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Aisling Crosbie.

FROM THE EDITOR

Blue skies, snow falling and icy conditions were all experienced in Killarney over the past week and even though it is set to change on Sunday, it has been a welcome change to the grey skies. A Killarney elite athlete has won the toughest endurance race in the world, Killarney Golf & Fishing Club is set to host a major competition and the Jobs Fair has been launched at The Great Southern Hotel.

An empowering fashion event is set to take place at the INEC on St Brigid's Day, the Meitheal will take centre stage on our screens tonight at 7pm on RTE 1 and Anne Lucey takes a look at the coffee shop closures in Killarney.

The memory of a much loved Muckcross man will be honoured on Sunday at a walk in his name, athlete Sarah Leahy has started the 2024 season in powerful fashion and local clubs are planning a substance misuse awareness evening.

Fossa GAA celebrated a fantastic 2023, Kerry GC got off to a winning start and Jimmy takes a look at All Things Sport.

Hope you enjoy this week's Killarney Outlook!

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Joe O'Leary, pictured when he was competing in
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KILLARNEY ELITE ATHLETE, JOE O'LEARY HAS WON THE MONTANE WINTER SPINE CHALLENGER NORTH IN EMPHATIC FASHION TAKING OVER 16HRS OFF THE EXISTING COURSE RECORD.

The MONTANE Spine® Race is a non-stop 144 mile (232 Km) winter ultra-marathon encompassing the entire length of the Pennine Way. The Montane Spine Races are widely regarded amongst the toughest and brutal endurance races in the world.

Joe finished 3rd in the Montane Winter Spine Challenger South in 2022, and then 3rd in the full Montane Winter Spine Race last year. He said he came here planning on coming 3rd in another #SpineRace event but Joe far surpassed that goal.

It's been a bitterly cold event throughout, something which has obviously created issues for many runners, but Joe seemed to thrive saying he'd 'rather be cold and miserable than too hot'.

Conditions over the Cheviots on Tuesday night

were extremely tough with patches of sheet ice, and slabs covered in black ice everywhere. But none of it was enough to stop Joe.

"Joe is a pleasure to have on a Spine Race event. Positive and friendly throughout he is always popular with the Checkpoint Teams.

Massive congratulations from everyone at the Montane Spine Race. An astonishing performance and a well-deserved result", the organisers of the event said following Joe's epic win.



Well done.... Joe O'Leary is congratulated on his amazing achievement. Photos courtesy of Montane®Spine race ©

A man with glasses, wearing a grey blazer over a blue sweater and dark trousers, stands in front of a shop window. He is smiling and pointing towards a large blue sign posted in the window. The sign has white text and is decorated with quill pens at the top corners. The sign reads: 'QUILLS MENSWEAR', 'SUIT SCRAPPAGE SCHEME', 'TIME TO CHANGE YOUR SUIT? TIRED OF YOUR OLD STYLE?', 'BRING YOUR OLD SUIT INTO US AND WE WILL GIVE YOU €100!....YES €100! OFF THE PRICE OF A BRAND NEW SUIT!', 'YOUR OLD SUIT WILL BE DONATED TO A LOCAL CHARITY', and 'ASK INSIDE FOR MORE DETAILS!'. The shop window behind him shows various items on display, including hats and shoes.

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KILLARNEY GOLF & FISHING CLUB TO HOST THE 2025 EUROPEAN AMATEUR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

The spectacular Killarney Golf & Fishing Club has been chosen to host the 2025 European Amateur Team Championship following a detailed bidding process.

16 teams will compete for the premier men's amateur team event in Europe, which will take place on the Killeen Course between 8-12 July 2025, as Killarney celebrates the 50th anniversary of their last hosting of this event.

The Killeen Course has previously hosted four European Tour events, with the Irish Opens in 1991, 1992, 2010 and 2011, along with the 1996 Curtis Cup.

Ireland had an historic double last year when Alison Taylor (Malahide) and Eddie McCormack (Galway Bay) were victorious in the European Senior Ladies' and Men's Championship in Douglas.

In 2007 the Irish trio of Rory McIlroy, Shane Lowry and Jonathan Caldwell won Gold in the European Amateur Team Championship at Western Gailes. Meanwhile, Ireland landed a bronze medal last year and Golf Ireland CEO Mark Kennelly is excited to see the event return to the island next year.

"We are all looking forward to hosting these brilliant championships back in Ireland again in 2025," said Kennelly.

"It was great to see two Irish competitors picking up silverware in the senior championships last year and it will be interesting to see how our team can perform in the wonderful surrounds of Killarney."

Many of the world's best have competed in the European Amateur Team Championship over the years. Masters champion, Jon Rahm, was part of the Spanish team in 2014. Fellow Ryder Cup star, Bob McIntyre, represented Scotland two years later, while 2023 Amgen Irish Open winner, Vincent Norrman, teamed up with another Ryder Cup sensation, Ludvig Åberg, in 2019.

The European Amateur Team Championship will take place at Royal Park I Roveri in Italy this summer, with Spain looking to defend the crown they won at Royal Waterloo last year.

"2023 was another great year for our Irish teams with the men performing heroics to bring home a bronze medal from Belgium," said Golf Ireland High Performance Director, Neil Manchip.

"The future is bright and we look forward to seeing these players grow as they make the trip to Italy before a massive occasion in Kerry next year."

Killarney Golf & Fishing Club are overjoyed to announce that they will once again play host to the prestigious European Amateur Team



Frank Shaw, Chairperson Killarney Golf & Fishing Club, Kate O'Leary Lady Captain Killarney, Colin Finlay Director of Golf Killarney, Mark Kennelly CEO Golf Ireland, Helen Prendergast Club President Killarney and Jim Long President Golf Ireland, launching the European Team Championships 2025 which will be hosted by Killarney Golf & Fishing Club. Photo: Michelle Cooper Galvin

Championship.

It returns for the first time since 1975 and will present a wonderful opportunity for the club to showcase their magnificent championship courses and practice facilities alongside the breathtaking backdrop.

"The prospect of witnessing the finest amateur golfers on our home turf is a source of excitement and delight for our members," said Killarney Golf & Fishing Club Captain John O'Mahony.

"We look forward to working closely with everyone involved to make the event a huge success for the club, the historic town of Killarney, and for golf in Ireland.

"We have no doubt that the world-class accommodation, exceptional restaurants, and the famous Irish welcome are perfectly poised to provide an unforgettable experience for participants and spectators alike."



Derek O Leary, Manager of Ballyspillane Community & Family Resource Centre welcoming Cathy Murphy, Community Garda to the centre during the week.

A WARM WELCOME FOR NEW COMMUNITY GARDA

The red carpet was rolled out for the new Community Garda as she paid a visit to Ballyspillane Community & Family Resource Centre this week.

Garda Cathy Murphy, in spite of being a Cork woman received a warm welcome as she visited Ballyspillane CFRC. Her appointment has come after an absence of a Community Garda in the Killarney area for a period of time.

Community policing is the provision of a policing service to the whole community both urban and rural through a partnership based, proactive, problem solving style of policing. It is focused on community engagement, crime prevention and law enforcement and addresses crime and policing quality of life issues affecting communities. An Garda Síochána delivers an effective community policing service, responsive to the needs of a modern and diverse community through community engagement, community partnerships, problem solving, crime prevention, law enforcement and accountability

"Specific community policing resources is a key factor in ensuring that the Gardai are embedded in the community and it affords the opportunity for strong community relationships to be established" stated Derek O Leary, manager of Ballyspillane CFRC.

"Cathy has a great attitude to policing and I have no doubt that she will be an asset to communities throughout the Killarney area. We look forward to partnering with her over the coming months" Derek went on to say.



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Following on the tremendous success of last year's South Kerry Jobs Fair, significant work has already been undertaken to ensure this year's programme of events is further enhanced. Planned for Thursday, February 15th at the Great Southern Hotel in Killarney, the event promises to have even more jobs on offer as well as adding a range of workshops covering topics such as CV Tailoring, Upskilling and Interview Techniques. It is being organised by South Kerry Development Partnership in conjunction with the Killarney Chamber of Tourism & Commerce with support from Red Chair Recruitment, HR Buddy, Dream Jobs and The Great Southern Hotel Killarney. Companies from a broad range of sectors including Hospitality, Health & Social Care, Engineering, Education & Training, Financial Services, Manufacturing will be in attendance.

SKDP's Enterprise Office Joanne Griffin said that they have continued to have engagement with the employers from last year and are working with them to enhance the event further for participants in 2024. "Employers said they were delighted with the numbers and quality of the candidates attending the event and they are hopeful of again filling an extensive number of jobs this year" Joanne said. "The addition of the workshops will help candidates to further develop their skills in their bid to secure employment" she added.

Bridget O'Keeffe, Senior Executive Killarney Chamber of Tourism & Commerce said that the positive response they received to last year's event offers real encouragement to develop the event further this year. "Many employers across all sectors are struggling to find employees in what is a tight recruitment market and this event provides them with a platform to engage directly with potential employees" she said.

SKDP CEO Noel Spillane noted that it was great that all the different organisations were joining together to help support and grow the economy across South Kerry and it showcases the broad

Enhanced **SOUTH KERRY JOBS FAIR** in Killarney this February



Pictured at the launch of the South Kerry Jobs Fair at The Great Southern Hotel on Tuesday morning were from left: Fred McDonogh, Red Chair Recruitment, Shauna O'Donoghue, Great Southern Hotel, Gretel O'Sullivan South Kerry Skills Net, Katy Jacobi, Killarney Chamber of Tourism & Commerce, Bridget O'Keeffe, Killarney Chamber of Tourism & Commerce, Kate O'Shea, Dream Jobs, Joanne Griffin, South Kerry Development Partnership, Noel Spillane, South Kerry Development Partnership, Damien McCarthy, HR Buddy and Adrian King, Red Chair Recruitment.

range of jobs that are available for people already living in the region or those interested in perhaps moving back to the area.

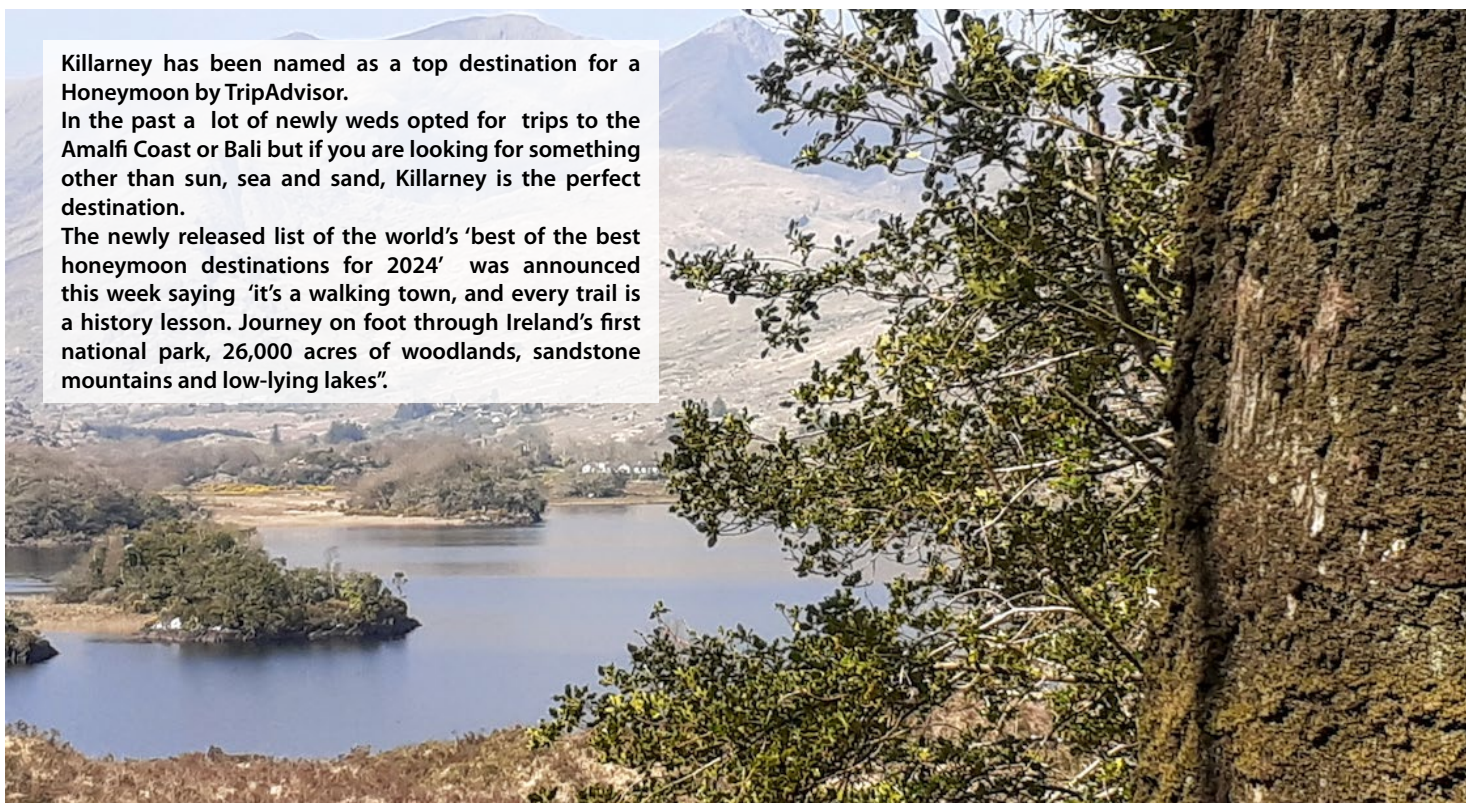
The event will open to the public from 10.30am to 1.30pm and no prior registration is required. Workshops will run throughout

the event from 10.45am on. Candidates are advised to bring copies of their CV's with them so they can present them to potential employers.

Killarney has been named as a top destination for a Honeymoon by TripAdvisor.

In the past a lot of newly weds opted for trips to the Amalfi Coast or Bali but if you are looking for something other than sun, sea and sand, Killarney is the perfect destination.

The newly released list of the world's 'best of the best honeymoon destinations for 2024' was announced this week saying 'it's a walking town, and every trail is a history lesson. Journey on foot through Ireland's first national park, 26,000 acres of woodlands, sandstone mountains and low-lying lakes'.



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A stunning fashion event led by two of Kerry's most renowned fashion designers is set to kick off St Brigid's Day celebrations in the Kingdom on Thursday, February 1st

Being billed as the fashion highlight of 2024 in Kerry, Don O'Neill and Colin Horgan will take centre stage at Killarney's INEC Arena for Recovery Haven Kerry's Designer Fashion Showcase, which will incorporate the spirit of this extraordinary Irish saint on her 1500th anniversary.

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

Don explained that hosting the event taking on the auspicious 1500th anniversary of St Brigid's Day is a wonderful way to celebrate this extraordinary saint and all she achieved during her remarkable lifetime.

"Brigid is a role model for the ages, inspiring us with her compassion, her hospitality, her generosity, her skills as a healer and a teacher, her wisdom, her respect for our life giving planet and living in harmony with mother nature - a peacemaker and diplomat, a model of equality recognizing and treating women and men as equals, as she inspired generations to emulate her and follow in her footsteps," Don said.

"It is with this spirit of empowerment and community we will endeavour to empower each other at the INEC on February 1st, as we celebrate St. Brigid with inspiring song, fashion and conversation, as we raise much need funds for Recovery Haven Kerry. Colin and I have dedicated our careers to empowering women through our designs and are thrilled to be part of this event."

The event will be MC'd by legendary RTE broadcaster, Mary Kennedy, who will also facilitate an exclusive Q&A session with both designers, while event producer, Norma O'Donoghue, has also secured some of the country's top designers and local boutiques to feature, including Catriona Hanley, Marion Murphy Cooney, Tina Griffin, Frances Fogarty, Cathy Troth, Carol Kennelly, MacBees, Scarlet, the Strand House and Jasmine.

KERRY CANCER SUPPORT CHARITY CELEBRATES ST BRIGID'S DAY WITH EMPOWERING FASHION EVENT



Pictured at the launch at the Recovery Haven Cancer Cnt in Tralee were Clare O'Doherty Recovery Haven, Cathy Troth Tralee, Dianne Jeffers Tralee, Mary Woulfe Tralee, Don O'Neill Irish fashion designer and Noreen O'Flaherty Recovery Haven Tralee. Photo By : Domnick Walsh © Eye Focus LTD

Renowned social media influencer Helen Murphy, aka daily_diviary, will be a special guest and has been given the unenviable task of choosing the best dressed lady - with a fantastic prize package worth hundreds of euro up for grabs for the winner.

Kicking off with a Prosecco and wine reception at 7pm, other highlights will include special guest entertainment from the stunning O'Neill sisters; a bumper raffle and an after-party at the Gleneagle's Backstage Bar.

Tickets are priced at €30 and are available now

from Recovery Haven, the INEC Box Office and on Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/763345877067?aff=oddtcreator->

And for those wishing to attend as a group, a selection of group discount offers are available, by contacting Recovery Haven directly.

Management at The Gleneagle Hotel, meanwhile, are offering a discounted overnight package for the event, priced at €125 per room B&B (quote Recovery Haven).

GREAT TURNOUT AS €2,500 RAISED FOR CLIONA'S FOUNDATION



Muireann O'Donoghue and Sinead Byrne who held a coffee morning in aid of Cliona's Foundation

Following a hugely success coffee morning held by TY students Muireann O'Donoghue and Sinead Byrne at Old Weir Lodge on Saturday last, the girls would like to thank everyone who attended and also those who donated online

"We would like to thank everyone who donated to our idonate page last week. "We were blown away by the response and heartened to see so many friends and family attend our event. It was fabulous to have teachers from our preschool Muckross Community Playschool, primary school Gaelscoil Faithleann and our current school St. Brigid's Presentation supporting us. It is really encouraging to know that even when we are past pupils that teachers still feel connected to us and our endeavours", Muireann told Killarney Outlook.

"We were each asked to raise €1,000 for Cliona's and fully expected to have to organise a number of events to meet this target. However between the

coffee morning and also those who donated online, we raised in excess of €2,500 which was incredible. Thank you to our families for the delicious baking and also for the organisational support", Sinead said

The girls are really looking forward to our trip to Spain in May with Transition Year students from around the country. "We have covered the cost of flights, accommodation and subsistence ourselves and all the proceeds of the cover morning will go directly to Cliona's", Muireann added.

"Prior to the trip we will be organising a guest speaker from Cliona's to speak with our year group about the important work that Cliona's do for families of children with life limiting illnesses. Should anyone wish to learn more about Cliona's we would encourage them to watch the documentary available at this link

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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

Coffee talk - will the Government be buying cafes for Killarney?



Wild Cafe on Main Street, Killarney is one of the coffee shops which have closed in the town.

With at least four small cafes and restaurants not to mention small shops shutting down now in Killarney, does the future lie in the attempt to solve the racket in Roscrea.

There are real fears there will be no independent cafes, bars or shops left in Killarney shortly. The closure of Wild / Underground in an enviable location on Main Street/New Street is just one of the small cafes and businesses going/gone. I am sad to see Wild go. They had the best mince pies in the town over Christmas, and great coffee. The staff were warm and friendly, mostly local and they spoke English fluently (none of which is to be taken for granted any more).

