the Munster Schools' Swimming Championship in UL. Alex represented his school, Castleisland Community College, where he is presently in second year. Alex won 1st in the Individual Medley under 14. The medley included swimming the breast stroke, back crawl, butterfly and front crawl. Alex also came 2nd in the butterfly under 14. He now goes forward representing Munster in the All Ireland Schools' Swimming Championship next March in the National Aquatic Centre in Dublin.

Alex began swimming at the age of six and he is certainly committed to the sport. He trains with the Kingdom Swimming Club in Tralee. This involves a commitment of training 7 days a week and 3 of these trainings take place at 6am Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. Principal Teresa Lonergan stated 'We are immensely proud of Alex for becoming a Munster School Champion and we wish him every success in the All Ireland Championships.'

Munster Swimming Champion Alex Ahern.

Pictured in the photo with him is the principal Teresa Lonergan



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SCOTTS LAKERS 84

MATER PRIVATE MALAHIDE 75

Report by Enda Walshe

With top scorer Braden Bell struggling with injury and Malahide 61-58 to the good heading into the final quarter, Scotts Lakers would have been forgiven for staring long down the barrel of the gun. But they refused to yield and instead made a stirring final quarter charge to eventually put the squeeze on a gallant Malahide side who twice in the second half looked like they had the winning of the game. With Bell watching from the bench it was his compatriot Terion Moss who picked up the baton. He hit 11 points in the final quarter but struck 32 overall and undoubtedly gave his best performance of the season.

But he was not on his own as Eoin Carroll continued to flourish, Jack O Sullivan came up trumps in that final period while Paul Clarke delivered at crucial moments also. And even though he was only on court for six minutes Mark O Shea's physicality was crucial in Bell's absence. Mark Sheehan also made his return from injury and Jamie O Sullivan and Oisin Spring helped keep the Lakers effort going when needed most. The win leaves the Lakers on six wins from their eight games with only the Limerick Celtics ahead of them in the standings. The Celtics sole defeat came in Killarney last month and if the curve can continue to go in an upwards direction who knows what 2024 could bring for Brian Clarkes side.

It was Malahide who sprung from the traps first with Sean Daly and Matthew Harper being particularly accurate. They helped the visitors into a 10-4 lead, with Jack O Sullivan and Moss on target. Moss was cutting to the basket with great effect but BB Chuks Mady and Daly with a three made it 15-8. Bell hit two quick baskets but Daniel Heaney alongside Mady and Matthew Harper was beginning to cause the Lakers defence problems. Eoin Carroll got his first bucket from a fast breakaway and further points from Bell made it 24-17 at the conclusion of the first quarter.

Bell and Moss set off the fireworks early in the seconds hitting nine points in just a minute. They combined for a neat Bell basket before a spectacular alley oop finish from Bell had the crowd on its feet. That helped the Lakers draw level with Malahide temporarily but Heaney, Stephen Ingle and Mady kept them 42-33 ahead despite Bell's promptings. Eoin Carroll and Moss stole in for crucial scores towards the end of the quarter and at 45-39 adrift it ensured the home side were still in the conversation.



Terion Moss was Scotts Lakers MVP with 32 points(photo by Pat Shanahan)

The halftime cup of tea definitely went down easier in the Lakers dressing room as they started the second half much the brighter. Moss hit his sides first three of the evening and alongside Carroll and Bell they again drew level at 51 each. The period of ascendancy continued as Paul Clarke hit seven points on the spin with Malahides sole reply being a Mady free throw. At 58-52 the Lakers looked set to take over but two things conspired to change that prediction. Bell took a charge from Heaney but came out of it limping while Clarke picked up his fourth foul. This seemed to unsettle the hosts and Christian McDonnell and Heaney picked up on that vibe to push Malahide ahead again at 61-58.

That pattern continued into the final quarter as Ingle with a three and Heaney made it 68-60. With Bell visibly struggling he had to retire to the bench but not before Moss picked up his baton. Jack O'Sullivan hit a three soon followed by Moss and Clarke baskets. The crowd too were starting to play a part, their boisterous support cajoled by MC Alan Finn, who certainly got the sixth man going. Heaney and Harper hit back but the momentum was all with the Lakers as they kept the Dublin side scoreless in the final four minutes. All the while Moss was brandishing his own box of tricks and a sublime Jack O Sullivan pass set up Clarke to help the Lakers 78-75 clear. Carroll made it a five point game while Malahide ran into team foul trouble. It meant Moss and Jack O Sullivan could seal the win from the charity stripe as the Lakers eventually ran out 84-75 winners.

Terion Moss hit a game high 32 points, Braden Bell had 19 before succumbing to injury, Eoin Carroll was impressive with 16 points, Paul Clarke scored 11 and Jack O

Sullivan 6.

For Malahide Daniel Heaney hit 20, BB Chuks Mady 17, Matthew Harper 13, Sean Daly 9, Christian Mc Donnell 8 and Stephen Ingle 6. The Lakers final game pre Christmas is this Saturday when they meet Tolka Rovers at 7.30pm. The home side are on a bit of a roll at present and in Jaja Davis, Pavel Mangurov and Dewan White they have proven scoregetters. Daniel Ayoade is lightning quick around the court while Rory Howe is full of craft. A stern test the outcome of the game could well depend on the fitness of Braden Bell. It's no exaggeration to say he's one of the best players in the league and him being healthy certainly boosts the Lakers cause. The Lakers return to home soil on Saturday December 30th with Drogheda Wolves the visitors to Killarney.

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UTILITY TRUST ST PAULS 69

MCEVOYS CAVAN EAGLES 53

Report by Enda Walshe

A MVP performance from Rheanne O'Shea helped Utility Trust St Pauls get back to winning ways as they put their cup conquerors McEvoys Cavan Eagles to the sword in an intense battle in the Presentation Gym on Saturday evening. O'Shea hit 21 points but another feature of the game was the outstanding defensive effort St Pauls put in to quell the Eagles. This was a team that racked up over 100 points in their cup win over SETU Carlow but there was no such charity on this occasion as they were held in a vice-like grip by a ravenous Paul's side.

It was something Sofia Paska gave an insight into speaking post match. The Canadian revealed the focus was on getting the rearguard action right to build up a head of steam. "As a team we felt we get more energy when we get defensive stops so we wanted to really focus on playing good defence to keep our momentum going throughout the whole game. Especially after half time because we know Cavan is a strong team and would slowly close the gap if we weren't playing good defence."

Paska opened the scoring inside ten seconds but Cavan settled quickly with Emilia Sexton and the two Ciaras, Brady and Tolan on target. Rheanne O'Shea and Khiarica Rasheed were 100% from the free throw line and further baskets from Paska and Rasheed heralded a Cavan timeout with Pauls 12-5 to the good. James Fleming rotated his bench keeping the tempo up with Leah McMahon, Meabh Barry and Lorraine Scanlon all introduced. Destiny Robinson got off the mark for Cavan as did Niamh Tolan but Rasheed was sharp in offence, meaning St Pauls lead 17-11 at the



end of the first.

Sexton hit the opener in the second quarter but O Shea, Denise Dunlea and Lorraine Scanlon helped to widen the margin to 27-15. The Eagles were finding it extremely difficult to get any offensive rhythm going against the tenacious defence of the home side and Leah McMahon made it 29-17 with 1-45 to go in the half. She was again instrumental in the next score, her fine pass setting up Lorraine Scanlon. Niamh Ni Chonchubhair and Cliona Coffey helped to keep the Eagles at bay, with Laura McFarlands free throws making the half time score 33-19.

It was in the third quarter that Rheanne O'Shea really took up the cudgels, hitting two from three point land early on. It was all needed as there was a noticeable improvement in Cavans play. They upped their own intensity and Ciara Tolan, Casey Mulvey, Robinson and Sexton cut the gap to 10, 39-29. Not even an intentional foul dissuaded their efforts as Robinson, Sexton and Mulvey narrowed it further to 44-37. O Shea crucially finished the quarter as she started it, her five points helping to double the lead heading into the final period. Lynn Jones, while not featuring on the scoresheet, was extremely diligent in defence, playing through the pain barrier of an underlying injury.

Well in control they twisted the knife early



Rheanne O'Shea, who scored 21 points, was voted MVP in Utility Trust St Pauls win over McEvoy's Cavan Eagles

in the fourth with Paska and O Shea with another three extending the advantage. One of the scores of the game would follow from Rasheed, converting a smooth McMahon assist. Sexton and Robinson were battling away but Rasheed and Lorraine Scanlon kept their foot on the gas as Cavan were now running into foul trouble. O Shea added to St Pauls tally, but her 21 points were only

the tip of her contribution as she battled for everything while Denise Dunlea was also a tour de force. Paska and Dunlea rounded up the scoring for the victors while Jewel Rosagaran climbed off the Cavan bench to pour in five points. Siobhan Burns made her home league debut and when the final buzzer sounded St Pauls were 69-53 to the good.

Rheanne O'Shea top scored with 21 points, Khairica Rasheed struck 18, Sofia Paska hit 11, Lorraine Scanlon fired in 10, Denise Dunlea scored 7 and Leah McMahon 2.

For the Eagles Destiny Robinson was best with 16 points, Jewel Rosagaran had 9, Casey Mulvey and Emilia Sexton had 7 apiece while Laura McFarland had 5.