The café got rave reviews on social media and also has an outlet in Tralee. Saturday queues were frequent.

I spoke to a representative. He said there were many reasons for pulling out. Energy costs, certainly, but also a downturn in footfall and walk-in customers during the week. With so few town centre hotels, guesthouses and Airbnbs now available to tourists, the coffee shop trade is down in Killarney. (This is the consensus among most bars and businesses). The term of the lease - he believes the shop is owned by someone in Cork - was also up.

Soon only big global chains will be locating in Killarney and there will be nothing individual and local, is my fear.

The atmosphere in the town has changed from holiday and carefree is my own experience too. And this is not just January blues.

The truth is sole traders and small businesses are now only coming out of Covid and while



Bake My Day on New Street has also closed.

Cork closures have got major headlines, Killarney is different. Cork has hollowed out its centre with twenty years. Killarney would have had a real chance had it been allowed to continue with its traditional tourism. But first our own Kerry County Council cracked down with a heavy hand on Airbnbs on Killarney. Then too many big players went after and got the lucrative Government refugee contracts - closing off the lifeline for small businesses.

The council - it prides itself on its tourism department - was incredibly deaf to the pleas by Councillor Brendan Cronin and others about Airbnbs. And how many of the Airbnbs the council succeeded in closing actually turned to long term renting?

We need to hear strong statements too from the Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce on the small business closures in their backyard.

Now, with all the racket in Rackett Hall, the only hotel in Roscrea in Tipp, the Government is buying a vacant hotel for use for the community. My question is, can the Government be persuaded to buy up a few cafes for Killarney for the use of locals? And maybe a pub or two? It's coming to it.

Time to think outside the box in medical care

With fewer than half the GPs it had twenty

years ago and more people, the Iveragh peninsula in south Kerry is asking the HSE and Health Minister Stephen Donnelly 'to think outside the box'. They want Cork Kerry Community Health Care to start buying up and running the business end of practice - much like the old dispensary in Killarney.

Iveragh will shortly be served by just two and possibly even one GP as multiple efforts to recruit family doctors for the area stretching from Glenbeigh to Waterville have failed.

Six GPs once served the huge south Kerry/Iveragh peninsula. The resident population now is around 8,500 all year round. Not to mention the day trip tourists. South Kerry now also includes around 1,000 Ukrainian refugees who have arrived in the past two years.

There are nine doctors in Dingle for a population of 10,000.

The stark facts were placed before local representatives and Kerry T D Michael Healy-Rae last Friday at a meeting called by the Iveragh Tascforce, Tascfhórsa Uíbh Ráthaigh.

I wonder why an audit of each region is not undertaken? Killarney is nowhere near the numbers of GPs it should have. And surely it is high time we had a return of 'the dispensary' to Killarney and South Kerry for diagnostics as well as minor injuries, for medical as well as dental and therapy?

I put questions to Cork Community Healthcare about GP and minor injury clinic services in south Kerry. Yes, there were 400 GP contracts operated by them and in real terms only Cahersveen has a continuing vacancy. They are advertising.

But regarding opening of minor injury clinics that is a question for a different communications body, a private body which has the contract for UHK, they said. The hospital is in charge of minor injuries clinics.

Clearly, one of the problems with the health service in Kerry is how disjointed it is.

So, could somebody ask Tanaiste and Fianna Fail leader Micheal Martin who was the health minister who created the monster that is the HSE in 2004 to go back to the drawing board - before he hightails off to another big job in Europe?

Owls away and a cack-thing of ducks

The owls are back on Mangerton. They come and they go. I have a sneaking suspicion that nest boxes built for other birds are being investigated by them. And they are nesting not just in the tree hollows and empty buildings.

Years back a wonderful ghostly white barn owl would perch on the same branch in the pine wood each night. The branch was a good viewing point for a mouse or two on the moor. I haven't seen him in a few years. I don't know which type is making itself heard in the frost these weeks. Sacred to Athena, the crafty Greek goddess, owls are curious and have fantastic eye-ear coordination. And they are good on the human ear too with a soft sound like a whisper when they are at rest. It is warming to hear them on cold frosty nights.

They are not the only ones cackling in the frost. A meeting of ducks

took place on the Middle lake out from the boat house last week. I was thinking of describing it as 'a cack-thing' - especially now there is a volcano waking up in Iceland. 'Thing' is an old Icelandic or more properly a Norse word for a parliament or an assembly. Down in Muckcross the ducks had an Irish parliamentary gathering. I don't know what sparked the conference on the lake and in the cold too. But they assembled from four points and there was much conversation. And storming from the room! But about what thing, I wondered as the ducks scurried back and forth to the meeting point and I hurried away.

By the way, BirdWatch Ireland report that the 2023 barn owl breeding season has been the best on record.

In August, a record 100 Barn Owl nests were recorded in County Cork alone.

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KILLARNEY MEITHEAL GROUP

The fantastic work of the Meitheal will be featured tonight on Nationwide, Friday 19th January.

The programme focused on the amazing work carried out by dedicated volunteers in the show will be broadcast on RTE 1 at 7pm.

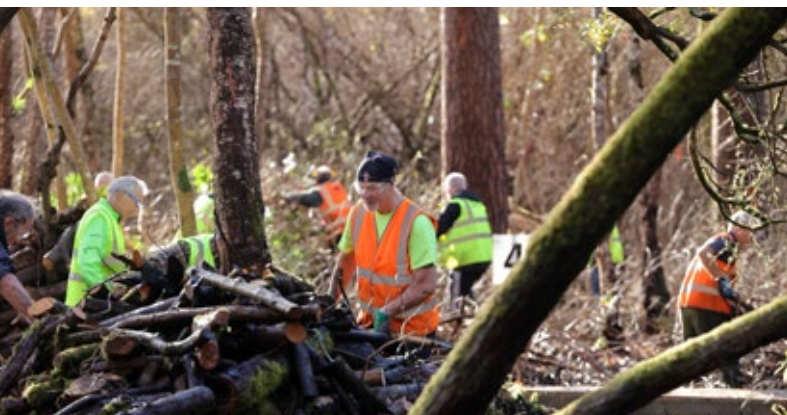
Men's shed members from across Ireland descended upon Killarney National Park to tackle the scourge of invasive rhododendron in October.. The initiative saw members of the Men's shed from all over the country travelling to Killarney to volunteer with the local Killarney Meitheal volunteers, at the invitation of the Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS).

Supported by Flogas, official energy partner of the Irish Men's Sheds Association, they all worked together over two days to help clear the rhododendron at Abbey Wood, Muckross and were filmed by the Nationwide Team. The invasive species continues to pose a serious threat to native flora and fauna in the Killarney National Park.



Leading by example, Michael Gleeson, Killarney Meitheal Group, together with Men's shed members from across Ireland descended upon Killarney National Park to tackle the scourge of invasive rhododendron.

Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



Men's shed members from across Ireland descended upon Killarney National Park to tackle the scourge of invasive rhododendron. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



Paddy McGuire, left, Killarney Meitheal, with Men's shed members from across Ireland descended upon Killarney National Park to tackle the scourge of invasive rhododendron.

MEMORIAL WALK IN MEMORY OF HUGH MURHILL

A memorial walk is taking place this coming Sunday in memory of popular Muckross Man Hugh Murhill who passed away in January 2020.

The walk is in aid of The Kerry Branch of The Irish Kidney Association and registration is at 1pm in Tigh Mary Donals (formally known as White Gates Hotel) on Sunday 21st January.

The registration fee is - €20 per Adult and children are free.

The walk will be over two distances, - Muckross Abbey 5KM and Muckross House 10KM. Hugh was a jarvey at the front gate, in Muckross.

There will be refreshment's and Music afterwards in Tigh Mary Donals, along with a raffle with lots of spot prizes to win!!



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IN SEASON OPENER

Sarah Leahy from Killarney Valley AC started the 2024 season in the best possible way.

The reigning national women's indoor 60m champion has started the 2024 season with a powerful 7.38 for the 60m, competing in the national league in Athlone last Sunday on the 14th of January.

With upcoming races on the continent in the world tour in Slovakia and in Barcelona over the coming weeks, her early form indicates another, great season for the Kerry and Irish star athlete. The 60m and 100m specialist who has world athletics championships experience already, has eyes set on her own national titles for 2024 and the hope of an Ireland women's 4x100m reaching the Paris Olympics later in the summer.

Her hope for now, is to build her season gradually, defend her titles and to go even faster in 2024.



CALL FOR THE COUNCIL TO BE WINTER READY

Cllr. Martin Grady has called on Kerry County Council provide funding to purchase mini gritters suitable to extend our gritting service during the winter on local roads that are prone to black ice across the County."

The council replied that after the extreme weather event in December 2022 Kerry County Council committed to carry out a review of its Winter Maintenance Operations.

In particular it looked at adding additional routes to be treated which had significant traffic volumes servicing large population centres. The review was presented to the Transport SPC on the 9th March 2023 and a further presentation was given at the full

Council Meeting on the 17th April 2023.

A summary of the recommendations:-

1. New salt spreader was purchased
2. An additional 167km of road length was added to the previous 529km to be routinely treated
3. Each area to purchase mini gritters to assist in the operation in the event of a prolonged freeze
4. Additional drivers to be trained in the operation of the gritters to provide relief during a prolonged freeze
5. Framework of plant hire operations to include for tractors / spreaders

BE PREPARED FOR WINTER WEATHER AT HOME

Have a small supply of non perishable, easy-to-prepare foods.

Keep extra supplies of essential medication in case it is difficult to get to the doctor/pharmacy.

Have an adequate supply of fuel for heating/cooking and, if possible, a suitable alternative should the main supply fail.

Know how to turn off your water supply.

Have a water container to ensure a supply of drinking water.

Have batteries for torches and alternative light sources in the event of power cuts.

Keep mobile phones charged up -have local emergency numbers in your phone.

Have a suitable snow shovel (but any shovel or spade will do).

Know your EIRCODE

ARE YOU READY FOR SNOW AND FREEZING CONDITIONS?

Snow clearing is strenuous—do not attempt it unless you have a reasonable standard of fitness and do not have an underlying medical condition. Wear suitable clothing and boots or shoes with a good grip.

Clear the snow earlier in the day - do not use boiling water as it may freeze over and cause a hazard.

BE PREPARED – PREVENT PIPES FREEZING AND PROTECT YOUR WATER SUPPLY

Insulate water tanks and pipes Protect exposed pipes, including attic

pipes, from freezing and cracking with lagging or by wrapping a towel around them.

Service your boiler. Your boiler needs to be serviced regularly by an accredited plumber to run efficiently and to keep your home or business warm. If not, leaks could freeze and cause a breakdown and costly repairs.

Keep your home warm Minimising all draughts, leaving heating on low for long periods and opening doors to allow warm air to circulate to unheated areas of your house will help prevent pipes and tanks from freezing in the cold weather.

Fix external dripping taps It is recommended you always fix any dripping taps but pay particular attention to external dripping taps in winter as water from them can freeze on the ground and can cause people to slip and injure themselves.

Unattended Property If you are leaving your property unattended for a period of more than a day or two, you should shut off the water supply to the property from the external stopcock (while ensuring that any water-dependent appliances or facilities are also shutoff).

Running your taps will not prevent pipes from freezing

This is especially important as this can cause frozen drains and puts undue pressure on supplies across the network.

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A Great Start to 2024 for Network Ireland

NETWORK IRELAND KERRY, OFF TO AN INCREDIBLE START TO THE YEAR WITH THE INTEGRATED LIFE IN 2024 EVENT.

Network Ireland Kerry are set for another busy year of events in 2024 if their first event held on the 10th of January is anything to go by. The event was titled 'The Integrated Life – win 2024, Personally & Professionally' and the stellar panel did not disappoint. Linda O'Mahony Logan, Network Ireland Kerry President for 2024 is the owner of Leadership360 and her vision for the evening was that all those attending on the evening would put themselves at the top of their own list this year, as Linda explained "self-care is not selfish".

The Integrated Life enables you to establish what you want personally and professionally and what systems need to be put in place to establish this and as the architect of this programme, Linda shared it's about "practical systems you can implement in your life".

Membership officer for Network Ireland Kerry, Helen O'Sullivan Murphy opened the event and warmly welcomed all to a new and exciting year ahead. The panel was hosted by Dr. Breda O'Dwyer, Head of Department Organisation and Professional Development at MTU. Breda shared that her connection with Linda started back in the days of Tralee RTC when Breda was one of Linda's lecturers. The connection and friendship between them cemented over the years and that level of trust established a safe space for the panellists to share openly their highs and lows both personally and professionally.

Other contributors included Sinead Buckley who is a counsellor and psychotherapist whose specialist area is working with adolescents. Sinead shared many insights as to how parents can support teens in tandem with professional practitioners. As a Mum of three herself, Sinead spoke about the fundamentals of the integrated life for the family, especially for teenagers knowing home for them is their safe space.



Committee members Róisín Smullen (MTU), Aisling Foley (The Rose Hotel), Helen O'Sullivan (O'Sullivan's Bakery), Megan Daly-Tyrrell (RDi Hub), Brígeen O'Sullivan (Match Marketing), Linda O'Mahony Logan (Leadership360 and President of the Kerry branch of Network Ireland), Antoinette Glavin (Glavin & Wiseman Chartered Accountants), Eimear McDonnell (Match Marketing), Anita Micalak (The Digital Talk), and Emily Reen (MTU) pictured enjoying the Network Ireland Kerry January meeting at The Rose Hotel, Tralee on Wednesday last.

Photo: Michelle Breen Crean Photography

The world of high-performance sport is native to Aidan O'Mahony the former Kerry footballer, member of an Garda Síochána, business owner and well known to others as the proud winner of RTE's 'Dancing with the Stars' in 2017. Aidan shared candidly that there was a time when he hit rock bottom and struggled to see the positives. By getting the right professional supports Aidan has gone on to thrive as a community Garda, a successful business owner of AOM Performance and a busy Dad to two daughters. Proudly supporting Aidan on the evening was his wife Denise and an equally proud "big sister" Linda O'Mahony Logan.

Aisling Foley, Sales and Marketing Manager at The Rose Hotel, Tralee, and Events Officer for Network Ireland Kerry, shared with the room how her commitment in recent years to personal and professional development means she is in the gym every morning by 6am. This is a non-negotiable for Aisling who has a very busy professional and family life and has enabled her to put the systems in place so that she thrives first and everything else thereafter follows. Encouraging others to try something new and get out of your comfort zone, Aisling shared how she has thoroughly enjoyed being part of a GAA "Mothers & Others" group even

though she had not played Gaelic Football prior to that.

Linda O'Mahony Logan facilitated a workshop whereby each attendee worked on what their goals for the coming year would be in their professional and personal lives and what systems they needed to put in place to achieve this. This closed out the evening with everyone leaving with their own plan for success.

The Network Ireland Kerry February event will be held on Wednesday 14th February in The Brehon Hotel, Killarney. The evening will be 'Elevate 2024 – Create and Integrate Online Communities for Success' and will be hosted by committee members Brígeen O'Sullivan, Eimear Mc Donnell and Anita Michalak of Match Marketing and The Digital Talk.

At this event you will gain actionable skills to create a marketing strategy that grows your business in 2024. Keynote guest on the evening will be Maeve Dennehy, founder of 'Love Cherish' and 'Oh Molly'. This event is open to members and non-members and will be held from 6:30pm to 8:30pm with refreshments and networking available from 6pm. To attend, pre-register at www.networkireland.ie.



Aidan O'Mahony, Linda O'Mahony Logan (Leadership360 and President of the Kerry branch of Network Ireland), and Denise O'Mahony pictured enjoying the Network Ireland Kerry January meeting at The Rose Hotel, Tralee on Wednesday last.

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Monika Dukarska (MTU), Aisling Foley (The Rose Hotel), Jonathan Foley, Lucie Hanrahan (Ugly Mug) and Grainne Maunsell (MTU) having fun at the Network Ireland Kerry January event in The Rose Hotel, Tralee on Wednesday last. Photo: Michelle Breen Crean Photography



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SUBSTANCE MISUSE AWARENESS EVENING PLANNED BY LOCAL CLUBS

Glenflesk, Kilcummin and Kilgarvan GAA Clubs are coming together to offer an information evening on substance abuse, addiction and recovery to members of the public.

The event will take place in The Killarney Heights Hotel on Friday, January 26th at 8pm and the three clubs extend a warm welcome to all members of local communities and surrounding areas to attend.

Guest speakers on the night will include Timmy Long of 'The Two Norries' and his brothers, Thomas and John Paul. Timmy, an award winning podcaster and social activist, will along with his two brothers, outline their harrowing journey into substance misuse, addiction, homelessness and crime and their inspirational story of recovery and change.

Practical insights into understanding young people and talking to them about substance misuse, as well as information on local support services will also be offered on the

night.

This event, which is part of the 'Looking After Me' initiative, will focus on prevention and intervention in the area of substance misuse and is aimed at helping parents, coaches, teachers and anyone involved with young people, who are interested in finding out more about supporting them in making healthy and positive life choices.

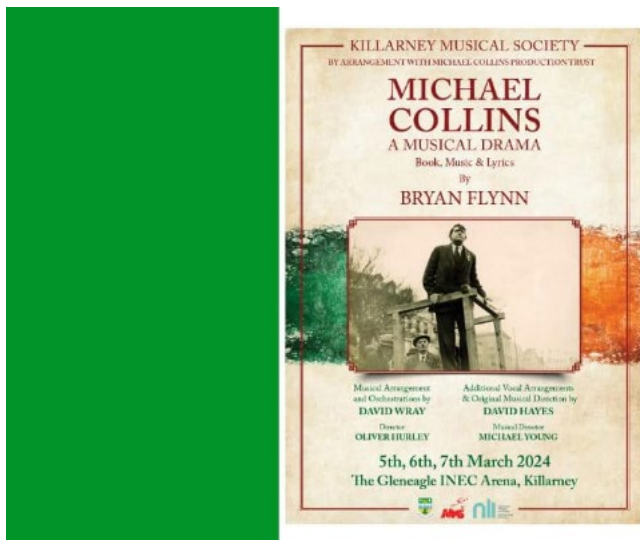
"This is a unique opportunity for all, regardless of age, to benefit from the experience of remarkable speakers who have travelled a difficult path and are sharing their stories to support others", said Mish O Donoghue of Glenflesk. "We are delighted to have this opportunity to bring people together to the learn more about an issue that all clubs and communities are concerned about, added John Foley of Kilgarvan GAA Club.

Admission is free and all are welcome.

Teenagers also more than welcome to attend on the night.



Guest speakers on the night will include Timmy Long of 'The Two Norries'



It's full steam ahead at Killarney Musical Society and director, Oliver Hurley, is very pleased with the progress so far.

"However, he has reminded us that there will be no time for slacking off between now and the 5th March when we will be on the stage of the INEC Arena in Killarney with this years production of Michael Collins, a musical drama", Linda O'Donoghue PRO for the society told Killarney Outlook.