St Paul's next date is in Dublin on Saturday December 30th when they face Oblate Dynamos. James Fleming will be very content as he sits down for the turkey, especially with his side's defensive effort here. "We had worked hard in training on stopping Cavans scoring runs and I'm delighted with how things worked out. Rheanne O'Shea was unbelievable and Denise Dunlea, who was a big miss for us in Swords, had a big game."

Bit like the star, St Pauls sit on top of the tree at Christmas.

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BALLYHAR DYNAMOS FC

TEAMS

The club u8s had an outing over the weekend against MEK with both squads demonstrating their skills. Thanks to the coaches & parents for facilitating.

The U14s travelled to Pike Rovers (Limerick) in round 4 of the National Cup where our boys exited the cup after a 4-0 defeat with Dan Duggan, Ryan Quilter, Ryan Vickers, Jack Kelly, Callum Templeman & Adam Fleming all playing well.

The U16s were in league action at Murt Scott Park where they secured a 3-3 draw against Mastergeeha C thanks to a hat trick by Anthony Cremin.

The Youths (division 1) were also at home where the visitors Listowel Celtic inflicted a 0-3 defeat. Listowel led 0-1 at the break but a missed penalty for Ballyhar did not help our chances. On the Day Rian Brosnan, Michael O Sullivan, Padraig O Regan, Odhran O'Neill, Micheal Fitzgerald, Luke Henderson & Robert Kelly played well.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Jack Duggan of the U12s was selected on the KSB league team of the week. Well done to Jack, his team mates & coaches.

SYMPATHY

The club offers its condolences to the O'Connor Family, Firies, the Lally & Griffin Families, Ballyfinnane on their recent family bereavements.

KILLARNEY CELTIC

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MCCARTHY INSURANCE GROUP MUNSTER JUNIOR CUP ROUND 4 LAST 16

Killarney Athletic 1-2 Killarney Celtic FC

Matt Keane, Eoghan Crowley

In a tie played in extremely tough weather conditions Celtic came from behind to secure a place in the quarter final of the McCarthy

Insurance Group Munster Junior Cup. After a scoreless 1st half,

Athletic took the lead in the 68th minute. Celtic were back on level terms inside 10 mins after concerted pressure when they were awarded a penalty which Matt Keane slotted home. Substitute Eoghan Crowley struck in the 83rd minute to give Celtic the lead and the place in the last 8.

CHARLEVILLE CHEESE YOUTH PREMIER

Killarney Celtic 1-1 Inter Kenmare

Rafeal Viegas

Great game of end to end football with Kenmare mostly on top but Celtic defended extremely well and Jamie Moynihan was excellent in goal. Second half came and Kenmare continued to dominate but Celtic stuck to the task and caught Kenmare late on a break and scored in the last minute of normal time. However Kenmare scored a cracking goal to tie the game.

U16 DIVISION 1

Killarney Celtic 3-0 St. Brendan's Park FC

Jack O'Grady 2, Dara Horan

Solid performance today by the whole team. Celtic controlled the 1st half and took the lead midway through with a deflected long range effort from Jack O'Grady. An excellent defensive performance from the back 4 of Darragh Moynihan, Luca Mosca, Conor O Sullivan and Sean Forestall kept Celtic 1 up at the break. A bright start to the 2nd half saw Dara Horan pounce on a mistake at the back to make it 2-0. Jack O'Grady added a third with a superb free kick. Park finished the game stronger but Celtic kept up their hard work and a fine save from Declan Grimes made sure the defense kept a well deserved clean sheet.

U14 PREMIER

Killarney Celtic 1-2 Mastergeeha

Kiernan Kelly

Celtic welcomed Mastergeeha in an early kick off. Celtic got off to a good start taking the lead after 10 minutes when Stephen Shine played in Kiernan Kelly who finished to the net. However Mastergeeha came back strong and got a deserved equaliser before half time. Second half was much the same with both sides getting a few half chances. Mastergeeha took the lead with a long range effort and despite the best efforts of the Celtic lads, Mastergeeha stood strong for the remainder of the game to take all 3 points.

U12 PREMIER

Castleisland 0-5 Killarney Celtic Green

Cillian Scannell 2, Jack Kissane 2, Paul McGrath

A 5 star performance from a determined Celtic team to put 5 past the league leaders without reply. Castleisland started the first 5 minutes bright but came up against a very stubborn defense in Tiernan Cronin in goal, Evan O'Donoghue, Cillian Daly, James Brosnan and Fionn Culloty. Celtic soaked up the early pressure and after that dominated throughout. Some fantastic link play between Celtic midfielders Paul McGrath, Conor Doherty and Sean Doyle and a very lively forward line of Cillian Scannell and Cathal O'Donovan set the tone for the game. Celtic applied great pressure on Castleisland and some great through balls from Doyle Donovan and McGrath saw Cillian Scannell through on goal only for his shot to come off the post. Paul McGrath broke the deadlock after all this pressure and Cillian Scannell added a second and Celtic kept pressing but had to settle for 2-0 at half time. The strong squad was proving a big factor in the game. Jack Kissane and JJ Landers who came on in the first half gave Castleisland more problems. Fionn Culloty also made great interceptions at the back. Celtic extended their lead when Evan O'Donoghue gave a pass down the line for Cillian Scannell who played Jack Kissane in for 3-0. Cillian Scannell made it 4-0 with another great finish and Jack Kissane rounded off a very impressive performance to make it 5-0.

U12 DIVISION 1

Killarney Athletic B 3-2 Killarney Celtic White

David Ajibare, OG

Celtic got off to a sluggish start and found themselves 3-0 down but the team fought back with 2 goals and put great pressure on Athletic forcing their goalkeeper to make some fantastic saves.

U12 DIVISION 2 SOUTH

Killorglin C 0-3 Killarney Celtic Gold

Conor Randles 2, Noah Murphy

U12 c won away today 3-0 against a strong physical and talented Killorglin in a very competitive game. First half saw both teams battling hard to take control and Celtic had some good chances. Two minutes into the second half Celtic hit the front after a great finish by Conor Randles. Celtic scored their second goal with an outstanding free kick from Noah Murphy and Conor Randles scored our 3rd goal a super goal from long range

GIRLS

SFAI SUBWAY U12 GIRL'S NATIONAL



Ballyhar Dynamos FC youths who were defeated on Saturday last at Murt Scott Park by Listowel Celtic in Division 1 of the Kerry District League.



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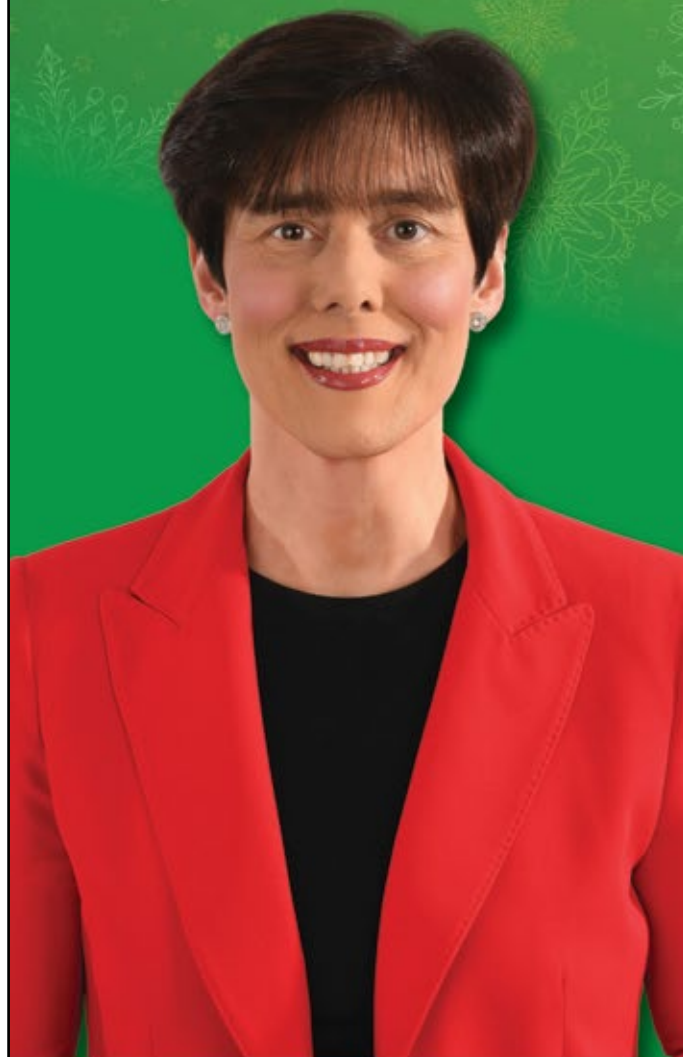
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TROPHY ROUND 3

BT Harps 1-3 Killarney Celtic

Leah Mannix 2, Mia Cox

In near tornado conditions in Templemore Celtic girls put in a performance full of heart and character to qualify for the next round. Outstanding defending by Aimee Shine, Evelyn Grimes and Nell Casey kept BT at bay and the girls were very unlucky to concede a soft goal just before half time. The second half started with the skilful Caoimhe Darmody giving a sweet return pass to Leah Mannix for her to shoot narrowly wide. However just after that Mia Cox snuck in behind her marker to slot home. Celtic missed some chances before Leah Mannix eventually put the result beyond doubt when she hit the third with less than 10 mins Well done girls and management

CONGRATS to Josh Buckley who made the KSBGL Team of the Week and to Aimee Shine who made the Girls Roll of Honour.



Kerry Airport Ireland has overseen the safe arrival of the new Kerry FC home and away kits for the club's second season in the SSE Airtricity First Division. They were unveiled this week in front of the Terminal Building at Kerry Airport runway and are a must-have on everyone's Christmas gift list. Kerry Airport CEO John Mulhern was pictured with: Daniel Okwute, Lee Axworthy, James Sugrue (Coach), Ryan Kelliher and Conor McCarthy (Head Coach) (wearing white kits and holding the green jersey)

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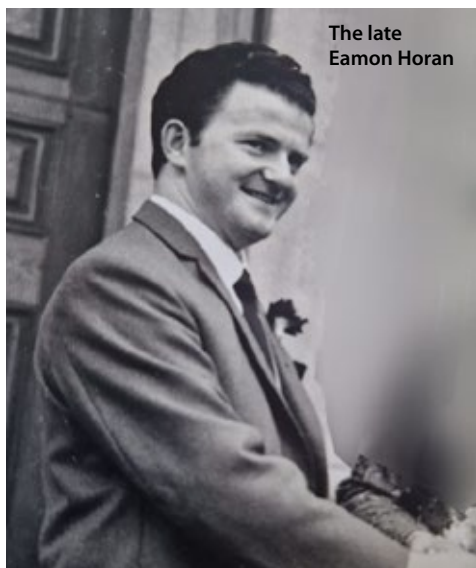


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takes a look at all things sport...



The late
Eamon Horan

EAMON HORAN RIP

I was at the O'Sullivan Cup Final last Tuesday week when a well-known Kerry GAA supporter came up to the press box at the back of the main stand to let us know that Eamon Horan had passed away. To say that it cast a pall on an otherwise thrilling match (Mounthawk took the honours and their first ever senior trophy with a really sparkling display of football) is an understatement. I only met Eamon a few times – he had left the press box before I began venturing into that hallowed territory – but I knew his name from his match reports long, long before I met him in person.

I occasionally use the research and local history facilities of the Kerry County Library to research old games and old stories (before you ask, of course I am a hit at parties with such an interesting lifestyle). I believe and have long believed that is the fabric of those stories that form the culture of Kerry, not any scorelines or titles. There were very few story-tellers of his era that could weave those stories like Eamon. He could read a game at a glance, knew the background of every player and team, and most of all, his pen dripped with occasional humour but never malice. An under-estimated trait nowadays, when vitriol is used to generate clicks. The likes of Elon Musk and Kim Kardashian are the arbiters of modern journalism; it serves neither the writer nor the reader.

The old issues of the Kerry Sentinel, Kerry Weekly Reporter, Kerry News, or the early days of the Kerryman are genuinely fascinating to read. The journalists used pseudonyms – you might think it a throwback to the days when it was a genuinely dangerous profession, particularly politically, but remember the troubled times of the early half of that century in Ireland. P.J. Devlin, a personal friend of both Michael Cusack and Arthur Griffith, was the first great GAA journalist and the man who set the template for all others. D. P. Moran would

also touch strongly on the GAA in his writings (mostly for An Claidhaimh Solais) but he was more polemic than analyst and his idea of 'pro-Irish', in my opinion, was much more 'anti-everything else'. Paddy Mehigan, 'Carbery' or 'Pato' soon followed, and he remains one of the giants. 'P.F.', Tralee's Pádraig Foley (nephew of Kerryman founder Maurice Griffin), was the main sportswriter for the Kerryman back in the early half of the 20th century (from 1923 to 1966) and his word was law. The paper came out on Thursdays and Con Houlihan, himself one of our greatest storytellers (he could insert a paragraph about cutting turf into an All Ireland Final report, and readers rightly loved him for it) famously quoted one reader saying irritably after a game "Sure, how do I know how I feel about it until I read P.F.'s report on Thursday?" My favourite of all his writings, even better than his famous 'Kerry's Football Story' published in 1945, is his recount of Kerry's famous 1926 trip to the United States – it reads as funny now and must have been hilarious back then.

Eamon started with the Kerryman in 1959 and quickly established himself as chief (sometimes only) sportswriter. He never sought controversy but there was no plámás in him either and he didn't hesitate to criticise Kerry when he felt the need. The sixties and early seventies were the great age of GAA journalism, with the likes of John D. Hickey, Pádraig Puirseal, Paddy Downey, Mick Dunne, Peter Byrne, Jim O'Sullivan, famous players Paul Russell and Jack Mahon.... and, of course, Eamon Horan. There were no laptops or internet back then. They would call their match reports out to a stenographer over a phone. Time was of the essence but there was never any compromise on quality. They were welcomed into dressing rooms and knew the players personally. They were highly respected and always showed respect in their turn, but were not sparing. Tipperary famously once banned the lot of them in 1968 after they committed the appalling sin of actually naming a player who was sent off (there were no red or yellow cards back then; Weeshie Fogarty was famously the first GAA referee to use them and, because the GAA sent him no actual cards, had to cut makeshift efforts out of his daughter's copybooks). The journalists, most famously the irreverential Breandán Ó hEithir, relate funny anecdotes about the incident, but in fact Tipperary got a big surprise when the journalists, with the full backing of the newspapers, made it very clear that they were not and would never be answerable to County Boards or to Croke Park itself. It was not as funny an incident as is portrayed in official accounts on both sides.

Eamon never needed any player to tell him about the rigours of training or keeping fit. He was himself one of the greatest handballers of his era, and handball is at least as demanding as any field sport if not more so. He brought

four minor All Irelands back to his native Bridge St. in Tralee and a schools title to Tralee CBS alongside Pa Laide's father Mick.

In 1977 Eamon, in collaboration with his long-time colleague and close friend John Barry, wrote "Years of Glory: The Story of Kerry's All Ireland Victories". It remains the definitive work and, like all his writing, remains immensely readable to this day. Owen McCrohan's authorised biography of Mick O'Dwyer (1990), despite being slightly hagiographic (how could it not be?) remains the definitive biography of that Kerry era for me, but Eamon Horan's account – detailed, accurate, honest, and written more from the perspective of a supporter than an analyst, was as much the authoritative version as P.F.'s famous 1945 book was of his era, or even Dick Fitzgerald's "How to Play Gaelic Football" in 1914 was in his time (it's included in Fr. Tom Looney's brilliant biography 'Dick Fitzgerald: King in a Kingdom of Kings').

Mick O'Dwyer defined Kerry football for Eamon's era, both as a player and as a manager. But it was Eamon Horan who translated that into terms that I could understand, and I don't believe that I am the only one who remembers when the Kerryman was required reading in every household and, especially for us young ones, Eamon Horan's articles. I knew Kerry footballers as the burly men who arrived at the primary school with bottles of lukewarm TK lemonade to fill the heavy silver cup that meant Kerry had won the All Ireland. 'Twas the same red sticky lemonade you would get when a family member would make their Holy Communion; and had close on the same religious significance for many people.

In fact, Eamon Horan's commentary in print had pretty much the same aura as the catholic creed in Ireland back then. You could demur with it but never disagree.

I can't say that I knew him personally. I didn't need to; he introduced himself on a weekly basis in print. May he rest in eternal peace.

RTE SPORTS PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR

For me, and I suspect most people, it's more of a blatant bit of self-promotion than anything more sustainable. That's not me having a dig; I actually think RTE provide fantastic sports coverage, given their resources. That's not denying wastage – and quite a lot of it, with those chickens swooping home to roost in a big year this year, but sports-wise they are excellent. Every now and again you hear people contrasting RTE with BBC coverage. Sorry, now, but that's very much like comparing Kerry FC to Manchester City. RTE have fallen a bit into the jokey 'let's provoke-a-controversy-for-the-craic' mode that has been the bane of modern sports broadcasting too much for my liking but generates clicks without risking provoking

Action from Spa V Dr. Crokes in the O'Donoghue Cup



original thought. I've watched Sky and a lot of the US-based commercial sports coverage and I really love that mute button. But most of RTE's sports coverage, especially international events (soccer is more soap opera and rugby is developing too many 'personalities' and not enough actual analysis), is excellent. They do their research; they know their stuff, and they share it. No histrionics and no bluff. I am a big admirer.

I'm always suspicious of 'Personality' awards. Exactly what is the metric here? Success? Popularity? International standing? Brand marketability? The answer currently seems to be 'all of the above'. I'm also suspicious of this 'independent panel of expert judges' although it definitely beats a popular vote.

Regardless, this year's candidates, announced tomorrow night, are:

Johnny Sexton – The 2018 winner retired this year after a glittering career, having captained Ireland to a number one spot in world rankings and, much more significantly, a Grand Slam. However, losing the Champions Cup Final to La Rochelle and a World Cup quarter-final (again)...I wouldn't call this his best year. To be honest, I'd have nominated Bunde Aki, whose rejuvenation during the World Cup was genuinely astonishing.

Katie McCabe – inspirational captain as Ireland reached their first ever World Cup and then won promotion in Europe with ease, not least because of her dynamic midfield drive. A key

player as Arsenal won the League and reached a European semi-final. Ballon d'Or nominee. Simply phenomenal.

Katie Taylor – Three time winner and with very good reason. Moved up a weight this year, lost to Chantelle Cameron in a genuine thriller, and won the rematch in another genuinely awesome display (a lot of credit to Cameron as well). I suspect that past glories will come against her, but this really is one of Ireland's greatest sporting figures ever.