"We must acknowledge the dedication of our production team and cast. Mary O Callaghan our cast liaison said attendance at rehearsals has been super so far. Oliver travels from Tralee and Michael our musical director travels from Cork. Our members travel from Glenbeigh, Farranfore, Tralee, Castleisland, Cork, Killorglin, Glenflesk, Beaufort and Killarney. We have been lucky so far that bad weather hasn't caused any cancellation of rehearsals", she added.

The committee and members greatly appreciate the support we receive each year from our many patrons. Without your continued support we would be unable to stage our production. If you are a patron or would like to become a patron this year please contact Mrs. Pam Brosnan on 086 3344345 for details. We have a number of options that you may choose from should you wish to support Killarney Musical Society.

Our committee under the leadership of Brid O Callaghan is very busy. Along with rehearsals they are working on costumes, sound, programme

MICHAEL COLLINS

A MUSICAL DRAMA SET FOR THE STAGE

production and building sets to name some items on this weeks agenda. However, there has to be fun, laughter and celebration when KMS is involved. Last Sunday directors assistant and dancer supreme Jack Brosnan celebrated a special birthday with a zero. If any of you are walking in New Street on Friday evening you might hear a chorus of Mamma Mia or the Greatest Showman as the celebrations continue.



Directors Assistant Jack Brosnan pictured with Lucy O'Mahony on his 30th Birthday celebrations.



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BT SCIENCE FAIR BECKONED FOR KNOCKANES NS STUDENTS

The excitement was palpable on Thursday 11th January as a group from Knockanes National School in Glenflesk travelled to the RDS in Dublin to participate in the BT Primary Science Fair for the first time in the school's history. This year's BT Young Scientist and Technology exhibition was extra special as it is the 60th anniversary of the competition.

The 4th, 5th and 6th class students have been working on their project entitled 'Does Climate Change mean we have to change our Summer Holidays?' for the last 4 months and they were successful accepted to display and present their project at this year's BT Primary Science Fair.

The BT Primary Science Fair gives Primary School children from all around the country a chance to participate in the BT Young scientist and technology exhibition and importantly sparks their interest in the area of Science and Technology. Previous overall winners of the BT Young Scientist and Technology exhibition have themselves participated in the Primary Science Fair so it is an incredible opportunity to participate in such a prestigious event.

The children had a wonderful day out, getting a chance to explore everything the BT Young Scientist and Technology exhibition has to offer. The children got to speak with Judges and curious onlookers to tell them all about their project and findings. A few famous faces also popped in for a chat.

Knockanes National School would like to thank our kind sponsors of KERRY Group, The Nutty Scientists and Southern Scientific Services for their wonderful support!

Hopefully this experience will inspire some future participants and maybe even winners of the BT Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition!



Entire Group of students and Staff at the BT primary Science Fair m Principal Lucy O' Sullivan, and staff members, Pádraig O Connor, Niamh Fenton, Marie Cronin and Úna O Connor.



SNA Úna O' Connor (Left) Class teacher Pádraig O'Connor pictured with the students from Knockanes NS.



ACTIVIST AND LIFELONG VOLUNTEER PASSES AWAY

One of the founding members of the Kerry Way walking trail, activist and lifelong volunteer, Dr. Catherine McMullin, late of Killorglin, passed away after a long illness on the 11th January. She was the Daughter of the late Michael and late Mena McMullin, Killarney and predeceased by her sister Susan, Dublin. Sadly missed by her brothers Bart (Dublin) and Frank (Ennis). Norman Reidy, On behalf of The Kerry Way Management Committee, on learning of the sad passing said "Our heartfelt sympathy to the Family of Dr. Catherine McMullin. Catherine is fondly remembered by the Kerry Way Committee as one of its founding members and our environmental officer for many years. She was instrumental in developing its cultural and environmental integration. Her love for

and great insight into local areas, her foresight and consideration for our environment in Kerry, and its unique landscape was unwavering. She was also involved in the Laune Mountaineering Club and Mountain Rescue and Historical Society. Catherine committed so much of her great energy to our beloved environment and local community. May Catherine's gentle soul rest in eternal peace. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam".

Catherine was also a member of the Killarney Soroptimists, a member of An Taisce - she was recently honoured for her lifelong dedication and resilience while advocating in the preservation and conservation of our built and natural heritage.



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Keep a close eye on the fast-moving 2024 CAO application timeline



By Billy Ryle

SUBMIT

CAO application season is in full swing and with 85,000 plus applicants competing for about 52,000 college places, it's vital to submit a complete application form. Stay focussed and be aware of key dates and the important tasks to be done in the weeks ahead. The 2024 CAO online application remains open until 1st February. Open your CAO interactive online account via "Apply" on www.cao.ie, by 20th January to get a discount rate of €30. After that the fee increases to €45 until the 1st February. The closing date for online Change of Course Choices, which is free, is also 1st February.

CHANGE

You may use the online Change of Course Choices' facility, fee €10, from 6th February to 1st March to add any restricted courses not already listed. Restricted category applicants may also use this facility. All other applicants should use the free Change of Mind option, between 7th May and 1st July, to make any course changes.

HEAR/DEAR

Completed online Higher Education Access Route (HEAR)/Disability Access Route to Education (DARE) forms must be submitted by 1st March. HEAR/DARE supporting documentation must arrive in CAO by 15th March.

LATE

Late applications, fee €60, will be accepted from 5th March to 1st May. From 7th May, you may register a change of course choices online at www.cao.ie. Check that your courses have been updated by using the "My Application" facility before 1st July. Before the end of May, you will be sent a 'Check and Confirm' reminder. Inform CAO if you do not receive it.

1st JULY CHANGE

Course choices and preferences may be

changed as often as desired, free of charge, between 7th May and 1st July. If you submit a Change of Mind, it cancels all the previous course choices, which you have submitted. The two categories (Level 8 and Level 7/6) are completely separate from each other for this purpose. Any restricted application course, added for the first time via a Change of Mind won't be considered unless it shares the same assessment procedure with a course you had applied for by 1st Feb.

ROUND A

In early July, offers of places (Round A) are issued to deferred applicants, mature applicants and to those who need to make visa arrangements. In early August, offers of places (Round Zero) are issued to certain non-standard categories of applicants such as FET/QQI and graduate applicants. Round One, the main body of offers, will be issued shortly after the Leaving Cert results.

STATISTICS

CAO has release details of the finalised 2023 offers and acceptance summary. Last year, 67,839 applicants received at least one offer in 104,605 offers made by CAO in its various rounds of offers. The offers consisted of 65,025 at Level 8 (Honours Bachelor Degrees) where demand is always strong and 39,580 at Level 7/6 (Ordinary Bachelor Degrees/Higher Certificates) where interest continues to decline. CAO always issues more offers than there are places available in anticipation of a level of refusal by applicants. Offers are issued independently in respect of the two lists (Level 8 and Level 7/6), so it's well worth filling in both lists. The net applicant acceptance figure in 2023 was 51,228 – 45,206 at Level 8 (Honours Bachelor Degrees) and 6,022 at Level 7/6 (Ordinary Level Degrees/Higher Certificates).

CAO 2024 APPLICATION TIMELINE

- 19th Jan: closing date at 5.15pm to register for HPAT (Under Graduate Med.) test
- 20th Jan: apply by 5pm to avail of the online discount rate of €30
- 22nd Jan: closing date at 10am to register for GAMSAT (Graduate Medicine) test
- 1st Feb: online change of course choices (free) close at 5pm
- 1st Feb: normal closing date, at 5pm, for applications
- 6th Feb: online facility to amend course choices opens at noon (€10 fee)
- 16th/25th Feb: HPAT-Ireland test takes place
- 1st March: closing date, at 5pm, for amending course choices
- 1st March: completed online HEAR/DARE forms must be submitted by 5pm
- 1st March: closing date, at 5pm, for completion of mature student application form
- 5th March: late application facility opens at 12.00 noon (€60 fee)
- 9th/10th and 22nd/23rd March: GAMSAT test window
- 15th March: HEAR/DARE supporting documentation must arrive in CAO by 5pm
- 1st May: closing date, at 5pm, for late applications
- 7th May: online change of mind facility (free) opens at 12.00 noon
- 31st May: Statement of Application Record sent to all applicants before this date
- Late May: GAMSAT test results released
- Late June: HPAT-Ireland test results released
- 1st July: change of mind facility (free) closes at 5pm
- 22nd July: exceptional late closing date at 5pm for those already in 3rd level

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Cadette Basketball Win for St. Brigid's

Congratulations to the Cadette Basketball team from St. Brigid's who were successful against St Mary's Mallow in their second round qualification game. After a nail-biting match, the St. Brigid's team emerged successful, on a scoreline of 50 - 40. Well done to all of the players, and to their coaches, Ms. Ahern and Ms. Bunworth.



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'RACE IS ON' FOR KERRY SCHOOLS

A reminder has been sent to Kerry schools by three of Ireland's best-known athletes – World Para Rowing champion, Katie O'Brien and Olympians, sprinters Phil Healy and David Gillick – advising teachers and pupils alike that the search to find 'Ireland's fittest school 2024' has now gone live.

Running until the end of March, the top four schools in Ireland, north and south, will progress to a live 'grand final' at which the prize package will include €8,000 worth of sports equipment.

Working with Fyffes, their aim is to find a school whose focus on fitness will replicate the success of previous 'Ireland's Fittest School' winners – Scoil Na Croise Naofa, Dunfanaghy (2022) and Gilson National School, Oldcastle (2023). Schools can register at www.fyffesfitsquad.ie



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EUROPE CALLING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE FROM KERRY

67 young people from Cork and Kerry received last week their free travel passes to explore Europe in 2024 under the DiscoverEU programme, the European Commission announced.

DiscoverEU gives 18-year old Europeans from all backgrounds the opportunity to travel across Europe, learn from other cultures, build new friendships with fellow Europeans, and explore their European identity.

89 Dubliners are the largest group among the 407 lucky Irish winners who will also get a second pass for a friend to accompany them in their European travel adventures. The second largest bunch of Irish winners come from counties Wicklow, Kildare, Meath and Louth – 83, while Cork and Kerry at 67 are the third Irish source of young European voyagers.

In total, 768 18-year-olds from Ireland applied for the free travel passes

in early October 2023 in the current round of Discover EU. Across Europe, a total of 144 038 young applied and 36,318 of them won travel passes. They will travel mainly by rail between March 2024 and May 2025.

The next round of DiscoverEU applications will open in April 2024. To be eligible, young people must be EU citizens or legal residents of the EU.



It's a New Year, so why not try a New hobby.

If you want to try something new and fun then why not go along to Milltown Nagle Rice

community centre and have a go at short mat bowls.

All you need is just a pair of comfortable shoes for two hours of gently rolling bowls along a 1.8 meter wide x 12 meter long mat.

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Milltown bowls club looks forward to seeing you on Tuesday and Friday nights at 8pm.

Great show planned at St. Brigid's

Wishing all the best to the Transition Year students of St. Brigid's, who will perform in their annual variety show on Monday next. The students have engaged in a term-long module with Ms Fiona Crowley, and have also been assisted in their preparations by the music and art departments in the school.





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CREATIVE KERRY ARTISTS EXHIBITS AT SHOWCASE

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One of Ireland's largest trade shows, Showcase was founded in 1976 by Design & Crafts Council Ireland (DCCI) and is delivered with support from the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment, Enterprise Ireland, and the Local Enterprise Offices.

A key draw, especially for international retailers is that at Showcase, the makers behind the products are usually those behind the stands, giving rise to stories and insights that translate so well into consumer marketing and selling, as

well as benefiting from the charm of being in Dublin.

There are some really interesting local exhibitors from Kerry that will be showcasing their designs and collections which we have added below:

Jayne Gillian Designs - jaynegillan.com

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Mucross Weavers - muckcross-house.ie

Muckross Conservation Bookbinding - www.muckcross-house.ie

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Muckross Book Binders - one of the crafts on display.

Inspirational Young Musicians Take Centre Stage in Firies



The students from Firies National School pictured during their performance.

Students from Firies National School hit the high note at a Christmas Mass Performance in the local church over the festive season.

In a heart warming display of musical talent, the young students of Firies' local primary school took centre stage at the recent Christmas Mass, showcasing their newfound skills on the ukulele. These budding musicians in third and fourth classes have been strumming and plucking their way to musical proficiency since September.

The collaboration between 'Music Generation Kerry' and the dedicated teachers at Firies National School, has yielded remarkable results, as evidenced by the enthusiastic performance that captivated the entire Firies community during the festive season. The holiday spirit was amplified by the sweet melodies of the ukulele, played with precision and joy by the talented students.

The initiative, which began in the early months

of the 2023-2024 school year, has provided these youngsters with a unique opportunity to explore the world of music in a hands-on and engaging manner. 'Music Generation Kerry' has been instrumental in fostering a love for music among the students, offering a well-rounded curriculum that not only focuses on technical skills but also encourages creativity and self-expression.

Learning a musical instrument at a young age has proven to have numerous cognitive and emotional benefits for students. Scientific studies consistently highlight the positive impact of music education on brain development, enhancing skills such as memory, concentration, and problem-solving. Furthermore, music fosters a sense of discipline and perseverance, qualities that extend beyond the classroom into various aspects of a child's life.

The principal of Firies National School, Claire

Doyle, expressed gratitude for the invaluable partnership with 'Music Generation Kerry' and the dedication of the class teachers. "This program has been a resounding success, providing our students with a unique and enriching experience. The positive impact extends beyond the individual, contributing to a vibrant and connected school community."

As we celebrate the accomplishments of these young musicians, it is clear that initiatives like 'Music Generation Kerry' play a crucial role in shaping the cultural landscape of our community. By investing in the musical education of our children, we not only provide them with a lifelong skill but also contribute to the cultural richness and vibrancy of Firies National School. Here's to the future, where every child has the opportunity to strike the right chords and find their unique voice through music.

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SATURDAY 6TH JANUARY



Special Event to Mark Occasions at the Department

Two special events took place at the Department of Tourism, Arts, Gaeltacht, and Media. Staff gathered to present Katherine Licken with a framed picture of Ross Castle to mark her retirement and also to honour members of staff who have passed away.

Katherine is retiring from her post as Secretary General at the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media. The presentation was made by Joe Healy, Assistant General Secretary at the Department and Conor Falvey, Assistant General Secretary.

Katherine also was on hand to unveil of a memorial to honour colleagues who sadly passed away while working in the department. The events were attended by families and colleagues of the deceased and 100 staff members, including families of the late Peadar Caffrey, Nora Thomas, Conor Cusack, Liam Nolan, Keith O'Donnell who attended the unveiling.



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Katherine Licken, (centre) who is retiring from her post as Secretary General at the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media is Joe Healy, left Assistant General Secretary at the Department and Conor Falvey, Assistant General Secretary who presented her with a framed picture of Ross Castle. Katherine also was on hand to unveil of a memorial to honour colleagues who sadly passed away while working in the department. The events were attended by families and colleagues of the deceased and 100 staff members. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



Karl Spain: Well, What Did You Expect?

Karl Spain has long been established as one of Ireland's most popular comedians, from his own tours and touring with others, and has appeared at festivals all over the world. Karl has worked with some of the world's greatest comedians (his peers ahem, cough). Karl brings his brand-new show 'Well, What Did You Expect?' to the Gleneagle INEC Club on bank holiday Sunday, February 4th.

Karl spent most of 2022 touring with Kevin Bridges because Kevin finds him very funny - or because Kevin uses Karl to remind him to keep the weight off. Hopefully the former.

Karl has written for lots of comedians over the last decade or so, so you have been laughing at his jokes even when you didn't realise it. But he has kept all the best jokes for himself.

In his new show 'Well, What Did You Expect?' Karl talks about how we are where we are and how to solve all the world's problems. Tickets from €23.00 are available now from www.inec.ie.

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TAKING ON THE ENTERPRISE CHALLENGE at Presentation Castleisland



Carry Camán - Marguerite Herlihy, Lucy Matassa, Seána Walsh and Clodagh Buckley, receiving their prize from Margaret Murphy (Kerry Enterprise Office) & Edward Clarke



Liner Finder - Sarah Walsh and Melissa Horgan receiving their prize from Margaret Murphy (Kerry Enterprise Office)

Carry Camán and Liner Finder were the two big winners at Presentation Castleisland's Student Enterprise school final held in December. Presentation Castleisland has a track record of giving students the opportunity to translate new business ideas into successful mini-enterprises. This year, First Year students went above and beyond, displaying seven wonderful enterprises worthy for entry into a national final. Enterprise Teacher, Edward Clarke, remarked 'The standard of innovation and ambition among First Years this year has been fantastic. The students demonstrated great drive and enthusiasm to present, with passion, their projects to parents, students and teachers.'

The two winners in the school final were Carry Camán and Liner Finder. Carry Camán (Clodagh Buckley, Lucy Matassa, Marguerite Herlihy and Seána Walsh) are producing and selling shoulder straps to allow hurling and camogie players to easily carry their hurleys with them. The team use high-vis reflective material for the straps to add an extra element of safety as players walk to their hurling and camogie games. The team are currently reaching out to local schools and clubs to develop their business further. Liner Finder (Melissa Horgan and Sarah Walsh) are developing bookmarks with sliders, and these sliders can be used to mark what part of a page a reader has finished. The team are focused on selling in bookshops and libraries. Principal Pierce Dargan acknowledged and commended the excellent work by the young budding entrepreneurs. He added "The Student Enterprise programme gives students a real taste of what owning their own business is like, and helps to develop skills and attributes that will support them across all subjects and in their studies and careers after secondary school. We wish Carry Camán and Liner Finder continued success with their enterprises as they take them forward".

PEOPLE SEEKING PROPERTY ABROAD **NEEDED FOR TV SHOW**

Are you in the market for a home abroad? If so, the production team behind the successful RTÉ show 'Cheap European Homes' are looking for house hunters seeking a fresh start elsewhere to take part in the second series.

AV3 / Cameo Productions wants to hear from people with interesting and unique stories, who are looking to leave their lives behind and relocate to a dream destination in mainland Europe.

Following a similar format to the hit RTÉ TV show 'Cheap Irish Homes' - 'Cheap European Homes' sees presenter Maggie Molloy enlisting the help of local architects and engineers to select the properties for house hunters around Europe, in countries such as France, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Greece and more. Participants are also offered advice on planning laws and taxes in these countries. Every episode in Season 2 will also feature Irish people who have already relocated abroad, and

who will share their stories about this experience.

CEO of Cork-based production company AV3 / Cameo Productions Michael Lynch says they're excited to embark on Season 2: "Viewers loved Season 1 of 'Cheap European Homes,' and I think it made people realise that the dream of relocating to beautiful places in France, Spain, Portugal and more can become a reality at an affordable price. Maggie is already looking forward to meeting a new group of home hunters in Season 2, and can offer invaluable advice in tandem with local experts. It's a great opportunity for property seekers who dream of a life in the sun."

The team at 'Cheap European Homes' wants to hear from people who are actively looking to relocate abroad and who are willing to move. If you are interested in taking part in the new series, send your details to casting@av3.ie - closing date for applications is Friday January 26th 2024.