Rhys McClenaghan – When you think of all the great pommel horse gymnasts in the world right now, especially the stand-out names like...yeah, I have nothing. When you think of a young man from Newtownards in County Down dominating the news headlines, you aren't necessarily expecting that he is a back to back world gymnastic champion, qualified for the Olympics, or picking up his second gold. The relative obscurity of his sport may come against him, but I think this guy is one of the most inspirational sports stories in Ireland that I have ever come across.

Paul Townend – Third Cheltenham Gold Cup, Queen's Mother Chase, Arkle, Irish Gold Cup, and sixth National Hockey crown. Had to be in there, but respectfully it feels more like boxes ticked along the way to greatness than any inherently great sports story in itself.

Roisín Ní Riain – The 18 year old won gold and silver at the Para Swimming World Championships in Manchester and has qualified

for her second Olympics. Look, that's a fantastic achievement by her, but Daniel Wiffen just claimed two European golds (1500m, 800m, and 400m), having just swam the third fastest 1500m in history and set a new world record in the 800m...well, he may be too late for a nomination here, but you just know that Roisín isn't getting the award in these circumstances

Aaron Gillane – Gillane is a 'wristy' hurler, which is code for he has bags of skill. He's also tough as nails and fierce accurate. Probably the best GAA player I saw this year, with respect to the back-to-back Footballer of the Year winner. League, Munster, All Ireland. Hurler of the Year. Gillane benefitted from great service from outside – Limerick can out-muscle teams but their greatest asset is those pinpoint long balls into space for the corners to run onto, and once Gillane gets possession...well, sin deireadh an scéal. I have an enormous soft spot for TJ Reid, and wouldn't have objected to his nomination, but a part of that is personal sentiment towards one of the all-time greats as twilight approaches.

My own personal preference? Katie McCabe would just about edge Rhadisa Adeleke for me. And I know that Adeleke wasn't nominated, but that's just an abominable oversight that absolutely destroys the credibility of all of this for me. But sure, this kind of stuff is just winter talking points. I wouldn't be getting hot and bothered. With the weather lately, I'd be fine with something to warm the blood!



Darragh Lyne with the ball in the O'Donoghue Cup clash with Kilcummin.
Photo: Maria O'Sullivan

Kilcummin Captain Sean O'Leary in action in the O'Donoghue Cup Clash Legion
v Kilcummin, Photo: Maria O'Sullivan



Action from Spa V Dr. Crokes in the O'Donoghue Cup



Action from Kilcummin v Legion in the O'Donoghue Cup. Photo: Maria O'Sullivan

O'DONOGHUE CUP SEMI-FINALS CROKES CRUISE TO FINAL

Dr. Crokes 3-14 Spa 1-6

These two sides met in last year's final, with Dr. Crokes winning comfortably in the finish, and this game was much the same as the black and amber took a while to get going but still had fourteen points in hand by the final whistle. Tony Brosnan clipped over two quick points early on, with a lively Dara Moynihan winning a free for Evan Cronin to open Spa's account. Tom Doyle and David Shaw added more Crokes' scores, the latter from a great assist by Gavin White, who was making a welcome return after injury. Micheal O'Donoghue replied with a super score for Spa and the Michael McCarthy exchanged passes with Cian Murphy before stroking the ball past Shane Murphy for a goal, 1-2 to 0-4, and Spa in front for the first and only time. That lead lasted just seconds, as Micheál Burns sent a great ball into Tony Brosnan, who jinked superbly past the defender and hit the net himself, before adding a point from the kick-out and then winning a simple free for Micheál Burns. 1-5 to 1-2 at half-time in favour of the black and amber.

Spa got the first score of the second half through Evan Cronin, but Crokes had the wind now and used it perfectly, stretching the play and pressing the kick-out. It quickly proved effective, with Tony Brosnan (f) and Gavin White extending the lead. Michael O'Donoghue found Micheal McCarthy at the back post but this time he couldn't get his shot off, with Dara Moynihan settling for a point. At 1-6 to 1-4, Spa had plenty of reason to hope, but Crokes lifted a gear and points from Tom Doyle, Tony Brosnan (3, 2f) and Cian McMahon put daylight between the sides. Brosnan, in particular, was really catching the eye. Gary Vaughan pulled one back, but Spa's challenge was beginning to falter. David Shaw added another point and then substitute Kieran O'Leary showed his determination to win a record 13th East Kerry Championship with a great finish. Cian Murphy drew a good save out of Shane Murphy, but Kieran O'Leary added a point and then drew a great save out of James Devane, only for Micheál Burns to tap home the rebound. Cian Murphy had one last point for Spa, but even

that was cancelled out by Tom Doyle for the last score of the game.

Dr. Crokes: Shane Murphy, John Payne, Fionn Fitzgerald, David Naughton, Gavin White (0-1), Evan Looney, Brian Looney, Mark O'Shea, Tom Doyle (0-2), Charlie Keating, Micheál Burns (1-1, 1f), Gavin O'Shea, Tony Brosnan (1-6, 4f), David Shaw (0-2), Cian McMahon (0-1). Subs Harry Potts (for Gavin White, 37 mins), Kieran O'Leary 1-1 (for Charlie Keating, 45), Daithí Casey (for David Shaw, 51), Alex Hennigan (for Cian McMahon, 54), Mark Fitzgerald (for Brian Looney, 57)

Spa: James Devane, Eric O'Donoghue, Eoin Fitzgerald, Brian Lynch, Ryan O'Carroll, Eoin Cronin, Liam Spillane, Dan O'Donoghue, Micheal McCarthy (1-0), Mikey Moynihan, Evan Cronin (0-2), Dara Moynihan (0-1), Cian Murphy (0-1), Cian Tobin, Michael O'Donoghue (0-1). Subs Luke O'Neill (for Eoin Cronin, 40), Gary Vaughan 0-1 (for Michael McCarthy, 41), Michael Foley (for Cian Tobin, 51), Shane Lynch (for Eric O'Donoghue, 54), Conor Stack (for Ryan O'Carroll, 60)

Referee: Pádraig O'Sullivan (Furies)

LEGION SURVIVE KILCUMMIN CHALLENGE IN TESTING CONDITIONS

Killarney Legion 0-8 Kilcummin 0-6

If the handling of conditions was a key subplot of the day before, the weather was most definitely the main villain of the piece a day later. This was simply Baltic conditions and in the circumstances both sides did very well to serve up such an entertaining game of football. Playing against a gale force wind, Killarney Legion made most of the early running. A good ball from James O'Donoghue saw Darragh O'Doherty open their account. Chris O'Leary picked off a great reply, but Legion were definitely getting the upper hand early on. An effort by Finbarr Murphy showed the force of the wind as it literally changed direction in mid-air, not even going wide in the finish, with Peter McCarthy deftly swooping on the loose ball and clipping over from a very tight angle. McCarthy looked very sharp early on and rapidly doubled his tally, with James O'Donoghue making it 0-4 to 0-1. Kilcummin were getting on ball themselves, but were maybe working it a little

too hard when a direct ball to a target-man might have been a better use of that really strong and direct wind. They had three wides from long distance punts before Mark O'Shea split the posts with an excellent score. Gary O'Leary won and converted a free to trim the gap back to a single point. Mark O'Shea had a shot well blocked and ending up out over the end-line. Brendan Kealy judged the wind as well or better than any LIV golfer on a links course and the sides were level. Gary O'Leary added another free to put Kilcummin in front but Eoghan O'Sullivan finished off a neat move to square things up again before the half-time whistle. 0-5 apiece at the break.

Kilcummin brought on Kieran Murphy in midfield at half-time and he brought a real infusion of energy. Mark O'Shea had a shot drop short before Gaary O'Leary fired over his third free to put his team back in front. On a day like this, every score was always going to be vital and so it proved. Kilcummin absorbed everything that Legion could throw at them, with both defences superb, and there was just ten minutes left on the clock before Peter McCarthy won a free converted by Finbarr Murphy (just barely inside the post). 0-6 apiece, ten minutes to play, and anybody's game.

Killarney Legion were starting to press now, but had two shots carried wide by that swirling wind before substitute William Shine gathered after a great turnover by Darragh Lyne to split the posts. A left-legged beauty by James O'Donoghue put two points between the teams. Kilcummin pressed hard and had chances but maybe opted to try and take points when they realistically needed a goal.

As stated, the weather had more of an influence on the game than any player, but sometimes it is about the destination more than the journey, and that's especially true of championship semi-finals.

Killarney Legion: Brian Kelly, Peter O'Sullivan, Danny Sheahan, Rob Leen, Cian Gammell, Darragh O'Doherty (0-1), Jonathan Lyne, Pádraig Lucey, Jamie Alade, Finbarr Murphy (0-1, 1f), Darragh Lyne, Eoghan O'Sullivan (0-1), James O'Donoghue (0-2), Peter McCarthy (0-2), Ryan O'Grady. Subs William Shine 0-1 (for Ryan O'Grady, 50 mins), James Devane (for Donal Maher, 52), David O'Sullivan (for Peter McCarthy, 54), Shaun Keane (for Jamie Alade,

63), Jamie O'Sullivan (for James O'Donoghue, 64)

Kilcummin: Brendan Kealy (0-1, 1'45), Kevin McSweeney, Chris O'Leary (0-1), Damien O'Leary, Seán O'Leary, Dara O'Callaghan, Donal Maher, Kevin Gorman, Paul O'Shea, Mark O'Shea (0-1), Danny Cronin, Cian Foley, Gary O'Leary (0-3, 3f), Philip O'Leary. Subs Kieran Murphy (for Damien O'Leary, half-time), James Nagle (for Eoghan O'Donovan, 46 mins), James Devane (for Donal Maher, 54), Mikey O'Shea (for Kevin McSweeney, 62)

Referee: Brendan Brosnan (Glenflesk)

MUNSTER SENIOR FINAL

Castlehaven 0-13 Dingle 0-13 AET
(Castlehaven win 4-3 on penalties)

Sport can be very cruel at times. Both sides served up a great game of football in extremely testing conditions, and Dingle always looked fractionally the better side. But Castlehaven, as has always been their wont, hung doggedly in there and twice managed last gaps scores to draw level before winning the penalty shoot-out. It took nine minutes for Conor Flannery to notch the opening score. It was soon 0-2 apiece before Dingle crept into a 0-5 to 0-3 lead. They still led by a point at half-time, 0-6 to 0-5. After forty minutes they were three points up, 0-8 to 0-5. Castlehaven got it back to a one point game but lost a man to a second yellow and Dingle nudged two points clear again. Brian Hurley kicked two points to level again but Conor Geaney's point had the look of a late winner. They should have maybe been a little bit cuter with possession at that point, but turned it over and there was still time for Brian Hurley to take the game to extra-time. Dingle once again went two points ahead in extra-time, but once again Castlehaven came back from the brink with two Cathal Maguire points to take it to penalties.

Castlehaven only led for the first time in the penalty shootout, but it was the right time to lead and once Dingle's last kick was saved, it was all over and so was their journey. A hard way to end their journey, but given their quality, I would not be surprised if the experience stands them in good stead when – and I say when, not if – they come back to this stage again. For now, though, that's cold comfort.

Dingle: Gavin H Curran, Tom Leo O'Sullivan, Conor Flannery (0-1), Tom O'Sullivan (0-1), Darragh O'Sullivan, Brian O'Connor, Niall Geaney (0-1), Barry O'Sullivan, Billy O'Connor, Michael Flannery, Paul Geaney (0-4, 3f), Matthew Flaherty (0-1), Mikey Geaney, Conor Geaney (0-4, 3f), Dylan Geaney (0-1). Subs: Conor O'Sullivan (for Darragh O'Sullivan, 46), Tadhg Browne (for Micheal Flannery, 52), Paul Devane (for Conor Geaney, 70), Brian Devane (for Matthew Flaherty (74), Brendan Kelliher (for Billy O'Connor, 81)

MUNSTER JUNIOR CLUB FINAL

Listowel Emmets 0-9 Kilmurry 1-2

That's a December scoreline if I ever saw

one! The game went exactly as one might have expected. Soft ground and hard wind and rain. Kilmurry shut up shop from early doors and concentrated wholly on stopping Listowel getting shots off. It ain't pretty, but it was exactly the right thing for such complete underdogs to do. My objection is when Division One and Two National League games adopt it in order to deliberately negate skill. This wasn't that. Listowel coped with it as well as possible in the circumstances, leading by 0-4 to 0-0 at half-time – the fact that Kilmurry had just three scoring chances in the half says everything. Listowel midfielder Joe Joe Grimes showed why Cork selected him when he was stationed there as a garda. Listowel led by 0-9 to 0-1 with four minutes left and a late 1-1 for Kilmurry was more cosmetic than significant.

Listowel Emmets: Cathal Keane, Ciarán Pierse, Niall Collins, Eddie Healy, Micheál Kennedy, Eddie Browne, Seán Keane (0-3, 1f), Joe Joe Grimes, Jamie McVeigh (0-1), Jack McElligott, Sam Tarrant (0-3f), Ger McCarthy, Bryan Sweeney (0-1), Cormac Mulvihill, David Keane (0-1f) Subs: Adam O'Rourke (for Ger McCarthy, 38), Darragh Leahy (for David Keane, 43), Darragh Leahy (for Cormac Mulvihill, 56), Jake Moriarty (for Seán Keane, 58), Cillian Holly (for Sam Tarrant, 58), Seán Gilbert (for Eddie Browne, 63)

SOCCER

Ireland 6 Northern Ireland 1

An rud is annamh is iontach. Remember when our mens' team were regularly putting up scorelines like this? Yeah, me neither. It feels like it's almost becoming blasé for the Irish Womens' team in this year of years. I suspect that it's not. I think we are living in a golden age for womens' soccer in this country and I hope they can leave a lasting imprint. Ireland women qualified for their first World Cup this year. Australia went about as well as anyone with realistic expectations (a description that fits very few Irish fans, unfortunately) could have hoped – there is an argument that a more aggressive approach would have yielded more goals scored, but I strongly disagree, it would have left us much more open to counter-attack. We were simply batting well above our weight. I firmly believe that Vera Pauw was hard done by and that matter was appallingly handled by the FAI. But that's not to take away from the achievements of Eileen Gleeson. She has brought players like Toland and Saoirse Noonan (Savannah McCarthy came back after injury) back into the fold and has Ireland playing positive football. It's obvious that we are well past B1 standard now and had already sealed promotion to League A before this game.

Northern Ireland were as good as us initially, with neither side really threatening much or actually looking all that composed. In fact, Lucy Quinn's opener was the first real bite of the game after 36 minutes and I thought it was real class. Lovely control and lay-off by McCabe, that looks simple but isn't, and then a great directional switch (the defender clearly

expected a return down the wing for a cross) and a brilliant finish. In fairness, I did think the keeper should have done better. Quinn turned provider with a cross for Heather Payne to tap home just two minutes later. I'm sorry, but that was dog's defending. That was brutal. Two of you plus the keeper guarding the front post and a player runs unmarked behind you? No, you'd be cross if you saw it in a juvenile game. Northern Ireland are facing a relegation play-off, and frankly I can see why.

Nice cross by Katie McCabe early in the second half and Kyra Caruso nodded home from the front post. I thought maybe she had fouled the defender just before it, but if so, she got away with it. Napoleon wasn't only one who wanted his generals to be lucky. Absolutely no debates about the fourth. There would be a general belief that Ireland's greatest midfielder either hails from Mayfield in Cork or Ormond Square in Dublin. There is an argument (and I'm not making it just yet, the truth is that Division 1B in Europe is not the kind of stage where Roy Keane or John Giles made their name) that a girl from Kilnamamagh, just outside Tallaght in Dublin, belongs in that conversation. Katie McCabe got a little too much room from the defence and used it instantly to open up a shot and my word, what a finish. Just lifted it smoothly like she was passing it to the top corner. Brilliant skill. She is famously dynamic and combative for Arsenal, but there's sublime skill in there too. That was her weak foot, by the way. The fifth was a corner headed home by Louise Quinn. Nothing at all wrong with it; there are games where you are praying for one of those, but it was....ordinary, in a strange way. Just no real talking point.

Northern Ireland pulled one back. Great control by Rebecca Holloway (herself and partner Lucy Quinn must have had plenty to talk about after the game) of a headed clearance and she fired into back into the box, with Kerry Beattie diverting into the net.

Caitlin Hayes got on the end of Megan Connolly's corner to make it 6-1. Very well taken, but again I have to question the defending. The ball simply cannot drop unchallenged in your own square from a set-piece like that. Defend a corner goal-side, that's about as basic as it can get. If Hayes hadn't finished it, Lily Agg would probably have done so.

It never felt like a competitive match, to be honest. More of an exhibition bout. The hard truth is that Ireland being in Tier B in Ladies soccer would be a bit like Kerry's gaelic footballers being in Division Three of the National League. Ireland can't take too much out of it, but you need to enjoy days like these. Otherwise, why bother? Northern Ireland....I expected better, to be quite truthful.

Technically this ends Eileen Gleeson's stint as interim manager of Ireland (and easily the most successful Irish manager on a per-match basis). I understand that her preference is to go back to her overall development role rather than stay on as team manager. One thing is certain. Unlike the mens' role, there will be plenty of willing candidates.



DR. CROKES GAA

EK O'DONOGHUE CUP SEMI FINAL

Dr. Crokes 3:14 Spa 1:06

After a physical battle in the Fitzgerald Stadium on Saturday we have progressed to the East Kerry Final after a 14-point win over Spa. Playing against the wind in the first half, we dominated much of the game. Tony Brosnan opened the scoring with two consecutive points from play. In the 23rd minute of the half our oppositions slipped the ball in to the back of the net after a sloppy bit of defending. The next play saw Micheal Burns send a high ball in to Tony Brosnan who responded with an absolutely fantastic goal having worked well to get around two Spa defenders. We went in leading by 2 at half time 1:05 to 1:02. We continued to dominate the second half, playing some fantastic football. All 20 players who saw game time made a great contribution and stepped up when needed. We saw 6 different Dr. Croke scorers in the second half. Kieran O'Leary's introduction in the second half saw him add 1:01 to his name. He was unlucky to add another goal when his brilliant effort was saved by the Spa goalie and knocked in to the back of the net by Micheal Burns. Tony Brosnan deservedly received the Man of the Match award having scored 1:05 on the day. We now face neighbours Killarney Legion in the Final on December 17th in the Fitzgerald Stadium.

JUVENILE AGM will take place on Tuesday 19th December at 7:30pm. All members are encouraged to attend.

JUVENILE CHRISTMAS PARTY will take place on Monday 18th December from 5pm-7pm. All are welcome.