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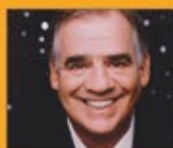
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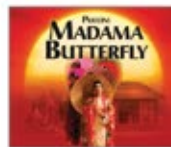
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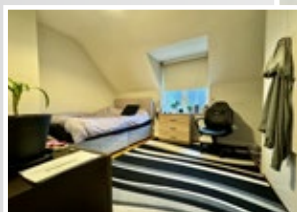
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➤KILCUMMIN NATIONAL SCHOOL OPEN DAY

Kilcummin National School Open Day will be held on Thursday 21st March from 2.15pm to 4pm. We look forward to meeting all our new Junior Infants and parents on the day.

➤KILCUMMIN NATIONAL SCHOOL - ENROLMENT 2024/2025

Kilcummin National School is currently enrolling for September 2024. Please contact Kilcummin National School by email at kill43163@gmail.com or office@kilcumminns.com or by phone on 0646643163. Enrolment application forms are now available on our website. Please check out our website at www.kilcumminns.com for more information.

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➤THE IRELAND LIGHTS UP

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Mastergeeha U12 girls who beat Killorglin 3-0 recently.



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Mastergeeha FC 3-0 Killorglin. Goal scorers; Aoibhinn O'Leary, Sophie Moynihan & Annabelle Casey. An excellent win in a very competitive game and great preparation for the girls ahead of their upcoming National Cup match.

LOTTO

There was no winner on 12th January 2024 of the Jackpot for €7,600. Numbers drawn were 02,10,22,26. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Sinéad & Marian Collins, Aghadoe; Paul O'Rourke, Rathanane; Philip O'Connor, c/o Post Office; Nora Riordan, Ballyspillane. The next draw will be Friday 19th January for Jackpot of 7,800.

➤CARD DRIVE MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

31 Card Drive Memorial Tournament will be held in the Klub Bar in memory of Dermot "Brady" Moynihan on Sunday 4th of February @ 4pm. (31 card partners). All proceeds donated to the Comfort for Chemo.

➤INFORMATION EVENING ON SUBSTANCE MISUSE AWARENESS

Glenflesk, Kilcummin and Kilgarvan GAA clubs invite you to an 'Information Evening on Substance Misuse Awareness' which will be held in the Killarney Heights Hotel on Friday, January 26th at 8pm. It is aimed at helping parents, coaches, teachers and anyone involved with young people, who are interested in finding out more about supporting them in making healthy and positive life choices. Guest speakers include Timmy Long of the 'The Two Norries' and his brothers, who will share their stories of addiction and recovery. Information on local support services will be shared on the night. The event is open to all members of the public and admission is free.

BEAUFORT

By Bridget Hartnett

➤ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

AGM of Beaufort G.A.A. Club will be held on Monday, 22nd January at 8pm in Clubrooms.

➤LOTTO

The next draw for a jackpot of €2,000 will be on Sunday, 21st January. 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.

➤IRELAND LIGHTS UP AND EVERY STEP COUNTS CHALLENGE

Beaufort G.A.A. Club is taking part on both of above. The walking track is open for Ireland Lights up from Monday to Friday from 6.30pm to

8.30pm.

➤EXERCISE CLASSES

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

➤SPORTS PREDICTION QUIZ

Is being held again this year. Predict the outcome of thirty sports events of 2024. Top prize of €1,000 and other cash prizes. Quiz sheets available from usual sellers, shops, public houses and online at www.beaufortgaa.com.

LISTRY

Written by: Colette Leslie

➤LOTTO

NUMBERS DRAWN 3, 4, 11, 17. €100 Linda Mannix, Keel. €50 Laura Kennedy, Beaufort. €50 Sheila O Donoghue, Two mile. €25 Denise Murphy, Beaufort

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➤LISTRY GAA AWARDS NIGHT

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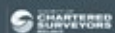


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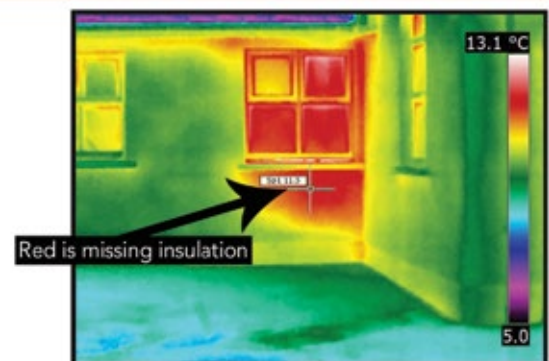


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RATHMORE GNEEVEGUILLA

By Michael O' Mahony

➤MARIAN PLAYERS RATHMORE PANTO 2024

This year's Panto, Puss In Boots will take place in Rathmore Community Centre strating Saturday January 27th ,Wednesday January 31st Thursday January 1st February- Saturday 3th February night shows at 7-30pm. Matinées at 3pm. Sunday January 28th & Sunday 4th February, Mattinees at 3pm. Proceeds to Kerry Parents & Fruends Association. Booking Office 0852031730.

➤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 €205 and the winner was Sean Murphy. 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

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➤2023 EAST KERRY GALA ALL STAR NIGHT

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GLENFLESK

Written by: Seamus Healy

➤LOTTO

There was no winner of Glenflesk Lotto which took place on 8/1/2024 in Glenflesk Hall. Jackpot €7,000. The numbers drawn were: 7, 8, 11, 12. Consolation Prizes of €50 1. Bridie Palmer, Killaha (Annual Ticket) 2. Sheila O' Donoghue, Salmon Leap 3. Seán Ivor O' Donoghue (Sellers' Prize). 4. Annie O' Donoghue, Carrigavimo (Annual Ticket). Next draw will take place in Glenflesk Hall on Monday 22/ 1/ 2024. Jackpot will be €7,200. Thank you to all who support our Lotto and to our sellers. Happy New Year to you all.

➤KERRY MINOR LADIES

Well done to Kathryn Ryan and Aoise O Donoghue on their selection to the Kerry minors for 2024. Good times ahead for these two great footballers.

➤MUNSTER SENIOR HURLING LEAGUE

Kerry's campaign ended with a 14 point loss to Tipperary in the Munster Senior League. One of Kerry's best performers was Luke Crowley. The Glenflesk man, who plays his Hurling for Rathmore, was sharp from the off, winning an opening free that Shane Conway converted. He then fired a point over of his own, splitting the posts from near the sideline with little room to work. He added another after linking with Conway, with his blast of a shot just going over the bar. His third point was the best, turning his marker inside out, before finding the target, with a quick Flick of the wrists.

An outstanding first start for Kerry. Well done to Luke. Report by Michael Healy.

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➤RECOVERY HAVEN KERRY

Recovery Haven Kerry will have a Designer Fashion Showcase event taking place in the Gleneagle INEC Arena on February 1st 2024. The event will be MC'd by legendary RTE broadcaster, Mary Kennedy. Tickets €30 from Recovery Haven Kerry, Gleneagle INEC box office, or online. Further info 066 7192122.

➤GLENFLESK MUSIC CLASSES

Glenflesk CCÉ music classes will resume again on Tuesday next, 23rd January at 6.30 in Glenflesk GAA hall. New musicians (children and adults) are very welcome. For enquiries contact Martina in 0872966644.

SPA

Written by: Leanne Cronin

➤REGISTRATION

Registration is through the Croke Park Foireann system and members can visit www.foireann.ie and set up their own account and register on the site. Anyone with any queries or anyone who wants to register directly through the club can contact either Ger (0872512266) or Deirdre (0851216359).

➤ANNUAL AWARDS NIGHTS

A date for your diaries, our Annual Awards Night will take place Saturday

10th of February. More information to follow.

➤LOTTO

Spa lotto 15/1/24. Numbers drawn: 05, 12, 20, 28. No jackpot winner. Lucky dips €50 each: Nicole Breen, Oak Hill; Breda Lynch, Online; Colm Cronin, New York; Orlaith O Reilly, Online. Next weeks draw is on Monday 22nd Jan for a jackpot of €6,600.

Work is set to begin next month on the development of the Fenit Viewing Platform - a Community Heritage Project which will offer commanding views of Tralee Bay and highlight the marine landscape and ecology of the Bay including the maritime history, flora and fauna.

Pictured at the launch of the project were; Micheal Pirse Fenit Heritage Project, Eileen O'Connell Fenit Heritage Project, Minister for Education, Norma Foley, Mary O'Brien Browne Fenit Heritage Project. Mike Moriarty Fenit Heritage Project and Don O' Herlihy Kerry County Council.

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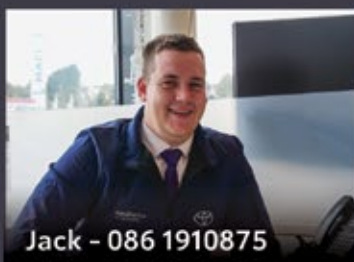
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KILLARNEY RUGBY CLUB**MINIS HOST TRALEE**

Last Saturday our Minis hosted our friends from Tralee RFC at Aghadoe. A wonderful morning of Mini rugby in perfect rugby conditions, all the kids thoroughly enjoyed their rugby and their day. Well done to every single player who represented the Black and Red of Killarney RFC with pride. Training continues this Saturday and new players are always welcome. Training continues at 09:45am until 11am, just bring a gumshield and waterbottle.

KILLARNEY U18.5 GIRLS SHINE IN THE KILLARNEY SUNSHINE: KILLARNEY RFC 35-5 CARRICK ON SUIR RFC

After a five-week break, Killarney u18.5 girls faced Carrick on Suir in the Munster League Quarter Final. Played in glorious Aghadoe sunshine, it was perfect weather for a running rugby and the girls from Killarney played some incredible high-quality rugby and ran out comfortable winners against a very spirited Tipperary side.

Right from the kick off Killarney showed they they meant business, flyhalf Fia Whelan landed a perfect kick off to the on rushing Ava O Malley, who gathered and Carrick conceded an early penalty, a quick tap had Carrick on the back foot, after some good interplay, Whelan made an excellent break and was tackled just before the line but managed to give a lovely off load to the supporting player Lily Morris who was on hand to get the first score of the day, which Whelan converted to put the girls from the Kingdom leading 7-0. Shortly after, Niamh Dorian made an excellent break which created an overlap out wide and passed to birthday girl Holly O'Sullivan who scored a fine try. Then it was the turn of Carrick to score next which wasn't converted leaving the score line of 12-05 to Killarney. Next up to score was one of three girls celebrating their birthday Ali O' Donoghue to get the best try of the day after a super finish by the Killarney centre O'Donoghue, which again was converted by Whelan. To round off the first half Killarney scored two further tries the first from Niamh Dorian and her second of the day and then by player of the match the Gneevgullia forward Ella Guerin Crowley who showed incredible strength and determination to get over to leave the

score at half time 35-5. In the second half both teams got all their reserves on and played a very competitive game, special shout out to the third Killarney birthday girl who had a super game Molly Gabbett. Killarney had two girls from Listowel making their debut namely Cara Reilly and Niamh Enright. Next up for the Killarney girls is an away semi-final in Clonakilty on Saturday the 20th of January.

The team lined out as follows: 1. Annie O'Reilly 2. Ella Guerin-Crowley 3. Emer O Keefe 4. Joanne O'Keefe 5. Melissa Mc Carthy 6. Clodagh Foley 7. Lily Morris (joint captain) 8. Ava O Malley 9. Bronagh Dorian 10. Fia Whelan (joint captain) 11. Holly O'Sullivan 12. Niamh Dorian 13. Ali O Donoghue 14. Mary Ellen Mc Donald 15. Marina Eagar 16. Molly Gabbett 17. Niamh Enright 18. Cara Reilly 19. Nell Crowley 20. Jasmine Dwyer 21. Jess O'Sullivan 22. Sarah Slattery
Coaches: Josh Whelan and Diarmuid O Malley
Manager: Elaine Clifford

RESULTS

U14 Boys: Killarney 15 - 0 Tralee

U16 Boys: Kanturk 8 - 31 Killarney

U18 Boys: 20 - 15 Garryowen

Seniors: Killarney 24 - 26 Ard Scoil Old Boys

FIXTURES

U18 Girls - League Semi final: Clonakilty V Killarney, Away, Saturday at 2pm

FOSSA BRIDGE CLUB**RESULTS THURSDAY MARCH 11TH****NORTH SOUTH**

1ST: FINOLA SPILLANE AND CIARAN BROADBERY

EAST WEST

1ST: MAI AND TIM CORCORAN

KILLARNEY VALLEY ATHLETIC CLUB

The Master athletes of Killarney Valley AC kicked off 2024 with the National Indoor Master Championships in Athlone last Saturday. Between them, they brought home a total of 9 National Medals. All our Master athletes in action give back to the sport and the youth through either coaching, club admin

or officiating. Pierce O'Shea received his first National medal coming 3rd in the M35 200m. Derek Pyne came 2nd in the M45 Long Jump. Alan Delaney came 2nd in the M40 High Jump and 3rd in the 60m sprint. Tim Horgan came 3rd in the Weight for Distance. Together, Pierce O'Shea, Noel Rice, Alan Delaney and Derek Pyne came 3rd in the M35 4x200m relay. Also Kvac sprinter Sarah Leahy opened up her 2024 season with a blisteringly fast 7.38secs for 60m last Sunday in Athlone. Congrats and well done to all. All information on Training Schedules etc. are on our website www.killarneyvalleyac.ie.

KILLARNEY BADMINTON CLUB

Another great weekend of badminton for Killarney club

Div 5 men's league final: Killarney win against Listowel 5-1

MUNSTER BADMINTON

Congratulations to Niamh Hickey (Killarney) with partner Fergal Hannon (Listowel) won grade C mixed.

Congratulations to Adele O'Brien (Killarney) who was runner up in grade F both singles and doubles.

MIXED LEAGUES HAVE NOW STARTED AROUND THE COUNTY

Div2 Win for Killarney v Tralee 4-3.



Congratulations to Niamh Hickey (Killarney) with partner Fergal Hannon (Listowel) won grade C mixed.



Photo at National Master Indoor Championships (left to right):- Noel Rice, Pierce O'Shea, Derek Pyne, Tomas Griffin, Alan Delaney and Tim Horgan.



KRFC U8's who took part in a blitz against Tralee last Saturday.

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KILLARNEY GOLF & FISHING CLUB

RESULTS - LADIES COMPETITION PLAYED ON KILLEEN 3BBB 11 HOLES ON SUNDAY 14 JANUARY 2024 AT KILLARNEY (KILLARNEY - KILLEEN)

Overall Winner: Geraldine Collins, Jane Dwyer, Sinead Lynch, 29 pts

Overall Runner-Up: Maureen Creedon, Anne Duggan, Mary A Cronin, 26 pts

ROSS GOLF CLUB - GENTS CLUB

RESULTS - ON JAN 14TH WE HELD A 9 HOLE SCRAMBLE IN GREAT COURSE AND GROUND CONDITIONS

The winners were

1st: Mike Brosnan, Cian O'Mahony, Larry Daly

2nd: Niall O'Brien, Virginijus Jonikaitis, Gerard Murphy

3rd: Bryan O'Leary, John Ivory, John Fleming.

NEXT FIXTURE will be Sunday 21st January Champagne Scramble Mahony's Point



Pictured at Monday night's Deerpark Pitch & Putt Club AGM where Damien Fleming (second left) stepped down as Club Chairman after seven years are L to R: Derry McCarthy (Vice President), Sean Kelly (Incoming Chairman) and Noel Moynihan (Club Captain).

DEERPITCH & PUTT CLUB

AGM

Thanks to everyone who attended our AGM in the Killarney Avenue Hotel on Monday night. Damien Fleming stepped down as Chairman after seven years but will remain on the Committee as Assistant Treasurer. We welcome Bobby Kelly to the Committee as we wish Danny Looney and Dan Kiely well. Thanks to our hosts the Avenue Hotel for their hospitality tonight as we wish our Committee well for 2024.

2024 COMMITTEE

Honorary President: Kay O'Sullivan, Honorary Vice President: Derry McCarthy, Chairman: Sean Kelly, Vice Chairman: Ger O'Connor, Secretary: Margaret B Looney, Treasurer: Colm O'Dowd, Assistant Treasurer: Damien Fleming, Registrar: Bobby Kelly, Competition Secretaries: TBC, U16 Officers: Gearoid Cronin and Derry McCarthy, PRO: Jason O'Connor, Club Captain: Noel Moynihan, Non-Portfolio: Aidan O'Keeffe & Margaret C Looney, Grounds Committee Chair: TBC.

SUNDAY DRAWS

Results from our first competition of 2024. Three Player Team- Two Scores Count Each Hole- Nett: Robbie O'Brien Snr, Noel Moynihan & Bobby Kelly 77 and Gross: Daniel Kelly, Sean O'Brien & Aidan O'Keeffe 100 (B9).

DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

The club offers its sincerest condolences to club sponsor Sean Murphy on the death of his brother Noel last week.

KILLARNEY GOLF CLUB - MENS

FOURBALL BETTERBALL, PLAYED ON MAHONY'S POINT; SATURDAY 13TH & SUNDAY 14TH JANUARY 2024

Winners – Paul Twiss & Ronan Twiss 49pts
2nd – Pat Carroll & Brian Regan 48pts (bk9)
3rd – Paudie Sheahan & John McEnergy 48pts
4th – Tadhg Gallivan & Denis Murphy 47pts (last3)
5th – Simon Gallivan & Gary Kerrisk 47pts
6th – Shane Connole & Tony Walsh 46pts (bk9)
7th – Jonathan Casey & Jimmie Smith 46pts (last

6)

ARBUTUS CUP - SINGLES STABLEFORD, PLAYED ON MAHONY'S POINT; TUESDAY 26TH DECEMBER 2023

Winner – John O'Callaghan 45pts (24)

2nd – Shane Connole 40pts (9)

Best Gross – Shane Horgan 70 (2)

CATEGORY 1

Winner – Michael D O'Neill 37pts (7) last6

2nd – Donal Considine 37pts (0) bk9, 3rd – Paud O'Donoghue 37pts (2).

CATEGORY 2

Winner – Paul Twiss 39pts (10)

2nd – Gerard Moroney 38pts (10)

3rd – Colin Moriarty 37pts (10) bk9.

CATEGORY 3

Winner – Colm Griffin 36pts (17)

2nd – Con Healy 35pts (14) bk9

3rd – Donal O'Reilly 35pts (16) bk9.

CATEGORY 4

Winner – Seamus Doheny 36pts (20) bk9

2nd – Joe Murphy 36pts (21)

3rd – John Murphy 35pts (19)

Another great weekend of badminton for Killarney club with the team winning the Div 5 men's league final: against Listowel 5-1.

Pictured are Biprojit Ghosh, Hasib Ahmmed, Evan Lemass, Driss Lecointe



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SCOTTS LAKERS 105
(After Double Over Time)

Report by Enda Walshe

Scotts Lakers stood on the doorstep of victory three times in this titanic battle in Portlaoise but three times they were denied by a relieved home side who used every bit of nous, and a smidgen of luck, to eventually carve out the win. The game would have had the feel of a season opener for Scotts Lakers as they had to integrate both Leondre Washington and Rui Saravia into their squad. Washington, signed as a replacement for the injured Terion Moss, settled into the side seamlessly, pouring in 45 points, while Saravia, returning from some time away travelling, showed little signs of rust before fouling out in the closing stages of normal time.