FR. PADDY'S CARD'S continue every Wednesday at 8pm in the clubhouse. All you need is €5 and a partner. All are Welcome.

LOTTO took place December 11th. Numbers drawn were 7, 12, 15, 24 Jackpot of €7,100 was NOT WON. 10 patrons matched 3 numbers and received €40 each. Jackpot for draw on December 18th will be €7,400. Play online by following the link below and follow instructions attached https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?Il_id=734#Anchor

DR. CROKES SHOP

You can shop worldwide on our online shop. The shop will be open on Wednesday 13th of December from 6pm-7pm.

BINGO

Dr Crokes Bingo continues every Sunday night in St. Marys Parish Hall at 8pm. Doors open at 6:45. This week's jackpot is worth a whopping €2,600 with another €1,650 in prizes to be won in 10 games of bingo. Everyone Welcome.

NOTES

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

KILLARNEY CAMOGIE CLUB

ANNUAL STREET COLLECTION

Our Annual Street Collection took place on Saturday 25th November. Thanks to all who

volunteered to collect during the busy day and to all who supported.

COMMITTEE 2024

After our recent AGM & EGM, the following committee was elected for the 2024 season – Chairperson/DLP Seán Casey, Vice Chairperson Gerard Breen, Secretary Eimear Flynn, Assistant Secretary Maria Quille, Treasurer & Registrar Louise Moynihan, Assistant Treasurer Brendan Doolan, Children's Officer & PRO Caroline O'Leary, Coaching Officer Kate Lynch, Development Officer Sarah Dineen, Camogie County Board Delegates Elaine Murphy and Gerard Breen

TRIALS

Best of luck to all our club players attending Kerry trials over the coming weeks

ALL IRELAND FINAL

We would like to wish our Coaching Officer and Under 14 Coach Kate Lynch the very best of luck with her Clanmaurice teammates as they contest the All Ireland Intermediate Club Camogie Final this Sunday 17th December in Croke Park v Na Fianna of Meath. Kate is an inspiration and role model to all our young players and it would top off an already incredible year to win the Club Final to add to the Division 2A League medal she won with Kerry earlier on in the year! A supporters' bus will be headed for Croke Park on the day, check out Clanmaurice Camogie Club Facebook page for further details.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our players, parents, coaches, committee members, sponsors and supporters a very happy Christmas and a happy & sporting New Year. Thanks to all the news outlets for sharing our achievements and articles throughout the year and to everyone who interacted with us on social media.

EAST KERRY GAA NEWS

by Michael Healy

EAST KERRY O'DONOGHUE CUP

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Semi-Finals: Dr Crokes 3-14 Spa 1-6, Legion 0-8 Kilcummin 0-6

Final: Dr Crokes V Killarney Legion Sunday 17th December 2pm @ Fitzgerald's Stadium.

CONDOLENCES

Sympathies from all in the East Kerry Board to the families of Denny Falvey Annascaul, Kerry, Pat Joe Murphy Knockavinna, Brosna, Kerry / Rockchapel, Cork, Eileen Foley Kerins Park, Tralee, Kerry / Lisselton, Kerry, Jack O'Dowd Carhoona, Tarbert, Kerry and Eamon Horan, Caherslee, Tralee, Kerry, on their recent death's.

EAST KERRY, O'DONOGHUE CUP SEMI FINAL

Final Score: Dr Crokes 3.14 v Spa 1.06

Dr Crokes had a comprehensive win over neighbours Spa in this O'Donoghue cup semi-final played in Killarney's Fitzgerald Stadium on Saturday last. Spa did score a fine goal after twenty three minutes to go a point ahead. However Tony Brosnan was able to reply within a minute to regain the lead. Dr Crokes were ahead by three at half time and were not troubled on the score board to extend their lead to the full time whistle.



Man of the Match Tony Brosnan, man of the match in Saturday's O Donoghue Cup Semi Final, receiving his award of a year's membership of the Aquila Club Gleneagle Hotel, presented by John Dineen Chairman East Kerry C.L.G.

Dr Crokes played into a stiff wind but were first to show with tow early points from County star Tony Brosnan. Spa did settle and had their first point after four minutes from Evan Cronin after good work from Darra Moynihan and Michael O'Donoghue. Dr Crokes were turned over and hit a few wides due to a tight defence from Spa and the blustery conditions. They did however have the next two points from Tom Doyle and David Shaw with Gavin White driving his team on from the back. Michael O'Donoghue kicked a beautiful point from distance to keep Spa in touch. Then the Spa goal arrived courtesy of Michael McCarthy after good work from Dara Moynihan. The Crokes goal arrived within the minute and restored a two point lead. Michael Burns was able to claim one further point through a close in free to lead the game at half time 1.05 v 1.02

Dr Crokes had the wind in the second half, but Spa were first to score through Mikey Moynihan. Brosnan and Shaw had two points back before Darra Moynihan got a point for Spa. Dr Crokes were in control of the game and hit four points from Tom Doyle, Cian McMahon and two from Tony Brosnan. Substitute Garry Vaughan had a point for Spa, while Shaw had a good point for Crokes. Dr Crokes substitute Kieran O'Leary was not long on when he collected a long delivery from Captain Gavin O'Shea and wasted no time to find the net after a direct run. O'Leary hit another point before Shaw got the third goal for Dr Crokes. Cian Murphy closed the scoring for Spa and Tom Doyle got the last point for Dr Crokes from distance. Referee Pdraig O'Sullivan called a halt to proceedings, with Crokes now looking to complete 3 in a row against Legion next weekend.

O'DONOGHUE CUP SEMI FINAL

Killarney Legion 0-8 Kilcummin 0-6

Killarney Legion qualified for their sixth O'Donoghue Cup final in twenty years after eventually getting the better of a game Kilcummin side. The game played at Fitzgerald Stadium, was in the eye of Storm Fergus with a gale force wind blowing down towards the



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dressings room goal. Kilcummin had the benefit of the conditions in the first half but points from Ryan O'Grady and a brace from Peter McCarthy had us 0-3 to 0-1 in front after eight minutes. Kilcummin eventually settled into the conditions and points from Chris O Grady and Mark O Shea, plus a free from Brendan Kealy, kept them well in contention. A late point from Eoghan O Sullivan made it 0-5 each as the teams headed for some respite from the weather. The wind grew stronger in the second half but Kilcummin made an assured start, clipping over a free by Gary O Leary to go one clear, 0-6 to 0-5. After a few unsuccessful forays into the Kilcummin half, Finbarr Murphy regained parity with ten minutes on the clock. Substitute Will Shine stole forward to put us one clear with James O Donoghue adding another as the clock ticked towards 60 minutes. To be fair to Kilcummin they battled to the very end, but Legion's defence was standing firm. After five minutes of overtime, referee Brendan Brosnan blew the whistle for the final time. Legion now advance to face old rivals Dr Crokes next weekend at 2.15pm in Fitzgerald Stadium.

KILLARNEY LEGION

O'DONOGHUE CUP

Our Senior Men qualified for our sixth O'Donoghue Cup final in twenty years after eventually getting the better of a game Kilcummin side. The game, played at Fitzgerald Stadium, was in the eye of Storm Fergus with a gale force wind blowing down towards the dressing room goal. Kilcummin had the benefit of the conditions in the first half but points from Ryan O'Grady and a brace from Peter McCarthy had us 0-3 to 0-1 in front after eight minutes. Kilcummin eventually settled into the conditions and despite another point for James O Donoghue we were in arrears by one point heading towards half time. A late point from Eoghan O Sullivan made it 0-5 each as the teams headed for some respite from the weather. The wind grew stronger in the second half but

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CLUB AGM

A well attended AGM was held in the Randles Court Hotel last night. David Randles chaired a comprehensive review of the clubs activities this year and paid tribute to all those who undertook various roles from officers to coaches to all the various sub committee members. He paid particular tribute to Lara O'Brien for her role as Club Secretary as Lara is stepping down. Denise Fogarty was welcomed back into the fold, having previously served in the same position for four years.

The Club finances were also discussed with particular emphasis on a renewed effort to fundraise. With our facilities upgraded in recent years it comes with an increased maintenance cost. The ever busy Field and Facilities committee were rightly lauded for their efforts in keeping our playing surfaces in top conditions and everyone from grass cutters to pitch liners were suitably praised.

Donal O Leary gave a comprehensive round up of the Club Juvenile activities and with over a dozen teams between boys and girls it certainly is a busy department. The need to recruit new members and retain existing ones is of course of the utmost importance and all club members are being urged to pay their part on that count. A sub committee will also be established to research, review and survey areas of strength and weaknesses within the club. This process will commence shortly with the hope of being up and running by early 2024.

The following will serve as officers for the year ahead.

President: Tommy Regan

Vice Presidents: Noel Wade, Donie Fleming, Joan Culloty, Joan Fogarty, Johnny Culloty, Mary Regan, Sean O Grady, Jimmy O Leary.

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Juvenile Chairman: Donal O Leary

County Board Delegate: Donal Culloty

East Kerry Board: Delegate John Hegarty

Ladies Chairperson: Ted Healy

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thanks to everyone who helped out at the kids party last Sunday afternoon in the International Hotel. It was great to see such a big gathering of

the club members and kids having a great time. There was a great turnout and special mention for the ever busy Patricia Quigley who painted most of the 90 faces there! DJ Jack Enright kept them all bopping on the dance floor while club snapper Maria O Sullivan captured all the excitement. Thank you to the International Hotel for hosting us as well. And of course not to forget the man himself Santa Claus for making everyone's day.

LOTTO

Monday December 4th. Numbers were 20, 23, 26, 28. Bonus No. 5. No jackpot winner. Match 3s / Lucky Dips: 1.Sharon McIndoe online 2. Raymond Furlong online 3. Ollie Favier The Shire 4. Jessica Keane O'Kelly's Villas 5. Johnny O Sullivan 148 Pinewood

MILLTOWN/CASTLEMAINE CLUB

LOTTO

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The fortnightly club lotto draw took place on Monday, December 11th at the club grounds. There was no jackpot winner on this occasion. The numbers drawn were 8, 19, 24 and the bonus ball was 32. Congratulations to our match 3 winner (€200): Gerard Mulligan, Castlegregory. Our next club lotto draw, which will be the Christmas Special, is scheduled to take place on Thursday, December 21st at 19:30pm in the Clubhouse where the jackpot will be €13,000. Get your draw tickets or renew your yearly tickets online on Clubforce or get your tickets for the next draw from all the usual local outlets.

THE FIRST MFC CHRISTMAS ORDER COLLECTION

The elves will be handing out the MFC packages again next Monday, December 18th from 19:10 to 19:40 at The Clubhouse. If you can't collect yourself, can you please nominate someone to collect for you.

Please have your Customer ORDER NAME, as per the confirmation email you received from MFC, as the individual packages, will be sorted by Name, to speed up the delivery process. Unfortunately the second order (late October) is not ready yet but will be delivered next week.

MID KERRY SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL: PADDY BURKE MEMORIAL PARK, MILLTOWN TO HOST DECIDER!

Whilst our Milltown/Castlemaine Seniors will not be involved in the Mid Kerry Senior Football Championship Final on Sunday, December 17th, the Paddy Burke Memorial Park in Milltown will play host to the decider as Laune Rangers take on Keel at 2:00pm. Two clubs that haven't tasted success in this competition since 2006 and 2009 respectively. It is a great honour to see our superb facilities host both the Mid Kerry Minor and Senior Finals this year and is testament to the Trojan work going on by all the volunteers involved in our club. We look forward to showing off our facilities once more this weekend in a positive light and send our best wishes to the two participating sides.

CONDOLENCES

All involved in Milltown/Castlemaine GAA would like to pass on our sincere condolences to the



family of the late James A. (Jimmy) Boyle of Ardtedaun, Castlemaine, Co. Kerry.

Jimmy was one of the current Vice-Presidents of Milltown/Castlemaine GAA and his family have a long and distinguished record of service when it comes to representing numerous teams down through the years at the club. Our thoughts and prayers are with Jimmy's family and friends at this most difficult time. Ar Dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

MILLTOWN/CASTLEMAINE VIDEO RACE NIGHT 2023

A video race night will be held in Griffins Bar & Restaurant Castlemaine on Friday, December 29th. Finger food will be served and tote betting will be available on the night.

The club is seeking sponsors for the individual races as well as owners for the horses. Sellers will be in touch in the coming weeks.

This is always a great post-festive season night out so we look forward to as many members from our community joining us again this year. It is the end of another successful year for our club, both on and off the field. However, we need your support to continue to provide excellent facilities to our members, especially our children. Running costs exceed €50k per annum, which we need to fund within our club, as no funding comes from the County Board or Croke Park. Membership is part of our income

but the other main source, like a lot of clubs, is our Club Lotto. This year to promote the lotto again, we have a promotion in conjunction with our race night

Our aim is to have all families who enjoy the club facilities to have a lotto ticket. We urge all members to please support this fundraiser and help keep our club going in the right direction. We have 30+ volunteers calling to their lists of people but it will be impossible to call to all. A great social night is guaranteed at our Race Night with fantastic prizes on 29th December in Griffins Bar, Castlemaine. We hope to see as many as possible on the night, to watch their horses in action.

Please see details below of how you can sign up to support your club.

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All involved in Milltown/Castlemaine GAA would like to pass on our sincere condolences to the family of the late Glenise Downes (nee Potts) of Drumbiggie Road, Ennis, Co. Clare and formerly of Bilston, United Kingdom.

Glenise's son John, her daughter-in-law Karen and grandchildren Ben and Daniel are active and valued members of the Milltown/Castlemaine GAA Club. Our thoughts and prayers are with Glenise's family and friends at this most difficult time. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam.

CLUB MERCHANDISE

Milltown/Castlemaine GAA club gear and merchandise is now available to buy online from both the Club Shop.

The Club Shop contains details of the large amount of branded Milltown-Castlemaine & Kerry stock we have available within the club, for immediate delivery, please use the link to check stock levels and sizes.

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ITEMS FOR THE CLUB NOTES

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

Eoin Moynihan & Maurice 'Mottie' O'Donoghue Cup

The annual Eoin Moynihan & Maurice 'Mottie' O'Donoghue Cup was played in Glenflesk on Monday evening. This competition has taken place over decades in memory of Eoin and Maurice. This year's winners, who were captained by Sean Angland won a very sporting and competitive match under lights in Glenflesk. Neily Moynihan and Noreen O'Donoghue presented the cup and senior player, Killian O'Sullivan presented the medals. Also on the night, awards were handed out, with Sam Guérineau receiving the most dedicated player of year, Padraig Lenihan received most improved player during the year and Patrick O'Donoghue who won the overall player of year award. Coiste na nÓg chairperson, Pádraig O'Sullivan also thanked the management team of Micheál O'Donoghue, Tony O'Sullivan and Donal McCarthy for all their time and commitment to the team throughout the year. He also thanked Shane O'Riordan for the sponsorship of training jerseys and to Tom Tobin of Killarney Medal and Trophies for his sponsorship of the player awards on the night. From the football on display on the night, the future of Glenflesk football is in safe hands with these up and coming stars.



Captain Sean Angland receives the cup from Noreen O'Donoghue and Neily Moynihan at the Eoin Moynihan Maurice Mottie Cup Final. Photo Seamus Healy



Winning team in the Eoin Moynihan Maurice Mottie Cup Final. Photo Seamus Healy



Runners up in the Eoin Moynihan Maurice Mottie Cup Final. Photo Seamus Healy

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9.30 PM

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

1st Wednesday

8.00 PM
8.30 PM
9.00 PM
9.30 PM

Killarney Area

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

1st Thursday

8.30 PM
9.00 PM
9.30 PM
10.00 PM

Glenflesk & Barraduff

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

1st Friday

9.30 PM
10.00 PM
10.30 PM

Tuosist & Lauragh

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

3rd Monday

8.30 PM
9.00 PM
9.30 PM
9.45 PM

Knocknagoshel & Brosna

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

3rd Friday

7.30 PM
8.00 PM
8.15 PM
9.00 PM
9.30 PM

Castleisland Area

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

4th Thursday

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

Killorglin Area

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

4th Friday

8.30 PM
9.30 PM
10.00 PM
10.45 PM

Kenmare & Sneem Area

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

Last Monday

8.00 PM
8.30 PM
9.00 PM
10.00 PM

Farranfore Area

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BEAUFORT WASTEWATER SCHEME

Local Fianna Fáil Councillor, Michael Cahill was delighted to receive the news that Beaufort has been included by the Minister for Housing, Darragh O'Brien as a successful applicant for funding under the €50m grant targeting the waste water collection and treatment of villages without access to such services.

"I have campaigned over a long period of time for a Sewerage Scheme for Beaufort, arranging Deputations, meetings with Uisce Eireann, Notices of Motions, lobbying Council Officials, lobbying Ministers, etc, and on a personal basis I am delighted that Beaufort has been given the Green Light" stated Councillor Cahill.

"The inclusion of Beaufort in this €50m funding along with 6 other applicants nationwide, is fantastic

news. At last we can see some relief coming to the residents of housing developments in Beaufort such as Coolmagort Avenue, on whose behalf I have lobbied loud, long and hard. Their suffering to date has been horrendous and perhaps now that can be finally ended with this funding" said Councillor Cahill.

"This has been a long battle and it gives me great personal satisfaction that I was able to impress upon the Minister and his Department of the deep need for this Wastewater Treatment Plant in Beaufort. I sincerely hope that there is no further delay in order that this hugely important facility is put in place for the people of Beaufort as soon as is humanly possible" added Councillor Cahill.



Cllr. Brendan Cronin is delighted to confirm that his allocation of €3,000 allowed for the construction of a new footpath access into Park Drive estate, Park Road, Killarney. These works have been completed recently and hopefully this new footpath will be of benefit to the local resident.

CALL FOR ACRES TO BE PAID BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Danny Healy Rae, TD has requested in the Dail that the ACRES Cooperation farm payments be paid before Christmas.

"It is not fair on farmers that they are expected to wait for the payments," the Kerry TD said.

It has been indicated by the Department of Agriculture that over 18,000 farmers who have applied under the ACRES Cooperation project stream won't be paid until next February, at the earliest.

This is not acceptable; Farmers need money for Christmas like everyone else. After a very tough year weather wise, bad weather makes every chore more expensive, fodder is scarce and expensive, they have bills to pay like everyone else, What I am asking now is that if the Government can't pay the 100% at least pay them 50%, that all farmers be paid their payments 50% before Christmas and pay the remainder after. It is a fair and reasonable request.