Even in defeat, Coach Brian Clarke will point to plenty of positives, but the underlying feeling would have to be one of disappointment as the performance probably merited a win. With three of the next four games in Killarney (the Cougars away is the next assignment), a repeat of these levels would see them being a very difficult opponent to overcome.

Speaking on Sunday on his way to the St Pauls Ladies Division 2 Cup final in Castleisland Coach Clarke was rueing the small margins that defined the game. "We have to be more clinical as a team from the free throw line. We shot 52% when really 70% is the norm. Leondre gave us a great offensive effort having only flown in last Sunday and we'll have to work in training and see if we can get the same defensive edge out of him that we get from Terion Moss. To be fair he hasn't had much time with us so we'll get him up to speed on our different schemes. Looking ahead Clarke is eyeing up a busy month. "We need to get a run going again and the one thing I keep drumming into the team is to know the value of the ball. We'll work on keeping it better and sharpen our minds for the Cougars match on Saturday January 27th."

Portlaoise Panthers are enjoying their best season to date, and with only two defeats all season, they sit on top of the league rankings. They made a quick start with Liam Kinsella hitting a brace of baskets, but Braden

Bell and Leondre Washington replied in kind. Bell hit a three, but that only served to rouse a Panthers response, with Ravel Moody and Benny Carroll stretching the game out to 12-7. Jamie O Sullivan and Moody exchanged baskets before Rui Saravia hit a pair of baskets, but again, Rian O'Connell and Liam Kinsella struck back to help the Panthers into a 20-13 first quarter advantage.

The second quarter saw Washington really grow into the game. His eleven point contribution was the highlight reel for this period. He shared six points with Bell in the early stages to creep closer to the Panthers. Davin McEvoy, who had a very solid outing for the home side, was starting to heat up, but Washington helped to tie up the game at 28 each with 3.21 to go in the half. But that was only the cue for Moody, Colin Bolger, and BJ Gladden to ramp it up for the home side, who led 38-30 at half time.

The third quarter saw the Lakers make real inroads into that Panthers advantage. Braden Bell and Eoin Carroll went to work straight away on whittling that lead down with a Washington deuce making it 41-39 within three minutes of the restart. McEvoy and Gladden hit back, but Saravia was relishing his return as the game see-sawed over and back. Bell hit a big three to pull level, but Moody had the last word to make it a three point advantage going into the final straight.

Benny Carroll tried to push the Panthers further clear, but Bell, Washington, and Jamie O Sullivan helped the Lakers into the lead at 67-66. At this stage, the away side looked more likely with Washington and Bell rampant. But Moody was always probing, and with McEvoy having his best outing of the season, the home side then wrestled back the initiative. But Eoin Carroll, Bell, and Paul Clarke all combined to give the Lakers a final minute advantage, one that was cancelled out by McEvoy's late effort. Washington had a chance to win it, but his attempt was foiled by what looked like a foul, but the referee ruled it legitimate. And so on the game went to overtime.

The Panthers started the additional period, the better, Moody and McEvoy getting their noses in front. Bell hit two from the charity stripe before Washington hit from beyond the arc. The same player drove to the basket to help the visitors into a 91-88 lead. That was stretched out again to 95-90 with 1-09 to go, but Dylan Dunne and that man again, McEvoy, set up another five minutes of overtime. Bell and Washington again helped the Lakers into a slender lead with two minutes to go, 100-99, and a cigarette paper was all that divided the sides into those tense final moments. Moody really put his head on the block for the Panthers in those

final moments but Bell and Washington forced their hand and with 13 seconds on the clock the Lakers had possession, trailing by the minimum, 106-105. The ball was worked into Washington's possession, but his jump shot with seconds left on the clock agonisingly bounced out as the Panthers gathered the rebound. Two and a half hours of exhilarating entertainment decided by inches, with the home side breathing an audible sigh of relief.

Braden Bell hit a personal season high 37 points, but that was bettered by Leondre Washington, his debut yielding 45 points. Rui Saravia marked his comeback with 10 points, Jamie O Sullivan hit 6, Eoin Carroll 4, and Paul Clarke 3.

Panthers were best served by Ravel Moody on 38 points, Davin McEvoy hit 22, Liam Kinsella 15, Rian O'Connell 12, and Benny Carroll 6.

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UTILITY TRUST ST PAULS 87
ABBEY SEALS DUBLIN LIONS 64

Report by Enda Walshe

With a four game advantage with five outings to go, it would take a Devon Loch moment for Utility Trust St Pauls to relinquish their grip on the Southern Conference title. When one looks back at the season to date the victories over McEvoy's Cavan Eagles and Templeogue stand out but it would be hard to trump this latest win over the Double chasing National Cup candidates Abbey Seals Dublin Lions.

The Lions landed in Killarney on the back of a very impressive semi-final win over the aforementioned Eagles, and in December Player of the Month Sidney Kin, they have a real jewel. But kudos must go to the Coach of the Month James Fleming and his squad who grabbed this game by the scruff of the neck early doors and put forward their credentials as contenders for promotion to the Superleague. Eighty seven points was impressive shooting, but probably even more emphatic was the manner in which they curtailed the influence of the prolific Kin. In that regard, it can be accredited to both Sofia Paska and Lorraine Scanlon for having the "shop closed" signs up, and that stranglehold gave St. Pauls a real platform for success.

A deeper drill down into the team performances highlights four players in double figures, namely Khirica Rasheed,



Sofia Paska, Lorraine Scanlon, and Denise Dunlea. The latter was a worthy recipient of the game Most Valuable Player as she gave a stellar display, stepping into the void created by the absence of Joint Captains Rheanne O'Shea and Lynn Jones. Dunlea was modest in her post match reflections. "Everyone stepped up, Meabh Barry and Niamh Ni Chonchuir really made a difference with Lynn and Rheanne missing. It's very enjoyable playing in this team, everyone played unbelievably well."

Sophia Widmeyer gave the Lions an early leg up with a big three and later found Kin for another basket. The visitors held an early 7-2 advantage as they opened brightly, but Dunlea was on fire from beyond the arc, and alongside Paska and Scanlon, that lead was soon wiped out. Niamh Ni Chonchuir sprang from the bench to nail a basket, and with Rasheed and Meabh Barry finding their range, St. Pauls were starting to purr at 25-15. A pair of threes from Rasheed before quarters end emphasised that point, and despite Kins and Emily Smyth's efforts, the visitors were in arrears by 31-17.

The Lions came out a different beast for the second quarter, and eleven rapid points between Kin and Widmeyer heralded a home timeout. That served to steady the ship as Rasheed, Paska, and Scanlon stamped their authority on the game to reopen a healthy lead, 45-30. Niamh Ni Chonchuir, dovetailing her time with Leah McMahon, was an influential presence at this stage, her mobility helping to beat the Lions press, and she added to the home sides total as did Dunlea and Paska. Despite Ciara Wheeler's best efforts, the lead was now opened out to 20, 54-34 at the halfway juncture.

With a Cup final looming for the Dublin Lions the third quarter was all about suppressing any ideas they had of a comeback and a pair of Widmeyer threes were cancelled out by Dunlea who had her most productive quarter. Widmeyer and Kin were finding it difficult to get any change out of a miserly Paul's defence as Paska and Rasheed quelled any talk of a renaissance.

Early baskets by Scanlon and Rasheed in the final quarter really knocked the stuffing out of the Lions, and sensing the game was up, they rotated their bench. Having put themselves in a powerful position, Coach James Fleming did likewise giving Aisling Counihan, Cliona Coffey, and Liadh Tobin well-deserved game time, and it did little to disrupt their rhythm. Leah McMahon hit a three to cement her contribution while Tobin made her night's work with a neat basket. Rasheed and Paska also added to their totals as the clock ran down to a very impressive 87-64 victory.



James Fleming receives Basketball Ireland coach of the Month award for December from Jim Delaney Chairman, St. Paul's Ladies National League. With him are his niece Beibhinn and nephew Tadgh.

Khariara Rasheed was St Paul's top scorer with 23 points. The dominant Sofia Paska had 20. MVP Denise Dunlea shot 17, Lorraine Scanlon 13, Niamh Ni Chonchuir hit 7, Leah McMahon 3 and Liadh Tobin and Meabh Barry had two each.

For the defending Cup Champions, Sophia Widmeyer was best with 23, Sydney Kin shot 18, Gillian Wheeler 8, and her sister Ciara had 6.

James Fleming found it hard to find fault in his team's performance. "Everyone did a super job for us, especially Sofia Paska who did a massive defensive effort on Sidney Kin. Lorraine Scanlon is unbelievable, I don't know how she does it. Last year Denise Dunlea was carrying an injury and tonight she was immense. Niamh Ni Chonchuir gave us great energy off the bench, for a young girl Leah McMahon was immense. We were missing two legends of Killarney basketball in Rheanne and Lynn but tonight shows us how much strength in depth we have." Looking ahead the team sits pretty on top of the Southern Conference but all focus is now on the next game. "We have Carlow in two weeks and we'll knuckle down for that, we're going to need everyone to get us over the line in March(play off time)."



Khariara Rasheed was St Paul's top scorer with 23 points

BALLYHAR DYNAMOS FC

TEAMS

The Club U10s welcomed Iveragh FC on Saturday last where both clubs displayed their skills. Thanks to the Coaches & Parents for facilitating. The U13 team two had a good 5-2 home win against Killarney Athletic C in Division 2 south. Josh Nelligan with four goals & one from Ciaran Ferris sealed the win. Joshua O Sullivan also had an excellent game with the squad all playing well.

The U15s travelled to Killarney Celtic in a premier fixture where they were defeated 2-6 with Ryan Vickers & Kevin P Shea being on the scoresheet. The U17s had an excellent 5-1 home win against St Brendans Park B on Saturday last. The game was played in excellent conditions with Eugene Deniel x 2, Gerard Long, Shane Doolan & Luke Courtney scoring the goals while Sean O Sullivan, Marcus Clifford, Andy O Cathasaigh, Eoin Walshe, Anthony Cremin, Tony Daly & Jack O Donoghue were in fine form.

The seniors hosted Ballyheigue FC on Sunday in Premier B where a Mike Daly strike had Ballyhar 1-0 up at half time. Two second half goals from the Visitors meant they left with the three points. On the day Maurice O'Donoghue, Dan O Shea, Danny Cronin, John Power, Patrick O Connor, Luke Henderson & Alan Moriarty played well.

SYMPATHY

The club offers its Condolences to the Brosnan & Daly family, Firies, the Cooper Family, Ballyhar & the Murphy Family, Killarney on their recent family bereavements.

KILLARNEY ATHLETIC

U17 PREMIER LEAGUE

Killarney Athletic 2-1 Tralee Dynamos

Jake Nash Luke Doolan

A great win today for our lads in what was a marvellous game of football between 2 really talented teams. We started really well and dominated the opening stages but came up against a goalie in great form who made 3 top drawer saves in the first half alone. We did finally manage to get one past him when a great reverse pass by Brian O'Shea set Jake Nash through to finish to the net. This woke Dynamos up and they began to get more of a foothold in the game and scored just before half time when a cross ended up going in off the back post. 1-1 at halftime was probably a bit flattering to Dynamos. The second half

started with dynamos shading it and looking more likely to get a goal. Our guys upped it again and things were even enough and looking like whoever got the next goal would win it. With about 15 minutes to go Luke Doolan hit a cracking shot from 35 yards out which was worthy of winning any game. Both teams had chances for the remainder of the game, us mainly on the counter attack as Dynamos pressed for an equaliser, but both defences held out til the final whistle. This was a superb team performance with a great work ethic and attitude. This performance has been threatening all season and we need to try and maintain these levels going forward. All players and subs used gave everything for the win which is all you can ask. I'd like to give a special mention to Charlie O'Doherty who got his first start in goal today and was brilliant. This was thoroughly deserved as he has never missed a game, never complained when not starting and always shown up with a great attitude. Thanks to Dynamos for a great sporting game, they play the right way and never much between the 2 teams.

U13 PREMIER RESULT

Killarney Athletic 4 - 1 Listowel Celtic

Eric Corcoran Robert Murphy Mark Cremin

A very clinical showing in front of goal, saw us race into a 4-0 lead in the first half.

In the second half, Listowel came out and caused us problems and got one back, but a very solid defensive display, saw us see out the game and take the 3 points.

A fantastic squad performance today by all of young Blues . We'll done boys. Thanks to Listowel for a good, sporting game.

U15 DIV 2

Killarney athletic 4-0 kenmare

Lucas Neher, Ewan Macgillycuddy, Ryan Twomey, Diarmuid O' Sullivan

Our blues were back in action today after the Christmas break. The boys showed no sign of rust as they started brightly and played some fantastic football. The boys struggled to find the back of the net due to some fine saves from the kenmare keeper. With 2 minutes before the half time whistle, Lucas opened the scoring after a fine delivery from jack which was flicked on by twomey for Lucas to finish. The blues didn't let up in the second half as diarmuid made the difference from the bench getting his first assist with a wonderful ball for ewan to finish which he more than deserves for his

performance in midfield today. The nerves had eased as diarmuid picked out another great ball to find captain fantastic twomey to make it 3. Diarmuid finished off his fine performance with a goal of his own to see out a 4-0 win. Credit to kenmare as they never gave up but our defence held strong with both keepers Sam and Jamie playing today to get our first clean sheet of the season. Thanks to kenmare for a sporting game

U12 GIRLS PREMIER

Iveragh 2-2 Athletic

Roisin O' Sullivan

Our U12 girls made the long trip to Iveragh Saturday evening for a late kick off and shared the spoils with the hosts. With a few players missing 12 girls made the trip and started the brighter of the two sides, with our pressure paying off when Roisin slotted home . 1-0 Athletic. Iveragh to their credit started to dominate the game for the next 10 mins and drew level with a great strike. 1-1. With the half nearing an end, Athletic were awarded a penalty which Roisin coolly slotted home. HT 2-1 Athletic. The second half was an even affair with Athletic hitting the post twice through Lucy and Roisin and the home side missing a penalty. However, with 2 minutes remaining Iveragh drew level again with a great strike. FT 2-2. Honours even in the end and probably a fair reflection of the game. Thanks to Iveragh for a very sporting game and the ref on the day for letting the game flow. Our girls are still unbeaten this season and we look forward to the next game.

KILLARNEY CELTIC

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U15 PREMIER

Killarney Celtic 6-2 Ballyhar Dynamos

Samuel Scroope 3,, Dara Horan, Mark Looney, Ignacy Truchan

Celtic got their league campaign back on track with a good home win over Ballyhar Dynamos. Celtic started strongly and played lovely possession football. Dara Horan reacted quickest to give Celtic an early lead from a corner. Mark



Ballyhar Dynamos u17s who defeated St brendans park B at murt Scott Park on Saturday last in Division 1 of the KDL .



Ballyhar Dynamos FC u13s team two who defeated Killarney Athletic C on Saturday last in Division 2 South of the schoolboy league at murt Scott Park.

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Looney struck sweetly from another James Murphy corner to double the lead. Celtic got a 3rd when Samuel Scroope turned Luca Mosca's shot into the net. Jack Culloty, Jack O'Grady Ryan Downing and Ignacy Truchan also went close to scoring in that 1st half. Ballyhar pulled a goal back but Ignacy Truchan followed up to restore Celtic's cushion. Samuel Scroope scored twice in the final quarter, finishing a lovely pass from Sean Collins and then following up on a Mark Looney strike from distance. Ballyhar scored a nice goal to finish the game. All in all, a sporting occasion with both teams playing some nice football and referee Paddy Osborne contributing with excellent officiating.

U15 DIVISION 2

Killarney Celtic B 1-0 Mastergeeha F.C. B

Andrew Sheehan

A tight game played out on a great afternoon for soccer. Celtic had plenty of possession in the first half but struggled to break through a tight defence. The visitors hit the crossbar and Brian White had a good save at his feet to keep it 0-0 at the break. Mastergeeha had more possession in the 2nd half and Celtic came into the game late in the half. Nikita Tkachenko had a free tipped onto the crossbar and then from the same position pinged another free kick towards the cross bar, which the keeper got a hand to but the ball fell to Andrew Sheehan who finished to the net to give Celtic the late win.

U14 DIVISION 2

Killarney Celtic B 5-2 Inter Kenmare FC

Josh Salvador, Ross O'Gorman, Majd Khaleel, Jason Harrington, Ben O'Sullivan

A very entertaining game between these two teams with Celtic getting the better of Kenmare last weekend. Celtic took the lead through Captain Josh Salvador after good build up play. Ross O'Gorman got played through by Majd Khaleel make it 2-0. Kenmare finished the half better and got a goal back before half time. Celtic were shaky at the start of the 2nd half but regained composure after a few mins. Both keepers made great saves before Joey O'Callaghan set up Majd Khaleel who finished brilliantly. Kenmare weren't finished and scored from a long range shot. Fionn O'Donovan with a last ditch tackle and Darren O'Brien with a great reflex save did superb to keep Celtic ahead. Majd Khaleel put Jason Harrington through on goal to increase the lead. Jason Harrington turned provider before full time when his cross was finished to the net by Ben O'Sullivan. Celtic B maintain their position towards the top of the table behind Inter Kenmare.

U13 DIVISION 1

Killarney Celtic A 6-0 Killarney Athletic B

Cillian Scannell 2, Cormac O'Sullivan 2, Noah Brosnan, Jack Kissane

Celtic maintained their good league run with a win over Killarney Athletic B. The squad lie 2nd in the table behind Tralee Dynamos. Very good performance throughout the team.

U13 DIV 2

Milltown FC 4-2 Killarney Celtic B

Adam Arthur, Conor Randles

Celtic led 2-0 but Milltown fought back to take the points.

CONGRATS to Majd Khaleel U14 and Cormac O'Sullivan U13 who made the KSBGL Team of



the Week.

KERRY SCHOOLBOY/GIRL SOCCER

RESULTS SATURDAY 13TH JANUARY

U12 Girls Premier (North)

Castleisland FC 2 - 2 St Brendans Park

Dingle Bay Rovers 3 - 0 Listowel Celtic

U12 Girls Premier (South)

Iveragh v Killarney Athletic

Mastergeeha FC 3 - 0 Killorglin AFC

U14 Girls Premier

LB Rovers MEK (Ardfert Astro)

Listowel Celtic 4 - 0 Dingle Bay Rovers

Castleisland AFC 3 - 0 Fenit Samphires

St Brendans Park 1 - 0 Camp Juniors

U16 Girls Premier

Mastergeeha FC 4 - 3 St Brendans Park

U15 BOY'S NATIONAL TROPHY ROUND 4

Tralee Dynamos 1 - 0 Newmarket Celtic

Listowel Celtic 2 - 3 St. Brendan's Park

Moneygall 1 - 2 Killorglin AFC

U12 Boy's Division 1

Camp Juniors 2 - 0 St Brendans Park

U13 Boy's Premier

Castleisland AFC 4 - 2 Inter Kenmare

MEK Galaxy 1 - 1 St Brendans Park

Killarney Athletic 4 - 1 Listowel Celtic

Iveragh UTD 1 - 7 Killorglin AFC

U13 Boy's Division 1

St Brendans Park B 3 - 2 Fenit Samphires

Listowel Celtic B 2 - 5 LB Rovers

Killarney Celtic A 6 - 0 Killarney Athletic B

Mastergeeha FC 1 - 2 Tralee Dynamos

U13 Boy's Division 2 North

Camp Juniors 6 - 3 Dingle Bay Rovers

LB Rovers B v Listowel Celtic C (Ardfert Astro)

U13 Boy's Division 2 South

Ballyhar Dynamos B 5 - 2 Killarney Athletic

Mastergeeha FC B 2 - 8 Killorglin AFC B

Inter Kenmare B 5 - 2 MEK Galaxy B

Milltown FC 4 - 0 Killarney Celtic B

U14 DIVISION 2 BOYS

TOP 4:

Killarney Celtic 5 - 2 Inter Kenmare

U15 BOY'S PREMIER

Killarney Celtic A 6 - 2 Ballyhar Dynamos

Fenit Samphires 1 - 1 Inter Kenmare

Mastergeeha FC 4 - 2 MEK Galaxy

U15 BOY'S DIVISION 1

Castleisland FC 2 - 0 Camp Juniors

St Brendans Park B 2 - 1 Iveragh UTD

Killarney Athletic 3 - 0 Ballyheigue AFC

U15 BOY'S DIVISION 2

Tralee Dynamos B 1 - 5 Dingle Bay Rovers

Killarney Athletic B 4 - 0 Inter Kenmare B

Killarney Celtic B 1 - 0 Mastergeeha FC B

St Brendans Park C 7 - 1 Iveragh UTD B

U16 BOY'S PREMIER

Castleisland AFC 2 - 4 Killorglin AFC

KERRY SCHOOLBOYS & GIRLS

TEAM OF THE WEEK

1. Jack Buckley (Listowel Celtic U15)
2. Szymon Bielinski (St Brendans Park U13)
3. John Nelligan (Ballyhar Dynamos U13)
4. Cormac O Sullivan (Killarney Celtic U13)
5. Michael Culhane (Killorglin AFC U15)
6. Majd Khaleel (Killarney Celtic U14)
7. Aaron Crean (Tralee Dynamos U15)
8. Evan Neary (Fenit Samphires U13)
9. Ryan O Connor (Castleisland AFCU13)
10. Ewan Mac Gillycuddy (Killarney Athletic U12)
11. Dara O Sullivan (Mastergeeha FC U13)

KERRY SCHOOLBOYS & GIRLS

GIRL'S ROLL OF HONOUR

Ava Dewey Sophie Ferriter (St Brendans Park FC)
 Gracie Wood (Lb Rovers)
 Eimear Mc Mahon (Castleisland AFC)
 Hannah O Connell (Listowel Celtic)
 Elizabeth Brosnan (Killarney Athletic)
 Sarah Boyne (Killorglin AFC)
 Rebecca Murphy & Aoibhinn O Leary (Mastergeeha FC)



Jack Kavanagh, Kerry FC advances forward in the Munster Senior Cup Round Three in which they beat Avondale United 1-0

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KERRY FC book their place in the Quarter Final of the Munster Senior Cup

Report by David Moriarty
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MUNSTER SENIOR CUP ROUND THREE

KERRY FC 1-0 AVONDALE UNITED

Kerry FC had their first test of competitive action on Friday night when they took on Avondale United of Cork in the third round of the Munster Senior Cup at home in Mounthawk Park.

It is Kerry's first involvement in the competition since joining the League of Ireland last year, and they will be determined to get off to a winning start. Manager Conor McCarthy said during the week that pre-season games are great for getting a run-out for the team, but nothing beats a competitive game for a real test to see where the squad is at ahead of the new League season which starts in just thirty-four days.

McCarthy named a strong eleven for his first game in charge. Three of the four new signings started on the night. Jack Kavanagh, and Steven Healy were named at both left-back and midfield respectively while Andy Spain was named at centre-back and lined out as captain of the kingdom. McCarthy did say whoever was named out as captain on the night might be the captain

for the season as the decision had not been made yet.

Avondale United got to this stage with two convincing wins over Kanturk AFC and Passage AFC. The side recently beat Ringmahon Rangers 4-1 in the O'Connell Cup whom Kerry are familiar with from their 2-0 win over Rangers in the first round of the FAI Cup last season, so it was evident before a ball was kicked that this would be no easy game for the kingdom.

FIRST HALF

The first half was an incredibly quiet affair with not much to shout about. Daniel Okwute who started out on the right wing made some fantastic runs down the flank beating his

opponent more times than not. Okwute had a fair shout for a penalty after getting around his opponent only to be dragged down in the area but the referee on the night Ray Matthews did not feel there was enough in it to give a penalty. Despite the shouts from around the ground, the referee kept to his decision and waved on the play.

The debut of Andy Spain was cut short as he and Simon Falvey clashed heads in around the centre of the pitch late in the half. Falvey kept playing with a bandage around his head, but the Kerry sideline felt it was best that Spain would make way for Ethan Kos. First-team coach James Sugrue said after

the game that Andy wanted to stay on, but the doctor made the call which was the best for the long term. Ronan Teahan was closest to opening the scoring for Kerry as his half-volley effort inside the area was saved well by Adam Murphy O'Dwyer. The half shortly ended after this sequence of play and Kerry knew if they were to be in the next round of this competition, they would have to step it up in the second half.

SECOND HALF

Kerry started the second half on the front foot. A free kick from Steven Healy sailed just over the crossbar and only a few moments later Sean McGrath had two near misses as his first effort went just wide of the top left corner from far out and his second went just wide of the keeper's bottom right-hand post. Kerry were getting closer and found a rhythm that they were lacking in the first forty-five minutes. Keeping that rhythm going and keeping a consistent defensive shape was the big test for the duration of the game.

Avondale had a couple of big chances themselves to open the scoring as a cross from Danny O'Connell into the six-yard area found Naythan Coleman, but he was not able to convert and put his effort over the crossbar from 6 yards. In the sixty-fourth minute Simon Falvey tried to catch out Lee Axworthy with an

audacious long-range shot but went wide of the target.

Kerry found their breakthrough in the seventy-seventh minute when Daniel Okwute coolly slotted home into the bottom left corner to give the Kingdom the lead. The chance was really created and finished by Okwute himself who managed to make space for himself outside the area and dispatch his shot with pure power and technique.

Kerry held out for the next thirteen minutes plus stoppage time to see themselves through to the next round of the Munster Senior Cup where they will either face Cobh Ramblers or College Corinthians of Cork at home again in Mounthawk Park. Kerry have their first pre-season friendly on Thursday next as they face an old friend in Leo Gaxha when they play newly promoted

Galway United in Killarney.

KERRY FC TEAM: 32. LEE AXWORTHY, 15. KEVIN WILLIAMS, 18. SAM

ALADESANUSI, 4. ANDY SPAIN (C), 6. JACK KAVANAGH, 8. STEVEN HEALY, 7.

SEAN MCGRATH, 23. RONAN TEAHAN, 14. NATHAN GLEESON, 11. DANIEL OKWUTE

(GOAL '77), 9. RYAN KELLIHER.

SUBS: AARON O'SULLIVAN, SEAN O'CONNELL, ETHAN KOS, DAIRE MCCARTHY, TOGOR SILONG, GRAHAM O'REILLY, CIAN BROSNAN.

AVONDALE UNITED TEAM: 1. ADAM MURPHY O'DWYER, 2. DAVID KIELY, 3. SAM

O'DRISCOLL, 5. JAMIE O'SULLIVAN, 6. DAVID O'LEARY, 7. EOGHAN VAUGHAN, 8.

NAYTHAN COLEMAN, 9. SIMON FALVEY, 10. NIAL HANLEY, 11. DANIEL

O'CONNELL, 17. JAMES CARSON.

SUBS: EOGHAN LOUGHEAD, ANDREW GANNON, 13. JAMIE COLLINS, 14. ELIJAH

KADI-HARRINGTON, 15. RICHARD TOBIN, 16. BEN ROCHE O'BRIEN, 22. JACK

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



MCGRATH CUP

Kerry 3-20 Tipperary 0-10
Kerry 6-18 Limerick 0-11

Let's be very clear about things here. I have almost as much interest in the McGrath Cup as I do in Donald Trump's assessment of..... anything. It's not something to which I would devote much attention. I would genuinely prefer if players got a full break from mid December to the end of January. The trouble is not the split season, an easy target for cheap criticism. The trouble is that the schedule is absolutely crammed, far too much so. That all Ireland club semi-final between Watty Grahams The Glen and Kilmacud Crokes has been described as exciting. I don't know how anyone could tell; it's not like you could actually see much on television or in person because of the fog.

What have we learned? It turns out that if no team is going at full tilt (and any team going at full tilt in January is going to be exhausted long before any crunch games), then Division One Kerry tend to be better than teams from Divisions Three and Four. The idea that you can assess a players' value at this time of year is nonsensical. Not just misguided. Nonsensical. Players have absolutely put their hands up as real options. Both Geaneys have done well, especially Dylan. I like his positional sense and his speed in the pass. Quick and correct decisions will hurt teams in the summer much faster than quick or accurate feet. Seán O'Shea looks sharp, fast, and hungry. He is relishing the chance to actually play in the scoring area instead of foraging in the engine room. Seán O'Brien looks the real deal out there. Joe O'Connor looks like a massive find. Real energy and the power to see it through. I really like the decision to go in goal in the Limerick game. No confusion or dithering. "We have a problem; I'm going to solve it" and done. But it's like thinking a guy will break Las Vegas at the poker tables because you saw him win a game of solitaire. I'll need to see Kerry's midfield up against a higher level midfield before I can judge, and even the

McGrath Cup Final against Cork, while a better barometer, is still January football. I can still see Sean O'Shea being needed out the field in the summer heat, with Kerry robbing forward Peter to pay midfield Paul. Of course I hope I'm wrong.

ALL IRELAND JUNIOR FINAL

Arva (Cavan) 0-13 Listowel Emmets 0-10

It'll sting. It'll sting for a long time, unfortunately. The worst phrase in all sports – in fact, I believe the worst words in anything – are "what if?" And unfortunately, Listowel were so close that those players will be asking themselves that eternally unanswerable question.

There isn't much actual 'what if' about the result. The truth is that Arva rose their game when the pressure was on and they fully deserved their win. Their defending in the last twenty minutes? That wasn't junior standard. That was phenomenal. So fair play to them.

Arva made the better start, two quick points on the board from the start from Ciarán Brady and Peter Norris. Referee Anthony Nolan had two names in his book already for yellow cards – I have absolutely no problem with that. The sanction of an offence should not vary depending on the time it occurred. Arva looked the better side at that stage, but missed some good chances – I'd make a lot of allowance for nerves in Croke Park; it is genuinely intimidating at first on that pitch. Eddie Healy was already stamping his class on the game with a great but fruitless drive and Joe Joe Grimes and Darragh Leahy were beginning to take control of midfield. It was at the end of the first quarter that Cormac Mulvihill finally got them on the scoreboard. Mulvihill added two more and David Keane slotted two frees with Cormac Mulvihill kicking a real beauty on a day when such scores were rare on both sides. Tristan Noack Hoffman kicked a beauty but Listowel Emmets were full value for their 0-7 to 0-4 half-time lead. Arva's defence had already shown that it would take good work to get past them, while their forwards had been somewhat wasteful.

Darragh Leahy had already been ticked as well as picking up a yellow card. The decision to take

him off may have been costly in hindsight, but at the time it certainly looked the sensible call to me. Darragh Lynch is a fine player in his own right. To me, it looked like the side that improved their conversion rate would win this game, and to be honest I thought it would be Listowel. I thought that Arva defence would creak slightly late on and Listowel would get a few scores. Listowel did have two good point opportunities in the third quarter. They went for goal chances that were never on instead; even at the time I was sure it was a mistake. Arva began to completely dominate the middle and, while their shooting was never great, their defence restricted Listowel to a single second half point from play. Listowel lost Ger McCarthy to a black card – anyone trying to debate whether it was the correct call is a Kerry partisan. Black card all day. Likewise with the goal by Joe Joe Grimes late on that would have cut the gap to a single point. The whistle was clearly well gone before he hit the shot. Not only was it not denying a clear goal-scoring opportunity, it didn't even look like advantage accruing. No, I thought the referee had a good game. I just thought that Arva's defence were the difference between two good teams and they deserved to win. Sometimes the narrative is just that simple. It doesn't take away from the North Kerry club. It's great to see them back at Intermediate level and I hope more of their neighbours join them. Football in both North and South Kerry could do with improvement at club level – I still consider North Kerry's minor and U21 amalgamation to be a very positive move for Kerry football overall and hopefully that's part of a rising tide.

Of course, if Meath club Rathkenny get their way, players who feature on divisional sides won't be allowed to represent their junior or intermediate club in provincial or All Ireland competitions. It's generated a bit of debate..... well, it hasn't, but various pundits seem to wish it did. This is a real January story if I have ever heard one (and let's face, I've actually started one or two of those in my time – pages still needed filling even in the quiet months). Complete nonsense and you'll see turkeys voting for Christmas before you see



Listowel Emmets

GAA delegates voting to stop the likes of the Cliffords representing Fossa or Shane Ryan and Paul Murphy representing Rathmore. In fairness to Rathkenny, it isn't quite the sour grapes it appears – their divisional set-up is quite different to Kerry's, but it's not going to happen. Let's be gentle to them and never mention this again.

Arva: Cian O'Hara, Charlie Madden, James Morris, Dylan Maguire, Thomas Partington, Stephen Sheridan, Finbar McAvinue, Ciarán Brady (0-4), Tristan Noack Hofmann (0-2), Jonathan McCabe, Barry Donnelly, Danny Ellis, Peter Morris (0-3), Conal Sheridan, Kevin Bouchier (0-4, 4f). Subs: Ciarán Stanley (for Danny Ellis, 41 mins), Thomas Brady (for Conal Sheridan, 56 mins), Paul Cassidy (for Peter Morris, 61 mins).

Listowel Emmetts: Cathal Keane, Niall Collins (0-1), Jack McElligott, Ciarán Piersie, Eddie Browne, Eddie Healy (0-1), Micheal Kennedy, Joe Joe Grimes, Darragh Leahy, Seán Keane, Ger McCarthy, Jamie McVeigh, Cormac Mulvihill (0-2), Bryan Sweeney, David Keane (0-3, 3f). Subs: Darragh Lynch (for Darragh Leahy, half-time), Sam Tarrant 0-1, 1f (for David Keane, 49 mins), Adam O'Rourke (for Bryan Sweeney, 56 mins), Jake Moriarty (for Ger McCarthy, 56 mins), Cillian Holly (for Jamie McVeigh 58 mins). Referee: Anthony Nolan (Wicklow).

PAIRC UÍ CAOIMH TO BE RENAMED

So Pairc Uí Caoimh is to be renamed SuperValu Park. There are extremely offensive rumours that it had to do with a €1.5m donation from a supermarket chain. Nonsense. The Cork County Board are not that venal and would never stoop to that. No, they obviously just wish to honour the famous exploits of the great Johnny SuperValu, that great dual player of the 1930s of whom it's claimed that Christy Ring himself said "I wouldn't want a piece of him" and whom Jack Lynch wanted to put forward as Taoiseach instead of himself.

Look, you know how I feel about this. The GAA always boasted of its amateur ethos and it's fostering of pride in our native culture. This is an obscenity and a genuine insult to generations of volunteers who built the organisation. Pádraig Ó Caoimh – and he was a tough cookie in his own right but no egomaniac – would have bitterly opposed this and so do I and every Cork supporter that I know. But you no longer count as supporters. You are merely consumers. You have the right to an opinion – but that opinion no longer matters. A sad day for the GAA.

The Fitzgerald Stadium is named after Dick Fitzgerald, by the way, and Austin Stack Park is named after Austin Stack. For the love of God, let's keep it that way.

LEGENDS LAID TO REST

Franz Beckenbauer

At the top you have Pele, Maradona, and arguably Johann Cruyff. Messi is there or thereabouts. Di Stefano and Puskas. Could you put Matthews, Finney, or Charlton into that conversation? Only in a Blackadder episode. Beckenbauer? Most definitely high up in the



Franz Beckenbauer RIP

pantheon. Like the top three, he thought about the game differently and not only played it differently; he basically did it so well that he forced every other team to do the same.

He made his debut for Bayern Munich at nineteen years of age and got them promoted straight away (ironically, he had always supported 1860 Bayern but fell out with his home club as a youth player). Technically he was a central midfielder but already he was beginning to change the role from workhorse to thoroughbred. Soccer didn't even half a word for 'libero'. Centre half and midfield were rigidly defined roles, but Beckenbauer changed them by reading the play and cutting incisively. Remember, this is around the time that Alf Ramsay was about to win a World Cup without playing wingers. You didn't need players in free roles. Except that Beckenbauer revelled in exactly that, and what's more, his teams were winning. Bayern won the German Cup in 1966 and the European Cupwinners' Cup a year later. They won the German League three times in a row and the European Cup three times in a row after that. Beckenbauer was central to all of them. Ignore his tactical nous; he had pace, power, immaculate control, and was probably a more visionary passer than his contemporary Cruyff.

He was already being called 'Der Kaiser' before those wins. It wasn't an affectionate nickname. There are a number of fanciful origins for the nickname, at least one fabricated by the man himself, but the truth is that it was applied to him by his national team-mates. Beckenbauer was famously autocratic and even more famously misogynistic. He was a national hero,

but disliked by many of his colleagues. It didn't matter; a player this good could get away with it. Germany were runners-up in 1966 ("They think it's all over..."), third place in 1970 (that Brazil team fired the world's imagination. That was the day that soccer became a legitimate global sport), and finally, in 1974, World Champions. Beckenbauer was on the Team of the Tournament at all three; in 1974 the captain was at the absolute peak of his powers. He had captained his country to the European Championship two years earlier.

In 1977 he famously joined the New York Cosmos, playing alongside the likes of Pele. It was here that he made his famously laconic reply when asked how he was so good at getting from A to B ahead of younger, fitter players, "I never start at A". He wasn't being sarcastic; his awareness of positional sense really was that good. The game didn't catch on in the US (changing political demographics – 'soccer mom' is now almost the exact opposite of the original intention of the phrase – and concerns over American Football injuries mean that it is becoming more popular now) but Beckenbauer did win three titles. However, while both of them could play the game superbly, Pele could also play the crowd. Beckenbauer, unfailing courteous, never had that kind of charisma.

In 1984 Beckenbauer took over the German team. Two years later they would reach the World Cup in Mexico, but Maradona dominated that tournament as no player ever has. Even German supporters had to acknowledge that not even Der Kaiser at his best could do the things the ultimate 'pibe' was doing, let alone any of his players. Germany stayed with their manager and the decision proved correct when Germany won the 1990 World Cup, beating Argentina 1-0.

He would later move into soccer administration. In regard to that, I will allow the charity of silence, and that is being very charitable indeed in the circumstances. Let us merely say that as a player and a manager, very few players ever gave as much to soccer as Beckenbauer did, but the game certainly owes him no debt.