Grants Available for Faulty Septic Tanks

Cllr. John O'Donoghue is delighted with the news that following his Notice of Motion in June 2023, calling for an end to the restrictions on people being able to avail of the grant to fix faulty septic tanks, that the minister has listened to his call. The previous situation encouraged people to turn a blind eye if their septic tank was malfunctioning, which was a disaster from an environmental perspective.

"From January 2024, everyone who has a malfunctioning septic tank will be able to avail of this grant which is wonderful news. It is imperative that we as local authorities do all we can to preserve our local ecosystems, and this is a huge step in the right direction", Cllr O'Donoghue told Killarney Outlook.



NEW APPRENTICE TRAINING FACILITIES AT MTU

Education Minister Norma Foley has welcomed the provision of €425,000 for new apprenticeship training facilities at MTU Kerry

The additional capacity is required to meet the increase in apprentice registrations as indicated by SOLAS in a number of trades.

The funding will pay for the construction of six new training blocks at MTU Kerry for electrical apprenticeships.

Minister Foley welcomed the funding announcement by

her cabinet colleague, Minister for Further and Higher Education Simon Harris.

The Government is providing €17 million in total for 132 apprenticeship craft training blocks in technological universities around the country to support extra apprenticeships in crafts such as Electrical, Electronic Security Systems, Pipefitting, Plumbing, Metal Fabrication and Refrigeration and Air Conditioning.





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A Word of Victory

Welcome back dear student "God, the Lord, created the heavens and the earth and everything in it. He gives Breath to everyone, Life to everyone..." (Isaiah 42:5). Last week we spoke of pressure triggering reactions in the body causing breathlessness. The Christmas season can be a time of stress and frustration for many: those under financial pressure - or those worried about difficult family get-togethers going haywire. It can be a time of loneliness and despair for others who are grieving and in pain, or those walking through a dark season (Psalm 23:4). Everywhere you go people ask, 'are you all ready for Christmas?' which, if you are not, causes high tension to those already suffering. What does 'ready for Christmas' mean anyway? It's one day - a meal. But it has been made into a high thing, and high things exalt themselves against the knowledge of God (2 Corinthians 10:5). It's great to meet up and spend time with friends and family, and lovingly give presents, but much of it is out of proportion. Older generations have happy memories of Christmas long ago, mostly involving very humble gifts - but that include worshipping the Lord Jesus, Who this festival is supposed to be about. Now it has been taken over by drinking fests, extravagance and baloney. There's nothing wrong with folks enjoying themselves - God wants us to enjoy our lives (John 10:10) But when people try to enjoy their lives without God, there's no fulfilment, and that's why they need more. More drink, more parties, more shopping - the desires are insatiable, because the 'things' are not satisfying.

True contentment is not found in stuff or great nights out, it's only found in relationship with the One Who made us. The effect of searching for happiness in the wrong places makes for a cycle of devastation. This is why many dread Christmas - because of loved ones drinking or fighting, spoiling what the world portrays as 'the happiest time of the year'. Christmas becomes a major anti-climax, and leaves people feeling isolated and joyless, creating inner conflict, a root cause of oppression and heaviness. So how do we tackle this according to the Word of God? (Isaiah 61:1-3). There is a God-solution for every problem. 1) The first answer is Prayer (Psalm 27). Seek God and ask Him to show you how to navigate through this time. 2) Study His Word and focus on what He says, rather than what the world is telling you to do. "Let God be true, but every man a liar" (Romans 3:4). This means fix your eyes upon Jesus and refuse to let the crap get to you. When it does, bring it to Him and ask Him to help you deal with it. 3) Ask the Lord Jesus to shine His Glory Light into those areas of darkness where the devil is operating and bring God's answer through His Holy Spirit Power (2 Corinthians 4:6-18). Don't let the enemy trick you into believing that everyone else is happy so there's something wrong with you, or you are cursed to be forever defeated. Satan is a liar first and foremost - his character is lies (John 8:44). But God is Faithful and True (Psalm 33:4). You can trust Him to not only help you stand and endure difficult times, but to overcome and come out victorious (Romans 8:31-39). Finally, 4) Ask the Lord to give you His Grace to be wise, merciful and patient! For '...His Grace is all you need. His Power works best in weakness...for when you are weak then you are strong.' (2 Corinthians 12:9-10 NLT). God's got you friend x

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

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Mass Times

Sunday 24th of Dec Christmas Eve, also 4th Sunday of Advent Masses at St Mary's Cathedral Sunday 8.00am, 10.30am - (No 12noon) Church of the Resurrection 9.30am—(No 11.00am) Church of the Holy Spirit, Muckross—9.30am

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

St Mary's Cathedral Sunday Vigil 6.15pm & Midnight Mass

St Mary's Cathedral Monday 8.00am, 10.30am & 12noon (No 6.15pm) Church of the Resurrection Vigil 6.00pm & Monday 11.00am

Church of the Holy Spirit, Muckross—Vigil 9.00pm Monday 9.30am Franciscan Friary Sunday 24th 7.00pm and 9.00pm Vigil Masses Franciscan Friary Monday 25th 8.30am 10.00am and 11.30am.

NEW CEMETERY GRAVEYARD CHRISTMAS WREATH BLESSING:

Sun 17th Dec 2pm. All are invited to attend and to bring along Christmas Wreaths or flowers for blessing. Parking on one side of the road only.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT - December 17th @ 7p.m in Killarney Cathedral. Join the choirs of all our local Schools & The Killarney Harmonisers and The Cathedral Choir, for the most wonderful carol concert! Admission Free, donations will be distributed to local charities.

ORDER OF MALTA BAKE SALE: On Friday the 15th of December 6pm -9pm in St Mary's Parish Hall in aid of the Holy Family Hospital.

MOBILE CRIB can now be booked to visit your housing estate, care home, hospital, school etc. Please call 087 7796966 for further details.

BLESSING OF THE CRIB: Saturday 16th of Dec during the 6.15pm Mass

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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.

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PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

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You have said O Divine Jesus, ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and the door shall be opened to you.

Relying on these promises, I come with confidence during this novena to beg of you the favours that I need (make request). For whom shall I ask Lord Jesus if not from you whose heart is an unfailing source of graces and merits. Most loving heart of my God. I believe in your power, I believe in your knowledge I believe in your personal love for me, and therefore O Sacred heart of Jesus I place all my trust in you. Our father, Hail Mary and Glory, say 3 times for 3 days must promise publication.

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**1ST ANNIVERSARY &
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
MIKE CREMIN



CORRAN, HEADFORD,
KILLARNEY

WHO SADLY PASSED AWAY ON
23RD DECEMBER 2022

As we lovingly remember Mike, our wonderful brother and uncle on his first anniversary, we his family would like to express our sincere gratitude to those who helped and supported us through our devastating loss. We wish to thank, our extended family, those who offered condolences, sent mass cards, floral tributes, phoned, visited us, Mike's kind neighbours and friends who lined the road to bid Mike a final farewell.

A special thanks to the wonderful staff of Cork University Hospital and Dr. Leaders Medical Practice Boherbue who cared for Mike in his last few months of life. We are very grateful for the care he received.

We would like to thank Fr. Pat O'Donnell for performing such a thoughtful ceremony, Sr Stella for preparing the church, as well as Paud O'Donoghue who provided the beautiful music throughout the ceremony.

We would like to give a special thanks to Mr. John D O'Keeffe Funeral directors and his colleagues for their kindness and professionalism.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our deepest gratitude. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions.


Mike's First Anniversary Mass will be held in Rathmore Church on Friday 22nd of December 2023 at 7pm.

THANKSGIVING

For favours received from Sacred Heart of Jesus, Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Bernadette, St. Martin De Porres, St. Roch, St. Padre Pio, St. Michael the Archangel, St. Perigrine for many favours received and that includes health.

1ST ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
JANIE GRIFFIN



COOLEGREAN PARK,
KILLARNEY, CO KERRY

WHO PASSED AWAY
24/12/2022.

*But when tomorrow starts without me
Please try to understand,
That an angel came and called my name
And took me by the hand,
And said my place was ready
In Heaven far above.
And that I'd have to leave behind
All those I dearly love
But when I walked through Heaven's gate
I felt so much at home.
When God looked down and smiled at me
From His great golden throne.*

Remembered & loved by your loving
Daughter Betty, Son-In-Law Tim,
Grandaughter's Sharon & Diane,
Sharon's husband Peter &
Great-Grandchildren Kate & Michael
xx

Anniversary Mass
for Janie will take place on
Monday 18th of December at 6.15pm
in St Mary's Cathedral.

**NOVENA TO THE
SACRED HEART**


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2ND ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
MARY BARRY



COOLCORCORAN,
TRALEE ROAD, KILLARNEY

WHO PASSED AWAY ON
21ST DECEMBER 2021

*A wife, a mother, a grandmother too,
This is the legacy we have from you.
You taught us love and how to fight,
You gave us strength, you gave us might.
A stronger person, would be hard to find,
And in your heart, you were always kind.
You fought for us all in one way or another,
Not just as a wife not just as a mother.
For all of us you gave your best,
Now you have found your eternal rest.
You are at peace, you've earned your sleep,
Your love in our hearts we'll forever keep.*

**Sadly missed and always remembered
by your loving family.**

*Anniversary mass for Mary will be held on
Saturday 16th December at 6.15pm in
St. Marys Cathedral, Killarney*

**NOVENA TO THE
SACRED HEART**

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