Beckenbauer was the only man to win the World Cup as captain and subsequently

manager (Deschamps has done it since), Ballon d'Or twice (unheard of for a defender), European Footballer of the Year twice, and was an automatic selection on both the World Team of the Century in 1988 and the FIFA World Cup Dream Team in 2002 (Lev Yashin, Pele, Maradona, and Cruyff were also named on both teams).

JPR WILLIAMS

The best rugby team of all time. You could be thinking about that for a while. The 1905 Originals brought a completely new version of the game all the way from New Zealand. They performed a 'haka' whatever that particular bit of Antipodean madness was; perhaps it involved witch doctors. They played an unheard of running game – all backs, as opposed to forwards – and of course wore a black uniform. A Fleet Street telephonist coined the term 'All Blacks' (they were, of course, all very caucasian) and a legend was born.

You could throw the 1920s All Blacks or the New Zealand side of a decade ago into the mix as well. England '02/'03? No. Brilliant team in many ways, but compared to the very pinnacle? Not at that level. Ireland in the early '80s or the '0-9 Slam winners? Arrah, stop.

Wales in the early 1970s. There is something about the 1970s. It was the first real television era. Sure, it was there in 1950s America and 1960s Britain and Ireland, but it was in the seventies that the medium took off. It could generate water cooler conversations long before the phrase was coined. Think of the sporting icons of that era. Muhammed Ali, the undisputed number one (there was real substance underneath all the showmanship). Pele, Cruyff, Beckenbauer. Kareem Abdul Jabbar (a lack of genuine peers means he is not acknowledged properly nowadays), Nadia Comaneci,, Bjorn Borg, Chris Evert, Martian Navratilova, Jackie Stewart, Lasse Viren (I know some of you won't have heard of him – google it. I'm absolutely serious). Alex Higgins. Jack Nicklaus. Red Rum, of course. You simply cannot imagine now how adored he was.

Enter the Welsh rugby team. The Red Dragons were never easy fodder for anyone, but in the early 1970s they were simply the best in the world. They had incredible talent. Barry John was absolutely iconic. Lightly built, he could dominate games like none of the big men. Welsh fans will tell you he was the greatest player of all time, certainly the best fly half. They have a famously droll sense of humour, but they aren't lying. Phil Bennett took up that mantle when he retired early. Bennett might not have been Mike Gibson, but he was in that bracket in terms of speed and guile. Again, just search for 'greatest rugby try of all time' on youtube. Yep, that's Phil Bennett.

JJ Williams. The master of the chip and chase. I'm not talking Garryowen. Just a rapid neat punt into space and then it's a race – and JJ always won those races.

Mervyn Davies. 'Merve the Swerve'....as literally no genuine Welsh rugby supporter has ever called him, ever. Have a bit of dignity, people. He was a winger. Mind you, he was a winger in the same way that Albert Einstein was an office

clerk. He was fast, of course, but better yet, he was intelligent and knew exactly how to stretch a defensive line to breaking point.

I didn't see them play but I grew up with people mentioning those names. I didn't come from a rugby household – 90% of everything we knew about rugby was that Moss Keane played it, and 8% of the rest was the Doyle brothers. Arrah, Con Houlihan accounted for most of the rest, to be truthful.

But I did watch those games later on in life, just to tie the stories in with my very scattered childhood memories. And somehow, there was one player who really captured my imagination. I think it was an interview where JPR Williams spoke about the satisfaction that he got out of a try-saving tackle, more so than actually scoring himself (no, not the Gourdan one, it was earlier than that). He won practically everything, but something about that kind of transcended the medals. He never actually looked that comfortable in interviews. By all accounts he was aloof with supporters – I suspect that shyness may have been confused with arrogance.

He wasn't always JPR, of course. He was plain John Williams when he won the 1966 British Junior tennis title (nope, not kidding) and when he started for Wales. As a schoolboy he had been understandably reluctant to play full back, as they were simply supposed to kick to touch rather than carry. But rugby was changing in that regard. It's a part of why the game became so popular in that decade – it was rapidly transforming to a game of speed rather than muscle.

JPR had both in abundance. He made his Welsh debut in 1969 as a nineteen year old – and that was already a tough side to break into. By 1971 he was a Lion, and a key player in their victory over New Zealand,. He also won a Grand Slam that year. Already Wales were making such feats seem almost normal. He would win two more, 1976 and 1978 – remember that Ireland had only ever won one in its entire history. He won six Triple Crowns. He played England eleven times and never finished on the losing side. Imagine how much currency that's worth in Wales when they are looking for sporting heroes? Wales, of all places?

By 1974 John Williams was firmly established. A new winger came onto the Welsh team in 1973 but it wasn't really a problem. It was when they both made the starting line-up for the 1974 Lions side that the problem manifested itself, with one of the greatest pieces of sports commentary of all time. "And John Williams passes to John Williams, John Williams passes it back and John Williams scores." The fullback became John Peter Rhys, or JPR, and the winger became John James or JJ.

That was the famous 'Invincibles' tour of South Africa. The one with the famous '99' call to arms by Willie John McBride if a single Lion was fouled. Despite the many myths, I'm not sure that the Lions were more sinned against than sinning in that one, but what is certain is that JPR Williams did not shirk the call.

Rugby does have the global appeal of soccer and I'm not saying that as many people will feel that a piece of their childhood is slipping away

at the news of JPR Williams' passing as at that of Franz Beckenbauer. I'm merely saying that it means that little bit more to me, though I never met either man. May they both rest in peace.

SCHOOLS BASKETBALL TITLES FOR KERRY SCHOOLS

U19 A All Ireland Final

Mercy Mounthawk 66

St. Malachys Belfast 55

Two years ago Mercy Mounthawk agonisingly lost the U19 All Ireland Final on the buzzer to St. Malachys. Last year they beat St. Malachys in the semi-final on their way to the U14 All Ireland. This year, Tomás Kennedy and Evan Boyle were the survivors of the 2022 panel on the Mounthawk team managed by John Dowling that beat their Belfast rivals to lift the All Ireland title in a stellar display.

Olaf Michalczuk led the way with seven points in a first quarter that ended 11 apiece, but actually St. Malachys looked the better side at that stage. Sure enough, they surged eight points clear in the second quarter but a superb display by Joseph Osayrhion with ten points kept Mounthawk in the game. 26 points apiece at half-time but St. Malachys looked more likely to pull away at that stage.

Mounthawk have character, though. They were absolutely clinical in defence in the third quarter, punishing on the counter repeatedly, to push nine points clear and they just seemed to grow in confidence with every passing moment. Malachys had a good start in the fourth and trimmed a twelve point gap to seven while leaving two handy enough buckets behind them, but once again Mounthawk reasserted themselves and in truth, the gap was only growing in the last minute or two, with the Mounthawk supporters able to start celebrating a superb display well before the final buzzer.

Mercy Mounthawk: Ryne Ybanez, Tomas Kennedy (17), David Lucid, Ryan Sheehy, Oisín McGibney (Capt), Evan Boyle, Roan Grattan, Johnny Dawson, Conor Galvin, Sean Heaslip, Olaf Michalczuk (17), Joshua Osayanrhion (22).

U19 B Girls Finals

Marist Dundalk 66 Colaiste Íde 37

Unfortunately there was no such joy for Colaiste Íde in their final. Marist Dundalk were always in control and this one was fairly comfortable for them. Both sides played very good basketball but struggled to actually put it on the scoreboard. The big difference was that Marist had Megan Gallagher, who finished with a whopping 33 points. Colaiste Íde, despite great efforts, simply didn't have anyone of that calibre, and the Dundalk side could afford to just drop into a zone and absorb their best efforts all through the second half.

Coláiste Ide: Cait Ní Laoire Nic Aodh (11), Alison Nic An Ghoill, Caitliona Nic Carthaigh, Sarah Ni Cholgáin, Caoilinn Ní Laoire (8), Sheila Ní Laoire Nic Aodh (Capt), Robyn Nic Gabhann, Claragh Ní Chonchuir, Sophia Ní Mhócháin Georgina Ní Chiarnain, Saorla Ní Laoire, Lilian De Cléir.



A Word of Victory

Welcome back dear student last week we looked at setting spiritual goals for the coming year and the blessings that come from prioritising our relationship with God. "Where there is no vision the people (perish) cast off restraint" (Proverbs 29:18). The word vision translates to mean 'prophetic vision' here. "The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy" (Revelation 19:10). Prophetic vision is God's Word – His plans and purposes spoken ahead of time. Jesus fulfilled all the prophecies that had been given about the Messiah. It must have looked in the natural to those who heard the prophecies that the prophet's words had not come to pass after years of waiting (Habakkuk 2:3; Isaiah 55:10-11). But God's Word never fails, and Messiah did come – Jesus, the Son of God was born to save the world from sin, death, and destruction (Psalm 107:20). When people don't know or have turned away from God's Word they lose sight of His vision and thus, casting off restraint, they go wild. Doors are opened for the enemy to come in through sin, causing separation from God. The devil keeps people busy in the flesh, even busy doing good things – maintaining that chasm between them and God. Then when trouble comes, and it will, people have nothing in the tank to bring them through.

This is why it's vital to study and know the Bible – God's Word that sustains us, builds, and strengthens us. His Word arms us with strength for every battle (Psalm 18:39). God speaks wisdom to us – giving us insight into how to navigate through difficulties. He pours His Love upon us in His Word – reassuring and keeping us stable when there are turbulent circumstances. "My victory and honour come from God alone" (Psalm 62:7). King David wrote this – the greatest king the nation of Israel ever had, yet David knew that he was nothing without God. It was this knowledge that catapulted David into his destiny when he took on Goliath – the giant of whom the whole nation was afraid (1 Samuel 17).

The young shepherd boy showed up on the battlefield to drop supplies to his older brothers. God had him just where He wanted him. The army had been out on that hillside for over a month with no victory – only dishonour and fear. Now this teenager hears the word curses the giant spews at God's people and a righteous anger rises within him. The adults don't want to let David out to meet the giant because he has no battle experience. But David confounds their unbelief, telling them of how God had previously rescued him from danger. David releases God's Truth into this situation: yes, this giant may be big – but God is bigger! This enemy army may be powerful, but God is more powerful!

And so, with only this vision in front of his eyes David runs out to confront the bully – ignoring his rants and curses, and instead proclaiming God's plans and His Awesome Name. The giant believed in his strength, but David believed in God's. And the power of flesh is no match for the Power of God! This would've never worked out had David not known God's Word and been immersed in His Love and promises. We are no different dear friend. How wonderful to study God's Word, and how privileged we are to have the opportunity to grow to know our Creator – the Fountain of Life (Psalm 36:9; Proverbs 14:27). It was that knowledge that sustained David and brought him the victory over the impossible and it's there for you and me too!

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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Ted O'Gorman receiving the Donie Kissane Memorial Trophy for Minor Player of the year 2023 from Tim and Theresa Kissane with Willie Buckley and Pat Sheehan at the Fossa GAA Banquet.



Ciara Griffin receiving the Mari Murphy Memorial Trophy for Senior Ladies Player of the year for 2023 from Con, Sean and Seamus Murphy at the Fossa GAA Banquet.

EAST KERRY GAA NEWS

ALL IRELAND JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Commiserations to Listowel Emmett's on their defeat in Sunday's All Ireland Junior Final.

RETIREMENT

Congratulations from all at the East Kerry Board to our gateman Anthony Favier on his recent retirement as caretaker at Fossa National School.

CONDOLENCES

Sympathies to the family of Noel Murphy, College Street, Killarney, Kerry on his recent death.

KILLARNEY LEGION

ALL IRELAND MEDALS

Congratulations to Ali Bowler, who received her Munster U14 Championship medal, Lauren Carey, who got her U16 Munster and All Ireland medals and Andrea Murphy who took delivery of her Munster and All Ireland minor winners medals at a special function in the Ashe Hotel in Tralee.

LIDL LADIES NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

The Kerry Ladies start the defence of their National League title in the toughest place possible, Parnell Park, the home of All Ireland Champions Dublin. It is of course a repeat of the 2023 showpiece and if you're not attending the game it's live on TG4 this Saturday at 5.15pm.

WINTER WORKOUTS

The Winter Workouts are back! Starting on Wednesday 17th January in the Clubhouse it's not exclusive to the Killarney Mothers and Others group. Any Lady Legion Club members are welcome to join in for a nominal fee of €5. A great workout, with an excellent circuit but no pressure, you can work at your own pace. It all starts at 8pm and an hour should cover it.

MANAGEMENT TEAMS 2024

It's that time of the year again when we start looking ahead to 2024 and put out a call for volunteers. With a very busy juvenile section in both boys and girls, we are asking you to help us out in any way you can. If you would like to get involved in any team at any level, please contact

Donal O Leary 0868528768 for the boys section or Ted Healy 0876678315 for the girls.

ENGAGEMENT CONGRATULATIONS

Heartiest congratulations to James O Donoghue and Amy Doran who got engaged over the New Year. James, son of Donal and Linda, is a member of the Garda Siochana and played for the club at all grades. A busy time ahead planning for the big day.

DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

The Club extends its sympathies to Sean Murphy and family on the sad passing of his brother Noel. A great character he was a regular presence in the family business in College Street, his gentle disposition making him affable to all.

LISTOWEL EMMETS

Commiserations to Kerry club representatives Listowel Emmets who came up just short in the All Ireland Junior Club decider in Croke Park on Sunday last. Avra from Cavan were their conquerors, a special mention too to Kilnamartyra who had Kerryman John Evan at the helm in their loss to Cullyhanna.

LOTTO

Monday January 8th 2024. Numbers were 8, 9, 17, 24 Bonus No 28. No jackpot winner. Match 3s / Lucky Dips: 1. Tracey Sheehan online 2. Danny Ferris, Upper Park Road 3. Nora Kissane, 152 Pinewood 4. Breda O Connor 5. Collette/Danny c/o Caragh restaurant

KEEL GAA CLUB

KEEL GAA CHRISTMAS BONANZA

We'd like to thank everyone that attended our draw night on Friday the 29th of December. Many thanks to everyone who bought tickets for the draw. Your support is really appreciated. All money raised will be going towards our extensive field developments. Congratulations to our winners: 1st prize: Aodhán O' Shea 2nd prize: Liam Clifford 3rd prize: James Daly 4th prize: Brendan Monaghan 5th prize: Oisín Foley On the night, we also had a number of presentations. The Keel/Listry U17 teams of 2022 and 2023 were presented with their Mid Kerry medals. Our senior team were also presented with their Division 4 County League medals by

Tom Prendergast. Young player of the year and Senior player of the year, as voted by the players were presented and sponsored by Willie Murphy of Murphy's Bar Boolteens. Young player of the year was presented to Liam Evans and Senior player of the year was presented to Gavin Evans. Well done lads!! The Strictly Come Dancing 2023 cheques were formally presented to both clubs. Sean O Dowd presented the MKL Gaels LGFA cheque to chairperson Keith McGuigan and Treasurer Rachel Hilliard accepted the cheque on behalf of Keel GAA. Thank you to everyone who support the MKL Gaels/Keel GAA Strictly Come Dancing.

CLUB LOTTO

Keel GAA Lotto Draw Monday 8th January. Numbers drawn: 15, 19, 26, 27. There was no winner of our jackpot of €5,400. Lucky dip winners of €50 were Tommy Buckley and Margaret Kerrisk. The jackpot will be €5,450 for the draw on Monday the 15th of January. Many thanks for all your support this week and thank you to this week's lotto team for facilitating the draw. You can purchase your tickets for the draw via Clubforce or through the local outlets. Thank you for your continued support of our club lotto.

WALKING TRACK

For the next numbers of weeks the lights will be on so that people can use the walking track in the evenings. For now, the lights will be on from 6:10-8:10pm, Monday to Friday. This time will be adjusted as the evenings get brighter. We hope that this will allow our community to get their steps in. We are taking part in the Irish Life Every Step Counts Challenge and would love for you to get involved. Thank you to everyone who has signed up so far. We have currently walked 1,000km. We do not charge membership for people to use our walking track. However, if you would like to contribute to the maintenance of the track and costs of running the lights, we would greatly appreciate your support. Buying a lotto ticket helps us with the day to day running costs but you also have a chance of winning our lotto jackpot. If the jackpot is not in play, there are two €50 consolidation prizes. You can buy tickets in local shops and bars or online via Clubforce. Thank you to everyone who continues to support our club.

SCÓR NA NÓG

If your child would be interested in taking part in Solo Singing, Ballad Group, Instrumental Music or Recitation, please contact Aisling on (086) 325 9750 to express interest. This is open to our members who would be under 17 on the 1st of January 2023. We are also looking for people to get involved and mentor these groups. Contact Aisling if you would like to get involved.

MILLTOWN/CASTLEMAINE

LOTTO

Sponsored by Almas Takeaway, Milltown
The most recent fortnightly club lotto draw took place on Monday, January 8th at the club grounds. There was no jackpot or match 3 winner on this occasion. The numbers drawn were 1, 15, 19 and the bonus ball was 29.

Lucky Dip Winners were as follows: €50: Tommy Griffin, Castlemaine. €50: Timmy O'Connor, Castlemaine. €25: Billy Mahony, Killorglin. €25: Billy and Shane Corkery, Milltown. €25: Ted Kennedy, Milltown. €25: Suzy Doherty, Milltown

Our next club lotto draw is scheduled to take place on Monday, January 22nd 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.

CELEBRATION DINNER AND MEDAL PRESENTATION NIGHT

Milltown/Castlemaine GAA club had a very successful year in 2023. To mark this, we are having a celebration night in the Ballygarry Estate, Hotel and Spa, Tralee on the 10th February 2024 at 7:00pm. This will be a night to acknowledge our Intermediate Club Champions, Mid Kerry Minor Champions and McElligott Shield Winners from last season. The night will consist of a sit-down meal followed by medal presentations, a band and DJ. Tickets are priced at €50 for adults and €40 for minor players. Anyone interested in attending, please contact Club Secretary Susan on 087-9426553 or Club Treasurer Ann on 087-9801450 to order your tickets. Please note that all tickets must be ordered by Sunday, 4th February and the 2023 minor panel must be accompanied by a parent/guardian on the night

COACHES WANTED FOR 2024 SEASON

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

MILLTOWN/CASTLEMAINE GAA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: NOTICE



Emmett O'Shea receiving the John Kelly Memorial Trophy for Senior men's player of the Year 2023 from Teresa, Mairead, Tadgh and Shane Kelly at the Fossa GAA Banquet.

Milltown/Castlemaine GAA wishes to advise all club members that our Annual General Meeting (A.G.M.) will be held on Friday, 2nd February 2024 at 7:00pm in the Paddy Burke Memorial Park, Milltown (Clubhouse).

Any motions for the A.G.M., together with nominations for officer positions, are to reach the Secretary, Susan Sheehan, Cloonmore, Castlemaine, Co. Kerry or via email on secretary.milltowncastlemaine.kerry@gaa.ie by 5pm on Sunday 21st January 2024.

MILLTOWN/CASTLEMAINE LADIES GAELIC FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

We wish to invite all members to our inaugural Annual General Meeting (AGM) for our Ladies Club on Wednesday, 24th January at 7.30pm upstairs in Milltown/Castlemaine Clubrooms. All are welcome to attend.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST: LGFA SENIOR PLAYERS

With the huge success of our U12 Girls competing in LGFA action for the first time in our clubs history in 2023, and with this continuation into U14 for the coming season, we have had many enquiries regarding fielding a competitive adult team to participate at junior level. With this we are delighted to announce we are taking an expression of interest for the upcoming season. If this is something that would interest you, improving fitness & skills, aged over 16 want to be part of one of the most progressive clubs in Kerry, please contact Shauna on 087 1227234 or private message the club's social media pages for more information!

CONDOLENCES

All involved in Milltown/Castlemaine GAA Club would like to pass on our sincere condolences to the family of the late Noreen Quirke née Ferris of Farran, Milltown and formerly of Gap of Dunloe, Beaufort.

Noreen's son Mike has represented the club down through the years on the field of play and a number of her grandchildren are also actively involved with our senior and underage teams. Our thoughts and prayers are with Noreen's family and friends at this most difficult time.

Ar Dheis Dé go raibh a hanam.

MILLTOWN BOWLING CLUB

New Year, New hobby. Want to try something new and fun then come along to Milltown Nagle Rice community centre and have a go at short mat bowls. All you need is just a pair of comfortable shoes for two hours of gently rolling bowls along a 1.8 meter wide x 12 meter long mat.

A timber block is placed midway along the mat and the aim of the game is to roll a bowl along the mat, avoiding the block and touching a yellow ball called the "Jack" at the opposite end.

A wooden fender is placed at both ends to keep the bowls from rolling off the mat end.

Nearest bowl to the Jack after 9 ends scores, the more of your bowls closer than your opponent the more you score. All training and guidance will be provided along with the use of club bowls to get you started. Once you get going then we have league and cup competitions, friendly individual and group matches along with the opportunity to play other clubs within Kerry. Sounds simple!!! Well the only way to find out is to come along and have a go.

First night is free and it's only a fiver then per night for two hours of fun and learning to play one of the fastest growing indoor sports for all age groups in Ireland. Milltown bowls club looks forward to seeing you on Tuesday and Friday nights at 8pm.

MILLTOWN TIDY TOWNS: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Join Milltown Tidy Towns - We need your help. Meeting every Thursday at 6.30pm at The Old Milltown Community Hall. This is an opportunity for local businesses, families and anyone with an interest in creating "a sense of place" in Milltown. All welcome, no experience required. Please call Therese on 089-4767279 for further information or log onto Milltown Tidy Towns Facebook page.

MILLTOWN CASTLEMAINE GAA CLOTHES RECYCLING COLLECTION

Our clothing recycling collection is still happening so we urge you to clean out your wardrobes of all unwanted clothes, sheets, blankets, towels, curtains, shoes etc and drop



them to the Paddy Burke Memorial Park in Milltown.

This is a wonderful way of doing your bit for the environment and raising much needed funds for our club at the same time.

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. <https://milltowncastlestore.sumupstore.com/>

ITEMS FOR THE CLUB NOTES

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

TEAM UPDATES

Our underage club teams will be resuming shortly for the 2024 season. Watch this space over the COMING WEEKS FOR MORE Details!

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

TEAM ENQUIRIES

If you want to join your local club, one of the fastest growing clubs in the county, please contact one of our members below:

For GAA-4-All 4 players; contact Gillian Twiss on

0877678108

For MC Mini players (U6); contact Colin McKenna on 087 068 7653.

For U7 to U11 players; contact Liam Doherty on 086 041 3593

For U-13 & Older players; contact Ian Twiss on 087 252 1053

For anyone New to the Area, who would like to get involved with the CLUB, PLEASE CONTACT IAN TWISS ON 087 252 1053

GENERAL ENQUIRIES

For any other queries, please send an email to our Secretary or Chairperson at the following addresses:

secretary.milltowncastlemaine.kerry@gaa.ie

or chairperson.milltowncastlemaine.kerry@gaa.ie

For emergencies, please call 087 409 3530 (Club Mobile Phone).

DR. CROKES

DR. CROKES CUBS continues on Saturday 20th January from 9:30-10:20 in St. Brendan's Sem Sports Arena. This is an introduction to gaelic football and hurling for boys and girls aged 3-6 years.

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LOTTO took place January 15th. Numbers drawn were 10, 15, 21, 25 Jackpot of €5,600 was NOT WON. 7 patrons matched 3 numbers and received €60 each. Jackpot for draw on January 22nd will be €5,900. Play online by following the link below and follow instructions attached https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?ll_id=734#Anchor

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CONGRATULATIONS to Kieran and Andrea O'Leary on the recent birth of their daughter Elle.

CONDOLENCES to the Kenneally family on the death of Nuala's brother Timmy Brosnan. Condolances to Stephanie and Michael Quirke on the passing of Michael's mother Noreen. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anamacha.

NOTES

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

35th LIDL COMÓRTAS PEILE PÁIDÍ Ó SÉ FOOTBALL FESTIVAL TO WELCOME TEAMS FROM IRELAND AND THE UK

A speedboat trip around the stunning surroundings of the majestic Dingle Harbour was the location where All-Ireland winning Kerry goalkeeper Shane Ryan and Kerry defender Ciara Murphy announced details of the Lidl Comórtas Peile Páidí Ó Sé 2024, the famed club ladies and men's Gaelic football tournament, taking place all across the Dingle Peninsula from the 23rd the 25th of February.

14 counties from the four provinces of Ireland as well as one UK club will take part in the 35th edition of the Lidl Comórtas Peile Páidí Ó Sé, with 26 adult men's and ladies club teams coming for a weekend of competitive football and social events including popular Irish band Super Céilí at

Páidí Ó Sé's pub in Ventry, West Kerry.

Every year, we have the cream of GAA club football descending on West Kerry and this year sees many championship winning teams competing. The football festival, which was founded by eight-time All-Ireland winner Páidí Ó Sé, is supported by Lidl Ireland, EJ Menswear, Kerry County Council Tourism Unit, Fáilte Ireland and Údarás na Gaeltachta, and has attracted over 20,000 club players since it was founded in 1989.

Comórtas Chairman, Pádraig Óg Ó Sé said; "We are thrilled to keep driving forward Páidí's vision to attract new people to the peninsula every year to play Gaelic football. Clubs are really enthusiastic to be involved and we have planned a great weekend of craic and entertainment for them.

A special mention is due to Lidl, who are in the seventh year of their partnership with us and who have committed more than €10 million to the development and promotion of Ladies Gaelic Football since 2016, Kerry County Council Tourism Unit and Údarás na Gaeltachta who are backing us also to continue with the Comórtas, as they understand the big benefit in terms of local tourism. We are also delighted that fashion retailers EJ Menswear of Sligo, who are related to the Ó Sé family, are again partnering up with us to ensure it will be a weekend to remember." Jamie O'Rourke, Partnerships and Events Manager with Lidl Ireland added; "We are delighted to continue our partnership with this year's Comórtas Peile Páidí Ó Sé for a seventh year. We are delighted to continue our partnership with Comórtas Peile Páidí Ó Sé for another year. The event is a fantastic display of Gaelic football and having recently launched our new Get Behind the Fight ad campaign which is designed to drive attendance at female sporting events we would encourage the community far and wide to show up and fill every seat and every game. Stay tuned to @PIOs85 on X for match fixtures and times in advance of the weekend.

Full details available on www.Paidiose.com


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Kerry's Shane Ryan and Ciara Murphy at Dingle Harbour announcing details of the Lidl Comórtas Peile Páidí Ó Sé 2024, the famed adult men's and ladies GAA club tournament which takes place from 23-25 February. Details on www.paidiose.com

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LOCAL AREA PLAN

Kerry Fianna Fáil Councillor, Michael Cahill has expressed his disappointment with the way the Office of the Planning Regulator operates its business.

"It would now appear that the Planning Regulator is a dictator and is the ultimate decider in what eventually is approved in what is erroneously called the Local Area Plan. It is farcical having a consultation with the general public and the Local Councillors when the plan is already a 'fait accompli'. This is a shocking state of affairs and the last throw of the dice to annihilate any local input by the local community and the elected representatives and indeed the local County Council" stated Councillor Cahill at the commencement of a recent eleven and a half hour marathon meeting.

When Councillor Cahill repeatedly asked the question "Who's plan is this?", he eventually received a response from the Area Manager and Director of Housing in Kerry. "This is your Plan, this is the Councillors Plan. An angry Councillor Cahill responded by stating "This is not our Plan, we have had absolutely zilch input. This is the Planning Regulators Plan. You have already informed us that the Council recently met with the Regulator prior to today's meeting and the Planning Regulator is referenced in almost every page in this Plan. This is the most anti Development Plan that I have seen during my lifetime as a Public Representative".

"How can you say this is our Plan when over 95% of all submissions have been shot down in the Chief Executives Report" stated Councillor Cahill.

"This is an affront to the whole system of Local Government and democracy" said Councillor Cahill.

"We are in the biggest Housing crisis of our time and indeed of the last century. You can not buy or rent a house in Killorglin or Caherciveen. Ask any auctioneer? Ask any Kerry County Council Housing Investigating Officer and they will confirm what I am saying. This is our opportunity to do something about it, it's an opportunity to get Social and affordable Houses built and you and the Regulator are trying to prevent us from doing just that" stated the Rossbeigh based Councillor.

"The Planning Regulator who has drawn up this Local Area Plan, appears to have already made the ultimate decision as to what is or is not included in it, despite having no consultation with local Councillors" said the Fianna Fáil Local representative.

"The elected members of Kerry County Council should have the majority input into such a plan, as the representatives of the people of Kerry. This process is turning our Local Government system into a toothless quango and it is time we called a halt to it" stated Councillor Cahill.

Councillors were warned by Kerry County Council's Director of Services, and Kenmare MD

manager, Martin O'Donoghue that they were knowingly going into a straight up battle with the Officer of the Planning Regulator if they didn't abide by its recommendations.

"In my mind, recommendations are to be looked at, judged and voted upon, not forced down the throats of the Councillors elected by the people of the Kenmare Municipal District. We live in a democracy and the dilution of it in any way is a flagrant perversion and goes against the Irish Constitution" stated Councillor Cahill

"If the Office of the Planning Regulator wishes to make recommendations that the elected members of Kerry County Council can accept or reject, that is fine, but in this instance we are being presented with a decree, an edict, with no say whatsoever and that is not acceptable" said the Rossbeigh based Councillor.

"When asked at the end of the meeting how he felt, Councillor Cahill said "We zoned what we felt needed to be zoned for our people and the benefit of our communities going forward and as you are aware I pleaded with the Planning Regulator to give us back our Plan. We have huge numbers on our Housing list in Killorglin and Caherciveen and throughout the county and we must help them" stated Councillor Cahill.

"It should be noted that we zoned alot less lands in this Plan than in the last Plan" added Councillor Cahill.

Funding has been approved for the construction of an accessible picnic area in Barraduff,



Minister for Education and Kerry T.D, Norma Foley, has welcomed confirmation that 10 local projects in Kerry will benefit from an allocation of €375,366 under the 2023 CLÁR Programme.

Today's announcement is part of a further €6.2 million allocation under the programme to 152 projects nationwide.

The local projects supported in Kerry include improving access to White Strand Blue Flag Beach, the enhancement of Derrymore Beach Car Park, the extension of the existing playground in Kenmare, improvements to Ballyheigue Community Centre, construction of an accessible picnic area in Barraduff, enhancing road access to Banna Strand, the creation of a

10 local projects in Kerry to benefit from €375,366 CLÁR funding allocation - Foley

community garden at Tarbert Community Centre, renovation works at Kielduff Community Centre, upgrading facilities at Camp Community Playground and improving energy efficiency at the CYMS Killorglin.

Minister Foley said: "I welcome confirmation that 10 local projects in Kerry will receive over €375,000 in funding under the CLÁR programme. Supporting these projects is a key part of the Government's policy for rural Ireland, Our Rural Future.

"There is a wide variety of projects that will receive funding, from €50,000 for the extension of the playground in Kenmare to €49,500 for the enhancement of Derrymore Beach Car Park.

"Investing in Our Rural Future and supporting our rural communities are key priorities of Government. I will continue working to ensure that our rural communities benefit from projects that will make them more vibrant places to live, work and visit."

MEP Kelleher welcomes agreement on improving access to free movement in the EU for people with disabilities

Fianna Fáil MEP Billy Kelleher has said that he is hopeful that making free movement of people finally a reality for people with disability in the EU is a step closer after a vote today at a European Parliament Committee.

Kelleher was speaking after the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs (EMPL) voted to enter into inter-institutional negotiations on the directive on the European Disability Card and the European Parking Card for people with disabilities.

"This is about ensuring equal treatment for people with disabilities and in supporting their freedom of movement and personal autonomy across 27 Member States of the Union


"Fundamentally, it aims to guarantee that people with disabilities can

access the same special conditions or preferential treatment for services, public transport and other facilities as their local counterparts, when visiting another Member State.

"This long-awaited piece of legislation will not only simplify travel but also transform the commitment to free movement for all Europeans, outlined in the EU treaties, into a tangible reality. It is high time to ensure that everyone, including individuals with disabilities, can move freely within the EU.

"I am hopeful that agreement will be reached between the European Parliament and European Council within the next number of months, and that this proposal will become law in 2025," concluded Kelleher.

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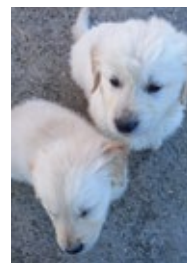
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As we remember our beautiful mother Maureen on her 1st anniversary we her sons Pat, Dermot, Michael, daughter Kathleen and all Mom's family wish to extend their most sincere thanks to everyone who supported and sympathised with them on their loss, sent floral tributes, mass cards, posted condolences, text messages and phone calls. We wish to thank our many relatives, friends and neighbours who travelled from near and far to attend Maureen's removal, funeral mass and burial.

Our heartfelt thanks to Fr. Kieran O'Brien for his prayers, guidance and lovely funeral Mass and to Henry and Lisa Bartlett for such beautiful singing and church music, and also at the graveside accompanied by Johnny Reidy. Thank you Johnny.

A special thanks to Killarney Nursing Home who looked after mother during her time in care, we will be forever grateful. We thank Dr. Eamonn Shanahan and his team at Farranfore Medical Centre for their kindness and respect shown to Maureen.

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There will be a special concelebrated Mass on Monday 29th January at 7p.m. in the Cathedral in memory of all those who died in our Parish in 2023 (i.e. January 1st to December 31st 2023 inclusive) There is No 6.15 pm Mass that evening. We invite family, relatives, neighbours and friends to join us for this Mass. Parishioners whose loved ones have died, and whose funeral took place outside the parish and whose family would like them to be remembered, please submit their names to the Parish Office before Friday 19th of January

DIOCESAN MISSION 2024

The diocesan mission, Hope Alive!, will take place from Sunday Jan 21st – Wednesday Jan 24th. Each day, you are invited to join in the Mission Talk, Prayer, Mass, Prayer Petition and Family Time. Speakers include Adi Roche, Dr Michael Conway, Dr Keith Gaynor and Mellett. To participate in the Mission, register through the diocesan website, www.dioceseofkerry.ie

PARISH BINGO at St. Mary's Parish Hall Thursday at 8.30pm.

16TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
**TOM
BROSNAN**



LATE OF BALLYBRACK,
BALLYHAR, KILLARNEY
WHO DIED ON THE
20TH JANUARY 2008.

*Time and years slip gently by
But love and memories never die
No longer in our lives to share
But in our hearts you are always there*

Loved and remembered always by your wife
Peggy & family.

**Anniversary Mass on Sunday 28th
January at 10am in Ballyhar Church**

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3RD ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
NORA CRONIN



GNEEVGUILLA UPPER,
RATHMORE, CO. KERRY
WHO PASSED AWAY ON
27TH JANUARY 2021

*Beautiful Memories are wonderful things.
They last till the longest day.
They never wear out or get lost
And can never be given away.
To some, you may be forgotten
To others a part of the past.
But to us who loved and lost you
Your memory will always last.
Her memory is as dear today
As in the hour, she passed away.*

Sadly missed and lovingly remembered
always by her Daughter's, Son's, Daughter's
and Son's In-law, Grandchildren, Nieces,
Nephews & all extended family, relations
and many friends.

May her gentle soul rest in peace

**3rd Anniversary mass for Nora will take
place on Saturday, 20th January 2024
at 7:30pm in Christ the King Church,
Knocknagree.**

18TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY
OF A DEAR FATHER
DAMIAN O'SHEA



OAK HILL, BALLYDRIBBEEN,
KILLARNEY
WHO PARTED FROM US
SUDDENLY ON
JANUARY 22ND 2006.

*"A heart of gold stopped beating,
Two willing hands at rest,
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best"*

Always missed by your
loving daughter Danielle.

POWERFUL NOVENA TO
THE SACRED HEART

O my Jesus, you have said:
"Truly I say to you, if you ask anything
of the Father in my name, he will give it
to you."

Behold, in your name, I ask the Father for
the grace of...

(Mention your Intention Here)

Sacred Heart of Jesus,
I place all my trust in you.

18TH ANNIVERSARY

WITH LOVE WE REMEMBER
OUR SON & BROTHER
DAMIAN O'SHEA



LATE OF OAK HILL, KILLARNEY
& FORMERLY OF
ST. BRENDAN'S TCE., KILLARNEY
WHO PASSED AWAY SUDDENLY
ON 22ND JANUARY, 2006.
REST IN PEACE.

*A beautiful nature, A heart of gold,
Your loss to us can never be told,
We hold our tears when we speak your name,
but the pain in our heart will always remain.*

*No words we write will ever say,
how much we miss you day by day,
Simple words but very true,
we miss you Damian and love you so.*

Until we meet again Damian

Always in our hearts,
Mam, Finbarr, Patrick, Elaine, Darren,
Karen, Colm and Dave, Jackie, Karen M,
Lucy, Darcie & Daniel.

Xxxxxx

**Anniversary Mass will be held in
St. Mary's Cathedral on
Sunday 21st January at 12 noon**

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.

Mag's

MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin
Mary, that never was it known that
anyone who fled to thy protection,
implored thy help, or sought thy
intercession, was left unaided.
Inspired by this confidence I fly unto
thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother.
To thee do I come, before thee I stand,
sinful and sorrowful.

O Mother of the Word Incarnate,
despise not my petitions,
but in thy mercy hear and answer me.

Amen.

Brid

2ND ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY
OF
**MICHAEL
MCCARTHY**

48 ARDSHANAVOOLY,
PARK ROAD, KILLARNEY
WHO DIED ON
JANUARY 22ND 2022

Dearly missed and
always remembered

Ted, Phil & Family

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18TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
**DAMIAN
O'SHEA**



LATE OF OAKHILL,
BALLYDRIBBEEN, KILLARNEY AND
FORMERLY OF 62 ST. BRENDAN'S
PLACE, KILLARNEY
WHO DIED ON THE
22ND JANUARY 2006

*Deep in our hearts your memory is kept,
To love, to cherish and never forget.*

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